



## Dust Out The Trophy Cabinet

With the 14's Moore Shield at Normanhurst & the 15's Weblin at Barker College HK&HDCA are in their best position ever & still in for some silverware.

**After the matches we will be having post-match celebrations at Hornsby RSL, who have been a great support to the Association. The celebrations will be held at the Acacia Room from 6pm and everyone is invited to join.**

### **Under 12's Cup                      Draw**

#### **Hornsby, Kuringai vs Manly**

The beautiful cricket oval at Harbord Park greeted us with an overcast, breezy morning with a prospect of rain.

Manly won the toss. We opted to bat with Pat Coburn and Josh Banner opening for Hornsby, Kuringai. Josh had a lucky break in the third over when he was dropped at square leg. Calls of 'there was a run in that' failed to distract them as did a minor controversy outbreak; one of Manly's bowlers was pulled up by the umpire for dangerous play. Neither incident interrupted their innings which was only brought to an end in the eighth over when Pat was caught and bowled for eight runs.

Leyton Witts came on next and put up a strong defensive start to his innings. Josh played the ball onto his own stumps in the fifteenth over for a score of fifteen allowing Jarrod Knox to enter the fray. Jarrod got off the mark on his first ball whilst Leyton played a Captain's innings, including being unfazed when caught off a no ball mid way through. An increasingly threatening sky finally unleashed a torrential downpour which brought the boys off the field for an early lunch.

Manly provided a magnificent repast, not only a sausage sizzle, but sandwiches, fruit and cakes, there was even some left over for the spectators!

Eventually the rain abated and Leyton and Jarrod returned to the crease. Their partnership came to an end only two overs later when Jarrod was caught and bowled for fifteen.

James Brown, our final player, just had time to score 1 run and Leyton finished with 24 not out when the weather brought the game to an early conclusion.

Whilst our total of 76 runs in 33 overs sounds low, the boundaries were set wide making for a feast of running. The boys made some excellent calls running a fair few twos.

Whilst disappointing to be cancelled due to the weather, our boys played well against a team that they had struggled against only two months earlier, a good effort that bodes well for next week.

### **Under 13's Cup**

### **Loss**

HK&HDCA U13 Presidents Cup defeated by Manly U13 Presidents Cup

Like everyone else on Sunday we were at the mercy of the rain. Manly went into bat and batted between showers for 36.3 overs and scored 119 runs (117 off 36 overs). Our bowlers did well with wickets taken by Lachlan 1 for 6, Ben 1 for 13, Bailey 1 for 15 and Liam 1 for 21. Economy rates were also good with Jack, Scott and Nick below 2 runs per over. Catches were taken by Adam, Duranga and Ben.

We then went into bat for a shortened game of 36 overs and scored 117 runs, but lost the game due to achieving a run rate of 3.25 but with a required run rate of 3.26.

William scored 27, Bailey 12, Scott 11 with Ryan and Oliver on 10 each. Strike rates of 50 or more were achieved by William, Thomas, Ben, Scott and Adam.

Lets hope the weather is better for our game against North Shore so that our boys have a chance to play, rather than dodge rain.

### **Moore Shield**

### **Win**

What a beautiful morning it was when we arrived at Gore Hill, and what a Melbourne weather day it turned out to be!

We lost the toss and North Shore opted to have a bat.

North Shore got off to an absolute flyer courtesy of their opener Nick Badings. He hit Tom for 4 back over his head in the second over and then Hoody for 6 in the same direction in the third. Still, as most will tell you, anyone who is swinging at nearly everything is flirting with danger and that proved to be the case when Tom removed him chasing an away swinger which was nicked and well taken by Dan Heidegger in the 10th over at 1/37.

That slowed North Shores' scoring rate considerably and with Hoody coming back for his next spell to remove the numbers 3 and 4 in the first and last overs of his spell, things were looking reasonable at 4/79 after the 29th over. It should be noted that the North Shore number four bat is a schoolmate of the Hood's, so bragging rights at Barker rest with Dylan this week.

The next two wickets fell to the spinners John Anderson and Ben Jones, then Ben Wallwood removed the other opener who had been grinding away all afternoon for 37, plus the newly arrived number seven for a donut. Super Sid then took two wickets in his spell to see the North Shore innings close at 9/110 in the 46th over due to rain.

Like the last final, this one saw a good, tight all round bowling effort with Hoody, Ben W and Sid taking 2 each, Tom, Ben J and John A taking 1 each.

Back out after lunch and Deano and Matt McVay got us off to a flyer in a shortened match (46 overs, target 111), scoring 49 off the first ten overs before Matty had his poles removed, and then not long after, Deano played the wrong line forward to a spinner and had his bails duly dislodged by the keeper.

The openers digs had been interrupted by another spell of rain which further reduced the match to 34 overs with a target of 81.

This looked in the bag given our start, but the loss of four wickets within four overs from the 11th to the 15th saw us 5/65 after the 15th over.

The rules state that not only did we have to achieve the target of 81 runs, but that we had to also last the 34 overs without being bowled out.

Things were looking a little more precarious until Praneeth arrived at the crease and calmly compiled an under pressure and very composed 24 no, assisted first by Daniel with an important 12 runs, and perhaps a more important 38 minutes at the crease which saw us get to the 27th over with 98 runs.

Past the target of 81, 7 overs to face and four wickets in the shed. Sounds easy, but very nerve wracking for the parents and boys on the sidelines.

Ben Wallwood came out to join Praneeth and put to gather a swashbuckling 0 from 14 balls. The Wall part of his surname was pretty apt last Sunday - "you shall not pass" was Ben's attitude to the North Shore bowlers.

Great final effort by Praneeth, Dan and Ben to see us last the distance.

Hard to believe afterwards that the boys are off to the Final against Sutherland this Sunday.

They've done it via the hard route, playing two elimination finals and getting up in both. One to go. Look forward to seeing everyone bright and shiny at Normanhurst Oval for a home Grand Final this Sunday.

Very special mention to all of the HKHDCA parents that helped get the water off the pitch to the umpires satisfaction, so as to enable play to restart. We would also like to thank the North Shore coach and manager for their assistance in the same regard. many would not have been so keen to continue in their position, so thanks and well done to them.

### **Under 14's Cup                      Win**

HKHDCA 6/148 def Manly 8/146

We arrived at the allotted field to find an "I" wicket, a 2" step down off the mat, sand everywhere and the proverbial paddock of an outfield (horses were later seen on the "paddock" so in this instance the description is accurate!) – not quite conducive to good cricket. Thankfully a quick chat with the Umpire and Manly moved us onto the newer field, complete with 2 storey clubhouse – all very pleasant.

Unfortunately the clubhouse would soon become everybody's home for the day as the weather conspired to interrupt play, including two "lightening breaks", more on this later.

Captain Henry made it two from three winning the toss and electing to bowl first. By the fourth over we had our first wicket, caught by Kush off what was to become Callum's first of four wickets. By the 6<sup>th</sup> we had them 2/12, this time clean bowled by Callum and we were looking nice and steady in the field. Manly were scoring steadily but slowly at 2 an over until rain, thunder and lightning stopped play for the mandatory 30mins+, reducing the game to 46 overs a side. Our parents duly took refuge in the clubhouse and were only occasionally seen over the rest of the day. We resumed play and finally broke through with the third falling to Vidushka's gloves off Callum – Manly now 3/71 off 30 overs.

We had time to take 1 more wicket by the time we got to the 36<sup>th</sup> over (just for a change, bowled by Callum for his 4<sup>th</sup> – and finishing on 4/16 off 10) an early lunch was called as another storm passed overhead.

Clearly fortified after lunch, or the storm, or both saw both teams take it to each other. A quick 19 came off 3 overs to Manly whilst we took one more, caught Billy (even with his broken thumb) off Hayder's spin attack to take their top scorer out for 55. Manly then went on a late run-fest, making a further 39 off just 7 overs but suffering the loss of 3 more wickets - run-out by Vidushka's, C&B by Henry and bowled by Etash to leave them on 8/146 off 46 overs.

Due to the weather we were set a revised total of 128 off 40 overs, with the additional task of achieving 80 off 25 in order to make it a game. The boys had clear instruction to keep it ticking along, but we lost Ciaran for a long deliberated LBW with the score on just 8. Third man Hayder and Kush then steadied taking us to 51 off 15 (3.4 an over vs. the needed 3.2) before Kush was stumped on 25. Vidushka strode out confidently to add another 17 partnership score to the tally before falling for 5, his wicket leaving us on 3/68 off 22 overs (3.09 an over...).

Taylor entered the fray before Hayder fell for 6 more on the score, 4/74 off 23 (back up to 3.21 an over average). Up stepped leading wicket taker Callum, who decided that his 4'er was not enough and he ably assisted Taylor to take us to 4/83 off 25 overs – first milestone passed. The pair of them decided to not only make every effort to win the game, but to do so early – Callum fell for 15 off 20 balls while Taylor continued to play determined shots that had rousing applause from the balcony (not sure what the home team parents thought of it, but it sounded good down on the boundary) as he took us beyond the 128 in the 33<sup>rd</sup>! Supported first by Henry and then by Dylan, we ended on 6/146 after 36.1 overs and with Taylor on 52 NO off just 39 balls (including 8 fours).

Our first win of the season was well-earned, despite a couple of dropped catches and the team learned today that we can score runs at a required rate. Well done boys, looking forward to the trip to Sutherland on Sunday.

## **Weblin Shield**

## **Draw**

HKHDCA v Manly (5/58) – game abandoned

A beautiful sunny day greeted us for our semi-final against old foes Manly. That was at least until the morning tea break when the heavens opened up and unfortunately no more play would occur.

Manly were reeling at 5/58 from 29.5 overs (one ball short of a match) and they were extremely keen to get back on the ground hoping they could defend their run rate of less than 2 an over

(Tisveer would have polished off the total in 3 overs !).

Our bowling attack of Jackson, Nick, Aditya, Sam & George kept it tight, Mansimar took a screamer at slip and we were on our way to demolishing Manly and attaining a spot in the Weblin Shield Final. It really was “duck” season and I think Manly should be grateful the rain ensured no more play !

Of course we would have preferred to finish the match but when you are undefeated for the season you deserve your spot in the Final.

Our only other disappointment was we all missed out on Wendy Miller's hot finger food delights for afternoon tea !

Back to Barker next week for the Final and the squad is quietly confident in what has already been an outstanding achievement by Mark and the boys.

A challenge to the Mums (and Dads) to provide the most "scrumptious salivating splendiferous spread" (beat that Jorgè) all year for afternoon tea.

Good luck to the Moore Shield Team as well who ironically train with us each week at James Park (must be something in the water!)

### **Under 15's Cup**

U15 Presidents Cup - Match abandoned due to heavy rain

### **Under 16's Cup**

HKHDCA 8/130 v. Manly. Match abandoned due to rain

The weather appeared to be ideal when we all arrived at 9:00AM however as the day progressed the conditions changed substantially.

The pitch looked very good however the ground had been recently mowed and the grass cuttings were spread all over. Manly chose to bowl first. Our openers – Karl Anchique and Rory Green, lost their wickets within the first 6 overs for only 9 runs. This gave us all some concern as we felt we had a good chance of dominating this game, based on the results of the warm up match we had played against this team. Rohan Drummond (first drop, 42) came in the second over. Rohan's innings provided the stability required to build up the run rate and his partnership with Chris Marfleet delivered 80 runs. Chris ended with 47 runs on the 29<sup>th</sup> over. By this point we were on 107 runs, with the game having been interrupted once due to rain. At 3.7 per over we felt we had a very good chance of scoring a decent total as previous games played at this ground had only delivered around 100 runs in 50 overs. Matt came into the 5<sup>th</sup> spot and was unfortunate to lose his wicket after a short period at the crease. Liam Kissick (16no) took over from Matt and was interrupted twice due to rain however he was able to adjust to the conditions. The number of overs/innings had to be reduced to 47 the first time and then to 45 after the second stoppage. His batting partners also included Saahil Ebrahimi (7), Brad Claphman (3), Harrison Norrell (0) and Aaron Gardoni. Aaron's batting was abruptly interrupted by the rain soon after he had taken over from Harrison and well before he could score any runs. By this stage Manly had already bowled 39 overs and the run rate had improved to 4.5/over which had given us the hope of reaching a solid 150 approx. We waited patiently for the conditions to improve however the steady rain forced us to abandon the game. In sum it was a good batting performance for the team and we can claim a moral victory. We all look forward to the next match against Manly on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January at our home ground.

### **Next weeks shield semi finals**

Moore  
Weblin

Sutherland @ Normanhurst Oval  
Camden @ Barker College

**Next weeks cup games**

Under 11's	Sutherland @ Bannockburn Oval
Under 12's	Sutherland @ Woolaware High School
Under 13's	Sutherland @ Cheltenham
Under 14's	Sutherland @ Jannali Oval
Under 15's	Sutherland @ The Glade
Under 16's	Sutherland @ Mc Grath Oval