



Two In The Cabinet

With the 14's Moore Shield at Normanhurst & the 15's Weblin at Barker College HK&HDCA are joint premiers in both shields. Some might say a lucky get for their opposition.

Under 12's Cup Loss

Hornsby, Kuringai vs Sutherland at Oyster Bay Reserve
Sutherland 3/139 defeated Hornsby 31.

Scheduled to play at Oyster Bay Oval, we were looking forward to a real challenge against Sutherland and as the parents set up in the shade on the hill, weather conditions were sunny and warm. Sutherland won the toss and elected to bat.

From the first delivery, our opening bowlers Matt D and Santosh launched an attack against which the opening batsman struggled to score. The fielding was extremely tight with Sutherland having very little room to run. Jarrod and James kept up the attack, and at the end of the 9th over (a maiden over by Jarrod) a breakthrough with the fall of the first wicket, a lovely catch taken by Leyton. At first drinks, Sutherland were 1/12. The boys continued to apply pressure in the field, and the Sutherland run rate remained contained. In the 24th over, Pat and Lachlan combined to take the second wicket, a scorching catch by Patrick at square leg. Josh came on to bowl shortly after and in the 27th over, the third wicket fell, a plumb LBW. At commencement at the second drinks break, Sutherland were 3/68. Unfortunately, dark clouds loomed and the calm conditions would not continue. Sutherland tried to mount a late charge for runs. Cameron was unlucky not to win an LBW appeal and Brett also unlucky to have a catch dropped in the field. In increasingly deteriorating conditions, our remaining bowlers Lleyton, Matt C and Thomas combined to keep Sutherland under pressure. At the end of the 49th over, the heavens opened and the innings was called. Sutherland ended up with a score of 139. Congratulations to all boys on their bowling, all bowlers proved very economical and there were only 19 extras.

After an extended lunch break due to heavy rain, we were reduced to 45 overs. The pitch was very wet and the ball remained flat and tended to skid making batting for our boys extremely difficult. Sutherland came out vocally and this made concentration in the conditions difficult. Pat and Josh opened the batting but it was a short lived partnership with Josh being bowled for 0. Leyton was dismissed shortly after, caught behind for 0.

Jarrold came out firing and managed to get some bat on ball. Runs were hard to come by but Jarrold and Pat worked hard and combined to score some runs before Pat was unlucky to be caught by a spectacular one handed catch on 2. James followed soon after, caught out for 1. Jarrold was caught behind for 8 and was the top scorer for the day. After drinks, we were struggling with 5/15. As the conditions improved and the pitch dried off, Matt C and Lachlan combined to settle the team, with Matt C seeming very comfortable at the pitch and managing to add another 5 runs to the total before being bowled out. Lachlan was also bowled for 1. Brett was run out for 0 in a very close call. Matt D managed some beautiful shots but it was hard to score in the conditions and he was caught at point for 2. Cameron was bowled for 0 and Thomas scored 2 before also being bowled. Santosh, our very reluctant batsman was not out. Our score was 11/31.

Although dismissed for 31, the score did not truly reflect the quality of the game and unfortunately the dismal batting conditions were detrimental to our cause. In the end, a fantastic game by all boys and we showed that we certainly can be dangerous both with our bowling attack and tight fielding. Looking forward to seeing the team play again next game at the end of January. Great effort boys!

Under 13's Cup

Drew

HK&HDCA U13 Presidents Cup drew Sutherland U13 Presidents Cup (match abandoned)

Sutherland won the toss and decided to put us into bat. On what was a glorious morning for cricket our boys commenced their innings. We were all out 8 balls before the end of our 50 overs. Thomas scored 28, Bailey 23, William 22, Adam 20, Liam 15 and Ryan 10. We were watching the radar on our phones and were expecting the rain to arrive about 1:30pm, which it did. Within 15 minutes the oval was underwater and it was decided to abandon the game.

I would like to wish all the boys and their parents a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New year, and see them all for our next game on 29 January 2012

Moore Shield

Draw

Grand final day dawned for the Moore Shield boys in beautiful sunshine at Normanhurst Oval.

A home grand final as the number one team left standing after a long season; what more could we ask for?

Well, a day without rain might have been good for a start!

John Anderson won the toss and elected to bat, and like in previous games, Messrs McVay & Piek got us off to a good start with a 22 and 19 respectively.

A few quick wickets and suddenly we are 3/55 in the 14th over.

Alex Dolly (26) and Praneeth Weerasooriya (49) shouldered most of the load after that, and with a few smaller additions we ended up bowled out in the last over for 159.

Considering the number of twos that had been run throughout the morning, which would definitely have been fours at Normo on any other day, this was a pretty good score.

On top of that, the fact that Sutherland looked to be primarily a bowling and fielding side, and we had knocked them over for 92 just two weeks earlier in the qualifying final, it was looking pretty rosy for the HKHDCA boys.

And then it got dark.

And darker.

And darker still.

And there was much text messaging from climes further south with tails of weather related woe and destruction heading our way.

Concerned faces around the place were lit only by the glow of the radar screen on their phones.

Thunder.....lightning.....RAIN!!!

Lots of it.

A washout and a joint premiership was the result, with us keeping hold of the Moore Shield as the number one team, and the boys also gaining the opportunity to play as NSW City champions against a NSW Country champions side at the SCG in February. Big, big bonus.

Well, that's the tale of the day and the season folks. We won the most games in the Moore Shield comp (6-1-1), hold the shield, and finished as the top team overall along with the joint premiership.

Great congratulations to all involved, especially Mr Dick the supercoach, all of the parents and supporters, and of course to those small men in whites that we drive all over town and bite our nails over each and every weekend.

Perhaps a slightly lucky day for Sutho, but a great day for the HKHDCA.

That's all folks!

Under 14's Cup

Weblin Shield

Draw

Under 15's Cup

Draw

A beautiful day appeared to be ahead as we walked on to The Glade. Kieran Canavan greeted us along with the sun which was shining, and the team, after a fierce training session on Monday afternoon, was hungry for victory.

The captain and vice-captain switched roles at the coin toss and that made all the difference. We won the toss and sent Sutherland in. The covers had been left off (or never put on). The pitch was soft and we really thought there would be no bounce. We put Rob Barker in close under a lid hoping for some balls to pop up.

Freight Train (Zain Shamsi) was given the honours and he bowled a perfect maiden for his first over. The X Factor (Calvin Breytenbach) was given over 2 where he bowled for 2 singles. Freight Train was back in over 3 where he took 2 wickets for 1 run. Fantastic. This is what we wanted. X Factor 's 2nd over produced a wicket maiden. We has Sutherland 3 for 3. This was going well. Freight Train & X Factor bowled another maiden each with the X Factor getting another wicket in his 4th over. That was 4 for 4. Rob taking 2 catches close in and VMAN (Vineet Suri) taking a great catch high up at 1st slip and a catch for Fly Paper (Emaad Khan). Fantastic start to the game. After 10 overs Sutherland was 4 for 7!

Freight Train – 5 overs/3 maidens/2 for 2

X Factor – 5 overs/2 maidens/2 for 5

Change of bowlers, Paddy (Pat Sweeney) and Carter (Nick Carter) took the ball with some fantastic results. To say that Sutherland only scored another 5 runs kind of answers it. Another catch to VMAN with Carter, Nick McNay and Jamison Sexty taking 1 each.

Paddy – 4.3 overs/2 maidens/2 for 2

Carter – 4 overs/3 maidens/4 for 2

Sutherland all out for 12! Yes, 12 off 18.3 overs. 10 maidens bowled. It was a new team. A team with a fire in its belly! They bowled and fielded brilliantly. Took all their catches and stopped every ball that went near them.

We still had to bat on the same wicket so we weren't counting our chickens (or ducks in Sutherlands case) before they hatched!

We reversed the batting order to give our tail enders a go. We have a couple of ducks to hang on the wall but we were on fire. Sarv (Savio Gracias Flor) belted 38 off 52 balls and he was the only batsman to score boundaries on this very slow outfield. VMAN had a handy 20 (NO) and Carter 11 (NO). We still had Rob to come BUT then the rain hit! The

covers went on and we went home with 107 runs and the points in our pocket! We would have liked to have a go for an outright but this is cricket and anything happens.

Well done men. It was great to see the fire and the smiles. A few weeks break with most of us off to Armidale in January for a carnival. Have a safe and merry Christmas.

A special congratulations to the Weblin Shield Team on their joint Premiership. Well deserved. A great season for you all!

Under 16's Cup Draw

Sutherland 4/104 v. HKHDCA. Match abandoned due to rain

The weather appeared to be ideal at the beginning of the day however the conditions deteriorated rapidly after midday forcing the umpires to call the game off at around 1:30PM with only 34 overs bowled.

The Glenn McGrath oval was in pristine condition. This ground, which is normally used for First Grade matches was available for our young players who had the rare opportunity of playing on the same turf as some of the big names of the game such as McGrath, the Waugh brothers, etc.

Sutherland elected to bat first. Saahil E. and Rohan D. were our opening bowlers and kept the situation well under control. Saahil bowled 4 overs at 0/9 and Rohan bowled 5 at 0/13.

Liam K. and Matt S. took over and bowled 4 and 3 overs respectively. Liam got our first wicket on the 12th over after dismissing one of the opening batsmen for just 15 (bowled). Sutherland were on 34 runs at that stage. Liam's figures were 1/12 including 1 maiden and Matt's 0/14.

Aaron G. was our 5th bowler and delivered three tidy overs at 0/10. Kushal P. took the second wicket (c&b) on the 21st overs with the opposition being on 63 runs. This was the important wicket of one of the openers who had been batting for 85 min (31 runs) and was gradually building up his figures. Kushal bowled 3 overs in total and his figures were 1/11. During the first drinks break we discussed the need of making more use of relay throwing which was immediately put into practice delivering good results. Danusha Seneviratne filled in for Anurag P. (injured) and delivered 4 sensational overs at 1/2 including 2 maidens. Danusha took the 3rd wicket (caught behind by Harrison N) on the 26th over with Sutherland being on 73. The game was starting to turn in our favour, which was confirmed by Chris M. when he cleanly bowled the 4th batsmen out for just 4 runs on the 27th over. Karl A. Bowled 4 overs and was unfortunate not to get 2 wickets – catches - which narrowly missed the fielders. Karl ended up with 0/18.

By this stage we had bowled 34 overs with Sutherland being on 4/134 when the game was interrupted and eventually abandoned due to heavy rain.

The team performed very well overall. Our sundries (10) were well under control and the fielding was very efficient.

The preparation work done so far this season and the last 2 sessions in particular are starting to show encouraging signs. We had a very good training session at the indoor

facility at Bellavista 2 weeks ago which was ran by our coach Joshua Miller. We also had a combined session with the PC-U13s at James Park which was run by Todd Williams last week. The valuable contribution from Josh and Todd is very much appreciated. Our batting performance against Manly in round 3 and our bowling/fielding display in this round clearly show that the team has the potential of defeating these 2 teams in rounds 5 and 6 respectively.

Our batsmen were keen to start their innings and make full use of the fast outfield. We were confident of batting at 4+ per over based on our performance against Manly the previous week. During that match we scored at 3.3 per over however the outfield was extremely slow.

We consider this to be another moral victory and look forward to our match against Manly in late January.

That is it for 2011. We still have representative games in 2012 as well as the City v Country match for the Moore Shield so keep looking in your inbox