



The Romans Had Armies of Centurions HK&HDCA Had Three This Weekend

Well Done to the three centurions Lachlan Shaw 100 (U11), Joshua Hayes 104 (U12) and Alex Dolly 131no (U16).

A great start to the season for HK&HDCA. 5 wins from 7 teams. Well done boys & well done coaches.

Forster Shield Win

Round 1 - HKHDCA 6/188 def Camden 9/147 at Raby 6

Our captain Sean won the toss and elected to bat. Our opening batsmen Blake and Oliver started steadily however both fell in quick succession after seeing off the new ball. This bought Kyal and Patrick to the crease with Kyal playing a great supporting role while Patrick struck a crisp 83 (including 16 4's) in a 50 plus run partnership. Toby also batted really well and scored 36 not out with Riley chipping in a quick fire 18 to round out the innings.

The bowling attack started well bowling top line and length and Camden's best batsmen was run out with a direct hit from Sean. Alistair soon struck and Camden were 2-19 and under the pump. A strong partnership followed then to see Camden at 2/38 after 10 overs and back on even par. The second 20 overs saw an arm wrestle with Sean breaking through and collecting their other opener for 30. Armadeep then collected the scalp of their number 4 with a great catch from Kyal. Oliver then ran out their next man and when Patrick got a caught and bowled, the boys had the opposition on the back foot. Shaan collected the next wicket bowled and Jackson tidying up the next 2 to see Camden fall short at 9/147 after 40. Will bowled some very tidy overs when it mattered to ensure the run rate became unachievable. and Toby and Riley kept well and limited the byes

All in all a ripping days cricket against stiff opposition.

Creak Shield

Win

HKHDCA: 10/210 (50 overs)

Camden: 10/133 (41.2overs)

Special Mentions:

Lachlan Shaw: 100 runs off 112 balls

Will Coffey: 25 runs, 1 catch, 1 run out and 2 wickets

Yash Patel: 18 runs, 2/29 and 1 catch

Corey Miller: 20 runs and 3 catches

Oliver Linschoten: 3/3 and 1 run out

We were out tented today but our boys out played Camden.

We welcomed Jack Nesbitt into the team to replace the unfortunate Jordan who injured his arm at school.

Camden won the toss and sent us in to bat first. Lachlan Shaw and Corey opened up with Will and Lachlan Soles padded up. The opening pair were watchful early on. The bowling was tight to begin with but any loose balls were dispatched.

About 12 overs in and the boys started to get going. The last few over before the first drinks break were fruitful, lifting the run rate up considerably. At drinks we were travelling nicely at 0/55 off 15 overs.

After an opening stand of 73 Corey was out for 20. Next in was Jack who put on a steady partnership with Lachlan Shaw. Both boys were batting well and Camden were showing signs of fatigue. However when the spinners were introduced, the runs dried up a little.

In his first game Jack made a handy 16 and featured in a partnership of 37 with Lachlan Shaw for the second wicket. Menuja was promoted as Shishu decided a left handed batsmen would be better suited against the leggies. Next in was Will and another solid partnership emerged. Some good running between wickets put the Camden fielders under pressure.

Lachlan Shaw worked his way past fifty which featured only a subdued call from the scorer Ravi.

Lachlan Shaw was continuing on from his faultless batting effort of last week and edging towards another ton. Mum was on hand to watch his maiden ton last week so this week he decided it was dad's turn to see him reach the milestone. Sure enough Lachlan Shaw reaches his second century in as many games. What a super batting performance!

After a 4th wicket partnership of 56, Lachlan Shaw was run out on 100. By now we were in the 43rd over and sitting pretty. Yash join Will and continued to push for quick runs.

The boys coming in to bat after Yash got out came and went in quick succession. The final 4 batsmen all being bowled for 0 in an attempt to push for quick runs at the death. Still a good score was posted of over 200. With our bowling attack, you would think it would be hard for Camden to chase down....although the scorebooks had to be checked and double checked after Ravi lost a few runs along the way....

After another nice lunch break the boys went out intent on restricting the batsmen early on. Camden too came out very watchful. Jonno and Varun opened up and bowled very tightly. Jack and Lachlan Soles followed on, but still no wickets. Still 13 after 13 overs is a great start by our side.

Then it was time to introduce spin and almost immediately wickets started to fall. Yash picks up a wicket from his first ball thanks to a sharp piece of keeping by Lachlan Shaw.

Suddenly Camden were in a bit of trouble at 5 for 53 after 25 overs. Then there was some sort of consolidation with the 6th wicket putting on 73 runs. So Ravi tells Glenn and myself it was time to walk around the oval again to try and change the course of the game.

We turned to spin again. This time it was Oliver who was right in the thick of it. Firstly a good piece of fielding off his own bowling triggered a run out. Then he spun 3 more batsmen out before Lachlan Shaw bowled the last batsman out to win the game quite comfortably.

The fielding was not the sharpest at times, but still some very good individual moments by the boys, Will in particular kept the pressure on Camden throughout their innings. He capped a great all round game with bat, ball and fielding.

A good win to start off the rep season boys. Next week is a big game against North Shore.

Well done to Lachlan Shaw again for reaching a century for the second week in a row. A tremendous achievement.

Thanks to the scorers today Ravi and Sean. Ravi has mentioned that if anyone wants to give up their scoring stint, he is more than happy to take it on for them.

Cawsey Shield

Win

Hornsby won the toss and elected to Bat.

Result : **Hornsby 254-3** (J. Hayes 104, J. Hiley 85, N. Hammond 37*)

Defeated

Bankstown 203-9 (C. Cameron 2-30, V. Virmani 2-30, N. Hammond 2-14)

By 51 runs

Captain Ken Chu continued his good form with the coin and both teams were happy with the outcome of the toss; Hornsby wanted to bat, Bankstown wanted to bowl.

The Bankstown team was largely unchanged from the strong team that made the Semi's of the U11 Comp last year, so a solid start for Hornsby was vital. The Bankstown bowling attack was accurate and their fielders vocal. But openers Joe and Jordan were up to the challenge, putting on a fantastic opening partnership of 173 runs. The boys complemented each other well over the course of 38 overs, when one was struggling to get the ball away it always seemed the other was able to step-up their own run rate to keep the team moving forward; a true partnership. Fielding in the increasingly hot sun was taking its toll on Bankstown, suddenly the parents were noisier than the players as they attempted to lift chins and shoulders. With Joe out for 85 and 12 overs to go (but with 9 wickets still in hand) Hornsby were able to make a sprint for the line, scoring 81 runs (52 of them in the last 5 overs). Jordan reached his amazing milestone [Well Done Jordy] before he (104) and Charlie Rose (7) fell selflessly pushing hard at the run rate before Keiran Krishnan took the field (to keep the Umpire company I think) whilst Nick executed a perfect cameo of 37 runs in 25 balls faced.

With >250 runs on the board it felt like enough (just don't tell the kids) but with a lightning fast outfield, hot conditions, players fatigue and an accomplished batting line-up to deal with, there was no relaxing by the Hornsby boys.

From the off our boys were hitting their straps and the required run rate for Bankstown was rising. Although only 2 wickets fell in the first 25 overs only 88 runs were conceded. Connor, Ken, Vedant and James Reynolds all played their part in ensuring that the Bankstown coach had to gee their boys up at the drinks break. And the result ? 2 wickets to Vedant in the first over after drinks which resulted in another period of consolidation for the batting side and a further increased run rate requirement. The opening 4 bowlers in their second spells were well augmented by the efforts of Eshaan Khan, Cooper Davenport, Joe and Nick. The Bankstown 5th wicket pair took the score from 88 to 150 and started to look settled before Joe and then Connor clean bowled the pair to open up the tail. Bankstown were still trying to hit out but tight and/or penetrative bowling ensured wickets continued to fall until they were 9 down and appeared to merely aim for survival in the final 4 overs.

Ken captained well, thoughtfully rotating his bowlers and moving fielders with a calm confidence as circumstances demanded. Well Done to both the Captain and new Coach Braden on your winning start.

Well Done Boys, you've all made a great start to this year's Shield competition and long may it continue. 1-2-3 Hornsby !!

Gee Shield Win

U13 Gee Shield – First Innings win. Fairfield-Liverpool 71 from 27.4 overs and 5-123 off 28.4 Defeated on first innings by HKHDCA 2 for 101 from 19 overs.



Tim taking control in the first innings.



Yushan had a great day with a total of 2 run outs, 3 catches and 4 wickets



One of Yushan's wickets.



Sandeep in action in the first innings.

Our first game of the season was at home, playing at Normanhurst Oval. A lovely Sydney spring day for cricket.

F-L won the toss and chose to bat first. Brad and Cameron L opened the bowling, with Brad taking the first wicket in the fourth over. F-L 1-4. Both opening bowlers were very tight with the score at 1-6 off six overs. Connor Slater and Yushan then came on, with Yushan taking the second wicket with his first ball. 2-12 off 8 overs. Some undisciplined batting from F-L followed with a number of loose shots providing the third wicket to Connor, 3-18. Shivraj, as captain, continued to change things up and never let the batting getting settled. He brought himself on for the 13 over with immediate success and 2 wickets in his first over, a great stumping by Nic and a great catch by Sandeep. 5-25 off

13 overs. The bowling remained very tight and the score progressed slowly to 5-38 off 16 overs. Shivraj took his third and fourth wickets in his third and fifth overs, and Hornsby were right into the tail. F-L 7-56 off 21. Runs were hard to be found, and the score progressed to 7-69 off 25 overs. Using both Brad and Yushan as impact bowlers brought immediate success and they cleaned up the tail with Brad bowling there no 8 batsmen and Yushan bowling both the last 2 wickets in his 3rd over. F-L all out 71 off 28.4 overs. Shivraj finished with figures of 4-2-4-19, Brad 5-1-2-5 and Yushan 2.4-0-3-5.

Hornsby went into bat for a short session before lunch opening with Tim and Dhruva. Runs came straight away and after 3 overs, Hornsby were 0-15. A couple of maidens followed and the tight bowling finally lead to Dhruva being caught for 6. Hornsby 1-19 off 6 overs. This brought Ronan to the crease. The score moved along to 41, with Tim starting to take control hitting 2 fours. Both batsmen were looking comfortable, and a bowling change brought immediate success, with Ronan out LBW for 2, Hornsby 2-49 at the end of the 10th over. Brad came to the wicket and immediately showed a strong batting display, looking very comfortable and scoring freely. The first innings of F-L was overhauled in the 16th over, 2-79. Tim and Brad continued to both score quickly and easily, taking the score to 2-101 after 19 overs. Hornsby declared their first innings closed and put F-L into bat again, looking for a chance of an outright victory. Tim no 54 off 61 balls and Brad no 28 off 18 balls.

F-L batted more sensibly in their second innings and scored 5-123 before the match was called off. Some highlights from Hornsby's second bowling stint was Yushan being a part of all 5 wickets. Whether they be a direct hit from mid-wicket for a run out or 2 great catches in slips, the first was an amazing reflex catch off Sandeep's bowling, diving to his right and taking the ball with both hands. Brad again bowled well and tight with 0-13 off 5 overs. Ronan offered great support to Nic as he took over the keeping duties for the last hour of the game and Rashad took his first wicket in his first Shield representative game.

A very solid win by Hornsby for Round 1.

Moore Shield Loss

Hawkesbury v HKHDCA U14 Moore Shield played at Pitt Town

Toss won by Hawkesbury.

Hawkesbury 149 all out defeated HKHDCA 144.

Hawkesbury opened with one very attacking batsman and another opener who defended strongly from the other end on a Pitt Town field that was dry and scorched brown from a lack of rain, making for a super fast outfield. The opening bowlers of Mitchell and Joshua contained the opening partnership to a certain extent, but didn't manage to get the crucial breakthrough. The first change delivered a crucial wicket with Cooper running out the aggressive opener with a fine piece of fielding at square leg. Hawkesbury steadied the ship and HKHDCA had to wait until the 21st over for their next breakthrough with a catch by Fraser off the bowling of Justin.

The run rate was slow and wickets fell in clumps. The key destroyer was Jonno Cheng who ended up with figures of 4/20 from 8 overs. His partner in crime was Quinten Cheng who took 3/17 off just over 6 overs, whilst Joshua kept the batters honest with an economy rate of just 1.4 and taking 1 wicket from his 10 overs. Hawkesbury managed 149 from with the last 8 batsman contributing a miserly 21 runs. The HKHDCA fielding had improved from their form in the trials, however, 3 dropped catches would tell to be crucial in the end.

HKHDCA batting opened positively with Jamie looking confident and Jonno supporting ably. Unfortunately their innings were short lived and the trend continued with the next 3 batsman falling cheaply, putting the boys in a tough position of 6/48 from only 20 overs. Then the tide turned with a magnificently patient and well structured partnership from Matthew (36) and Cooper (28) bringing us within touching distance of a remarkable, albeit unlikely victory. Mitchell and Joshua added some vital runs from the tail to bring us within 5 runs of a win, but that last hurdle was a bridge too far and the boys succumbed agonisingly short.

It was a brave effort by the lads and they can take many positives from this match. The togetherness of the playing group was brilliant as was the support from the parents and the coach in Suji, and this will be valuable in the next round. Onward and upward lads!

Weblin Shield

Loss

Round 1 - Blacktown 5/222(cc) def. Hornsby 195 (T Loxton 64, R Krishna 30) at Barker

Lost the toss and bowled first. A great start from openers Danusha (0/29) and Daniel (0/19) saw B'town 0/13 off 10 and so unlucky not to find the edges of the openers bats. Unbelievable ground fielding from Eko and friends kept the pressure on and meant the B'town batters couldn't settle. Eko (1/34) was brought on early and got the break through. Rahul (3/30 of 9 overs) was the pick of the bowlers. Kenthurst A-grader Nick Dolly (1 stumping, 0 byes) worked tirelessly behind the pegs. Unfortunately dropped catches came back to bite the boys. With wickets in hand B'town's best bat cashed in. After 60 overs of hard toil in the field the pride and joy of Hornsby were chasing 223. A total that included only two extras.

A solid start saw an opening stand of 36 from Ryan and Will. Wickets started falling regularly however and the boys needed a partnership to steady things. Travis and Rahul answered the call and put on an even time 79 for the sixth wicket. Travis (64 off 69) hit some crunching shots all round the park and Rahul (30) timed the ball beautifully. Both boys were dismissed after the tea break with 65 runs required. With plenty of overs left the runs kept coming but overly aggressive batting saw wickets continue to fall and the boys were all out 28 runs short of the target with 28 balls left to be bowled. A first up defeat but a lot of positives and learnings to take out of the game.

Forgot to mention that the afternoon tea was delightful and included iceblocks, lashings of hot chips, cordial, jam filled doughnuts, snakes, cupcakes and mini muffins and tea and coffee for the adults.

Watson Shield

Win

Blacktown 121 (cc) lost to Hornsby 8/282

Watson Shield boys travelled out to Whalan Reserve, a ground renowned to have boundaries as big as the MCG with a 125 m straight drive boundary, with the full knowledge that they were going to have to run as boundaries would be few and far between.

Winning the first toss of the season A Dolly elected to have a dig on what looked like a dead track. The opening pair of M McVay & B Jones put on some early runs with a 59 run opening partnership with B Jones falling for 39. The next two wickets fell for 21 runs. J Anderson 0 and M McVay 39. This left D Heidegger & A Dolly at the crease to start and work the ball around. Unfortunately they were only able to put a further 18 runs up before D Heidegger was out played on for 8. The depth in batting showed as the next partnership of M Chamberlain & A Dolly put on 103 runs before M Chamberlain was out for 31. This brought big D Piek to the crease for a quick fire 10. B Wallwood for 6. S Dissanayake for 7 and T O'Loughlin no 1. The other not out batsmen with a captains knock of 131 off 99 deliveries was A Dolly. This included many 3's, and 4's all run and even a 5.

With 282 posted on the board it was time for the bowling attack to take on Blacktown.

With figures of 4/24 off 12 overs including 3 maidens H Ludlow was the pick of the bowlers and it was only the bowling restrictions that stopped a 5 for I have no doubt. In the first session Hornsby had Blacktown 5 wickets down for not many runs & were feeling confident of an early finish. But boys it not enough to be just out on the paddock and you must execute your plans. The next session was wicket less and the coach J Miller was less than impressed.

So the boys went out and finished the job. S Dissanayake not only ran a five whilst batting but also got 1/17 off 7. J Anderson tied up one end with 0/25 off 8 and A Dolly 3/20 off 6.4 overs including a caught & bowled.

Next week will be a tougher game and we will need to consistently execute the game plan.



Alex Dolly celebrates his maiden shield century