



Another Centurion to the HK&HDCA Ranks

Well Done to the Matt Mc Vay 106 (U16)

Let's correct an error by the editor. Last week there was a centurion who was named wrong. For the record the Jordan Hayes scored 104 (U12).

Forster Shield Lost

Round 1 - HKHDCA 9/62 def by Canterbury & Western Suburbs 1/65

Creak Shield Win

HKHDCA: 7/171 (50 overs)

def North Shore: 10/161 (48.3 overs)

Special Mentions:

Lachlan Shaw: 65 not out, 1 wicket and 2 stumpings

Yash Patel: 39 runs, 1 wicket, 1 run out and 1 catch

Jonathan Moran: 19 runs

Will Coffey: 4/19

Oliver Linschoten: 2/39

A hot and windy day greeted us at Lofberg Oval for the match against last year's premiers.

We won the toss and decided to bat first. Today we opened up with Yash and Jonathan. A slow and steady start by the boys against some very good bowling took us to 0/17 off 14 at the first drinks break. After the break the boys opened up and started playing some nice shots. Yash creamed 14 runs off North Shore's main spinner in his first over.

Yash tried to smash one down the ground and was out caught at mid on. A nice opening stand of 62 between Yash and Johnno. We welcomed Lachlan Shaw to the crease.

Johnno was next to go soon after a well made 19.

Lachlan Soles joined Lachlan Shaw who took us to the morning tea break at 2/76 off 25. The two Lachlan's took the score to 103 before Lachlan Soles was out for 13. Next in was Corey Miller who played some great strokes before being unlucky to be run out for 5.

Murray's tent was keeping our batsmen in waiting in the shade. However after being smashed up in a trial match recently, Murray's tent couldn't take the windy conditions again today and had to be retired.

Will was next in but unfortunately couldn't continue on with his recent good form with the bat today.

Jack and Oliver featured in little partnerships was Lachlan Shaw who had passed 50 by now.

Jarod came in with 4 overs to go and he and Lachlan Shaw made a valuable 23 unbeaten runs in those final overs with a combination of good shot selection and aggressive running to take a score to a respectable 171. Good to see there was no late order collapse this week.

Would this be enough against last year's premiers...a good battle would resume after the lunch break between our strong bowling attack and North Shore's equally strong batting lineup.

What a terrific lunch put on by the hosts today. Yours truly is always the last person to leave the lunch buffet.

The game resumed with Lachlan Soles and Menuja to opening our bowling attack today. Lachlan started nicely with a maiden. Both boys bowled well in their opening spell to restrict North Shore to 0/11 off the first 8 overs.

We turned to Lachlan Shaw next and he delivered with a wicket first ball thanks to a nice catch from Yash.

This brought in North Shore's main batsmen who scored 90 odd against us last year. North Shore soon started to look settled and were batting well. At the afternoon tea break they had moved along to 2/61 off 25 overs, slightly behind our run rate at the some point in our innings.

Then came the break through we all wanted. Their gun batsmen is caught behind off Yash for 16. North Shore kept hitting the odd boundary and were staying in the game. Two wickets down and North Shore were travelling well. Then a great piece of fielding from Yash had the non striker backing up too far and a direct hit from Yash in covers was a big moment in the game. It's great to see this team can deliver great individual pieces of brilliance to change the momentum in games.

The usual suspects began their walk around the oval, hoping to bring about another wicket.

Wendy's Walk - Wendy was annoyed that the dads couldn't get a wicket so she took matters into her own hands. A few brisk laps later and the wickets started tumbling.

Will and Oliver were on and bowling well. They started to trouble the batsmen and combined well together and took 6 wickets between them. James took two great catches. Will went close to getting a hat tick.

It was getting tense near the end with North Shore needing basically a run a ball off the final 10 overs. The game swung back and forth, we would take a wicket, North Shore would hit a boundary or two.

The scorer's were having trouble keeping up with all the action. Where's Ravi when you need him? We nearly had to call in Ravi to take control. He thrives in pressure cooked situations like these!

Down the final two overs...North Shore require 16 off 12 balls with only one wicket left. Another boundary to start the 49th over . A single next ball. Then next ball after a fumble in the field, Varun fires the ball back in to the Lachlan Shaw who takes the stumps and denies the batsmen getting the second run. Victory by 10 runs. 7 wickets fell in the final 8 overs for 37 runs.

A great team effort today against a quality side. The boys fought hard all day to grind out the win in hot conditions. Well bowled by all bowlers today.

Again there was a lot of dogs about today. I'm not sure if it's just the open spaces that brings them out or if they are somehow attracted to Dean who they seem to gravitate to.

Thanks to Jay and Simon for scoring today.

A big thanks to the North Shore parents who put on a great morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea today. They showed us how to host. I hope we get to play them away next time we meet.

Cawsey Shield

Win

U12 Cawsey Shield

Hornsby vs Penrith

Hornsby won the toss (again!) and elected to bat.

Hornsby 294-4 (J. Hiley 94, J. Hayes 41, K. Krishnan 39no, K. Chu 39no, N. Hammond 38) Defeated Penrith 177ao (K. Chu 2/16, C. Cameron 2/31, V. Virmani 2/46) By 117 runs Another clinical batting performance by the boys backed up by parsimonious and penetrative bowling made it two wins from two in this years competition.

Joe and Jordan, fresh from their 173 run partnership last week, had to settle for just 106 this time. A good run rate was established; their knock together took less than 20 overs before Jordan holed out for 41 (53 bf). Joe was able to maintain a rapid scoring rate whilst Charlie Rose got himself started before, just 6 short of a century, he nicked behind. Another lovely knock all the same (103 bf) and the platform built for a big team total. Nick joined Charlie and after laboriously playing himself in (for 4 deliveries) set about the Penrith bowling. 4 overs and 35 runs later Charlie fell just as he looked set to convert his start (19 from 38). 4 balls and 12 runs later Nick was also out (38 from 19 bf). With two new batsmen at the crease there was a chance the innings would be stymied somewhat but Keiran (47 bf) and Ken (39 bf) were having none of it. An unbroken 90 run partnership at a strike rate >100 saw Hornsby romp home to almost 300 runs, a huge target for Penrith to contemplate during the lunch break.

Fair play to Penrith, they gave it a good go, but just couldn't match the asking rate.

Connor, Ken, Vedant and James Reynolds limited them to 66 from 17, already 25 behind Hornsby's position, 35 behind the ask, and both openers back in the shed. Their 3 and 4 accelerated hard (33 runs from 3 overs!) Which brings us to the story of the hurriKhan. Eshaan Khan delivered 5 consecutive maidens which, though wicketless, created huge pressure meaning overs 21-30 cost only 11 runs and brought a wicket each for Connor, Ken and Cooper Davenport all bowling opposite Eshaan. Cap'n Ken rotated his bowlers effectively through the final overs, and every bowler was able to get in the wickets, before the Penrith reply ran out of batsmen in the 47th over.

A great performance boys and on behalf of all the parents: Well Done (now go and tidy your rooms).

Gee Shield

Loss

Hornsby 8 for 236 (50 overs) lost to Penrith 8 for 240 (50 Overs)

With temperatures in the mid 30's at 10 am there was a feeling this game was going to a 50 over "hit out".

There is a lot to like about the way the U13's are playing cricket, the more players we involve in the game the better the team will perform in big games.

Hornsby batted first and one could not fault the Hornsby approach to batting. Tim was dismissed early after two boundaries. This was a minor set back as Kyle (36) went to the wicket as a "pinch hitter". Kyle played his part perfectly. Druhva and Ronan were both dismissed attempting to force the run rate. Brad (79) and Nic (62) got together for a 100

run partnership, both batted exceptionally well. For the most part the bowlers were spared any time at the batting crease, Brad being the exception.

I was particular pleased with the effort of the bowlers through out the Penrith innings. Hornsby had a far superior bowling attack, the heat was the leveller. Penrith were quality opposition. All Hornsby bowlers threatened at times. Sandeep was good early, Brad backed up after batting. Shiv bowled an excellent spell down wind, Connor was unlucky with opportunities missed, The stats are not doing Cameron justice at present, his line and length is excellent. Yushan threatens with every delivery, I believe Yushans effectiveness is directly related to the support he receives from all Hornsby bowlers. Rashad bowled a beautiful spell making a vital breakthrough. With the Hornsby bowlers tiring Tim bowled an excellent spell up the hill at days end.

The fielding was first class under the circumstances, ground fielding tidy with good catches taken by Brad, Sandeep, Yushan, Tim, Rashad, and Kyle.

Whilst we did not win this game, I believe we played a style of cricket that will win our share of games.

Moore Shield Win

HKHDCA won the toss and elected to bat, looking to atone for their first round defeat to Hawkesbury. Unfortunately we lost an early wicket in the first over which really threatened to derail our chances. However full credit to Matt Wright and Andrew Harvey who countered with a steady partnership, followed by another good partnership between Matt and Dash Ratnam. Matt batted extremely well, compiling a patient 57 and placing us at 5/128 with about 14 overs to go.

Cooper Goddard then took charge of the innings, bludgeoning 35 and along with Jonathon Cheng and Mitchell Blow ensured that HKHDCA posted a competitive total of 184. The boys did very well to overcome numerous setbacks in the innings and give our bowlers a score we knew we could defend if we bowled well and executed our plans.

North Shore, however set about scoring quickly and made quick inroads into the total. The tide turned however when Jamie Shaw picked up 2 wickets in an over, now HKHDCA were on top and the scoring dried up placing immense pressure on North Shore to score. Despite not picking up wickets for the 15 overs, the boys bowled well and kept scoring to a minimum with Captain Fraser Wilson setting his field intelligently.

After a 40 run partnership, the breakthrough came through some excellent fielding from Mitchell and Justin Plummer, effecting a run out and catching their opener short of the crease. Despite still being on top at 3/69, another partnership threatened to take the game away from us.

At the final drinks break, with everything to play for, HKHDCA really showed their metal. At 3/102 with around 15 over left, chasing 184, the game was there for the taking and it was HKHDCA who came up trumps.

Josh Hayes bowled superbly in his second spell to dismiss their set batsman for 52 and picked up another wicket courtesy of a superb catch from wicketkeeper Dash. Just to prove it was no fluke, Dash repeated the trick, taking a superb catch low to his right off the bowling of Jamie Shaw. In between these wickets, there was a moment of brilliance in the field by Quentin Cheng, picking up the ball at mid-wicket and throwing down the stumps to catch the North Shore batsman well short of his crease.

Jamie Shaw was the pick of the bowlers picking up 4/10 off 7.2 and was well supported by Mitch (2/32) and Josh Hayes (2/27) and Liahm Williams and Justin who bowled without luck

Weblin Shield Win
Round 2

Weblin - NDJCA 5/280(cc) (D Seneviratne 2/18) def by Hornsby 8/283 (W Giacometti 89 N Dolly 46) at ELS Hall

Lost the toss. Danusha (2/18) and Daniel (0/43) bowled a very tidy opening spell but after a first over run out from Rahul they just could not find the edge of the NDs bats. The wind was making it tough for our bowlers with the NDs bats content to wait and dispatch the bad balls which came too regularly. Captain Anthony (3/8) came on to bowl 3 overs and showed his bowlers what he meant by pitching it up on the stumps. Meanwhile at the other end Rahul (1/49) bowled 12 overs straight, took a sharp c&b and was unlucky not to take a few more. The last session saw NDs up the ante and on a good pitch the Hornsby boys did what they could to limit the damage. Losing the match ball down in the creek didn't help. Danusha kept things very tight and received a pat on the back from the coach. After 60 windy overs Hornsby needed 281 to win.

The wind got worse. The bails were removed and NDs were in no hurry to get through their overs or bowl their part-time spinners. Ryan and Will put on a very solid 40 off the first 10 overs and it was "game on". Ryan (17) and Eko were both out with the score on 83. Will kept his head down and with the explosive Travis (16) put together a quick 40 run partnership. Anthony (11) then joined Will and another 30 runs in quick time took the score to 154 when both boys' wickets fell. It was a great knock from and man of the match performance from Will (89). Rahul (24) and Nic (46) settled in and kept the scoreboard ticking over and then with the required run rate at 7 per over it was their turn to up the ante and put the pressure back on the tiring NDs fielders. Both boys did everything that was asked of them in a intelligent 60 run partnership with Nic being run out and just missing a 50. Danusha (34*) was promoted up the order (a coaching master stroke) and joined Mossy (23) with 48 runs needed off 30 balls. ("Hey Appollo I don't hear no bell.") Mossy and Danusha smacked the ball everywhere, ran like gazelles between the wickets and when Mossy was finally caught (ending a partnership of 43 off 4 overs) Hornsby needed 5 runs from 10 balls and NDs were on the ropes. Next in Sanjay (5*) did the rest. A great team win.

Watson Shield

Win

HK&HDCA 4/235 def South Eastern 9/232

Our first game at home this season saw us lose the toss but still bowl first which would have been our choice. Henry's first over was a cracker & we were unlucky not to see a wicket in it. Tight bowling was the order of the day and the boys didn't let the coach down.

The first break through went to T O Loughlin LBW. Then it was a steady succession of wicket until 4th & 5th wicket partnerships. Again after getting these wicket there was a steady flow. Figures of 2/32 off 10 gave S Dissanayake the pick of the bowlers for the day. But with figures of 2/53 off 10 H Ludlow did his bit as the opening bowler. A tight spell in the middle by J Anderson 1/22 Off 12 kept the scoring at bay.

Time to bat and there was an early wicket and we were 1/8. A solid 117 partnership for the 2nd wicket saw us strengthen our position. Infact M Mc Vay the New Centurion scoring 106 off 115 balls was in until there was 181 runs on the board. With the back broken it really only required chipping in by the other bats as they did there job to pass the score with 3 overs to spare.

A solid effort boys just got to work hard in that middle session.