



## The Cup Starts & The Shield Is At The Pointy End.

Four shield teams into the Semi Finals. Is this the best season for Hornsby yet.  
Qualifying Finals & Cup Round 1 Results Below

**Forster Shield**            **Loss**

**Creak Shield**                    **Loss**  
North Shore 6/204 (50 overs) def  
HKHDCA 9/180 (50 overs)

Highlights:

Lachlan Shaw: 81 runs, 2 run outs  
Will Coffey: 2/38  
Corey Miller: 26 runs and 2 assisted run outs  
Lachlan Soles: 18 not out and 1 catch  
Jordon Fullager: 18 and 1 run out

12 almost fully fit boys lined against our fierce rivals North Shore today at Normanhurst Park.

Thanks to Murray's new addition we were the tent kings for the first time.

We were asked to bowl first after losing the toss.

Opening the bowling today would be Varun with his broken finger strapped up and Menuja from the other end.

North Shore's openers looked intent on looking for runs early on. Jarod and Johnno came on next to bowl. Our first wicket came in the 13th over thanks to a sharp piece of fielding by Yash who ripped the ball into the keeper and their opener was run out for an opening stand of 47.

North Shore continued to keep the score ticking over at about 4 runs an over. Our boys had a few chances of further run outs but couldn't quite execute them.

The spin duo of Yash and Will was introduced and in Will's 3rd and 4th over he picked up two wickets to have North Shore at 3/89 off 25 at the morning tea break. Resuming after the break the spinners managed to stem the runs with only 3 coming off the next 4 overs, including maidens from each bowler.

Looking for our next wicket, some further bowling changes were made. North Shore accelerated the scoring putting on 20 runs in the 33rd and 34th over due to some leg side bowling, misfields and nice stroke play.

We couldn't crack North Shore's 4th wicket pair who put on 96 in 22 overs with both batsmen going past 50. The last few overs saw North Shore in the quest for quick runs, lose 3 wickets all run out.

North Shore are renowned for putting on great lunches (yours truly can attest for that!). Today was our turn to see if we could match them in that department. Well I can confidently say that we did. Thanks to the great amenities on offer at Normanhurst Park and our local resident Andy having access, we showed our opposition how well we could cater. It's always a great part of the day!

So did we have the artillery to chase down this total? The largest total we have had to run down before.

Lachlan Shaw and Yash opened up for us and 0/18 off 5 was as good as their start. Some early bowling changes saw the runs dry up a little. Lachie and Yash were watchful for the next few overs. In the 13th over with score on 32 Yash was bowled for 13 by a great delivery.

Will joined Lachlan Shaw and put on 36 in 14 before Will also out for 13, playing some nice shots along the way and good running at times.

2/68 off 27 at the afternoon tea break saw us a little behind the run rate but with plenty of wickets in hand.

Another great spread was put on with plenty on offer. With play resuming, yours truly was again not moving too far away from the buffet, having the luxury of enjoying the cricket and the smorgasboard.

Needing to push the scoring along Jordan and Lachlan Shaw started to put pressure on the fielders, taking some good calculated 1's, 2's and 3's.

31 runs were put on in 7 overs before Jordan was run out.

Corey was reunited with Lachlan Shaw and the pair continued in the same fashion. Things started to get a little interesting now. The boys put on 50 runs in quick time for the 5th wicket but Lachlan Shaw was run out in the 45th over for another well made 81.

The other Lachlan came in next with more than a run a ball required and he started nicely, working the ball around well.

Corey fell soon after for a well made 26 off 32. With only a few overs left and the run rate climbing, the remaining batsmen of James , Oli, Johnno and Menuja tried their best but in the search for quick runs, found the going tough and were not helped by some calls which, like at the end of North Shore's innings, resulted in run outs.

Both teams ended their innings with a boundary (Lachlan Soles was on the bowler and batsmen on both occasions). Both sides had 4 run outs in each innings. Both teams bowled 2 maidens.

North Shore's bowling and fielding was very good today. They only gave us 6 extras, making us earn every run.

So it's now 1 all between these two sides with the possibility of another rematch in two week's time...there's hardly a struck match between these two sides. In the end the difference today was that North Shore found the boundary 17 times to our 7, assisted somewhat by our bowlers being slightly off line and some rare misfields by the boys at times.

Thanks to our scorers Sean and Murray. Thanks to everyone for being great hosts today.

Better luck next week boys.

## **11 Presidents Cup                      Loss**

Played Nth Shore at Montview Hornsby

1/12/13

Toss won by Hornsby Ku-Ring Gai.

For the first time in two weeks the weather gods smiled on our boys and we were able to get a full day's cricket under our belts. The grass was long so to get the best out of your shots you would have to time the ball and pick the gaps to get the maximum result. We won the toss and Zac decided after some consultation to bat, Corey and Sam started well like they always do and the runs were flowing, the Nth Shore boys bowled very tidy lines. Sam was first out by not following through on his shot in came in Jude, Jude is a very solid batsman and always plays for the team, I gave Jude some simple instructions and he did his job, because we have two attacking batsman we need a stayer who can play the line and rotate the strike. The bowling tightens even more and the pressure came on, Jude was caught, in came Louis bowling gets tighter again and Louis and Cory struggle to get the ball through which is hard when you are two attacking batsman like Corey and Louis , Louis departed after a mix up in the middle Run Out. Zac strode out to the middle Spin Bowlers on and the bounce is tennis ball like, Zac and Cory played the spinners well and worked the ball around nicely, quick run Corey ran out, some conjecture to how this happened as the keeper did not have control of the ball, Richard was walking the boundary and noted that it was a direct hit. Lesson here everyone, when the Umpire whether it be official or not gives a decision that's it, move on it will be in the

book as an out. In came Jack spin from both ends ball bouncing high Zac still playing well, Jack runs hard and they both push the singles, Zac gets caught between two shots and gets caught. In came Sol spinners from both end, Sol gets found short of getting back in crease out stumped. In came Shan who is in great form and batted very well, Jack gets caught in two minds and is caught another one down falling like flies, enter Henry who gave his best impersonation of a Kamikaze pilot and ran when hitting the ball straight to fielders, spinners still on Henry advances does not make contact out stumped. In comes Alex out caught we have now lost the last 5 wickets for 11 runs great bowling by the spin twins. Enter Luc bowled mean time while this is all going on Shaan is at the other end plying his trade and doing nicely shame he ran out of partners. In comes our last batsman Lachlan for the last ball, NOT OUT played the one ball with finesse, very poor batting effort all round three shining lights Corey, Zac and Shaan.

- 5 Caught
- 2 Run outs
- 2 Stumped
- 1 bowled

Great bowling and fielding by Nth Shore in a display that showed the Hornsby boys where they need to get close to if we want to be competitive.

After a great lunch, Thank you to the people who provided and set this up well done great spread,

Our turn to bowl we tried to put a tactic in place from the second over and opened with Zac our left hand spinner just to see how they would play spin runs where tight to get both Jack and Zac bowled very well early break through Jack gets there opening batsman playing forward caught at cover by Henry were in this. 1/16 after 5. Big partnership of 49 various bowlers tried, Louis bowled god lines and moved the ball, Sol tried to bowl a little too fast natural swinger of the ball keep it full and let it swing , Henry came on and success broke the partnership 2/67 in the 17<sup>th</sup> caught Corey;. Spin on again they paly Lachlan well runs coming easy Shaan comes on and breaks 30 run partnership well caught Lachlan, Score past in the 28<sup>th</sup> over 3/117.

Hornsby lost, simple thing cricket the first innings of any game 99% of the time dictates the outcome, we did not bat well and did not have enough runs on the board to try to bowl to our bowling was not that good either, to inconsistent not enough control.

- 9 No Balls
- 8 Wides
- 11 Buys
- 1 Leg buy

When only defending 114 is way too many.

This was for many of the boys first taste of rep cricket and it sometimes can be a different experience, cricket is a team game played by 11 individuals and some players get more chances than others, sometimes you get a bat sometimes you don't and the same as bowling either way you are part of a team and have been selected as rep player and you are all fielders in a unit. Encourage, support, push your selves, above all have fun.

Now that we all know the level we need to be at to be competitive let's get out there and improve as a unit and attack the next game.

Well done to all and once again thank you to all parents for their help during the day.

## **Cawsey Shield                      Win**

Hornsby 164-8 (C. Rose 75no)

Defeated

South Eastern 152 all out (C. Cameron 2-21)

By 12 runs

And as a result qualified for the Semi-Finals.

Ken won the toss for the ~~second~~ ~~third~~ ~~fourth~~ ~~fifth~~ sixth successive match (odds 1 in 64) and Hornsby batted 1<sup>st</sup> again.

Openers Joe and Jordan, battling nerves, decent bowling and more chirp than the Taronga Zoo parrot handlers started slowly, compiling 17 runs before Jordy fell LBW at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> over.

Whilst Charlie settled in, Joe was able to push the score along to 35 in the 14<sup>th</sup> over before he joined Jordy back in the shed having scored 24.

Charlie was in the groove by now and stayed there right to the end of the innings, leading the scoring (runs and rate) in all 7 subsequent partnerships, playing a series of sweet shots on both sides of the wicket.

A couple of overs before the mid-innings break Nick was out for 10, a couple of lovely fours before a peach of a ball took his middle stump, and Keiran joined Charlie for what, just like last week, proved to be the key partnership of the match.

The pair added 50 in 14 overs, rotating the strike and punishing the bad ball, the partnership solid enough to quieten the opposition and set a platform for a defensible total.

Keiran was eventually run out, pushing fielders hard as always, on 18 with the last drink break just an over away and the score 4-117.

After drinks, with 13 overs to go, Charlie was partnered with Ken, Mason, Connor, Vedant and Cooper all of whom contributed with either a few runs or selflessly kept the main man company whilst he pushed his memorable innings on.

Charlie was not out 75 at the end, scored at a good rate (113bf), and a total of 8-164 was posted. Was it enough? Parents had been wanting the boys to have 200 to defend just before the start. Certainly it would be tight and require the boys to put in their best bowling and fielding performance to date this season.

Lunch over, Braden and the boys repaired to the dressing room to talk secret cricketers' business, and a group of very determined-looking players emerged to take the field.

Could Ken and Connor match their excellent opening 8 over partnership from last week, this time against a much stronger team including the #2 batsman in the DCA ladder?

You betcha they could.

Ken got into the Christmas spirit, playing the role of Scrooge and rocketing 4 overs down for 2 runs. Connor did his best Mitchell Johnson (2013 Ashes so far) impression, combining pace and scary bounce with fuller bowling to intimidate his way to 2 wickets for 9. Game on!

Vedant was next up, immediately dropping his leg-spin bombs on a perfect length leaving the SE batsmen blocking or leaving.

At the other end James joined the action and was quickly in the wickets when Jordy plucked a missile out of the air at Point.

First drinks were taken at 13 overs with SE on 3-29 and their coach urging the #1 and #5 bats to play safe, our boys (and parents) taking motivation from the change of plan forced on them by the Hornsby broadside.

With Vedant still wheeling away frugally at one end and James then Cooper operating at the other the next session was shared. No wickets fell but nor did the SE team manage to get ahead of the required rate so that at the mid-innings break their score was almost identical to that which Hornsby had posted. The worry for Hornsby was that SE had 2 set batsmen both looking to 'do a Charlie'.

Who would blink first? Kens' tactics then nudged Hornsby ahead – Eshaan joined Vedant for 6 overs of spin at both ends and when Vedant's 10 overs were done the SE boys must have been about to breathe a sigh of relief before Ken then brought himself and then Connor back on to remind the SE boys what they had been missing out on. Probably SE then decided Eshaan was the better option for runs and the trap was sprung, their #1 bat holing out to Nick and the 75 runs still required (in 16 overs) suddenly looking a lot tougher for them to get. 10 overs had gone for 15 runs with 1 key wicket lost and suddenly SE were 20 runs behind the ask.

Credit to SE they didn't panic (yet), and their capable #5 and #6 ran hard taking singles and, with wickets in hand, dragged SE back in to the game.

Hornsby needed to get these 2 out and soon. With Eshaan still pinning down one end both Nick and Joe joined in the policy of 1 over spells from the other. 7 overs to go, 37 runs needed but 6 wickets still in hand. Whose nerve would crack? South Easterns' would, that's who.

44<sup>th</sup> over, direct hit run out by Connor, removing the SE #5 on 49. 5-133. 32 needed from 36.

45<sup>th</sup> over, Joe takes a fabulous shin-high return catch off his own bowling, removing their fast-scoring #6. 6-141. 24 needed from 30.

46<sup>th</sup> over, Nicks' penultimate ball; Mason takes a brilliant catch at Point-ish from a ball that's already gone over his head and he's had to turn blind and dive for (cool-looking scar to show for his diving catch too). 7-145. 20 needed from 24.

47<sup>th</sup> over, Ken gets the wicket (lbw) his bowling most certainly deserves. 8-149. 16 needed from 18.

48<sup>th</sup> over. SE desperately trying to get Connor away, looking for runs off every ball. Cool head by James, fields a firm drive and throws accurately to Connor for the run out. Even cooler head by Nick 3 balls later, picks up and beats the SE #11 in a race to the stumps.

Bails off. Mayhem ensues with hugs, kisses, high-fives and fist-bumps. Apparently the boys celebrated too.

**U12 Presidents Cup            Loss**

**Gee Shield                    No Game**

**U13 Presidents Cup                      Loss**

*HK&HDCA 11/77 (45 overs) (Tom Gohl 29, Jonathan Phoebus 19) def by Northshore 4/81 (31.2 overs) (Srivaths Narain 2/14, Riley Behlevanas 1/10, Ben Knox 1/17)*

It was a perfect day for cricket at Cheltenham. Hornsby won the toss and elected to bat first. Brody and Shraavan started positively but we lost wickets rapidly and were reeling at 7/36 after 20 overs, with Shraavan, Brody, Riley, Zack, Luke, Cap'n Jono and Rehan back in the pavilion. Tommy and Edwardo steadied the ship with careful batting after which Sri, Ben and the injured Ganan took the boys to the 45<sup>th</sup> over. The boys then went to a bitter lunch break.

With the outfield getting quicker some tight bowling was required. Tommy and Shraavan started the proceedings with 2 maidens each. Northshore were on the ropes with some economical bowling but did not lose any wickets. Ben and Riley claimed 1 wicket each. The game though within Northshore's grasp some control was wrestled back as Sri took 2 consecutive wickets. Eventually Northshore went on to win with a well-timed 4. Well done boys.

As a Team, Hornsby is progressing very well. The boys are inseparable and team morale is still high. As the infamous Ravi Shastri says '*The hands that give the wound must give the cure*'. Victory is just round the bend.

**Moore Shield                                      Loss**

**U14 Presidents Cup                      Loss**

**Weblin Shield                                      Loss**

**Hornsby 106 (41.5 overs) (A Johnston 51\*, T Loxton 24) def by Bankstown 4/107 (R Krishna 2/20) at Graham Thomas**

We won the toss for the first time this season and elected to bat to take advantage of what looked to be a flat pitch. It was evident early that Bankstown's tactics were to set a very defensive field and build pressure through a lack of easy runs. Unfortunately we lost Ryan, Will and Eko very early. Travis and Anthony then put their heads down and steadied the ship with an excellent 50+ partnership that featured some cracking straight drives. With the run rate starting to ramp up Travis (24) was out feathering an edge through to the keeper. Whilst the pitch was slow and the bowling tight the collapse that followed was self inflicted. We were all out for 106 in the 42<sup>nd</sup> over. Anthony top scored with 51 not out which, given the circumstances and conditions, was a great knock.

All the bowlers bowled pretty well with Daniel 1/8 off 8 and Rahul 2/20 off 7 the wicket takers. Bankstown lost three quick wickets to be 3/41 and were looking a little bit shaky but their middle order steadied and they passed our total in the 38<sup>th</sup> over. Another 50 runs would have made things very interesting but it was not to be.

Despite the loss the results in the other quarter-finals meant the boys made it through to the semis as the highest ranked loser. Always good to get the bad game out of the way before the semis. The boys can expect more slow bowling and defensive fields next Sunday against Parramatta and must be prepared to put their heads down and bat out their 60 overs. I think the boys are quietly confident about playing Parramatta who are newcomers to representative semi-final cricket.

Areeba areeba, undalay undalay, Hornsby!! Shubash, shubashi, Hornsby!! Come one let's go Hornsby!!

### **U15 Presidents Cup** **Win**

The team played Manly and was able to defend a score of 143 by bowling Manly all out for 91 in the 33rd over.

While the batting could have been better ( we thought a par score for the ground was 160) this was moderated by an up and down wicket depending on the length bowled. It was difficult to bat on.

It was good experience for the boys and they will be stronger for it.

Tom Randall started with an innings of 57 that showed good maturity. He started slowly and then accelerated when it was needed. Great effort.

The bowling is where we won the game I think. The boys bowled tightly and kept the score down to the required rate until wickets started to fall. Manly losing their first one on 8 and then 2 at 40. This put us well in the game.

By 64 runs we had them 7 down and Hornsby in a good position. Manly didn't give in however and with a scoring attitude went about trying to rescue the game. The bowlers stood up to the pressure and had them all out in the 33rd over for 91.

All the bowlers bowled well and shared the wickets. Pat Phillips created a brilliant run out for the second wicket that really lifted the team.

A good day all round with the game played in a great spirit.

### **Watson Shield** **Win**

Hosting the Qualifying Final due to an undefeated season Hornsby won the toss & elected to bowl.

Sharp fielding, reminiscent of their Forster Shield days of 5 runouts in a game, saw North Shore reeling with 3 runouts cutting any chance of a quick single after some tight bowling nabbing 3 catches and 2 lbw decisions.

North Shore finished with 8/170 clearly never going to be enough on the slick outfield of Barker.

And clearly it wasn't. With Ferraris parked in the shed Hornsby passed the total with 8 wickets left. In the 45<sup>th</sup> over the game was finished and the boys were looking to the semis. 51 to both J Anderson & D Hiedegger off 87 & 85 balls was a far better run rate than previous weeks and will be needed again in the semis if the boys are to look further into the final. Canterbury West are a far superior team to North Shore & will demand much more respect.

Good luck boys.

**U16 Presidents Cup                  Won**