



HK&HDCA Representative Newsletter

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Watson Shield – HK&HDCA 2/167 (R Tullia 67no, W Giacometti 36) def Camden 166

Weblin Shield – HK&HDCA 6/256 (F Wilson 62, M Wright 60, J Shaw 35, A Harvey 30) def Georges River St George 158

Moore Shield – HK&HDCA & Hills DCA 90 def Blacktown 83

Gee Shield – HK&HDCA 6/146 (J Hayes 60, C Rose 31) def Manly 145

Cawsey Shield – North Shore 2/139 def HK&HDCA 9/135

Creak Shield – Blacktown 8/176 def HK&HDCA 9/144 (O Jennings 61no, P Xie 28)

Foster Shield –Bankstown 4/105 def HK&HDCA 99 (J Nati 33no)

Match Reports

Watson Shield

In summary, a win for HKH with Camden bowled out for 166 in the 57th over and HKH 2 for 167 in the 45th over.

The memory of winning last year's U15 Weblin Shield for most of the boys is starting to fade as the new season kicks off. Round 1 for the Watson Shield saw us scooting down the M7 to Ingleburn to play Camden. By 9am it was already heating up as Ryan headed to the coin toss. This was lost and Camden decided to have a bat. The first 6 overs were miserly as Jack and Danusha opened the bowling but Danusha struck in the 7th and 9th overs (caught Dolly and LBW) to have them 2-16 despite an early injury scare. Runs were still rare and Kristoff picked up a wicket to have them 3-22. The next pair knuckled down and batted for 25 overs putting on a stand of 63 until Rahul swooped on a ball and the direct hit had them 4 down. Another small stand saw drinks taken. After the break, Anthony really got the team going with 2 wickets in 2 balls (caught Rahul and bowled) and we were on top again. From 6 – 115, Lachie bowled well to constrict the batsmen as Kristoff took a 2nd wicket (bowled) and Rahul again hand a hand in another run out. Sanjay took the 9th wicket courtesy of a good catch in the deep by Jack and by the time Travis hit the stumps direct and ran out the last batsman, Camden had compiled a total of 166 in the 57th over.

A good effort given the 30+ °C heat. A fantastic early start to have them reeling and then the strength to maintain the pressure throughout the latter parts of the innings.

Ryan and Will took to the field after lunch and set about to nullify the attack. And they did while running well between the wickets. After 10 overs, we were 38 without loss and few chances (if any) being given. They saw off the opening bowlers and saw the introduction of spin at both ends. This continued after the mini drinks break until Will was bowled for 36. A very good opening stand of 89 set up the remainder of the innings. Rahul joined Ryan in the middle and the runs continued to flow. A 30 run partnership was broken when Rahul was caught for 21 but he left with just 38 needed for victory. Travis joined Ryan and they closed out the innings in the 45th over. Travis was striking the ball sweetly and finished with 28 not out. Ryan batted throughout the innings and was 67 not out with a very well constructed innings.

A good first up win that gives the team confidence as we move to our 1st home game of the season next week.

Weblin Shield

Clear skies and bright sunshine welcomed players, families and our visitors to Barker College for the opening round of the Weblin Shield 2014. The team had a strong pre-season and was looking to get off to a positive start against Georges River St. George.

Our Captain Jamie Shaw won the toss and elected to bat on a beautiful hard wicket which had a flat surface and a nice green top, the outfield looking fast and runs galore available if we started well.

Matty Wright and Jamie opened up the batting and got us off to a steady start. Both batters were watchful with the GRSG bowlers offering some testing moments. By the 6th over, the score was 0-22 and the boys were starting to see the ball well, with Jamie cracking some lovely boundaries.

The partnership was only broken with the score on 81 after 23 overs when Jamie was run-out for 35. Matty was joined by Andrew Harvey who batted very strongly to score a powerful 30 with the partnership only broken in the 39th over and the score on 128. The bowling attack was now subdued and tiring as the temperature reached the low 30's.

Matty eventually went for a controlled 60, but the run-scoring momentum was maintained when Cooper Goddard came to the crease for a quick-fire 19. After Matty was dismissed, Fraser Wilson again put the opposition under pressure and hit 62. The home side only lost 6 wickets on its way to a huge total of 256 after 60 overs and the bowlers were licking their lips at the prospect of backing up the batsmen.

The home fans didn't have to wait long as Jacob Heinrich took his first competitive representative wickets after Josh Hayes dived forward to take a sterling catch. Josh lost some skin in the process, but there was no pain with the score on 1-8 after just 2 overs.

As the afternoon temperatures rose to the mid-30's, the bowlers just got stronger and stronger, taking wickets at regular intervals, despite some initial resilience from the top and middle order from GRSG.

At the half way mark, the spirit of the HK&H boys was soaring and the scoreline of 7-118 reflected their energy and dominance in the field. Another wicket for Jacob, two wickets for Josh Hayes and a first rep wicket for Sahil Sharma really had the boys rocking.

The tail was wagging after the tea interval and the spin of Quentin Cheng was causing all sorts of problems, especially when partnered by Jonno Cheng and the ever-consistent Liam Williams. The final wicket fell to a sharp catch from Captain Shaw off the bowling of Mitchell Blow and it was a case of 'job done, bring on round 2'.

Special thanks to Barker College for providing such wonderful facilities, the parents of HK&H for their wonderful support and a lovely, healthy afternoon-tea, the umpires for their work during a hot day and also to the parents and players from GRSG who we wish well for the remainder of the season.

Moore Shield

Hornsby won the toss and batted first in ideal conditions. Some lively bowling from Blacktown had Hornsby reeling at 5 for 40. The Hornsby tail had enough wag in it to eventually post a modest total of 90 runs. By the end of the innings Hornsby were scraping for any spare runs, to this end 13 runs off 26 balls from Riley and a 12 run 10th wicket stand between Rashad and Kyle proved pivotal.

10 cheap wickets were required for victory.

The bowling is best summarised by Keanan, Riley, Shiv, & Ben as a collective bowling 27 overs, for 7 wickets conceding 27 runs. Again these players alone would not be able to do manufacture a win.

Tom (3 overs 0-6), Kyle (3 overs 1-7) and Rashad (5 overs 1-12) probed early, Tom is an unsettling type of bowler, whilst the consistent Rashad made the early breakthrough. Once again Kyle was very effective at the back end of the innings in securing a match turning wicket. The value and effectiveness of Yushan is not reflected in his bowling figures, whispers from the Blacktown players in the grand stand attest to this. Conor (6 overs 0-15) always threatens, he looks confident. Keanan (5 overs 0-3) has an important role in the team, his underrated seamers literally bring the game to a standstill, this was very much the case on Sunday with three consecutive maidens at a vital stage of the game. Riley (3 overs 2-5) is very important in our spin quartet, he looks like a wicket taker. Ben (9 overs 1-8) impressed during the trials, very consistent, runs are so hard to come by off Ben, bowlers operating around him will reap the benefits. Shiv (10 overs 4-11) was outstanding, Shiv already a highly rated orthodox spinner benefitted enormously from pressure created by an exciting bowling line up.

The fielding was very good with a lot of energy evident from the boundary, the second effort required for the last 20 Overs was excellent. Druhua with 4 catches was a highlight, Riley 2 catches added to a fine all round game. Yushan is a good example of the desperation I call for. Ben with a fine catch on the boundary along with Jon were very safe in the outfield. A special mention to Nic behind the stumps, conceding only 1 bye whilst regularly keeping up to the stumps to medium pacers, he's always up beat behind the stumps.

A single run trial win against the Coast and a 7 run win against Blacktown is indicative where this team is at.

Gee Shield

On a hot, still morning Manly won the toss and elected to bat.

Ken & Connor got the season underway, tight but a couple of edges raced to the fence. Connor limped off after his second over and was replaced by Charlie. No wickets fell in the opening spell of 8 overs but score was restricted to 27.

Pace was taken off with introduction of Cooper and Vedant and runs slowed. Eshaan joined Vedant and with spin at both ends finally the breakthroughs were made. Ending an opening partnership of 49 in his first over Eshaan tempted the Manly bat into giving Cooper catching practice (thanks for not dropping it Coops or the Nightmares of Canberra might have come back). Next over the No. 3 decided he was going to show Vedant who was boss and.... headed back to the changing rooms stumped for a duck. Nice work Keiran. The 6 overs of combined spin went for 24 runs but a 3rd wicket, Eshaans second, dismissing the much-vaunted Manly #4, made it the crucial spell of the game and left Manly much quietened at 3-69 after 19.

Joe was next bowler up, his spell of 3 consecutive maidens with 2 wickets got rid of the stubborn Manly opener and the number 5, ably assisted by Nick at the other end, and ensured Manly were reeling at the mid-innings break having slipped from 0-49 to 5-82 in 10 overs.

After the break Manly's batting was circumspect (only 7 fours after the break). Connor was able to return to action and Ken cycled back through most of his previous bowlers plus trying Jordan and Pat to finish Manly off.

Resistance came from the Manly #6 and #8 who ensured the 6th and 7th wickets didn't come cheap (27 and 31 runs respectively) but all the Hornsby bowlers had their tails up and the runs were earned slowly. First Ken, then Charlie and then Connor took the middle order wickets which once again derailed Manly's steady progress with Connor and Ken then mopping up the last 2 wickets with a minimum of fuss, 145 all out.

Right on cue a nice cooling sea breeze greeted the Manly fielders after lunch with Joe and Jordan charged with launching the reply.

Both boys were able to dismiss nervous full tosses to the boundary in the first few overs getting the scoreboard moving nicely and both were settling well into their task when Joe got a streaky top edge and was caught. 1-24

Enter Charlie, probably Hornsby's most consistent performer over the back end of last season and in the warm-up games this. Hornsby needed a partnership from Jordan and Charlie and they got it. The boys batted calmly and purposefully from the 8th right up to the mid-innings break as the Manly fielders got quieter and quieter and the runs piled up.

With Hornsby at 1-79 after 25, and Charlie and Jordan rightly congratulated for a 50 run partnership, the game appeared to be Hornsby's but a couple of quick wickets after the break, firstly Charlie and then his replacement Nick, gave the boys (and parents') pause.

Thankfully both Keiran and Ken, at #5 and #6, were able to partner a tiring Jordan towards the finish line. Both majority scored in their partnerships of 16 and 33 respectively, running 1's and 2's well, as the end loomed.

Unfortunately Jordan didn't quite carry his bat, as his efforts deserved, perishing at 60, and a bad run out for Pat at the end meant the score of 146-6 in 43 overs gave a little bit too much credit to Manly, but this was a crucial game for Hornsby against last season's number 3 team and was a job well done.

Cawsey Shield

The boys had been training well and were looking forward to the game against North Shore who have caused problems in the past.

Winning the toss we elected to bat and got off to a solid start until Lachy Soles was given out LBW in the 9th Leg stump (a terrible decision acknowledged by our opponents and our umpire). The boys being a bit rattled became tentative and played far more cautiously rather than their usual commitment to hitting the ball - with North Shore bowling slow medium pacers and spinners it became hard to score, our total of 132 was not going to be enough.

When it came our turn to bowl the boys were not focused and lost the line and length, and North Shore decided to throw the bat, unfortunately we only got 2 wickets. There were some good signs, Varun who had a difficult start in his spell of bowling, came back and bowled a terrific 4 over spell, special mention to Jarred Baxter for his focus, top scoring with 25 and deserved a couple of wickets for his outstanding bowling. The boys are aware they need to lift and are now in a must win situation which I am sure they are capable of

Creak Shield

After 3 hard-fought trial matches the season proper was upon us. Captain Sean McAllister won the toss and put Blacktown in to bat on a very hot day at Harold Laybutt Complex at Blacktown Workers'.

The bowling was tight and the Blacktown openers struggled to get on top, being restricted to 0-28 after 12 overs with some great fielding from all the boys. Try as they hard as they could, Hornsby could not get a breakthrough and the score increased steadily to 110 before Blake Harris took an excellent catch at mid-on off Patrick Xie's bowling giving Hornsby their first wicket in the 35th over.

Hornsby then surged back. Sharp fielding at point by Ritish Manocha resulted in a run out, and this was followed by an excellent catch in the deep again by Ritish giving Patrick his second wicket, at 3-125. Will McCaroll's second spell produced two more wickets, with a caught behind by Riley Bower and a caught and bowled to dismiss their dangerous no 4. Hornsby finished strongly with hostile pace bowling from Alistair Weston who had two wickets in two balls and yet another run-out from Ritish, for Blacktown to finish on 8-176.

Sean McAllister, Oliver Jennings, Jackson Rishworth, Amardeep Gill and Shaan Bakshi bowled tightly but were wicketless. Notable figures were Patrick's 2-19, Alistair's 2-18 and Will with 2-33. 177 was always going to be hard to chase down, and there were early setbacks with two quick wickets falling, to some accurate pace-bowling. Patrick and Ollie then embarked on a partnership of 74, and the momentum shifted back to Hornsby.

Patrick was out soon after the drinks break for 28 and Hornsby were 3-84 after 28 overs. Blacktown were fired up after Patrick's wicket, and Hornsby then lost 5 wickets for 11 in the space of 6 overs, to good fielding and spin-bowling, leaving them on the back-foot at 7-95. Will and Amardeep contributed handy partnerships at the lower order, supporting Ollie, but it wasn't enough to chase down the total, with Hornsby finishing on an excellent 9-144, but losing by 33 runs.

Ollie Jennings batted for almost 3 1/2 hours, holding the innings together, on 61 not out. This was all the more remarkable given the 35C heat and the multiple body blows that Ollie took from an excellent bowling attack.

Coach Bruce Kimberley was happy with the way the boys had applied themselves in the field and never gave up chasing the total, and this should put them in good stead for the next match against Sutherland.

Thanks to Bruce, Shayne, and all the parents and grandparents for their support.

Foster Shield

After we found our way to Panania, beautiful hot weather turned up for the boy's first rep game and everyone was excited. The toss was won by Bankstown and they elected to bowl to take advantage of fielding in the cooler part of the day. Our opening pair Cam & Noah took the shine off the ball surviving to the 6th over after some accurate bowling. Then a great 51 run partnership between Jack (who had the top score of 33 runs) and Will put the team in a good position. With the change of bowling and the introduction of spin, five quick wickets fell for 4 runs which gave Bankstown the edge in a close game. Final score was 9/99 at the end of the innings.

After a nice BBQ lunch in the searing heat and lots of fluids, John lead the boys out on the field. After a quick warm up, Elijah & Avi opened the bowling and gave away very few runs with some excellent bowling and great fielding by the boys. After the 6th over 0/10 and the game had been neutralised. Wickets were hard to come by, as Bankstown's opening batsmen were very solid in defence. The break-through came in the 24th over with a great ball from Will, taking the wicket from the opening batsmen. With 10 overs to go, Bankstown needed 24 runs to win the game and accurate bowling from Oscar and Abhinav slowed the run rate considerably. The spectators where on the edge of their very hot seats as the game swung back in favour of Hornsby. Bankstown held strong and produced some great batting under pressure and won the game in the 39th over. It was a cliffhanger and a great experience for the boys.