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U16 Presidents Cup

HK&HDCA U (2/113) def Central Coast CA (109)

U15 Presidents Cup

Central Coast 110 def HK and HDCA 99

Hershpreet 4/20; Prashan 3/20

U14 Presidents Cup

Central Coast 6/205 def HK and HDCA 6/159

Shield Match Reports

Watson Shield

A beautiful day in Hornsby at Barker Oval. We lost the toss and had the opportunity to bowl at the North Shore team.

The two openers started well at 4 an over. A couple of chances off Kristoff in the field didn't help as they cruised past 50. Lachie stopped the rot bowling the opener with a partnership of 95. Soon after Jack pounced trapping the opener LBW. The spinners Rahul, Will and Tom attempted to tie them down but they were still travelling at 4 an over.

Two strong partnerships followed with Travis taking a key wicket and Danusha involved in a run out.

After that the wickets started to fall and the run rate plateaued. Jack and Danusha took a wicket each and the score continued with occasional boundary. A 2nd wicket to Danusha and a final wicket to Sanjay saw them close at 8 for 249.

A strong rebound in the field after North Shore were 2 for 125 at the halfway mark.

The Hornsby innings didn't have the best start with Will and Ryan falling to good catches. Shortly after Travis also fell to a catch -we were 3 for 32. Rahul and Oliver started rebuilding the innings. They put on a great 90 run partnership before Rahul was caught on 65. Oliver departed soon after for 43.

At this stage we needed 120 off 20 overs but wickets kept tumbling and the runs dried up. Some good rear guard action from Lachie with 21 together with Jack and Tom but the total was too far and we ended up all out for 193 off 55 overs.

Overall, we came up short on the day with lessons to learn across all facets of the game.

Weblin Shield

A very picturesque McQuade Oval in Windsor was the venue for round 3 of the Weblin Shield game against a Hawkesbury side that beat the HK&H boys last season quite convincingly. Captain Shaw lost the toss and the boys from the Hills were in the field for the first session of the day, bowling on a green pitch that looked like a batters paradise.

Josh Hayes and Mitchell Blow opened the bowling and as always, kept things relatively tight in the first spell. An early change saw Jacob get his chance and the impact was almost immediate, however, it was Josh who snaffled the first wicket of the day with a sharp catch from Quentin Cheng. Last years destroyer of HK&H was the next victim as Jacob claimed the second wicket and all of a sudden the hosts were struggling at 2/29 inside 10 overs. Coach Suji had demanded an improvement in the effort in the field after last weeks lackluster display and his words seemed to have a impact. The chat from the field was audible from the supporters who had made the trek to Windsor and were perched in the quaint grandstand.

That said, Nick Johnson from Hawkesbury played magnificently to score 84 with a wonderful mixture of controlled defence and aggressive hitting. He was however, running out of partners as the enthusiasm of the HK&H bowlers (Mitchell 2/28, Jacob 3/26, Josh 1/17, Quenti2/38 and Matty 1/13) backed by the energy in the field, regularly saw batsmen trudging off as the hosts limped to 194 all out inside 52 overs.

Jamie Shaw entered the arena determined to make up for last weeks run-out and played a dashing innings with his partner Matthew Wright. Both young men scoring briskly and spreading the field early with risk-free shots along the ground, especially square of the wicket. The first wicket falling in the 19th over with the score on 76, the platform was well set. Andrew Harvey joined Matthew at the crease in need of a confidence boost following a difficult start to the season and he met he challenge magnificently. His innings of 54 was wonderful in the rising heat of the afternoon and really set the boys up to win and move to the top of the table. His running between the wickets was decisive and quick and his shot selection demonstrated what he really is capable of. Josh (21n.o) and Quentin (14 n.o) guided the team home comfortably with 5 overs to spare with the boys now 2 wins from 3 and looking forward to the next challenge of a home game at Barker against Illawarra.

Special mention also goes to Jonno Cheng, Cooper Goddard, Liahm Williams and Sahil Sharma who delivered the kind of performances that all winning teams need. Cricket is a team sport and victories cannot be achieved by a few players. A total team effort is required and without contributions from these guys, todays result would not have been possible.

Thanks to Hawkesbury DCA for their welcome and afternoon tea, and also for the spirit in which their boys played the game.

Moore Shield

Whilst the loss was a bitter pill to swallow on the day, there were great cricket lessons learnt that cannot be practised in the nets.

ACT won a good toss and batted first. The Hornsby bowling plan again was well executed and created numerous chances, some which were converted into wickets. Kyle (3 overs 1 / 9) is developing as a pace bowler, key wickets in the first two games will do wonders for his confidence. Tom (2 overs 1 / 6) continues to make early breakthroughs. Yushan (7 overs 2 / 21) is very intimidating, his two top order wickets were batsman simply sparing at deliveries. There were two bowling highlights for the day, the first a six over spell from Keanan (4 overs 0 / 13) & Rashad (4 overs 0 / 21) that yielded 8 runs and created pressure for Shiv (6 overs 1 / 33) to take a clever stumping, secondly Connor (10 overs 4 / 40) was outstanding, threatening, then taking wickets with 10 overs of clever leg spin. Riley (5 overs 0 / 23), Ben (5 overs 0 / 31) probed without success.

Firstly let's not under estimate a couple of the ACT bowlers.

Shiv (52) and Connor (29) survived an onslaught from the ACT bowlers, good openers survive such barrages. Nic (31) always looks confident at the wicket, he was out unexpectedly, nevertheless momentum was maintained. The ACT heads were dropping, except for two ACT bowlers, one an aggressive left arm fast bowler. Druhva (29) & Yushan (14) batted extremely well to see off what was the ACT last throw of the dice. The ACT pressure had the desired effect with a run out the result. I think we all (Hornsby coach included) would like to play out the last hour again. Riley (12) provided a glimmer of hope but was ultimately caught up in the chaos.

Fielding still shows plenty of energy, Nic (3 catches, 2 stumpings, 0 byes) continues excellent form. Druhva is always alert, Yushan is a presence whilst Jon and Ben are busy.

There is no doubt we are a competitive side, we have bowlers and batsmen in form. This week North Shore expectations will be high, our own expectations are modest, sometimes this is a good base to operate from!

Gee Shield

Ken failed to deliberately lose the toss for the first time this season and, on a day when a gale blew for only the exact same 10 minutes as parents were (frantically) trying to erect shade shelters, but was otherwise a breathless day with an early sun that was ripening humans never mind tomatoes, and with an outfield that wasn't going to speed up later, made the logical rational decision to bowl first. And breathe.

For the first innings of the game the story was all about 5 bowling partnerships.

- 1) Ken & Connor 8-1-0-24 rr 3.0
- 2) Cooper & Charlie 8-4-3-13 rr 1.6
- 3) Vedant & Eshaan 8-2-0-12 rr 1.5
- 4) Raj & Joe 6-3-1-8 rr 1.3
- 5) A calm bit of Jordan & Everyone Else Rushing Around Like Headless Chooks 14-1-2-50 rr 3.6

Ken & Connor duelled with the solid GRSG openers; the majority of dot-balls would be punctuated by a few 2's, the slow outfield and long boundaries denying any 4's, those 2's coming from a combination of false and genuine shots that all benefitted from the pace and occasional bounce generated from our duo's efforts. A good tight spell that deserved a wicket or two.

Cooper and Charlie to the fore. With the pace considerably reduced and both boys hitting the necessary good line and length from the start the GRSG boys were clearly both flummoxed and really thirsty. Flummoxed because the next 14 balls contained only 1 run, and really thirsty because the 15th saw a sharp, acrobatic, leg-side stumping (nice work KK) off a medium pacer and that meant everybody could take early drinks. The contents of Coopers drink bottle were sent away for analysis when he took his and Hornsby's second wicket 3 balls after the restart with a beauty through the gate (Analysis Results : Water, Sugar, Human Ninja Hormone). Charlie's equally tight spell for 2 runs also got deserved rewards with a wicket in his 4th over. A great spell by the boys that left GRSG regrouping at 3-37 after 16.

Medium gave way to slow as Vipin allowed Sal to take the final car-park space Vedant and Eshaan took up cudgels. The boys whirled away, ever more economically, batsmen happy to leave where possible and block where obliged. A couple of LBW's were denied and a couple of uppish blocks fell to no-one as all the while the run-rate dropped towards 2.

With his first over Raj took us to drinks (3-51 after 25) and this time it was Joe drinking the Kool-aid. Whatever plans GRSG had for accelerating their output after the mid-innings break required an immediate rethink as Joe's first ball of the game swung beautifully for a plumb LBW. Raj and Joe really turned the screw through their 6 overs, giving up just 8 runs and taking the rate below 2 (4-57 from 30o).

Afraid they were missing out on the party, Ken and Connor returned, already warmed-up and delivered a killer blow. Seemingly bowling faster than their opening spells both had batsmen beaten for pace and bounce. Ken's 3 overs 3 wickets 7 runs included consecutive yorker wickets which gave him a shot at a hat-trick. Connor took a wicket when Jordy sprinted round from mid-off to catch a

straight (high) drive, and gave up only 2 scoring shots in his 3 overs. Score 8-68 after 36 overs and not a single boundary yet scored.

Scientists will study for years to discover what happened next. In a tragic sporting week of dumb animals being spooked by inanimate objects maybe our boys <prize for best end to this sentence>.

The boys were running a couple of overs behind on time and, whilst Jordan joined the group of slower bowlers who were rewarded for discipline with a wicket in his 3 over spell (making it 9-78 after 41), the rest of the bowlers were rushing, jogging back to their mark, and some of their bowling became loose.

The number 10 and 11, probably none too enamoured by their own colleagues efforts, cashed in on the wider bowling; a 4 was even hit (the horror!) and GRSG's best partnership of the day saw 46 runs in the last 10 overs. The (admittedly relative) madness was only ended in the 50th over when Charlie tempted the #11 into a drive and the ball was toed to Ken at cover. 10-118 was a fine effort, but the unnecessary rushing at the end had probably added 30 runs. Let's hope quotient doesn't haunt them later.

For the second innings of the game the story was all about 1 batting partnership.

Joe and Jordan faced-off against not one, but two tall fast left-arm bowlers. Pace, bounce and carry were evident and the boys respectfully took just 5 runs from the first 5 overs. At the first sign of loose bowling Jordan pounced and the scoreboard ticked up to 22 after 7 when a rare event indeed occurred. Joe was the victim of an (unwarned) Mankad dismissal. Man, that was a long drive home.

But then Lady Karma rode onto the pitch on her trusty steed That'llTeachYouToBeMeanToMyKid and Jordan and Charlie set about building the 103-run partnership that would win the game.

The journey wasn't without event, Charlie dropped at square-leg springs to mind, but largely the boys adopted the right attitude to winning the game and picked off the weaker and increasingly despondent bowling with good shot selection. Jordan showed us some good straight work drives and Charlie was, as ever, very harsh to anything on the leg-side. GSRG rotated through 7 bowlers in their hunt for the wicket but even the returning opening bowlers couldn't disturb the set batsmen.

Jordan celebrated a deserved 50 and would surely have been joined by Charlie but for the slight inconvenience of the game ending. The pair, perhaps tiring, slowed a little towards the end but no matter, job done.

Creak Shield

BYE

Foster Shield

Another brilliant clear, sunny Sunday for cricket with a moderate breeze to keep the temperature comfortable. Georges River St George Cricket Association (GRSGCA) won the toss and elected to bat. Our bowlers began well and were backed up by the fielding, before the first wicket fell to Will (1/17) with a spectacular catch at gully from Jack. HKHDCA kept the opposition to (1/46) at the 20 over drinks break. From this point in the game the runs started to come a lot quicker and the wickets hard to come by with a few chances going the way of Georges River. Only two more wickets were to fall, the first to the bowling of Elijah (1/21), with a catch behind by Cameron. The second a run out. The opposition closed their innings at 3/143.

A lovely lunch was prepared by the opposition which went down a treat and many thanks on behalf of HKHDCA.

Our turn to bat and the target of 143 achievable knowing we needed a lot of running between the wickets as the outfield was rather sandy and slowing the ball on the way to the boundary.

The opening pair, Elijah (32) and Cameron (21) remained at the crease until just after the 20 overs drinks break when Cameron was dismissed as the run rate needed to accelerate. When the next 5 wickets fell for 27 runs, we were in trouble and the game was getting away. A close attacking field by St George saw them keep us to 6/92 with Max (2) and Abhinav (4) at the crease at close.

Overall, some more valuable lessons for the HKHDCA boys to learn from this match on playing as a team.

Presidents Cup Match Reports

U16 Presidents Cup

HK&HDCA U16 Presidents Cup (2/113) def Central Coast CA U16 Presidents Cup (10/109)

The U16 Presidents Cup team has struggled for team members so far this season, a number of players have withdrawn injured, others have withdrawn, and for this game we had a further two out and Tom Randall filling in for the Watson Shield team.

New members to the team for this season from last are: Harry Broughton, Jackson Lofts, Parthraj Sarvaiya, Tom Summerhays and Mark Tobin. To assist us this week Grace Junkkari, Daniel Berry and Joe Robinson filled in.

The team held Central Coast to 109 runs in their 50 overs through some tight bowling and fielding. Ben Parker 3 for 6, Parthraj Sarvaiya 2 for 16, Mark Tobin 2 for 13 and Daniel Berry 2 for 11.

With the bat we passed Central Coasts total in the 23rd over with Peter Lautre 63 and Jackson Lofts 37no.

Thanks also to Todd Williams and Craig Lofts who are sharing the coaching duties, and to Jane Randall for taking on the managers role.

U15 Presidents Cup

Central Coast: 10/110 of 36 overs

Hershpreet 4/20; Prashan 3/10

HKHDCA: 10/99 off 50 overs

James 15; Josh 15; Justin 13; Tyger 13; Pat 12

It was a lovely trip up the freeway to Kariong for our first trial game of the season. Unfortunately, earlier in the week we lost Luke for the season with a knee injury and with Grace filling in for the U16 team and Divvy away, we welcomed both our reserves Rishab and Brent to the team for the game. The ground was dry and rough and a good experience for the players new to a turf pitch.

Captain James Brown won the toss and elected to bat. Unfortunately, it wasn't our day with the bat and we lost a couple of quick wickets to be 3/44 off 21 overs. The pressure was on. Our middle order tried desperately to stabilize but with the ball slow to run, we had to work very hard for our runs and some rushed running and miscommunication at our tail end left us at a disappointing 10/99 off 50 overs.

The boys fired up at lunch, determined to make Central Coast work hard in the afternoon session and we came out fighting as a team. We didn't wait long for the action – Hershpreet sending the stumps flying on the second ball of the session and the Central Coast opener back to the sheds wondering what had just happened. The boys worked hard in the field and a beautiful catch by Nick off the bowling of Brent saw Central Coast at 2/31 of 11 overs. Rishab contributed a fantastic LBW in his fourth over and our spirits were high. 10 runs later Prashan got the next breakthrough, another LBW. Hershpreet wanted some more of the action, taking another wicket before Captain James came on to bowl. James befuddled the opposition, and ended up with bowling figures of 1/26 off 10 overs. James combined with Justin taking a wicket in his second over of the day – Justin taking a superb impossibly low catch in slips. Suddenly we were 6/74 off 24 overs and Central Coast looked worried. 3 runs later and a beautiful catch taken by wicketkeeper Josh off the bowling of Prashan kept the momentum going. Confusion amongst the batting pair after a difficult (and painful) stop by Tyger saw an easy run out. Hershpreet took the final two wickets, bowling the opposition out to finish the game. Central Coast finished up with a final score of 10/110 after 36 overs.

It was a good start, with the team adjusting to several new players on the team as well as a new Coach, Shishu. There is plenty of potential going forward. Good effort boys!

U14 Presidents Cup

Hornsby V Central Coast Trial Game

With a new coach, a new Captain and a number of players making their rep debut, the Hornsby U14's Presidents Cup team arrived at Mt Kuring-gai oval to take on the Central Coast.

The game was played very much as a trial with all the players on both teams given the opportunity to have a bat and bowl.

Central Coast won the toss and elected to bat scoring 6 for 205 from 50 overs.

The Hornsby bowlers had to work hard throughout the innings, as there was little assistance through the air or off the pitch and a fast outfield. The outstanding figures for Hornsby were Brody Paisley 1 for 7 from 4 overs, Brody Camp 1 for 8 from 4 overs, Shravan Divakaria 0 for 3 from 4 overs, Srivaths Narain 2 for 25 from 5 overs, Ronan Shiels 1 for 20 from 5 overs and Cameron Lobo 1 for 29 from 8 overs, but all the bowlers will be better for the experience gained from today's trial.

Hornsby in reply made no real attempt to chase down the Central Coast's total, with the priority being for batsman to take the opportunity to spend some time in the middle.

Hornsby finished their innings at 6 for 159 with special mentions for Shravan Divakaria who opened the innings making a very good 28, returning after being retired. Jack Towner who was retired for 26 and Brody Camp who was also retired for 34. The positive being all the batsman made starts and displayed the potential to be successful at rep level.

From a coaches point of view it was the first opportunity to see the players in a game situation and despite the result there were a lot of positives and lots of upside as well as areas identified where, as a team, we will need to improve before our first competition game.