



## **HK&HDCA Representative Newsletter**

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# Shield Match Reports

## Watson Shield

Watson Shield

Summary : A win against Hawkesbury (shortened to 50 overs due to rain)

Hornsby : 4 for 229 off 50 overs (Ryan 80, Travis 52, Oliver 31, Nick 26)

Hawkesbury : all out for 167 off 46 overs (Danusha 2-26, Jack 2-14, Rahul 2-49, Lachie 2-19)

The trip to Richmond did not bode well as we drove through the rain and found the turf pitch was uncovered. However, after a quick roll by the groundsman, the game started slightly late shortened to 50 overs.

Will and Ryan had a good opening partnership of 31 before Will departed. Rahul joined Ryan and had another partnership in the 30's before Rahul fell to the spinner. Ryan welcomed Travis and they set about their task quickly. They had an excellent partnership of 99 with boundaries and quick singles before Ryan was dismissed for an excellent 80. Soon after Travis, who had just reached his 50, lost his wicket trying to up the run rate. Oliver and Nick then decided they were in for the afternoon. They stayed through to the end working the balls into the gaps with Oliver and Nick finishing on 31 and 26 respectively. The score ended up 4 for 229 – a very defensible total.

Danusha didn't take long to put a dent in the opening pair taking two wickets in his second over. Sanjay and Kristoff bowled in tandem without success. The next pair batted well before a direct hit from Ryan sent the batsman back to the pavilion. The next batsman really upped the ante. Tom and Travis, among others, bowled to these in form batsman. They travelled well for 10 overs before one attempt too many to clear the boundary fell in the hands of Will on the fence off Lachie's bowling. Lachie had second soon after as their main batsman was bowled. This caused the runs to dry up and wickets fell. Jack had a double wicket maiden with a bowled and LBW. Sanjay bowled the 8<sup>th</sup> batsman and Rahul tied up the tail with a stumping and a catch to Kristoff. Hawkesbury all out for 167 and win by 62 runs.

A good batting performance with much learned on how to bowl and field when two batsman are really going for it.

Picture : the team taking advantage of the local playground for a team talk.



## **Weblin Shield**

## **Moore Shield**

“There is no secret why teams bat first after winning the toss.....Runs scored allow the bowling team to dictate the game”

Once again Hornsby bowlers opened with a lot of enthusiasm. Tom (5 overs 0/18) was unlucky. Kyle (8 overs 3/32) bowled lively early and prevented a N.S. onslaught with key wickets late. Spin was going to be pivotal for Hornsby, the windy conditions were difficult for bowlers to maintain control, there was also a thought that the wind may be equally difficult for batsman. Shiv (10 overs 4/39) made some vital break throughs. Connor (5 overs 1/11) is bowling very consistently, ironically his wicket came off his worst delivery. Ben (4 overs 0/15) is steady, he looks good at this level. Riley (3 overs 0/15) provides a good go to option. Yushan (5 overs 1/21) is bowling quickly, and could easily have had a few more scalps. Keanan (5 overs 0/19) was right on the money bowling into the gale, the edge of the bat did Keanan no favours. Rashad (5 overs 0/20) was tidy and could easily have had a couple of wickets for less runs. In trying conditions the bowlers as a whole did well.

North Shore set a gettable target of 198.

Hornsby started slowly, survival was important, again the seasons batting find Connor saw off the early N.S. bowling with Shiv. Yushan (55) and Nic (40) regained the ascendancy to place Hornsby in with a real chance. N.S. with runs on the board were in a position to set a field to dry up the Hornsby runs. Jon (13 no) and Riley (12) played some good shots late in the day.

Fielding is very good, Druhva always gives 100%. Nic is having a great season 2 catches 2 stumpings. Riley, Ben and Jon are very good ground fielders.

Looking at the final result Hornsby possibly needed to reduce the N.S. total by about 20 runs, and maybe score an extra 20 runs by turning 1's into 2's and looking for more singles. In the final analysis N.S. hit 11 fours in their total whilst Hornsby hit 15 fours. To be fair this is a new Hornsby batting line up and it does take time, the N.S. batting line up is well established.

The batting and bowling stats provided by John is an outstanding tool for players to view and do analysis where they may be able to improve their games.

I will also take this opportunity to compliment the parents on the quality of the lunches. Firstly, the idea of lunch makes a lot of sense, the variety of sandwiches, wraps cakes and fruit are easily the best in the competition. Thanks again.

## Gee Shield

CC won the toss and elected to bat; overnight rain had delayed the start by mere minutes and a full day's cricket, played in increasingly windy conditions, ensued.

Ken was pumped up, no doubt, possibly too pumped-up and couldn't find his length. Frustration led to ever faster bowling but the CC batsmen lapped up the width. Connor found his groove after an expensive first over and bowled three more for two runs. Nevertheless CC were in the driving seat at 0-44 after 8.

Not for the first time this season the breakthrough came about from slower bowling. Charlie and Cooper dished up a perfect 6 over spell; a wicket each and only 20 runs conceded with both the CC star batsmen out of the way. 2-64 after 14.

Vedant then took up residence at one end, bowling 10 leggie overs straight through in partnerships with Nick, Eshaan and Jordan.

Vedant and Nick both created chances, couple of shots in the air landed agonisingly between fielders, edges flew through, but the wickets wouldn't come and over the 9 overs 39 runs did. 2-103 after 23.

Eshaan and Vedant shared 4 fairly uneventful all-spin overs which went for just 13. The CC #2 and #4 were well settled now, celebrating a 50-run partnership, and it started to look like the boys would be chasing 200 in the afternoon.

Finally a change of bowler brought the wicket. Jordan and Vedant shared 7 overs for 34 runs – the batsmen started to try and get after Vedant's final couple of overs but at the other end Jordan ripped the CC top/middle order wide open. With 3 wickets in 4 overs to Jordan the CC were suddenly human and the increasingly quiet Hornsby boys were suddenly re-animated. 6-150 after 34 overs.

Cooper deservedly returned and whilst Jordan finished his spell with 3 more overs for just 5 runs Cooper then took out the last of the recognised CC batsmen in a fantastic 3 overs 2-for-2 spell. Combined with Jordan the partnership was 6 overs 2 wickets 7 runs and left CC at 8-157 after 40.

The opening bowlers were in danger of missing out by now and so returned for their second spells. The CC tail only lasted 19 more balls; Ken took out the stumps for wicket number 9 and then sharp fielding off the first ball of Connor's second over saw a run-out and the Central Coast all out (for only the second time in 4 years of Shield cricket) for 165 with 7 overs unused.

With a genuine chance of defeating their closest rivals and last-years Grand Finals nemeses how sad is it to report that lunch was the highlight of the rest of the day.

Joe and Jordan started solidly, 20 runs in 8 overs with no real dramas before Jordan got one that kept horribly low and bowled him.

Charlie came to the wicket and we were applauding the four he hit off the second ball he faced before we realised the umpire had instead given Charlie out LBW. Mr Reliable removed from the equation.

Joe was settling in well and shared another 20 run partnership with Nick before the CC spinner came on and all hell broke loose. Joe bottom edged a short one onto his stumps, Nick flashed and edged

to slip, Ken's first aggressive shot was a mis-timed pull into square-legs hands, Vedant was run-out 4th ball on a suicide mission and then Keiran was stumped stepping out of his crease.

2-42 had become 8-55 in a spell less than 8 overs.

With the very real prospect of the ignominy of being asked to bat again looming, Hornsby are thankful for the defensive efforts of the remaining batsmen Pat, Connor and Raj.

It was painful at times (16 runs in 16 overs, any one ?) but Pat and Connor stuck to the task and saw off the prospect of the follow-on. Neither boy has had much of a chance so far this season so it was edifying to see them rise up to the challenge.

Connor fell eventually and the equally under-cooked Raj took his place. With Pat despatching a couple of late fours and Raj looking to score more quickly the boys were able to get the score up to 97 before Raj fell caught and bowled to a slower ball.

## **Cawsey Shield**

The fish pond near the pitch at Thornleigh due to rain made us move to Warrina Oval after pitch inspection. Unfortunately on arrival at Warrina, we discovered that the fish pond had travelled with us too. However the ever reliable support cast (parents) swung into action. Blowers, brooms (no witches though), buckets, sand and wire-brushes were brought in to get the pitch match fit. Dirty hands and proud smiles justified the state of the pitch at 10.30am.

The umpires called for action at 11.30. More drama unfolded as Blacktown having won the toss and electing to field protested that the pitch was too slippery to bowl. So after just 2 balls, the match was rescheduled to 12.30 with 29 overs a side.

Then the fireworks started. Jack unleashed his batting heroics as Blacktown wilted under his onslaught. Lachy Soles on the other end was looking good and playing well when he was caught going for quick runs. That brought in Lachy Shaw. Playing to all parts of the ground, Lachy showcased his batting prowess as the pair put on a 60 run partnership at 5 runs an over. Will came in after Jack was run out going for a quick second run. The tempo continued as Will played a good cameo. We lost Yash, Jordan and Menuja going for quick runs to set up a good score. We finished up with 132/6 off 29 overs - a very good score under the circumstances and a slow outfield.

Not satisfied with the happenings of the morning, Aeolus was keen to outdo Zeus as the weather gods continued to impose themselves on the day's proceedings. The wind picked up as tents, score sheets and bails went flying. We had trouble with the BBQ while the ladies did a great job in restricting the damage to flying plates/cutlery and salad.

Back to the field and the second innings; the boys had a point to prove from their loss to Blacktown at the T20 in Canberra. Lachy Shaw and Jarod opened the attack with tight bowling. If the Blacktown batters thought that they would have respite from the other bowlers, they were wrong. Ryan, Varun and Sol followed the opening bowlers with some terrific bowling. There was pace and accuracy and the batters could not score off our bowlers. We restricted them to just 78/6.

The umpire from the previous match had acknowledged our fielding as being the best he has seen in his 23 years of umpiring. If he was to witness the boys' performance on Sunday, he would have been speechless. The boys put on a stunning display as they dived, chased and attacked the ball with athleticism and energy. With Corey backing up the team's performance behind the stumps, it was a brilliant effort from the entire team. Well done, boys.

## **Creak Shield**

The boys were ready to go this Sunday morning – despite the early morning rain, it mercifully stopped and the game was on in Smithfield against the Fairfield/Liverpool boys. And so it began with Blake and Riley opening the batting.

After a nice start, it then became a partnership between Oliver and Blake, then Blake and Sean and then Toby and Sean. But it was the partnership of Sean and Alistair that set the game up for the team. A formidable partnership of no less than 90 runs for the boys gave us all some wonderful viewing.

Alistair went on to achieve his personal best run rate of 73 runs. What an incredible achievement, well done to Al!

Will and Jackson also put on an important 15 run partnership to give us a competitive total of 187.

The second innings began and Fairfield Liverpool's opening batting pair put on a terrific start of achieving 76 runs.

Through the middle part of the innings we just couldn't take the wickets we needed to and a nail biting end saw the scores tied after the second last delivery of the innings and Fairfield Liverpool scoring two runs off the last ball to win the game.

It wasn't all bad, our bowling highlights included Oliver Jennings 1 for 27 off 10 overs and Blake Harris 1 for 22 off 10.

It was a close match, credit to the Fairfield Liverpool lads.

## **Foster Shield**

It turned out to be a four seasons in one day, type of day for the Round 4 match against North Shore at Northholm Grammar. The rain stopped half an hour before play was scheduled to start, the sun appeared and the wind began and didn't relent.

HKHDCA lost the toss and North Shore chose to bat first on a wettish wicket. The decision looked to be in our favour with the batsmen finding the ball keeping low and skidding through. On the other hand the ball proved rather slippery early on for our boys in the field.

A good economic opening spell from Avi (0-2) and Oscar (0-41) before being backed up by Elijah(2-24) and Jack(2-24) with some tidy bowling. Elijah also took a magnificent catch off the top edge down at fine leg in a howling wind off the bowling of Jack (Jonty Rhodes eat your heart out).

Things looked good with North Shore at 3-32 after 11 overs and the top three batsmen dismissed. Three more wickets were to fall. A catch to wicketkeeper and captain Noah off the bowling of Jack. A catch to wicketkeeper Cameron off the spin of Austin(1-12). Max(1-10) then took middle stump from a ripper of a first delivery.

The last ten overs proved very expensive for our boys with N.S. putting on 76 runs and finishing with 6-183.

We were up for a big chase and then were informed we'd have only 37 overs instead of 40 to do it in. The wind may have had a little to do with not getting through the overs as quick as normal with players hats and boundary cones being continually chased and the added novelty of the scorers gazebo launching off and being destroyed.

The opening batsmen Elijah(13) and Cameron(17) stood up in defence to the N.S. bowlers but the runs needed to flow.

Jack(10), Noah(12) and Max(12) all made great starts with some fine cricket shots but were unfortunately dismissed when beginning to look comfortable.

Two unneeded run outs at critical stages of key batsmen also not helping the cause.

Our boys finishing at 8-95 after 37 overs well short of the oppositions 183.

Gallant in defeat, but with some more valuable experience and lessons learnt to take into Round 5 and the future.

# Presidents Cup Match Reports

## U16 Presidents Cup

HK&HDCA U16 Presidents Cup 10/105 def Penrith U16 Presidents Cup 10/84

The game was 30 minutes late starting due to the rain. Once the covers were put away and the teams had warmed up, we went out for a bat after winning the toss.

As it was a trial game, batting orders were changed around as were the bowling orders. Mark top scored with 26 with Kyle, Oliver, Harry, Peter and Daniel all reaching double figures. At 10 wickets we had 105 runs on the board.

Bowling honours were taken out by Ben with 4/17 followed by Tom with 3/37 with Harry, Mark, Oliver and Grace also taking wickets. Penrith posted 84 runs by the time they were 10 wickets down.

Both innings carried on following the 10th wickets, so that the coaches could see each of the players in action. Thanks must also go to Joe Robinson and Mailik Asghar who filled in for the day.

## **U15 Presidents Cup**

With pouring rain all the way to Cambridge Park, we weren't sure we would get a game. Luckily the skies cleared early for us, but along with the sun came a gale of wind which persisted all day. Brent and Rishabh are both now confirmed players in the team for the upcoming season.

This week we again batted for the morning session. James Brown opened the batting and was the best for the day lasting 26 overs for a very hard earned 19 runs. Pat (11) Nick (14), Divy (12) and Prashan (15) contributed well and took us to 10/104 at the close of the morning session.

The boys worked hard throughout the afternoon session, taking on not only the Penrith batsmen but also the wind. An excellent stumping by Pat off the bowling of James gave us our first (and much needed) wicket. Nuwan's sharp catch and some brilliant fielding by Brent off his own bowling to instigate a run out, an LBW by Hershpreet, a sky high catch taken right on the boundary by Brent off the spin bowling of Tyger and Prashan's clean bowled wicket late in the afternoon session round off the highlights of the day.

The boys now have one Sunday off before the start of the season.

## U12 Presidents Cup

Hornsby lost the toss and were surprised by the oppn decision to send us in with the bowlers run ups still soft from the early rain.

Openers Corey (16) and Jayden (21) put on a solid start and allowed Zac (33 ret) and Lachlan (18 ret) to consolidate our position. Whilst Shaan and Sam missed out today, Jude (18 ret) and Louis (24 ret) both played their shots and moved the score along at a good rate. Oliver (11) quick scoring Jono (35 ret) and James (12no) helped push the score past the 200 mark with some late hitting.

Thank you to the families and helpers for the effort in providing a great lunch for all.

The 1st 15 overs in the field saw the bowlers struggle with the wind in their 1st overs, but we picked up three wickets Jono (2/17) James (2/24) Shaan (1/11) and kept the oppn to under 3 an over. Our 3 spinners Oliver, Jayden and Zac maintained the pressure at 3r/o and bowled without luck. Louis( 2/9) and Lachlan (2/7) put the game beyond any doubt with good line and length. Ben had the batsmen in trouble at times and Corey finished off the game with a wicket in his only over.

A great team performance.

Areas of improvement are the number of extras(34) conceded and the concentration and awareness over 50ov which led to some dropped chances and missed opportunities.

## U11 Presidents Cup

HK and HDCA 8/134 def Penrith 3/130

After a rain-threatening morning, our real issue today was the wind (which saw Warren's gazebo trashed). The boys arrived with an air of keenness for their first rep outing, and our proud parents all took a polaroid moment; enthusiasm abounding.

Coach Colin had their attention from the first training drill, and they took that sharpness onto the field (having lost the toss), bowling first.

Ben Fi opened the bowling, committing his opponents to full balls on line for a very tidy spell, setting the scene for a tight opening. Nilesh opened from the other end with a maiden, returning 0-7 from his 4 overs.

Mikesh made the first breakthrough (off his first rep cricket ball this season), with little Max catching a full blooded cut-shot deep in a squarish position.

Other notable bowling performances included Ben Fa's 3 tight overs for 6, and Blakes' 4 overs returning 1 for 4.

On the batting front, it was obvious from the first front-foot defensive that Kyal brought an element of Rep experience to the team, showing the value of fending off the opening quicks. (He would later re-emerge from early retirement to hit the winning runs, finishing unbeaten on 20).

Other contributors with the bat included Ben Fi (retired) on 13, Billy showing delightful pull shots with 20 at an important stage, and an unbeaten 19 from Nilesh.

Some of our other boys will benefit from a front-foot defensive approach. Cricket really is a game of confidence.

Thankyou to Coach Colin, Umpires Paul, Murray and Rob, and Scorers Chris, Suresh (and understudy Uma). There's a good vibe already for the season-proper.

Thanks also to a very generous and hospitable Penrith outfit, having retired 7 batsmen, and providing a most colourful afternoon tea. Captain Ben F replied on behalf of our boys in thanking our opponents, and the parents of our team.

This game got the boys past their first Rep milestone, and we will improve from here. Most importantly, the boys encouraged each other and certainly enjoyed the experience. If we can keep to this standard of camaraderie, then the next outing should build a platform to round 1 of the competition.