



HK&HDCA Representative Newsletter

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We have 4 teams have made the quarter finals – Cawsey, Gee, Weblin and Watson

There were two PC trial games against Central Coast, U11 and U12. The full Presidents Cup rounds start this Sunday.

The round 5 Shield results were:

Watson Shield – Under 16s: Round 5

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 3/311 (R Krishna 133no, T Loxton 124no, R Tullia 46) def Penrith 243 (M Tobin 4/37)

Weblin Shield – Under 15s: Round 5

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 7/93 (A Harvey 45) def Penrith 92 (S Sharma 3/6, J Hayes 3/9)

Moore Shield – Under 14s: Round 5

Northern District 2/120 def Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 4/119 (N Andreou 60no) and 8/93

Gee Shield – Under 13s: Round 5

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 2/65 def Inner West Harbour 62 (V Virmani 5/18) and 2/39

Cawsey Shield – Under 12s: Round 5

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 6/157 (C Miller 44no, Y Patel 36no) def Sutherland 9/154

Creak Shield – Under 11s: Round 5

Canterbury & Western Suburbs 7/162 def Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 105

Foster Shield – Under 10s: Round 5

Canterbury & Western Suburbs 7/120 def Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 72 (B Robinson 3/22) and 1/36

Presidents Cup trial results

U12 Presidents Cup HKHDCA 6/196 def Central Coast 10/57 & 10/34 off 45 overs

U12 Presidents Cup HK and HDCA 5/60 def by Central Coast 7/72 (20 over match)

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Match Reports

Watson Shield

Rahul 133 no, Travis 124 no, Ryan 46, Mark 4 for 37, Danusha 2 for 42

Round 5 vs Penrith saw us at home at Barker. The day was hot, hot, hot but we were glad we weren't out at Penrith.

We lost the toss and were (surprisingly to us) sent in to bat. Before long, a mix up saw Will run out. Rahul joined Ryan and the score started to move. They took their time accumulating runs and as the heat increased. They put on a solid 86 run partnership before Ryan was caught for 46. Rahul continued with Travis as they put their foot down. They worked the singles and occasional boundaries as the fielders felt the rising mercury. They made the opposition pay as the 4's and 6's continued. At the end of the 60 overs Hornsby had put on 311 with Rahul 133 no and Travis 124 no carving a fantastic unbeaten 224 run partnership. A very well paced innings on a very hot day. After a welcome lunch break, we returned to the field ready to face the heat. In the 5th over, Danusha had the opener caught and bowled after an early flurry of runs. The next pair settled in taking some risky singles but aiming to tire the fielders. Will, Jack and Lachie all bowled in this period with Lachie gaining the break through with the score on 98 with an LBW decision. Kristoff soon after caught the edge (caught by Nic (keeper)) and they were 3 down. Mark then took the wicket of their top scorer and then followed it up with a double wicket maiden to put a brake on proceedings. Danusha chimed in with his second wicket (lbw) and they had lost 4 wickets for 1 run. Will returned and caught and bowled their 8th batsman. The last batsmen hung around before Mark had his 4th wicket and Jack had the last batsman caught by Ryan. In the end they made 243 off 58 overs resulting in a 68 run win for the team.



Weblin Shield

Moore Shield

Gee Shield

Cawsey Shield

Creak Shield

The boys couldn't help feeling slightly hard done by, having had one round lost to a bye, meaning after a season of only 3 competitive games the Creak Shield boys were facing an early exit from the competition. Stiff opposition was served up for our final game which was against last year's finalists Canterbury and Wests. Determined to learn from a close defeat where we threw the game away at Fairfield, and a school-master's stern telling-off from coach Bruce Kimberley that soon followed, the Hornsby boys were determined to put on a better show. At Thornleigh Oval the Creak shield pre-match rituals were underway: the throngs arrived with cars full of food and foldaway chairs, the siblings and grandparents brave enough to emerge into the heat arrived, Hector's Hydroponic marquee was assembled and then carried to the other end of the oval, and Pete and Rob's support awnings were constructed.

The toss was lost and we would be fielding. The boys were hydrated up to their eyeballs, with sunscreen and baggies providing extra protection. They emerged from Hector's tent ready to take the field as the temperature hit the high 30's at 10am. Bowling was not going to be easy, but Amardeep Gill and Shaan Bakshi kept things tight with little for the Canterbury openers to hit. Amardeep went close with three balls beating the outside edge and a top edge that fell short of the keeper. Toby Pilbeam behind the stumps, caught a bouncer from Amardeep on the side of the head, and had to be rested for a few overs whilst displaying an imprint of six-stitches of the ball on his forehead. The fielding had a sense of urgency and was a huge improvement on last week. There was even a sense of frustration creeping in from the Canterbury openers who could only make do with singles.

Suddenly a wicket materialised in the ninth over through pressure building through tight bowling, with Riley Bower at keeper throwing down the off stump with a direct hit, as the openers dared to take on his arm. After the first break at 12 overs and 1-40, the heat really picked up. Sean McAllister turned to his spin bowling trio of Blake Harris, Oliver Jennings and Will McCarroll. Canterbury's no3, the gun batsman, was looking to assert but was not reading the spin very well. A delivery from Blake found some extra bounce and he top-edged to a brilliant diving catch from Patrick Xie, running in from fine leg, 2-76. The spinners then bowled quite superbly, Will was causing trouble with his flight, a sharp caught and bowled was put down, but he followed it up with a caught behind from Riley at 3-114.

A really tight phase of the game followed with neither team truly breaking away. At 42C even the cockatoos had become quiet and anyone with any sense was indoors; all the more remarkable that the boys from both sides kept on plugging away playing hard cricket. The run rate had dropped from to about 3 an over. Ritish Manocha claimed a wicket with his skiddy inswingers, and Jackson Rishworth bowled tightly at the end. The total was 7-162, with the spinners taking 5 wickets; Ollie 2-31, Blake 1-26 and Will 2-32. With the boys very capable of scoring totals of 150+ this season the target of 163 was well within our sights.

As soon as Blake and Alistair Weston strode out to bat, the cloud cover suddenly appeared and the temperature dropped by about 5 degrees. The Canterbury attack was shrewd and accurate and we soon had lost both our openers. Blake to sharp inswing, and Alistair to a remarkable catch that was parried from first slip to second slip, who then grabbed the catch one handed on the second attempt inches off the ground. Oliver and Patrick came together and were steady with an excellent left hand

right hand combination. The partnership of 58, was finally broken when Ollie, who had been very watchful, struck a full ball to square leg for 34. Patrick who was commanding was run out for 30 and the Canterbury boys celebrated as they knew a key wicket was theirs. Like our first match at Blacktown, we could not get stability and the wickets tumbled, the Canterbury bowlers who had been tight, finally got on top and Hornsby were all out for 106 in the 42nd over.

In the end a disappointing way to finish, but there were many positives throughout the season, and the boys will keep improving. Special thanks to Bruce, Neil and Ian Kimberley who were constant guides to the boys on the day and throughout the season. The boys were so lucky to have such dedicated coaches. Special thanks to the parents, siblings who came to support - it was nice to see the older siblings coming to support the younger ones. Once again thanks to the team of home caterers that would put many a professional outfit to shame for providing such a delicious lunch and sustenance throughout the day.

The ultimate after-party was had at the Pilbeams (thanks Simon and Vic!). The pool was a welcome relief after a hard day's cricket, and the boys played backyard cricket until the sun went down, to round off yet another memorable season, with fun and mateship on show epitomising the true spirit of junior cricket. The boys and parents saluted Bruce and Shayne for all the hard work they had put in this year, as the Creak Shield boys look forward to their club seasons and the tour to Newcastle.

Foster Shield

A hot day of cricket was in the offing but our young cricketers were not going to be deterred by it and were as keen as ever. While the parents were busy looking for the best shady spots for their chairs and eskies, the boys were energetically warming up for their last game of the season, this time at Mackey Park against Canterbury and Western Suburbs.

CWSCA won the toss and elected to field first, a decision very likely forced by the weather as the afternoon promised temperatures over 40 degrees Celsius.

Good line and length bowling with a hint of swing saw two nicks find their way into safe hands and we were 2/5 before the parents had settled into their chairs. A couple of well placed boundaries from Cameron(13) brought back some cheer before Will's ill-fated run of run-outs continued. Another nick safely taken and two balls dislodging the stumps meant we were 6/19 before the first drinks break.

Lusty hitting by Aryan(18) and Oscar(21) brought a bit of respect to our score before we were bowled out for 72 in the 23rd over.

An early lunch was taken (thankyou CWSCA) and we were hoping the boys would stay away from the cake because many overs of bowling in the sapping heat awaited them. Fruit and juice were consumed instead and soon our sun-screened and well-watered lads were ready to take on the opposition.

Our opening bowlers ran in with purpose and bowled sharp and straight. The heat was stifling but so was our bowling. Runs were hard to come by as Avi, Elijah and Oscar gave it their all. The fielders supported by running hard at the ball and put their bodies in the line to save runs. Jordan's lunge-flick-tumble-pickup-throw effort inspired everyone. The batsmen hung in there and runs started to flow after the first drinks break. A good catch by Noah off a fine delivery by Jack saw the first wicket fall at 46.

Our bowlers and fielders shrugged off the torturous heat and valiantly kept at their job. The batsmen were looking to accelerate and tested us with some quickly stolen singles but our sharp fielding meant that a spate of run-outs kept them in check. Still, they managed to get to 7/120 and declared at the end of 34 overs. CWSCA was hoping for an outright win and they put us back in again.

Steady but purposeful batting from our openers and another fine exhibition of stroke play from Oscar (21 again) got us to 1/36 and the CWSCA coach called off their pursuit.

The boys lost the match but won our respect for their never-say-die attitude on the field. Their enthusiasm on and off the field inspite of the harsh conditions deserves commendation.

End of the season but a start of new friendships. A big applause for the parents for their effort at all times. Lunches provided by us as hosts were by far the best.

Big thank-you to our coaches Daniel and John for all their effort in preparing the boys and taking them this far. Thank-you Bruce for your efforts as well. Special mention must be made for our manager Joanne whose careful and thoughtful planning and organisation was extra-ordinary. She was, of course, ably supported by the very industrious Joseph and their family.

Looking forward to meeting some of you in the club games. Enjoy another great summer of cricket!

Presidents Cup Reports

U12 Presidents Cup

Trial Game 3 saw us heading North to the Central Coast with an expected hot day the decision was made to start an hour early. Central Coast won the toss and elected to send us into bat.

Jude (19 rtno) (Mr Hungry for Runs) and Sam (19ct) opened and built a great partnership of 43 before Sam was caught, Henry (21b) then join Sam hitting some great cover drives and a sweet pull shot for 6, until he was bowled, Ollie (6cb) followed, then James (21b) and Jonno (21rtno) formed a strong team running between the stumps, Shaan (11c), Zac (7b), Corey (17rtno), Jayden(12no) and Ben (0no) brought the team total to 196 after 45 overs and it was now lunch, hosted by the Central Coast.

Henry (3/4) and Zac (2/12) opened the bowling and we saw the first wicket fall for 6 and then by the end of the 3rd over the score was 2/7 the boys were off to a great start. By the 8th over it was 5/18. Jonno (1/8) and Jayden (0/14) followed and, James (2/7) and Ollie (1/3) followed with something happening every 2nd over. The 10th wicket fell at the 23rd over, but could have been much sooner if the umpire had not been so lenient with a stumping or two. The strategy of pairing a fast bowler with a spinner had paid off and Central Coast noted how unusual it was for a spinner to bowl in the second over. Catches: Corey x2, Mitch x2, Zac, Ollie & Shaan. Jayden/Zac Assisted R/O

As this was a trial the decision was made early to bowl out the overs so Central Coast came out for a 2nd innings. Following the first innings successes we opened with a spinner, Ollie (1/8) and Shaan (2/3) whose speed was too much for the Coastal outfit. By the 5th over it was 3/5, Mitch (3 /4) and Ben (1/9) followed and it was 8/32, Zac (0/5), Corey (1/1) & Jude (1/2) saw the batting order collapse for 34. Run out: Mitch, Catches: Sam x2, Ollie, Shaan, Jayden, Mitch, James.

A much better performance in the field and with wickets and opportunities around the boys never lost interest. With the “real” cricket to come next week let’s start how we finished of today.

After a great day of cricket Coach threw down the challenge which the boys took, to run up the hill/stairs to the top of the Terrigal lookout – with Adrian and Andrew joining them, they all made it with the proof below taken in a serious, then fun team shots. They followed this up with a well deserved swim at Terrigal Beach before the trip home.

U11 Presidents Cup

With 43 degrees forecast at Gosford, we agreed to start at 8am and finish just after 11am, having batted and then bowled 20 overs. We haven't won the toss in our first 2 trials.

This was a much more polished performance, before our first official match next week.

Today many of our batsmen looked good, defending the straight balls and timing some scoring shots.

Brad top scored with 12 having come back in. In all 6 batsmen were retired.

We had 2 run-outs in our innings, with runs that were probably there if we backed up and made decisive calls early.

Everyone bowled again this week, between 1 and 3 overs, given the short innings. Pick of the bowlers this week were Blake with 1 for 2 of 2 overs, Sachman 1 for 1 off one, and Ben P 1 for 3 off one.

Particularly pleasing today were the 4 very good catches to Ben P, Billy, Mikesh and Blake. This could be the difference between winning and losing in the official matches coming up.

Thankyou to Coach Colin, Umpires Murray and Chris, and Scorers Uma and Gurmeet. Also to all the parents who rose early to travel up the M1 to arrive by 7:15am.

Next week sees us away at Manly.