



## **HK&HDCA Representative Newsletter**

### **Issue Six 2014/2015**

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(result decided on net run rate due to time lost)

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### **Under 15s: Round 1**

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### **Under 14s: Round 1**

Manly Warringah 1/95 def Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 110

(result decided on net run rate due to time lost)

### **Under 13s: Round 1**

Manly Warringah 8/156 def Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 112 (C Hindmarsh 30)

### **Under 12s: Round 1**

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 7/282 (J Camp 119, C Thomson 79) def Manly Warringah 7/99

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Manly Warringah 7/190 def Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 8/105 (K Cruickshank 33)

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## **Match Reports**

### **Watson Shield**

Watson Shield

Hornsby 160 (all out) (Johnston 64, Loxton 38) lost to Parramatta 4 for 99 off 31 overs (play suspended due to lightning and rain) – Parramatta had superior run rate

The quarter finals saw us against Parramatta who had finished 1 spot above us on the table in 4th place. For the 1st time this season we won the toss - and elected to bat. The outfield was quick and

the pitch looked like a good one to bat on in the early heat. Jack was a late withdrawal due to illness and Patrick Phillips came in at the last minute from the Presidents Cup team as the substitute.

Our openers Will and Ryan took us to 23 cautiously as the bowling was tight and accurate. Ryan hit a cracking boundary but soon after fell caught behind for 13. Rahul entered the crease fresh from his century last game but cricket is a cruel game and he went cheaply. Travis joined Will but soon after Will departed bowled for 19. We were 3 for 32 and in a spot of bother.

Anthony, freshened from a recent holiday, hit the ground running with some cracking drives. He and Travis blunted the attack and worked the ball around. Travis took 12 off 1 over and we were on the way (or so we thought). They had put on an excellent 101 for the partnership before Anthony was caught for 64 well crafted runs. 4 down for 133 off 44 overs set us up for the final overs.

However today our lower order failed to fire. Travis was caught for 38 one over after Anthony and a collapse saw us suddenly 9 for 140. Danusha finished up with 12 runs and Kristoff was 8 not out as the score ended up all out for 160 in the 53rd over. Not our best batting effort by far but the team has a never say die attitude.

We had to be tight early and we were. Their gun opener was set back to the sheds by Danusha as he was caught behind by Nic. Soon after Sanjay had our 2nd wicket and they were 16 and potentially wavering. Lachie, Kristoff, Rahul and Anthony all tried valiantly to break the 3rd wicket partnership as they whittled down the target. Several hard chances went begging (the ones you need to grab to be able to defend a relatively low score).

Will was brought on and had immediate success with his first ball to have them 3 for 71 – there was hope yet. Rahul continued and had their number 4 caught and they were 4 for 83 and just ahead of the run rate. The storm clouds brewed overhead as the rain drops started to congregate. We took an early tea but lightning held up play for another 30 minutes. We then removed the covers as Patrick bowled what would turn out to be the last over of the match. More lightning saw us leave again and this continued until close to 6pm by which time the pitch was too wet to play.

Parramatta ended up 4 for 99 off 31 overs and had a superior run rate to our 2.67 per over and move into the semis next week. A frustrating end to the game/season as the extra overs may have seen a more favourable result. However that, as they say, is cricket.

Many of these boys (well not so much boys anymore) have played together since their early Rep days and they will now head in various cricketing directions as their Rep careers draw to a close. They have made some strong partnerships, over and above those in the scorebook, and we wish them the best of luck on the future. Thanks also to the coaches (Josh and Will) this year and the parents to assist in ways each week (scoring, afternoon tea, training etc.)

Best of luck also to the remaining Shield teams in the finals and the Presidents Cup teams in 2014/15.

A final team photo in memory of Phillip Hughes.



**Weblin Shield**

## Gee Shield

And so it came to pass that Hornsby drew North Shore in the QF; North Shore who've beaten Hornsby every time they've played since U10, most recently in a warm-up game in October.

Hornsby won the toss and batted.

Respectful silence was observed for a minute following some words from the NS Coach about the passing of Phillip Hughes. Black armbands were ubiquitous.

After a couple of watchful overs against the NS openers the boys, Joe in particular, warmed to the task and a succession of boundaries quickly quietened the fielders down.

Jordan was hitting the ball well, unfortunately he was hitting the fielder at mid-off just as well and a series of good drives went unrewarded. Perhaps frustrated, Jordan hit one even harder, this time through mid-on but the ball was slightly in the air and the fielder took the catch. A nice partnership from the openers, 42-1.

Joe went next over, mistiming a leg-flick and dollying up one to square leg, a soft end to a promising innings. Hornsby 46-2 after 14 overs and two new batsmen, Charlie and Nick, at the crease.

Another 30+ partnership ensued, both boys finding boundaries and Nick particularly on the money with working singles.

For the second time in the innings, a leftie fell to a square leg catch, this time Charlie pulling hard and falling to a top-drawer diving catch by square-leg, 3-79 after 22.

Ken was quickly in the runs, majority scoring in the next 5 overs. Nick was settling in well so it was a big surprise when an innocuous ball took the edge and was well taken at first slip. They added 22 runs, Hornsby were 4-101 after 27 overs.

Keiran was next up, and quickly settled into the anchor role. Valuing his wicket more than recent innings he rotated the strike where possible to bring the more prolific Ken on strike. Ken was powering on, scoring particularly well against the off-spin and back-up seam from tiring NS bowlers.

One thing Ken and Keiran didn't do well was calling & running, parents having several heart-attacks along the way, and this was to prove Ken's undoing just a little shy of a half-century. His run-out on 42, with Hornsby 5-146 after 40 precipitated a mini-collapse and the drying up of runs just when Hornsby were hoping to push on towards 200.

Vedant bashed an assertive 6 before failing to find a gap, Pat sadly didn't trouble the scorers out lbw first ball and Connor was castled when he tried his first aggressive stroke. 5-146 had become 8-154 in 5 overs.

Cooper strode in at #10. Having only batted once previously this year, a duck, and in the middle of a bit of a team crisis, some nerves would have been understandable. Cooper assessed the situation for four (dot) balls before launching a wonderful assault on the surprised, tired, bowlers. Coops hit 25 runs in 19 balls in a 28 run partnership to bring the score back to respectability at 8-182. How important would that late flourish prove at the end of the game ?

The new opening pair from last week were retained, and again delivered a wicket and a slow start in their opening spell. Cooper, flushed from his batting success (or too much sugar at lunchtime), was especially tight (6 runs in 4) whilst Charlie took the all important first wicket, a super-sharp caught-and-bowled, in his 3 over spell. 7-1-18.

Raj was up next, his first ball a wide followed by 5 dot balls then a wicket as he allowed the key NS #3 batsman to play on to his stumps. Ken at the other end wasn't having the best of days, his pace used against him by the adept NS batsmen. Joe and Nick sent down an over each in a broken passage of play that left the reply at 13-2-44.

Raj returned and was paired with Connor for an excellent passage of play. Connor, seemingly injured and bowling slower than usual off a short run snared an LBW in his first over, the stubborn #1 who had been there since ball 1.

Before he had had chance to settle, Raj teased a sharp chance out of the NS #4 which went hard and low to Pat at Gulley who was up to the task. 6 overs took 2 key wickets and cost only 17 runs (Raj 3-1-3 especially noteworthy). NS 19-4-61 certainly not out of it on this quick pitch, managing to stay above 3 runs an over was keeping pressure on the Hornsby boys.

Joe and Vedant were to bowl us to afternoon tea, with the game in balance. Joe bowled decisively, only dot balls accompanied the two clean-bowled wickets he took in his first two overs. Fearing Joe might pop a valve, the Umpires called for tea. 22-6-70 was looking good for Hornsby.

Maybe looking too good ?

After tea Joe and Vedant finished their 7-2-33 partnership, the hero of last week Vedant was sadly unable to trouble the #5 and #8.

26-6-94 meant that NS were now ahead on the run-rate and for the first time Hornsby parents noticed the huge black bank of clouds drifting towards us

With Connor unable to bowl and Ken and Vedant struggling a nervous mindset seemed to creep into all the bowlers.

Ken, Eshaan, Vedant, Charlie and Cooper each sent down 1 or 2 overs that the NS batsmen took some fairly easy runs from – nerves or fatigue meaning all occasionally bowled short, or wide or very full but thankfully Cooper's full-toss was hammered towards the wrong fielder. Running backwards from midwicket Joe took a fantastic catch above his head and the boys celebrated wildly, perhaps realising they had just had a get-out-of-jail-free moment. The 56 run partnership had swung the game away from Hornsby and put NS well ahead of the required run-rate and the collective 9 overs cost a painful 44 runs but at least the wicket would surely now expose the NS tail ? NS were 35-7-138 needing 45 runs from 15 overs.

The set batsman batted well with the tail, but the combination of Raj and Jordan rocked them back. Jordan's 4 overs were immaculate, only 4 runs conceded and pressure tumbling back onto the batsmen. A few big shots were aimed at Raj's bowling so his 4 overs went for 19 runs but included 2 more vital wickets and took Raj to 4 for the day.

An attempted cut shot by the #9 was edged into Keiran's gloves in Raj's first over, 36-8-138, and minutes later an attempted pull was dropped into Nick's hands at square leg, all the while Jordan strangling the other end. It was 43-9-161 when Jordan and Raj finished, NS needing 22 to win.

Cooper then Joe were next up. Players and parents were all feeling the pressure. The NS team and families cheered every single as though they'd won a world cup. Joe took the ball and, after a loosener narrowly down leg, took the wicket that released the bedlam. A beauty outside off stump edged behind to the keeper. 44.2-10-168 Hornsby home by 14 runs.

## **PRESIDENTS CUP REPORTS**

### **U16 Presidents Cup**

Penrith 8/213 (M.Tobin 4/48, B.Parker 2/33, P.Lautre 2/34)

HK&HDCA 148 all out (O.Williams 33, M.Tobin 26 no, K.Faber 23, P.Lautre 20)

The team has had an unsettled start to the season due to a large number of injuries and players filling in for the Shield team. There are only 5 returning players from last season. We welcome all the new players to the U16 President Cup squad and look forward to a great season.

A glorious day greeted us at Parklands on Sunday for the first round of the U16 Presidents Cup against Penrith. We observed 63 seconds of silence around the pitch in remembrance of Phillip Hughes.

Penrith won the toss and elected to bat on a very flat pitch.

The bowlers bowled wonderfully in the first 30 overs and wickets started to tumble at regular intervals until Penrith were 7/95. Mark Tobin took 3 wickets in this spell, Peter Lautre 2 wickets and Ben Parker also 2 wickets. Unfortunately the boys lost their way and couldn't continue the attack in the final 20 overs with Penrith scoring 118, their tail certainly wagged!! Mark Tobin took another wicket taking his tally to 4 for the game. After 50 overs Penrith were 8/213.

Then it was Hornsby's turn to bat and they got off to a solid but slow start with 16 runs off the first 10 overs without lost. Shortly after Jackson Lofts was caught. The Hornsby boys continued at a steady pace until Kyle Faber fell for 23. Peter Lautre came to the crease, he and Oli Williams built the best partnership for the Hornsby innings with 40 runs but unfortunately Peter was run out for 20. Another quick wicket fell and then Oli got caught for 33. There were a few small but short lived partnerships until Mark Tobin and Joe Robinson had a partnership that made the score look a bit more respectable getting 33 between them. Mark Tobin finished on 26 no.

It was a tough start to the season but the players will regroup this week at training and must look forward to a more complete game this Sunday against the North West Hurricanes.

## **U15 Presidents Cup**

Hornsby 8-114 (50 overs) lost to Manly 1-115 (23 overs) at LM Graham Reserve, Manly.

After a moving minute's silence to honour the tragic passing of Phillip Hughes, Hornsby had first use of a dry, hard deck as James Brown called correctly at the coin toss.

As the score line indicates, Hornsby struggled against a disciplined Manly attack with Josh Banner (33) and Divyansh Sharma (25 not out) providing the bright spots. Josh drove and deftly late cut while Divvy unleashed a couple of punishing pull shots late in the innings.

Manly's run chase was clinical and Hornsby's total was devoured quicker than the lunchtime sausage sizzle. The home side needing just 23 overs to reel in the 115 runs required for the loss of 1 wicket.

Hornsby's next game is against North Shore at Parklands Oval.

## U14 Presidents Cup

Hornsby was at home to Manly in a round 1 match played at Mills Park.

The day started well as Hornsby won the toss and elected to bat.

Another pointer to it being Hornsby's day was Sharvan rode his luck, being dropped several times early, but eventually, after battling hard Rehan was the first to go bowled for 2. Brody Camp came to the crease and almost immediately went after the bowling, often charging the quick bowlers, but on 16 was deceived by a slower delivery and bunted the ball back to the bowler to be out for 16. Ronan was the next batsman in and looked solid until he attempted a cut shot only to edge the ball through to the keeper for no score. Zac walked to the crease looking to score and after playing a lovely straight drive and with adrenalin flowing, tried a big hit only to be bowled, but hopefully will be wiser for the experience. Zac's wicket falling just before the break.

We were now 4 down for 52 at morning tea, when straight after the break disaster struck again, with Sharvan who after a shaky start began to bat well was caught for 26.

Suddenly we were 5 for 52 with William (who had kindly agreed to play in place of Jack who had fallen ill on Saturday night) playing a great cameo innings until caught for 17 and we were 6 for 78.

The lower order battled hard and showed some real determination, but the Manly bowling attack was very disciplined and eventually Hornsby was bowled out for 110.

Despite the low score, we still felt we had a chance to win as the outfield was not quick and the shield team had successfully defended 90 odd earlier in the season, but we needed early wickets.

Hornsby took to the field and the opening bowlers Cameron and Zac bowled well, without luck and the fielding standard was noticeably higher from the Hornsby team compared to their trial form, but the Manly openers continued to accumulate runs and the early wickets needed did not eventuate.

The two Paisley twins Brody and Caleb came into the attack and again both bowled well, in particular Caleb who finally made a much needed break through bowling one of the openers and finishing with the figures of 1 for 8 from 5 overs, but Manly were almost half way to their target.

The game was halted for 30 minutes for lightning and the target was reduced to 92 from 42 overs.

The Hornsby bowlers were unable to make any further inroads into the Manly batting, with their other opener and No 3 batsman looking very impressive against a very steady Hornsby attack.

In the end I was wrong and it wasn't Hornsby's day, but hopefully a relatively inexperienced Hornsby team learnt some valuable lessons and will continue to build on the improvement shown in this game.

## U12 Presidents Cup

Hornsby 7/282cc def Manly 7/99 29.1ov on Run Rate after Lightning Abandoned play.

Hornsby won the toss and had no hesitation in having a bat 1st at Dural Park.

We started cautiously with Corey and Jude setting about defending the opening bowlers who were tidy.

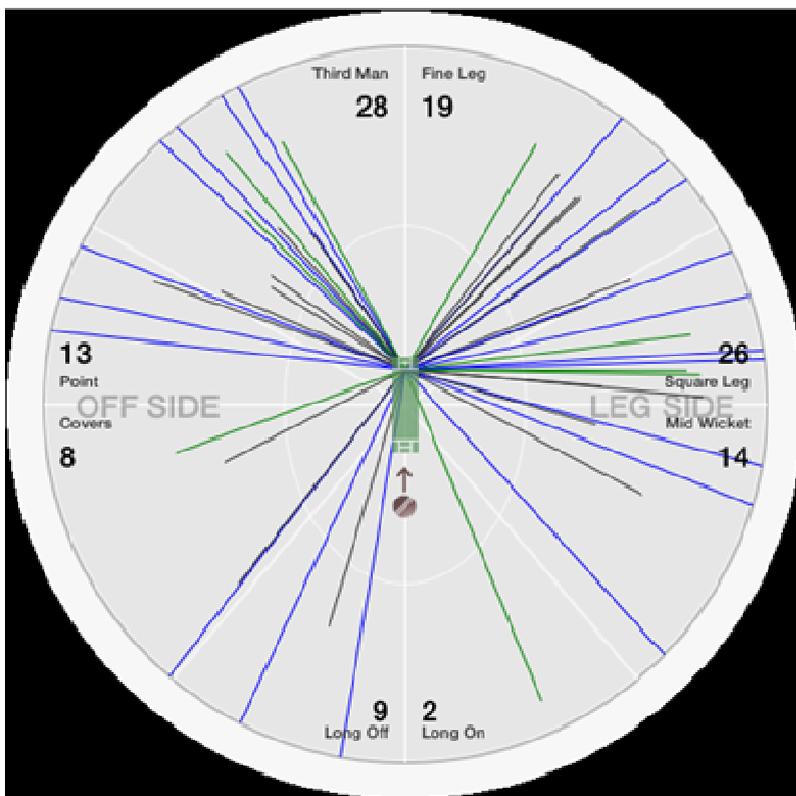
Jude(5) was the 1st to lose his wicket attempting another trade mark cover drive.

I don't think anyone at the ground was expecting to see what was to unfold over the next 40overs. 1st a 160 run partnership between Corey and Jayden.

Corey patiently set about turning the strike over with 13 singles before his 1st boundary, and Jayden keeping the good ones out but punishing anything too short or full.

Corey made the most of anything short and on any other given day his 79 would have been the talking point. At the other end, Jayden passed the 50 mark for the 1st time in his grade career. His 2nd 50 was just outstanding, boundaries on both sides of the wicket, straight drives, cover drives and cut shots. Fours through midwicket and behind Square to boot. A wagon wheel that any batsmen would be proud of.

Jayden Camp



A defining innings for Jayden (119) who now should have every confidence in himself every time he goes out the bat.

By the 40th Over we were scoring at a run a ball. Zac (13) was looking solid with nice placement and putting away the bad balls. A little overconfidence was to be his downfall, just as he was getting set. Jono and Sam missed out with the bat looking for quick runs. A little more time before playing the big shots Jono, and Sam, let's try to play in the V early.

With the last 6 overs Louis, Shaan and James all got on with it playing some neat shots, running hard and scoring at over a run a ball.

An impressive batting display all up, and we went into the break knowing that only the weather might spice things up.

A tidy opening bowling spell by Henry and Jono, and a excellent run out by Oliver saw Manly 1/13 after 6 when the 1st lightning strike was seen. A 30 minute delay saw the 47ov target reduced to 39. A decision was made to bring on the spinners and get through our over's, and although no wickets were taken by Oliver, Zac and Jayden, they bowled some goodies, but they will also need to concentrate on getting a consistent line and length to be able to build pressure in future games. A switch back to pace, saw the runs dry up and James picked up a wicket with his slower ball? Our fielding then picked up a notch with Zac outstanding, 1st with a great underarm over the stumps for his 1st run out, then clutching a skier off Henry's bowling and then another well executed run out with a perfect throw to the bowlers end. The 25th over was passed just as another lightning strike was seen a long way off in the distance. Lachlan bowled straight and was rewarded with an LBW and Jono finished it off with our 4th run out, before another lightening strike saw an early abandonment of the days play. A good bowling effort to reduce Manly to 3 runs an over and I'm sure with another 10 over's we would have finished the job. Still some work to do on our fielding at times, walking in, and positioning yourselves in the field so your Captain doesn't have to tell you where on the boundary to field.

Match Report by Andrew Morris

## U11 Presidents Cup

We won the toss at the Collaroy field and elected to bowl.

The teams from both sides lined up in the middle, having placed their bats and baggies on the pitch in front of them. Our umpire said some words, indicating that he had officiated in matches where Phil Hughes had played. The Manly coach also mentioned his connection, and we had a minutes' silence and then an ovation.

Everyone bowled again this week, between 2 and 4 overs. Pick of the bowlers were Ben Fi with 1 for 9 off 4 overs including 2 maidens, Blake 1 for 9 from three (and bowling with a cast on his left wrist), and Ben Fa with 1 for 11 off three, including a yorker taking out middle peg.

During our last trial match we took some spectacular catches. Today apart from Billy's early snatch, we dropped 6-8 gettable chances, which allowed Manly to accelerate in the last 20 overs. We were a little sloppy in the field, and on occasion we weren't backing up throws, or walking in with the bowler. Some of the basics.

We were 4-5 overs short as we passed the allotted time, but Manly graciously did not enforce the penalty. In the next matches, we should bat first if at all possible in order to remove some of the pressure to bowl 40 overs in 150 minutes.

After a good spread put on by Manly, we set about chipping away at the total. Kyal and Ben P put on 46 against some very good, quick and accurate attack. Kyal picked the balls to defend, and the ones to attack, and was looking very solid until he was given out controversially for obstruction (which has only ever occurred in one test match back in 1951!). Having top edged a ball that went about 5 metres straight up, the fieldsmen were slow to react, and wouldn't have made it to the catch, but they were close. Kyal actually kicked the ball before it landed – about 0.5m above the ground, and was deemed to have obstructed the fieldsmen. It was a tough walk back to the pavilion having reached 33, just as he was setting himself for bigger things; but as they say, unfortunately that's cricket.

Ben Fi was the only other player to make it in to double figures (17) having seen the score advance 41 runs during his stay.

Today Manly's bowling kept us in defence and our dropped chances allowed their score to get away from us.

Thank you to Coach Colin, scorers Suresh and Chris, and our square leg contingent.

Next week sees us at "home" (if you can call Northholm Grammar home) vs North Shore "A", where we'll all be on lunch duty.