



HK&HDCA Representative Newsletter

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Weblin Shield – Under 15s: Semi-Final

Manly Warringah 9/206 (J Heinrich 3/36) def Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 4/30

Gee Shield – Under 13s: Semi-Final

Central Coast 8/151 (K Chu 5/23) def Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 9/149 (K Daley 3/25 J Heuston 3/37)

Presidents Cup

Under 16s: Round 2

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 6/254 (J Lofts 110 K Faber 53 O Williams 36no) drew North West Sydney 0/1

Under 15s: Round 2

North Shore 4/97 def Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 9/160

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

Under 14s: Round 2

North Shore 7/165 drew Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA

Under 13s: Round 2

North Shore 7/140 (T Shaw 3/13) drew with Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 3/17

Under 12s: Round 2

North Shore 11/158 (J Skuodas 3/15 H Geale 3/16) drew Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA

Under 11s: Round 2

North Shore 7/161 def Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 5/47

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

Match Reports

U13 Gee Shield : HK&HDCA v. Central Coast

On **Sunday 7/12/14** at Adcock Park, West Gosford.

Hornsby 9-149 (J. Hiley 39, J. Hayes 37)

Lost to

Central Coast 8-151 (K. Chu 5-23)

By 2 wickets in 46.2 overs

And so last year's Grand Final was replayed at Semi Final stage this year, Hornsby drawing Central Coast in a SF in West Gosford; we hoped our boys would put up a better show than the disappointing group game played here a couple of weeks back.

Hornsby won the toss and batted.

Both openers Joe and Jordan played very respectfully, staying compact and only opening up to the truly bad deliveries; this being Central Coast, there weren't many bad deliveries. Central Coast close-in fielding was as efficient as ever and so, combined with the very long outfield dragging back all but the firmest hit of shots, the run-rate was 2 per over to the first drinks. 0-26 from 13.

The cat-and-mouse continued after drinks, singles and dots punctuated by the occasional boundary. Joe and Jordan were accelerating, heading towards three runs per over. As morning tea approached the Central Coast were using their 5th and 6th bowlers, searching for the breakthrough, when finally Hornsby obliged. Jordan had hit the second spinner for a few crisp two's before missing one and finding himself stranded out of crease and stumped. 1-73 after 28 overs.

Charlie next up and unfortunately didn't last long, the offie getting the lefties edge early in his innings and a take for the keeper. 2-75 after 30

Joe was starting to accelerate, celebrating a first six in Rep cricket along the way, but the Offie again took out the leftie, switching to around the wicket and being hit for a four before clean bowling our opener. 3-84 after 32 overs.

Nick and Ken then put on a 40 run partnership at better than 3.5 an over, just what Hornsby needed to capitalise on the wickets they had in hand. Nick was particularly harsh to the occasional loose-ball but eventually he fell, 4-123 after 44.

The final 6 overs were not surprisingly an untidy affair. Boys scrambled for runs, 5 wickets fell without any real reflection on the batsman's abilities – Ken, Keiran, Cooper, Connor and Vedant perished in pursuit of quick runs and Hornsby dragged the score up to 9-149 after 50.

So would it be enough ? The same score hadn't been enough in last year's Grand Final.....

With afternoon storms forecast, making run-rate a potential issue later in the day, it was perhaps no surprise that when Cooper and Charlie opened the bowling, that the Central Coast boys would look to get ahead of the required rate early. 25 runs from 6 overs.

The change to Ken and Connor's quicker bowling initially saw no change to the aggressive CC mindset, and the score was at a worrying 0-39 in the 9th when Captain Ken made the breakthrough with 2 wickets in consecutive balls. That the second wicket was a golden duck for the CC top batsman was particularly satisfying.

With the boys revitalised and Ken and Connor bowling well, the run-rate began to slow and pressure began to build. Again Ken made a double contribution, in the final over of his spell, dismissing the #4 to a Jordan catch and then clean bowling his replacement first ball. 5 overs, 4 wickets, 15 runs was a spectacular contribution by Ken, ridding himself of his recent profligacy and serving up a real captain's knock, so to speak. With the match position 4-61 after 16 overs and clouds amassing however it was still CC's game – they had the run-rate covered and are a team who bat deep.

Searching for wickets, Nick and Joe were next up, and Nick was quick to strike drawing an edge to slip Charlie in his first over. Runs were still leaking though and the switch to Vedant and Raj appeared inspired – a 5 over spell that elicited the wicket of the CC opener and only went for 9 runs. Raj got some extra bounce that surprised the diminutive #1 into edging a second sharp chance to Charlie who again was up to the task. At 6-81 after 22 overs with lightning in the (far) distance it was obvious Hornsby would have to bowl out CC to avoid defeat by either lightning or the CC just nudging their way over the line.

Ken and Connor got back in harness, 7 overs for 13 runs with Connor particularly frugal off his excellent line and lengths and Ken achieving a deserved 5-fer upon clean bowling the CC keeper #7. 7-100 after 32 meant the run-rate advantage was now very slim and surely, surely, our boys could take the last 3 wickets ?

Jordan was brought on, our 9th bowler, and sent down a couple of cheap overs. The CC batsmen were capable, the #8 in particular, and were very disciplined in waiting for the bad ball to hit for 4 or 2. Singles disappeared as the Hornsby fielding intensified but nerves were affecting some of the bowlers and enough short/wide/full-toss stuff was sent down for CC to make the necessary progress.

All 9 bowlers were used in the final session, an excellent piece of keeping by Keiran from a less-than-ideal throw in from Charlie bringing a run-out wicket at 8-138 after 44 overs but unfortunately the #8 with his new partner were able to finish the chase a couple of overs later. No rain fell.

Well Done boys, another amazing Shield competition and a group of proud parents; you were drawn in the most difficult group by far, won your games with aplomb and application, finally beat North Shore and (hopefully) proved to yourselves that the Central Coast can be beaten, and only 10% more would do it.....

To Ballina and beyond.....

Round 2 U16 President Cup v North West Hurricanes

HK&HDCA 6/254 (J.Lofts 110, K.Faber 53, O.Williams 36rtno)

Hurricanes 0/1 off 4 overs

The Hornsby team were determined to turn last week's loss around with a win against the North West Hurricanes. We arrived at the Bruce Purser Oval, a magnificent ground only to find that the pitch was very wet. This resulted in the match being moved to an astro-turf pitch across the road.

Hornsby won the toss and elected to bat on a very warm and sunny day. The opening pair of Jackson Lofts and Kyle Faber did not look troubled by the Hurricanes early attack. The pair got themselves into a very comfortable rhythm punishing the bad deliveries and still getting runs on the good ones. Both Jackson and Kyle reached 50 within a couple of overs of each other. Eventually Kyle was caught on 53 with the score at 119 off 25 overs. Oliver Williams then came to the crease and did not let the momentum slip with Oliver retiring on 36. However near the end of his innings Oliver played some creative shots including reverse slips and ramps which were unorthodox but effective. Peter Lautre then came to the crease with Jackson very close to 100. Finally, after 15 minutes in the nervous 90s Jackson scampered through for a single to bring up his ton which was very well constructed with many glorious strokes. Jackson finally fell on 110 while trying to ramp up the run rate. Peter scored a quick 17 off only 10 balls. Hornsby posted a very competitive 6/254.

The storm clouds gathered over lunch and Hornsby only managed to bowl four overs before the heavens opened and play was halted due to a severe thunder storm. The game was abandoned and unfortunately a draw was recorded, a little frustrating after such a dominant battling display.

HKHDCA U12 Presidents Cup V North Shore at Primula Oval, West Lindfield

Today was to be a day of two very different halves. We started the day with a lovely sunny day. North Shore won the toss and elected to bat.

Henry (3/16 off 6) and Jonno (0/9 off 4) were out opened the bowling, they kept the North Shore batsman runs down, 0/19 after 8 overs. The next combination to come in were James (3/15 off 6) and Oliver (0-33 off 10) who made some opportunities and help see the fall of the first wicket for 31 after a run-out assisted by James/Corey. This was followed shortly by a cracker of a catch for Jonno.

North Shore then dug in and although we keep the run rate down with our spinners Zac (0-29 off8) and Jayden (1-19 off 8) the next wicket to fall didn't come until the 43rd over and it was now 3/120. Shaan (0-13 off 4) and Louis (1-18 off 4) rounded out the bowlers, them along with the return of our opening fast bowlers saw the North Shore team wickets fall.

Jude threw a ripper in to get a run out and shortly followed this with a great catch. Another great catch by Jonno saw their top scoring batsman out for 56 runs. James then saw two batsman off to LBW and Louis bowled and completed his own run-out running to the stumps to see the North Shore team all out - 11/158 on the last ball of the innings.

Switched on fielding for the first 30 overs and the last 8, resulted in a good score for our batsmen to run down. After a lovely lunch provided by North Shore our boys padded up and were ready to get to work.

Mother Nature had other plans, thunder and heavy rain for more than 15 minutes resulted in pools of water all over the field and a very soggy pitch. The only living thing enjoying these conditions was the visiting duck which chose to relax in one of the puddles.

After waiting around for 1 ½ hours, hoping the ground would drain and the skies to clear – which for a couple of minutes looked likely. Unfortunately this was not to be, at 3pm the Umpires looking at the sky, lightning and thunder coming in – called it and the game was abandoned.

Bring on next weekend and hopefully a full game of cricket.

Coaches Comments: "Well done boys on an excellent tight bowling effort and the improvement in our fielding performance with 2 sharp catches and 2 excellent run outs. Keep your teammates honest in the field and remind them of the little things that will make you all better cricketers. A pity we didn't get to bat, I have every confidence we would have chased down the total."

Reported by Emma Linschoten

U11 Presidents Cup – Round 2

HK and HDCA 5/47 (24.1 overs) def by North Shore "A" 7/161

We lost the toss at our first home game (Northholm Grammar) and were asked to bowl, being officiated by 2 experienced umpires. The outfield was beautifully presented, although a little spongy, meaning boundaries were hard to come by.

Everyone bowled again this week, between 2 and 4 overs. Many of our bowlers contributed evenly today, and a much lower number of wides/no balls was a pleasing aspect.

We fielded very well, with North Shore wickets falling at constant intervals, the first being a smart piece of work when Max Song under-armed to wicket-keeping Kyal, to cause a run-out.

Particularly pleasing was the hustle between overs, ensuring our 40 were bowled with a few minutes to spare. No doubt the frugal wides and no balls assisted.

This week our parents did us proud in putting on their first cricket luncheon, and Kyal welcomed the visitors.

Once again Kyal got us off to a solid and carefully constructed start and would later prove to be the only batsman to make double figures (21 from 54).

After seeing lightning close by, the umpires suspended play with only 24.1overs having been bowled (20 constituting that a result was going to occur). However we were only on 47 at that time, and with the result going to come down to run rate, the oppositions' 4 runs per over was more than twice our 47 runs from 145 balls. Ironically, we received no rain.

Too much time was lost, and the game did not restart.

Thank you to Coach Colin, scorers Uma and Gurmeet, and all our parents.

Next week (14 Dec) sees us at home again vs Northern Districts, where we'll all be on lunch duty again. (We then have a break for Christmas, before restarting our campaign again on 1 Feb 2015).