



HK&HDCA Representative Newsletter

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Match Reports

Watson Shield

Weblin Shield

TAKEN AWAY BY LIGHTNING

A disappointing finish to a match that I believe we would have wrapped up and won, with us only needing one wicket for victory and Parramatta needing 24 runs. But that is what weather can do. Unfortunately they knew they needed a superior run rate and they were there when play finished. Because of the weather forecast we elected to bat first having won the toss. On a beautiful morning, with the fantastic surrounds of Barker College, we got off to a great start again with Ganan and Shivraj proving a solid opening pair for us. 1 for 43 at the end of 10 overs. A platform to again launch from. However Parramatta found their stars in the first change bowlers. There two spinners finishing the day with their best economy figures. Ganan starred as the opener. What was most pleasing was his willingness to work hard for himself and his partner. A lot of running on a hot day. We were looking comfortable with Ganan and Dhruva. A powerful display looked on the cards again until unfortunately Dhruva run out on 48 saw a slow down in run rate as we needed to create the pace off the bat and Parramatta worked out the pace of the outfield and set a better field to it. Our Man of the Match, Nicholas Andreou, showed a superb batting temperament to settle in a build an innings. A slow start was part of an excellently planned and executed innings. After 60 balls nich had a strike rate of 40%. After 108 balls he had lifted this to a match day high of 76% at not out 82. We were looking like making the cardinal sin and not surviving our 60 overs at one point. 3 wickets were lost for only 9 runs. However a brave stand by Brody Camp saw off a devastating bowling attack. Having weathered 25 deliveries before being caught Brody was great support to Nick and allowed us to rebuild and settle a little. A very courageous 5 runs by Brody. Tom Hawkins, batting for the first time for the Weblin team showed great poise in support of Nick also, finishing Not out 17 of 33 deliveries.

Being a little shy of 250 runs (at 7 for 225), what I thought would be par for the oval today meant we needed to bowl and field much better.

The bowling plan today was to pair spin with pace after the opening pace barrage. The batting plan by Parramatta seemed to be to pick one of the bowling pair to attack. On a fast outfield track we had to be really "on" with our fielding to halt this. Unfortunately there was some poor fielding at times which probably accounted for around 30 runs extra to Parramatta. However a fantastic bowling pair display by Jonathon Phoebus and Shrivraj Rana saw Parra lose 3 wickets for 0 runs, then a fourth for only another 6 runs. A Great batting performance by their leading batmens (A Patel with 74 from 83 balls), ably supported by their number 10 (N Mekala 13 from 27) occupied enough crease time for the weather to take it from us.

Shrivraj was the bowler of the day taking 3 wickets for 20 runs, with 6 maidens over his 12 overs. Jonathon Phoebus, who left nothing out there, supported Shivy well with 2 for 42 from his 10 overs. Very pleasing was the improvement shown by Tom Hawkins (Tomahawk) this week, 3 Overs 1 for 6.

The boys fought extremely well. In a match that kept turning from side to side, the boys would fight back to slow and then take wickets at critical times. Unfortunately an unforgiving, fast, outfield gave little room for error. One or two loose balls in an over were soon despatched.

To be soooooo close for a lightning bolt to have us have to leave the field, not to return to play, and therefore lose on run rate was very disappointing. Especially considering we would have taken that wicket before they saw the 24 runs needed.

Most pleasing was the boys willingness to show fight. No more aptly demonstrated then by Brody Camps devastation at the end of play and Jonathon Phoebus' exhaustion. WELL DONE BOYS ON GETTING AROUND EACH OTHER AT THE END. We need to lift again for Northshore next week. We will show them fight they have never seen before.

Moore Shield

U14 - Hornsby 197- 8 (P Gall 45, C Rose 39) beat Sutherland 134-5 on a superior run rate

Hornsby lost the toss and Sutherland elected to bowl in hot, sunny conditions with rain forecast for later in the afternoon.

Patrick Gall and Charlie Rose opened the innings this week and were looked comfortable against some very quick bowling from the Sutherland opening pair. At drinks the openers had put on 34 runs off 13 overs. Meanwhile off the field the main discussion was when would the rain come and had Sutherland made the right decision to bowl first. Both Charlie and Patrick were managing to push the scoring rate along with good shots on both sides of the field, reaching 77 in the 25th over before Charlie (39) managed to pick out the leg side fielder to a ball that really did not deserve a wicket.

Jordan Hayes was in at number 3 and immediately continued his fine form of the previous week smashing the third and fourth balls to the boundary. The score board was now ticking along, and the run-rate now pushing up towards 4/over. But Sutherland was to exert some control with 2 quick wickets either side of drinks. Firstly, Jordan (34) was run-out from a direct hit and then Patrick (45) fell to a good ball and Hornsby was 134-3. Sutherland took the initiative, bringing back their opening bowlers and a further 3 wickets fell and Hornsby were 158-6. Joe Hiley (29) and Ken Chu (17*) set about stabilising the innings before pushing the score along, and aided by a few lusty blows from Oliver Cunningham playing his first Shield match Hornsby's innings was closed at 197-8.

Hornsby used a new opening pair of Charlie Rose and Connor Cameron, who got the early break through and Sutherland was 32-1 after 10 overs. James Reynolds was first change bowler and he kept the pressure up with a tidy and economical spell together with Jordan. Patrick took a good catch off the bowling of Jordan and when Ken Chu dismissed the opening bat Sutherland were beginning to look in trouble at tea at 63-3 after 22 overs. The pressure continued to be exerted by the Hornsby bowlers as Daivya Malvi, making his Shield debut for the injured Kieran, took a sharp caught and bowled. As the skies began to darken, Sutherland tried to lift the scoring rate but the Hornsby bowlers and fielders were equal to the task as Cooper Davenport took the 5th Sutherland wicket. A flash of lightning stopped play with 12 overs remaining and 54 runs still needed, but with only 25 minutes of play left and the mandatory 30 minute wait, the umpires, to Sutherland's disappointment, pulled stumps and declared Hornsby the winners.

Gee Shield

North Shore 6 for 233 def Hornsby 8 for 146

Hornsby lost an all important toss.

The highly rated North Shore opening batsman settled in very quickly, Jack (8 overs 0-26) and Sol (6 overs 0-19) were steady if not a little unlucky. An early breakthrough could easily have changed the course of the match. Without the early breakthrough pressure built up on each bowling change. Jonathon (8 overs 1 for 36) and Jarod (5 overs 0 for 24) were again steady, the NS batsman were gaining momentum. Menuja (6 overs 1 for 36) and Varun (3 overs 0 for 12) were given the unenviable task of looking for a breakthrough with the opening stand now 100. The spin of Yash and Will again failed to remove either opener. NS were now 0 for 156. The effort from Hornsby bowlers was never in question. The last 15 overs was all about "the second effort". Hornsby responded, led by Lachlan Shaw (7 overs 2 for 35) and some spirited fielding Hornsby was able to take 6 late wickets, may be even a flicker of a chance for the run chase.

To chase a total set by NS, I believe we had to match the NS 10 over targets. After some early set backs, Jordan was out to a good catch, no body enjoys a days' cricket more than Jordan. Corey (37) similar to last match holds the innings together. People of my vintage would call Corey a classic opening batsman. Yash (27) was cautious early before opening up and playing some of his favoured shots square of the wicket. Jack (13) looked in good touch.

At the 20th over Hornsby was 3 for 57, at the 20th over NS were 0 for 58.

Will (30) played another good innings and looks in good form. Lachlan Soles again looks solid and is working hard at his game. With the day and the weather closing out Varun, Sol, and Menuja enjoyed some time in the middle.

The fielding for the most part was excellent, it was a credit to the boys that a few tardy overs in the middle of the innings were quickly turned around. Yash two catches, and a brilliant catch at fine leg to Jack, two clever runouts to Lachlan Shaw as well as a good covers catch, and I would also like to mention some of the desperation shown by out fielders. All in all it was a tough days' cricket.

Cawsey Shield

HKHDCA 140/8 (50 overs) v Inner West Harbour 131 (49 overs)

The boys thoroughly deserved this win. Last week's defeat against ND's taught the boys a hard lesson in Rep Cricket. This week's lesson from coach Bruce Kimberley, was that they should try harder in the field and not persist with wayward bowling. The boys produced one of the most exciting finishes seen in a rep cricket match. With IWH looking comfortable at 4-121 off 40 overs, needing only 21 to win, Hornsby stormed back to engineer a victory taking 6 wickets for 10 runs over the next 9 overs to win having been on the back-foot for almost the entire day.

Earlier Alistair Weston had won the toss and elected to bat. Blake Harris was unlucky early on with a sharp inswinger, and when IWH had Patrick Xie caught behind for a low score, they were celebrating as if they had won the match. Ollie Jennings provided support for Max Marden, and a 50 run 4th wicket partnership followed between Max and Sean McAllister. At 3-73 HKHDCA were looking comfortable. The spinner brought along Max's downfall after a superb 27, batting for over two hours. A lower-middle order collapse followed, losing five wickets for 14 runs. At 8-88 things were looking bleak, but a magnificent stand between Alistair and Jackson Rishworth pushed us to a respectable 140. Alistair finished on 35 no, Jackson 14 no and Sean 31.

The opening pace attack of Shaan Bakshi (1-16) and Alistair (1-24) removed the IWH openers early, and tight bowling followed by Sean and Jackson. Will McCarroll bowled 8 good overs of spin, and Amardeep Gill and Patrick were wicketless. The boys' fielding remained sharp never giving up, but at 3-120 the game was heading towards its conclusion. The turning point of the match was off Ollie's bowling. Their number 3 was looking comfortable on 73, when at the first ball following drinks, he took Ollie on, and skied to mid-off – Ollie raced back to take a catch over his left shoulder. He will not take a better caught and bowled. The fielding was sharp and wickets started to fall with catches to Patrick and two stumpings to Toby Pilbeam. Ollie was then supported by Kyal Cruickshank, who fired in his leg breaks, and Kyal dismissed their number 5 with another stumping to Toby. The final wicket was snagged in the 49th over by Kyall caught aptly by Ollie. Eight wickets had fallen to spin; Ollie had taken 5-16, Kyal 3-4.

To round off the drama, the Hornsby win came just in the nick of time with thunderstorms overhead, and a huge hailstorm descending on the ground just 15 minutes after close of play. The boys were fortunate, but good value for their win. The wise coach Mr Kimberley had told them that they had got out of jail with this one...

Creak Shield

Round 2 took the Under 11 side to Thornleigh Oval for their first home game. The boys fronted up full of enthusiasm with a desire to avenge a disappointing loss to Central Coast the week before. Fairfield-Liverpool won the toss and elected to bat, a decision that Hornsby was more than happy with. A superb opening spell from Elijah Stead (3/8 from 7.3 overs) and a recovering Oscar Keyes (1/14) quickly unsettled the Fairfield openers producing a run out in the 3rd over. Brilliantly to follow were Vansh Bhatia (1/7 from 5 overs) and Will McFadden with an economic (0-2 from 6). Fairfield's wickets fell steadily with impressive bowling from spinner Max Rose (with his occasional sly quickie, 0-15), Aryan Nagra (1-14,) Jack Nati hard to hit with (0-1 from 4 overs) and Captain Noah Keast with a super 2/6 from 4 overs. Elijah's second spell certainly stepped it up a notch or two with definitely his quickest bowling to date hitting the stumps 3 times. The bowlers were certainly backed up by a brilliant day in the field by every boy with highlights being catches to Elijah, Oscar and Noah and run outs to Aryan and Oscar plus some super saves from Cooper Goodchild and Abinath Hathi. Evan White once again came up with goods behind the stumps.

Another tasty lunch was had courtesy of Jo and Joe. A huge thank you, nobody does it better!

Our opening batsmen Oscar Keyes and Will McFadden kicked off again in fine style before Will unfortunately fell to the dreaded LBW in the 6th over for 6 runs. Cameron Tunks (33 n.o) came to the crease and together with Oscar (33 n.o) both boys played a sensible, controlled innings taking Hornsby past Fairfield's score in the 22nd over. All of the boys can certainly hold their heads high with a great team effort and take a huge boost of confidence with them into the following games.

Foster Shield