



## HK&HDCA Representative Newsletter

### Issue Three 2016/2017

#### **Foster Shield U10's:** Round 3

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 59 and 4/38 def by North Shore 12/224 cc

#### **Creak Shield – Under 11s:** Round 3

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 4/150 def Central Coast 147

R MacKay 51\* and 3/42 L Sylvester 46

#### **Cawsey Shield – Under 12s:** Round 3

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 1/140 def Parramatta 139

W McFadden 70\* E Stead 61 A Lath 3/21

#### **Gee Shield – Under 13s:** Round 3

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 5/166 cc def by Newcastle 9/167

O Jennings 56 P Xie 58 S McAllister 3/17 W McCarroll 2/25

#### **Moore Shield U14's :** Round 3

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 4/273 cc def Bankstown 84 and 4/104

L Shaw 85 C Miller 54 M Goonaaratne 52\* J Camp 39 Y Patel 28 V Ravindran 3/12 Y Patel 2/9 JF Baxter 2/9

### **Weblin Shield U15's : Round 3**

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 204 def by Northern Districts 8/224

JP Hayes 49 K Chu 30 A Surace 2/42 K Chu 2/47

### **Peden Shield – Female Under 15's Round 5**

HK and HDCA 27 def by Manly Warringah 141

L Hodge 2/19 A Pereira 2/20 A Hungerford 2/27

### **Watson Shield – Under 16s: Round 3**

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 141 def by Hawkesbury 153

B Camp 34 D Thorat 32 T Hawkins 2/24 M Phoebus 2/28 K Townsend 2/35

## **Match Reports**

### **Watson Shield**

On a very dry track at Richmond, winning the toss was going to be an advantage as batting first on a pitch threatening to go to dust would be an advantage. Unfortunately we lost the toss and were handed the ball.

The bowling and fielding were excellent good tight lines and fielding commitment saw them on the ropes at 8 for 80 and they were worried that we may be chasing an outright win. The consistency, patience, mind set and teammanship show made all proud of the boys. Unfortunately we could not finish them off and some big hitting by the tail end saw them reach 153.

Our batting started well despite the early loss of a wicket to an full toss LBW. It looked like Brody and Druhva would see us home. Then on came there spin attack. 38 overs of spin by Hawkesbury put us out of the race. Some very poor shot selection and nervous batting saw us slump to lose all our wickets in the 47<sup>th</sup> over some 20 runs short.

It was a very disappointing loss after such an excellent bowling innings, some of the best consistent bowling and committed fielding we have seen from this group. The boys were shattered in the sheds after the game. We have shown some glimpses of excellence and if we can add a solid batting innings to a bowling innings we observed we will win every game.

Hopefully we learn to value of wickets more highly and gather some confidence against spin bowling at training. We have the skills set in this squad to be the best, we need to believe in ourselves and whilst valuing our wickets be confident in taking on the challenge.

Let's show the competition what we are made of and win all from here.

## **Weblin Shield**

### **Peden Shield U15 Girls Round 5**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Round 5. Sadly our last outing in the Margaret Peden for the girls in 2016 with no finals spot to play for.

We travelled to Mike Pawley Oval in Brookvale to face Manly Warringah for round 5 on a hot and windy day with mixed emotions. Sad that the adventure has come to an end so soon but keen to see what the girls could do this week after the excitement of last week. The chat before the game included our goal setting and of course "WIN" was the response from lots of smiley girls. We set out to improve on last week as always and see what happened.

Conditions were very tricky for bowling with the wind swirling around the large oval with a quick outfield. Tight early bowling and good fielding kept Manly to around 3 runs an over and eventually a wicket was taken in the 12<sup>th</sup> over. This resulted in an increase to the run rate through to drinks where Manly had got to 4 an over. Over drinks we reminded the girls to stay patient and the wickets would come. Two overs later and Amelie was on a hat trick which she almost got and suddenly Manly were under pressure and trying to consolidate and rebuild their innings. The bowlers were rotated and each bowled good lines making the batters play watchfully and the next 15 overs yielded 50 runs before a flurry of quick wickets and we had bowled Manly out for 141 with two wickets each for Abigail, Lily H, Amelie and Alannah. The girls joined arms as they walked off together and were so excited. All ten wickets were bowled in the innings.

Our turn to bat and the girls quickly worked out that they were facing yet another NSW quick bowler (we have played against 9 State players in 5 weeks). After a little early resistance wickets started to tumble and in a throwback to early games we were skittled in the 20<sup>th</sup> over with another 8 wickets going down bowled. Manly sensed their opportunity to go for an outright and we had 17 overs to survive. A wicket lost in each of the first two overs put us under pressure although nerves settled a bit while Lauren and Lily H batted well taking the fight to the bowlers and scoring freely until the partnership came to an end. Again a rush of lower order wickets meant that a very nervous Khushi walked out to bat needing to last 3 balls to avoid an outright loss, a flashing cover drive for 2 and then a huge appeal as she was hit on the foot off the last ball but we survived an outright loss. The girls celebrated even more loudly than the winning Manly team.

The celebrations and team spirit from our girls was commented on by all our opponents and we ended the season with a 0 and 5 but this did not stop most heading to the beach at Dee Why for cricket (of course) on the beach and fish and chips. I am certain friendships have been made these last few weeks that will last for a very long time.

The last five weeks have seen the team improve dramatically every week. The bowling has been a revelation as the girls have gone from being smashed all around the park in week 1 to bowling a team out in 40 overs in week 5. Lauren finishing as our leading wicket taker with 5, then 3 each for Amelie, Sindy, Abigail and Alannah and two each for Lily H and Danielle and one to Amy (blonde) .....we have two Amy H's in the team so the girls decided on Amy Red and Amy Blonde. Others bowled well without success in the wickets column but they can all be proud of their efforts.

There is no doubt that we have struggled with the bat as the girls techniques have been found out playing against quality bowling on turf wickets and not getting the bounce that they are used to on astro and the lack of foot movement has been exposed. Our leading run scorer was Lauren very closely followed by Abigail and Lily H. Although some girls did not score the runs that they wanted several others also managed to bat for long periods of time which was success in its own way. Highlights were week 1 with Isabella and Danielle batting for over half the innings second time around, week 2 and we will all remember Lauren and Alannah smashing the ball to all parts of Barker against quality bowling, week 3 and a wonderful innings by Abigail of 37 against Canterbury Westerns Suburbs in a partnership of 42 with Lily H, week 4 and the long concentration innings played by all the girls who batted last week to see out the 40 overs for the first time, and finally the nervous tension with Khushi surviving those agonising few balls.

We were lucky to have two very good keepers in Sindy and Amelie who excelled behind the stumps.

We have gone three rounds without an outright loss which is fantastic progress in a very short space of time. Many of our opponents have been training through the winter building to this competition while we had our first Rep training and first matches before the regular season started. The girls should be extremely proud of their efforts and it is clear that the experience has certainly helped the girls as they continue their regular seasons playing for Castle Hill and WPHCCC with greatly improved performances.

I would like to thank Michael who coached the team and all his efforts have been very much appreciated. To all the parents and siblings who supported each and every week a huge thank you, naturally thanks to the scorers and all who contributed to make this such a great success.

Thank you to Bruce Parker for all his work (the week or so before the season started was a blur) in making the Peden happen and handing out shirts almost while the first toss was taking place in week 1, to all the Executive for your support in getting girls Reps off the ground. We have got the girls cricket going now at HKHDCA and with the work being put in by all involved with the girls moving forwards I strongly believe the results will come in time. Both Michael and I are excited knowing that the majority of the team will be able to play again next year and several will be able to play in this age group for at least the next two seasons. If we can get some other Clubs to make a push for players the Association can undoubtedly become a force in girls cricket.

## Moore Shield

The previously unbeaten Bankstown paid a visit to “our Mt. Kuringai”.

Electing to bat, Hornsby openers Corey (56) and Lachlan (85) again laid a solid foundation. Corey was eventually dismissed by fatigue (I was tired watching an all run 5 to cover!). Menuja (52, 49 balls) was promoted up the order. Whilst our batting plan is fixed, it is important to have options for the games ahead. Lachlan was out “shortly” after the second drinks break. The first 3 batsmen occupied time at the crease, normally negotiated by the reliable Jordan and Will. Jayden (39, 31 balls) was promoted along with Yash (28, 17 balls). Menuja was outstanding in linking the solid start, to the Hornsby acceleration stage. The accelerator is best served with wickets in hand. Yash, Menuja, Jayden and Jack are natural shot makers for the back end of an innings. I believe given an opportunity Jonathon, Jarrod and Lucah would provide further strength to the batting.

Hornsby 4/273. Bankstown was demoralised by this stage

Hornsby gathered momentum when the Bankstown opener was caught at the stumps by Lachlan off the consistent Varun (5 overs 3 for 12 & 2 overs 1 for 4). Varun’s efforts on the lifeless carpet of Mt Kuringai is worth a mention. Jonathon (4 overs 0 for 9) is fast running into form. Jack (0 for 16 & 2 for 33) is a threat, interestingly, Jack bowled best line and length in the first innings for no return. Menuja (4 overs 0 for 15) was tidy. Will (2 overs 1 for 1 & 0 for 13) for the third time this year initiated a loss of concentration in the opposition batsman on the drinks break. Jarrod (4 overs 2 for 9 & 0 for 10) is a vital cog in a strong bowling line up. Lucah (3 overs 0 for 12 & 0 for 10) is more comfortable at this level as each game passes. Yash (4 overs 2 for 9 & 0 for 7) completed the game with runs, wickets, and a good catch, it is worth watching the game when Yash is involved. Jayden (4 overs 1 for 16) creates a lot of uncertainty for the opposition.

Fielding was good, including a third run out for the season to Jarrod, a simple out field catch to Jack (*simple*, if you discount running 10m sideways and inwards to a ball spinning and drifting with the breeze). A special mention to Lachlan for quality endurance, 85 runs coupled with a full afternoon behind the stumps, and I mean, “behind the stumps” highlighted by a third ball of innings catch off Varun.

## **Gee Shield**

After an amazing win last week, the boys came agonisingly close again, but fell short against a spirited Newcastle team. Batting first, Newcastle bowled really tightly holding us to 166 after the 50 overs, with Patrick Xie 58 and Oliver Jennings 56 being the innings highlights.

The boys started well, but couldn't quite contain the Newcastle batsmen at various times with the match being decided on the last ball of the innings after they snuck a single to win! Bowling highlights were Sean McAllister with 3/17 and Will McCarroll with 2/25.

As frustrating as it was, we didn't drop catches and we took our opportunities so well done to the players. Hawkesbury at home this week, hoping for a great match!

## **Cawsey Shield**

The regular Sunday trek took the Hornsby Cawsey Shield boys down to Eels territory. On arrival we were presented with a great facility on which to play our cricket – Binalong Park, on a beautiful clear sunny morning was indeed a picture.

Parramatta won the toss and elected to bat, a decision that ultimately might have assisted us, with the afternoon sessions proving to be hot, windy and tiring for the Eels boys.

Bowling with the breeze, Vansh was effective early, removing one of the openers in the first over. His efforts were very effective later in the game too (1/17 off 8). Avi on the other hand had to contend with bowling into what turned out to be a stiff breeze, but turned things around magnificently later to be the pick of the bowling figures (3/21 off 4.3).

The middle stages of the Eels innings saw the spinners take control, strangling the run rate. Cameron consistently restricted and frustrated the batsmen (1/19 off 10) ably supported by Hugo (1/24 off 7). A good effort by all the bowlers and some good ground fielding from the whole team, indicate a team who seem to be finding a good rhythm in the field now. Several tough catches were also taken.

Will (1/7 off 6) produced some very tight bowling resulting in several uppish shots from the Eels batsmen. Evan managed 2 fantastic stumpings.

Parramatta posted 9/139 off 49 which took us to lunch, a great effort laid on by the home side. (Yvette – You still rank No 1, they were good, but no threat – Then there's Joes Sausages.. too)

Hornsby started their innings with good watchful and considered batting, eventually opening their shoulders to display some dynamic stroke play. The left / right combination of Will (70 N.O) and Elijah (61) proved to be very effective.

The run chase always looked like producing the goods, ending with victory in the 41<sup>st</sup> over with one wicket down.

Two convincing wins in a row now indicate a team that is coming together well and likely to be a threat to all commers as the season continues.

## **Creak Shield**

Toss was won by Central Coast and they elected to bat. This is the third toss in a row we lost. Our boys were very sharp in the field for the first hour and even though no wickets fell early the boys managed to restrict the opposition from scoring freely. CCDCA were 1/33 at the first drinks break.

In the next hour we started taking wickets and by the second drinks break CCDCA were 5/84.

We leaked a few runs around the 35<sup>th</sup> over and CCDCA looked like they were starting to dominate. The boys fought back strongly with some great run outs and Riley Mackay had the opposition in all sorts taking 3 wickets. CCDCA were bowled out in the 48<sup>th</sup> over for 147. A great effort in the field by all the boys, and the fielding drills are really showing a lot of improvement in every game.

Great efforts with the bat by Luke Sylvester 46 and Riley Mackay making his first fifty scoring 51no. Jordan Netto came out to bat with only 7 to get and he got the winning runs with two beautiful fours, going down the wicket to a spin bowler. A great way to score the winning runs.

A great effort from the lads and it's great to see them improving every week.

## **Foster Shield**

3<sup>rd</sup> game of the U10 Foster Shield was played at Pottery Green, Lane Cove against North Shore 1. It was a beautiful day for cricket and NS1 won the toss and elected to bat first.

Naden opened the bowling attack with fast & spinner combination to tackle the NS1's strong batting lineup. John & Regan started their overs very confidently. They both were in control with their accurate deliveries. Regan gave HKHDCA the first breakthrough. He bowled the NS1 opener when the score was at 19. After 15 Overs NS1 was 1 for 41. Once Naden brought himself to bowling, the 2<sup>nd</sup> breakthrough came when the score was at 51. Then NS1's batsmen William & Hugo showed an excellent batting display and HKHDCA bowlers were put on a test. At the end of 40 over NS1 was 2 for 214. HKHDCA bowlers delivered their best performance but it's unfortunate they could not break the NS1 partnership. Lovely lunch was provided by North Shore. On behalf of HKHDCA a big thanks to North Shore. HKHDCA started their innings to chase 214 which is slightly bigger total compare to the previous game. Naden & Regan opened the innings. NS1 showed some quality bowling display. Runs were harder to come by. After the 1<sup>st</sup> wicket fell John came in & started his innings with his usual batting style. He was clearing the inner fielders with his power hitting. But NS1 showed that they are in control of the games taking wickets at regular intervals. At first drink break score was 2-38 in 15 Overs. With their all around good cricket they bowled out HKHDCA for 59 in 26 Overs. HKHDCA was asked bat again by NS1. At the close of play at 4.05pm score was at 4-38. Well done North Shore 1. And all the very best to HKHDCA for their next game!