



HK&HDCA Representative Newsletter

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ROUND 1

Foster Shield U10's: Round 1

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 9/112 def Inner West Harbour 8/111

Creak Shield – Under 11s: Round 1

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 0/159 def Penrith 9/158 CC

Cawsey Shield – Under 12s: Round 1

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 8/152 CC Def ACT 114

Gee Shield – Under 13s: Round 1

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 9/104 def by Inner West Harbour 8/142

Moore Shield U14's : Round 1

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 8/122 def by Inner West Harbour 6/110 (reduced overs)

Weblin Shield U15's : Round 1

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 3/93 def Parramatta 128

Margaret Peden Shield - U15 Girls : Round 2

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 9/71 def by Parramatta 3/213 CC

Watson Shield – Under 16s: Round 1

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 4/58 Drew Inner West Harbour 9/170 CC

ROUND 2

Foster Shield U10's: Round 2

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Creak Shield – Under 11s: Round 2

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 4/134 def Parramatta 7/133 CC

Cawsey Shield – Under 12s: Round 2

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 5/246 Def Hawkesbury 159

Gee Shield – Under 13s: Round 2

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 8/120 def by Manly 9/159 CC

Moore Shield U14's : Round 2

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 74 Def by Camden 325

Weblin Shield U15's : Round 2

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 3/148 def Hawkesbury 9/147 CC

Margaret Peden Shield - U15 Girls : Round 2

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 5/131 def by North Shore 4/247 CC

Watson Shield – Under 16s: Round 2

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 78 def by Newcastle 7/181 CC

Margaret Peden Shield - U15 Girls : Round 3

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 66 def by Camden Illawarra 7/67

Margaret Peden Shield - U15 Girls : Round 4

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 9/132 def by Canterbury and Western Suburbs 5/152 CC

Match Reports

Watson Shield Rd 1

HK&HDCA (58/4 – 19 overs) drew with Inner West Harbour (170/9 – 50 overs)

An enjoyable game between two well matched teams finished in a disappointing draw due to a heavy downpour at 3:10pm which forced the teams from the pitch and although the rain had ceased by 3:45pm no further play was possible due to pools of water on the playing square and the bowler's run-ups.

Hornsby was in good spirits at the start of the game as Jordan Hayes, Captain for the season, presented Rep cricket newcomer Nick Hyland with his baggy.

Unfortunately, as has been the case for the past few games Hornsby lost the toss and Inner West Harbour elected to bat first.

Hornsby opened the bowling with James Reynolds (2/24 off 10) and Nicholas Hammond (0/12 off 3) who both bowled a lively pace. A loose 3rd over from Nick brought about an earlier than planned bowling change being replaced by Ian D'Souza (0/14 off 6). Ken Chu (2/23 off 6) took over from James in the 11th over and bagged Hornsby's first wicket with a fast inswinger that hit the batsman plumb in front and in the 13th over. At drinks Inner West Harbour had taken the upper hand with the score at 43/1 off 16 overs. Another 2 overs after drinks from Ken and Ian before a double bowling change bringing spin into the attack from Jordan Hayes (3/25 off 10) and Daivya Malvi (0/28 off 8). The Inner West Harbour batsmen looked less confident against spin and the run-rate slowed significantly with just 8 runs being scored off the next 8 overs. In the 23rd over Jordan clean bowled the remaining opening batsman and Inner West Harbour was 51/2. The new batsman (Sidgreaves) batted well for 49 but at the other end he was losing partners as Jordan took his second wicket (a well-judged catch by Ryan Brooks, deputising for the injured Xerxes Lopes), followed by wickets to both Cooper Davenport (1/17 off 3) and Vedant Virmani (1/21 off 3). By the 40th over Inner West Harbour was 5/123 and looking to push the run-rate. James Reynolds, Jordan Hayes and Ken Chu bowled out the final 10 overs removing 4 more batsmen and the innings closed at 9/170.

Hornsby came off the field for lunch, with the sun shining and confident of being able to score the runs required for the first win of the season. But by the end of the lunch-break thick cloud covered the ground and new ball was swinging ferociously making batting very difficult. Kieran Krishnan (2) and Jarrod French (18*) opened the innings, but Kieran was soon back in the pavilion lbw to a ball that seemed to straighten with the score on 9. Jordan Hayes (23) replaced Kieran and looked in total control scoring at a run a ball before being clean bowled by an excellent delivery. Cooper Davenport (0) replaced Jordan, took guard and faced the "delivery of the day", a fast swinging yorker that was impossible to play. Ken Chu (0) was unfortunate to mistime a delivery that deserved to have been dispatched to the boundary and was caught at square leg. From 1/43 after 11 overs and looking comfortable Hornsby was now 4/45. Nick Hyland (7 not out) joined Jarrod adding 13 runs from the next 5 overs before a heavy downpour stopped play at 3:10. Although the rain had stopped by 3:45 play did not resume because of pools of water on the playing square and bowler's run-ups.

Weblin Shield Round 1 and 2 reports

Round 1 Vs Parramatta – Old Kings Oval

Parramatta all out for 128 runs in the 50th Over. HK&HDCA 3/93 in the 27TH Over – WIN

On what was a beautiful morning to start the Weblin Shield competition HK&HDCA travelled to Parramatta. Surrounded by Parramatta DCA Memorabilia we knew we would be up against a proud team with tradition to fight for. We would have to set ourselves high standards to gain a win.

Having lost the toss we were sent into the field. The brief to the team was simple, bowl line and length, dot ball the first and last in your overs, bowl in pairs and the field will support you. Let's always finish clean.

Well the boys put on a fielding and bowling masterclass. Tight bowling did not give the batsmen any reprieve, any ball struck was pounced upon by the field. In the fourth over, another straight drive was finger tipped by Jack Nisbet (bowling) and rattled into the non-strikers stumps, catching him out of his ground trying to turn the strike over, the first wicket fell to a run out. 5 maiden overs in the first hour was building pressure. They were still only one wicket down at the end of the 15th over and could look to break out of our strangle hold anytime. The message at the drinks break was keep persisting with disciplined bowling and the wickets will come.

It took until the 28th over to take the next wicket, however Parra had only 67 runs on the board. But it was a beautifully fielded ball and deadly accurate return by Louis that saw the threatening batsmen run out. A sign of things to come. The next over (29th) the speedy hands of Lachlan Shaw behind the stumps combined with a sliding ball down leg side from Lachlan Soles, with a batsmen looking to chase down the pitch to begin hitting out. Gone stumped. We continued to bowl tightly and display excellent fielding commitment. Sticking to our team rules of defending our boundary, committing to the ball and always finishing clean, we were putting on a fielding and bowling clinic. We just were not breaking through, but we were containing. Who would eventually break the strangle hold. Parr hitting out or us with the pressure finally breaking them. And then the flood began. The same over the batsmen looking to hit out is caught well by Corey Miller, 4/91 off 35. The two Lachlan's combine again and another stumping, 5/91 in the 35th. We didn't let Parramatta get going at all from here on in. In what was a superb team game we saw Menuja, Yash and Corey execute some brilliant run outs. Corey not happy with that then took a wicket clean bowled. Sol Balbi with reward for very disciplined and tight bowling then cleaned up the tail with two wickets in his final over, a clean bowled and another run out with batmen being frustrated.

Our bowling discipline and fielding display was of a very high standard. This was a fantastic display of team cricket. Bowlers being disciplined, dotting your fist and last ball as a minimum, building pressure on the batsmen to turn over the strike and fielder pouncing on anything and finishing clean. With two stumpings, 5 run outs, 2 bowled and a catch these talk to themselves about how good a team display in the field it was. Parramatta all out in the 50th over for 128 runs. But we still had to bat.

Our batting started very reservedly. Parramatta were also bowling tightly. The boys had to be patient and play their shots but work rate would be important. Corey run out in the 7th over with the score only on 14 showed this match was threatening to be a stranglehold. Rain interrupted play and the covers went on. The time lost saw 14 overs taken off the day and the revised tally to win being 93 runs from 36 overs. Fearing that rain could return and take the game from us we had to stay above the run rate at 25 overs and beyond as a minimum. Thus Jayden Camp was promoted up the order. Just as Lachlan Shaw was looking as though he would break the shackles he was bowled out on 20 in the 16th over. Jayden was working hard to keep get the run rate up and over the required. Another promotion in the order saw Jack Nisbet stroll out to the middle. The two highest strike rates of the day (Jayden 67.9 and Jack 83.3) took the match away. When Jayden was run out on 36 the game was pretty well done. Will Coffee strolled out and blasted a 4 on his 5th ball faced with a beautiful drive and then Jack cleaned up. We achieved the required 93 runs in the 28th Over, some 8 overs earlier than needed.

From the coaching perspective the most pleasing part of the game was how everyone contributed in the fielding innings. Our bowlers were disciplined and tight, they out persisted the Parra batsmen. The bowlers were supported outstandingly by all in the field. We built the pressure on the batting side and we didn't let it off. It took a while for them to break, but when they did it crumpled fairly quickly for Parra. Hopefully the boys learn from this and realise that One Day Cricket is about containing the runs. The pressure this creates brings wickets. We must be more disciplined than the opposition and we must continue to pressure them for all 300 balls if needed.

our batting start was solid but slow. We displayed good depth in being able to promote and wrestle the initiative back. Once we took it we held it.

A solid display and a great standard to start the season. We could not go back from this. This had to be base line.

Rd 2 Vs Hawkesbury at McQuade Oval Richmond

Hawkesbury 8/147 were defeated by HK@HDCA 3/148 in the 41st Over – WIN

A beautiful morning greeted us and the ground looked good with a pitch that slightly favoured batting first we thought. Losing the toss, again, meant we did not have to worry about a call and we were sent to the field.

It was evident early that it would be work rate that would win the day. The outfield was lush and boundaries were very hard to come by. In fact only five boundaries were struck by Hawkesbury in their 50 overs.

We struggled to control the swinging ball early which saw some extras down leg side and sundries as the highest score for Hawkesbury's innings. We also let ourselves down a little in the field at times when compared to the high standards we set for ourselves, and displayed the week before. Very pleasing however was our commitment to chase the ball hard and finish clean with our fielding. Most pleasing was seeing the commitment to the ball resulting in some excellent catches. Of the 8 wickets taken, 6 were caught including some sharp catches by Menuja, Louis, Jordan and a sharp caught and bowled by Corey. Catches win matches they say and we performed well in this sphere on the day. Won't talk about the skied ball that had our keeper and short cover looking at each other as it landed in between them !!!!!

With Hawkesbury's opener taking 82 balls to get his 22 runs and the first wicket falling when this batsmen was on 4 from 21 balls, it was a game of patience. We had to continue to be disciplined and be demonstrate more patience than them. This we did really well and although, with wickets in hand, they were looking to get away we did not let them. Frustrating stoppages in play whilst there coach tried to run messages (water) to his batsmen failed to break our stranglehold. The third wicket falling in a maiden 24th over and the 4th only two overs later. But then a partnership threatened to form, we held our nerve, kept our discipline and saw them struggle to take the initiative. It was a hard slog for them. Then we broke through with the 5th wicket in over number 39 with only 34 runs scored in those 13 overs. Two more wickets in two overs, both caught by Menuja off Louis bowling stymied another potential "breakout". Yash bowled excellent length (1/27 off 10) and Jayden (2/18 off 10) had exceptional control of the ball, getting some wicked bounce from the pitch and making the batsmen work extremely hard. This spin combination was ably supported by a very economical Varun (1/7 off 5) and Lachlan Soles (0/5 off 3).

To contain Hawkesbury to 147 when they were constantly threatening to get away was very pleasing although we know we probably bled close to 40 of these runs, including 11 no balls and 6 wides. The good news is we know we can improve this and we know we let ourselves down somewhat in the discipline of bowling and fielding at times.

It looked as though it was going to be a long day with a slow start to our batting innings due to tight bowling and that lush outfield. Corey's mother wondered if I had instructed him to send them to sleep. After the early loss of Lachlan Shaw (8 runs off 16 balls) trying to hit out, the instructions was to be solid and let us build around your innings. Corey executed this instruction superbly. Jayden camp strolled out and hit 4 off his second ball. Showing that anything short to him would be punished. A beautiful, balanced display of pull shots saw the best strike rate of the day (60 from 80 balls) take the game away from Hawkesbury. Jayden worked hard also ensuring both he and Corey got maximum value for shots on the slow outfield. With the mercury touching 36 degrees, the running was a mighty effort. Will Coffee showed finesse in his shot selection and continued with the hard work rate. With only one boundary in his 25 from 39 balls Will demonstrated to his team how a commitment to hard work rate and intent can take the initiative away from the opposition. With Corey finally succumbing (to perhaps fatigue), Jordan continued the hard work rate with Will until the game was won, the 148 achieved in the 41st over at about 41 degrees (it felt like it).

Our batting innings was, again, a good display of the depth in this team. Pleasing was the intent shown, as this is one of our team rules. On a sluggish outfield, work rate and intent would win the day. Our boys proved this by playing the right shots and being prepared to run hard.

We need to bring our fielding standard back up to that shown in round 1. Had that been on display we would have been home earlier. But our bowling discipline, amongst our strike bowlers was also not as high as round 1. If we can bring these aspect back up to round 1 standard and combine it with our batting shot selection and work rate displayed today, look out Newcastle. We will be the team to beat.

U15 Margaret Peden Girls report

This year's Peden squad have been training hard over the last few weeks and went into the season much better prepared for the season ahead, despite losing 5 strong players from last season. We managed to hold trials this season and were delighted that we had over 20 girls try for a spot.

This season we have 8 girls from WPHCCC and six girls come from Castle Hill as our most active Clubs with girls teams but hopefully numbers will come from elsewhere in the years ahead.

Michael and I both believe that our 5 or 6 main bowlers are as good and probably better than any other teams we have seen to date and we just needed to get all of them fit and on the pitch doing the bulk or all of the work each week and we would compete.

Our first two outings came against the strongest two teams in our group again and we struggled for runs especially as the adaptation of games to turf is proving tough and we shared the bowling around a fair bit with some taking a battering at times and while we were also without a couple of our strongest bowlers. However, we managed to remain 9 wickets down against a strong Parramatta team and only 5 down against a strong North Shore team. Both of these performances were major steps forward from last season even though we did finish distant second in both matches.

We then turn to last week at The Glade in Round 3. The pitch was more than just a shade of green when we removed the covers and it was clear this was a bowlers day. We finally had all our major bowlers fit too. Sadly we lost the toss against Camden Illawarra and the girls really struggled to time the ball even when they managed to lay bat as they played and missed as we crawled our way to 66 all out in the 32nd over with Lauren top scoring with 14 and Esha with 12 not out. Nobody had an idea we would end up with a dramatic finish. Our opening bowlers, Danielle (coming back from four weeks out with a shoulder injury) and Lily bowled terrific opening spells and we had them 1 for 9 off 8 overs which should have been 3 down with a couple of chances going begging. They were replaced by Lauren and Alannah who kept the pressure on so we kept them at 1 for 23 at the first drinks break after 16 overs. Danielle and Lily returned and bowled four more overs each as we gambled everything on containment and scoreboard pressure and when they were done Camden were only 2 for 34 off 24. Danielle (2 for 13) and Lily (0 for 8) off 8 a piece were outstanding. Lauren and Alannah returned to maintain pressure and Camden started to buckle as the pressure rose. Three more chances had gone down but the girls kept on fielding and bowling as if their lives depended on it. Our fifth bowler, Sindy bounced back after missing a couple of the chances to keep it tight with 0 for 13. Lauren was on a hat trick at one point (ending with 4 for 10 off her 8 overs) and Alannah with 0 for 8 also off 8, as the dark clouds threatened the game which went right down to the last over when an inside edge flew just wide of a fielder with Camden scrapping home by 3 wickets and five balls to spare in a truly staggering game and we had the heavens open just as we packed up. Despite our batting struggles the bowlers deserve immense credit and really they deserved a win for their efforts

Yesterday we took the shortish trip to play Canterbury Western Suburbs on a hot day in Round 4. We bowled first on a very true track which looked a batters paradise. More really tight bowling from our bowlers and at one point the hosts were 5 for 78. The girls started to tire as the temperature passed 30C and two batters played very well taking the score to 152 which was another strong bowling performance from our 6 bowlers used. Wickets were shared between Lily, Danielle, Lauren and Alannah with great support from Amelie and Amy (Red – so named after both her hair colour and her face at the end of 40 overs yesterday). A special shout out to all the squad who fielded magnificently in the heat and especially to Ragini who was our most improved fielder yesterday chasing balls down and throwing in as well as anyone out there.

We lost Alannah early but Esha and Lauren batted wonderfully and added 62 for the second wicket and we seemed to be in control at 2 for 73 in the 22nd over when Esha was dismissed. This season is Esha's first season playing on turf and also her first playing on a full length pitch after playing her first season in the Under 13's last year. Lauren continued to look completely in control but sadly wickets were lost at regular intervals and we fell 20 runs short with Lauren dismissed for a hugely impressive 66 in the last over. It was the first time a girl from HKHDCA had passed 50 and an innings we will remember for many years to come.

From where the girls were at the start of last season to where they are now threatening to win games is a huge achievement.

Now a trip to Canberra next Sunday beckons where the girls will be pushing hard to get across the line. The girls have the added incentive that Michael Hungerford has promised to shave his hair and beard if they had won yesterday or next week so keep those clippers on hand

Gee Shield Round 1 and 2

Round 1: U13 Gee Shield vs Inner West Harbour Juniors @ Gannan Park, Ryde

HKHDCA 9/104 def by IWH 8/142

The U13 Gee Shield team arrived at Gannan Park, Ryde for the 1st round vs Inner West Harbour (IWH). We welcomed Parth Thakur to his first Shield game.

Hornsby lost the toss and were sent into to the field.

The bowling line up started tight and performed well in the field and kept 8/142 at the close of innings. A very achievable target to chase with best bowling performances by Manas 3/22, Avi 3/11 and Jamieson 2/14.

Following the lunch break we set out to chase our target, but heavy clouds began to circle with rain interruption mid innings. Lost our second wicket just after the rain

began to come down and play was disrupted. Our Innings was reduced to 45 overs and we just couldn't chase down our target.

Plenty of lessons learnt from this game to take forward into the coming weeks.

Round 2: U13 Gee Shield vs Manly Warringah @ North Turramurra

HKDCA 8/120 def by Manly-Warringah 9/159

A warm start to the day, Hornsby won the toss and put Manly into bat, thinking the afternoon was going to be the hottest.

Our new home ground was going to be tough, as the lawn mower man didn't come to visit during the week. Running between the wickets was going to be key for both sides.

Manas and Jamieson picked up 2 wickets each, and a couple of great team run outs, saw Manly set a target of 159 at the close of innings, with some excellent running between the wickets.

Hornsby's reply was bogged down by some accurate bowling and good fielding. Will carried his bat for the innings finishing with 56 not out. The runs were hard to come by with many a shot by both teams not getting the boundary they deserved, due to the long, spongy outfield. Only 2 boundaries in 100 overs.

Cawsey Shield Round 1

U12 Cawsey Shield HKHDCA

The first round of the 2017/18 season saw the U12 team having to travel to Queanbeyan to take on ACT who were undefeated in 2016/17. With the travel and accommodation booked, and a bunch of 12 excited boys and parents, we hit the road to tackle the challenge head on.

Match day arrived and HKHDCA won the toss and elected to bat first.

Some tight bowling from the ACT opening bowlers saw HKHDCA at 1 for 17 after 10 overs. HKHDCA then dug in and were 2 or 52 after 20 overs with P. Murray and S. Singh at the crease. Both these boys built a strong partnership before P. Murray fell with the score on 93 in the 28th over. P. Murray ended with a solid 54.

HKAHDCA continued to dig deep and were 4 for 95 after 30 overs.

The next 10 overs saw the loss of a further 2 wickets with HKHDCA sitting at 6 for 123 with S. Singh departing for 34 after steadying the ship mid innings. This bought the captain R. Mackay to the crease to lead the boys through the final 10 overs. R. Mackay ended up Not Out 21 with the team closing out the 50 overs with a total of 8 for 152.

ACT then took to the wicket to chase down the total and were confident that they could overcome the total set. S. Singh opened the bowling and took the first wicket in the first over, a wicket maiden to commence the battle. Over 5 saw S. Singh take his second wicket leaving ACT at 2 for 15 and the HKHDCA boys pumped. ACT then set about building a strong partnership before the 3rd wicket fell in the 19th Over to D. Bailey. This turned the tables on the match and HKHDCA threw everything at ACT and had them in trouble at 6 for 87 after 25 overs. D Bailey was proving to be a thorn in the side for ACT and ended with figures of 4 for 6 off 6 overs. And well supported by S. Singh with 3 for 17 off his 8 overs. Strong efforts in the field with 7 catches taken in the match from P. Murray (2), L. Mooney (2), S. Singh, L. Sylvester, J. Netto saw ACT capitulate ending ALL OUT for 114 off 38.1 overs.

Final result was a 1st Innings victory to HKHDCA and a great achievement knocking off the undefeated ACT team. A true team effort.

Creak Shield Round 2

VS Parramatta - 29/10/17

Another excellent performance by Hornsby U11 Creak Shield Team.

Having lost the toss to Parramatta who chose to bat first, Hornsby boys started their bowling very well. Both Jye and John were in control in their opening spells. With the excellent fielding display by Joshua & perfect stumping by wicket keeper Riley, Parramatta lost their opening batsmen for a runout. With this, both opening bowlers took quick wickets and left Parramatta searching for runs. However, the Parramatta middle order batsmen showed some resistance with some patient batting and brought their innings to a decent 133/7 at the end of 40 Overs. Bowling figures for Hornsby are Jye 2/15(8 Overs), John 1/23(8 Overs), Regan 1/13(8 Overs) and Louis 1/8 (2 Overs).

With 134 to win in 40 Overs, Naden & Regan opened the innings for Hornsby. It was

unfortunate for Regan to get out very early in the innings. John was next in and was slow to start for a change. He quickly gathered momentum and switched to his usual batting style. John played some excellent shots to increase the score very rapidly. John scored 56 runs off 47 balls and Hornsby lost his wicket when total score was at 78. Naden at the other end kept the scoreboard ticking. He was playing very patiently and ensured the runs required was attainable. He partnered with Alex and added very valuable runs to the total. With the loss of Naden's wicket when score was at 121, Jye & Alex were able to reach the the total required at 26.5 overs.

A very good & comfortable win to the Boys. Excellent batting display by John. 2/2 in 2017.
Well done boys!

Good luck in the next game.