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Margaret Peden Shield - U15 Girls :

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 34 Def by ACT 2/37

Match Reports

U15 Margaret Peden Girls report

HKH v ACT away, 5th November 2017

Two different approaches were taken by the team this weekend. Half the team went to the ACT on Saturday night while the other half left between 5 and 6am on Sunday morning. The girls that went down the night before had a blast ending up having a late night as they socialised while the parents chilled in the bar☺. Those that got up early looked equally tired after their dawn departure and it was clear that neither worked really well as we checked out the bleary eyes on Sunday morning.....thank heavens for coffee!

When we took the covers off the wicket at Brad Haddin Oval it looked like a day 7 pitch in the subcontinent with wide and deep cracks all across the wicket. The edges moved significantly and this was as alien as playing on the moon for the girls.

Sadly we lost the toss and were sent in to bat as we would have loved to have used our strongest suit of bowling first to try to apply pressure to the ACT team who had to win to have a chance of making the semis. An early run out at the end of the first over after a rocket throw did not help our cause and from there things went from bad to worse as wickets fell regularly to balls turning sharply and many shooting along the deck being pretty much unplayable. Probably par on that track would have been 50 and we fell a few short.

The girls went out with a positive mindset and although we picked up a couple of early wickets one of the ACT girls clearly had played on this type of track before and she got them over the line pretty quickly which meant an early lunch.

The ACT team kindly agreed to play a fun T20 game after lunch which our girls thoroughly enjoyed and even ended up with 9 in a slip cordon at one point.

The girls have made giant strides again this season and while we have not won a match we have an amazing team spirit the envy of many, we ran two games very close and our bowling attack is as good as any other team that we have faced with wickets shared between Lauren with 8, Lily with 5, Danielle and Alannah with 3 and Amy (red) with one. We have struggled with the bat apart from Lauren with 125 well ahead of Lily with 37 and Esha with 35 and need to work on this aspect more than any other for next season.

The good news is that we still have a young team with ten of the girls able to play again next season.

Michael Hungerford bowed out of coaching the team at the end of yesterday and huge thanks to him for all that he has done to get our Peden girls playing.