



HK&HDCA Representative Newsletter

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ROUND 4

Foster Shield U10's: Round 4

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 94 def by Blacktown 7/126 CC

K Sotiropoulos 3/10 R Colbert 2/20

Creak Shield – Under 11s: Round 4

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 155 def by Inner West Harbour 7/193 CC

R Bridgewater 51 A Hughes 33 N Cooray 25

Cawsey Shield – Under 12s: Round 4

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 8/170 CC def Camden 162

D Bailey 2/16 L Sassen 2/17 L Bailey 2/34 R Mackay 2/40 P Murray 79 R Mackay 42*

Gee Shield – Under 13s: Round 4

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 95 def by Illawarra 6/96

M Bansal 3/22 C Tunks 38

Moore Shield U14's : Round 4

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 5/120 CC def by North Shore 5/220 CC

O Jennings 54* A Weston 26 B Harris 2/26 S Bakshi 2/32

Weblin Shield U15's : Round 4

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 6/226 CC def Sutherland 113

J Nisbet 85* J Camp 70 C Miller 36 S Balbi 2/16 J Nisbet 2/21 J Camp 2/22

Watson Shield – Under 16s: Round 4

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 6/139 def Parramatta 138

J Reynolds 4/14 N Hammond 2/29 N Hammond 52 C Davenport 26

Match Reports

Watson Shield

Unable to find a replacement 12th man, Hornsby went into the game thinking they would have just 11 players, but a late injury put paid to that and Hornsby was left with just 10 players. Whilst coach and manager were left scratching their heads about the best plan to address the reduced team size, each player looked upon it as an opportunity to prove the quality of the Hornsby team. The consequence was determined batting, improved ground fielding, pressure bowling and fantastic team spirit.

The game started badly, as once again Jordan Hayes lost the toss and Parramatta elected to bat. Hornsby looked like it would be in for a difficult day as 7 runs were taken from the first over. But the runs soon dried up as tight bowling for the next 3 overs and the first wicket was taken, a neat catch by Kieran Krishnan off the bowling of Jordan (1/26). James Reynolds (4/14) brought a rash shot from the other opener and Kieran, displaying his best keeping skills this season took a great diving leg side catch. James was proving a handful for the Parramatta batsmen as he followed with a double wicket maiden and Parramatta was 17-4 off 12 overs.

Ken Chu (0/9) and Ian d'Souza (1/7) continued to apply the pressure which brought about another wicket, this time a reflex catch by Ken at first slip off Ian's bowling. Jordan returned to the attack, joined by Nick Hammond (2/29), and with batting conditions improving Parramatta pushed the score along to 50/5 off 17 overs. Daivya Malvi (1/14) took over from Nick and snatched the 6th wicket, another reflex catch, this time from Nick Hyland. James Reynolds returned to the attack and closed out his spell with 5 consecutive maidens taking his fourth wicket in his final over. Cooper Davenport (1/36) was bowling tightly at the other end, taking a neat caught and bowled and just 8 runs from his first 4 overs.

At 79/8 it looked like the Parramatta tea would be dismissed for under 100, but determined batting from the Parramatta No.4 (75 runs) and the final pair saw the total move to 138 with Nick Hammond being rewarded for straight, accurate bowling taking the final 2 wickets, both clean bowled.

Slow and steady was the instruction for the Hornsby batsmen, still thinking about the previous games batting collapse of 78 all out. Kieran (13) and Jarrod French (8) followed the instructions. Jordan losing his wicket in the 9th over with the score on 23. Jordan (6), Kieran and Ken (6) departed soon after and with the score on 47-4 off 22 overs it looked as though another batting collapse was imminent. But Cooper (26) and Nick Hammond (52) had different ideas, both playing calm measured shots, hitting the ball firmly and confidently along the ground. Having compiled a partnership of 76 Cooper lost his wicket with the score on 122-5. Nick Hammond was joined at the crease by Nick Hyland (6*). Nick Hammond continued to bat with confidence and poise and despite well drilled fielding from Parramatta continued to muster runs, dispatching loose balls for 4 and a huge 6 over square-leg off a no ball. A square drive for 4 took him to his 50 and at 130-5 it looked like plain sailing. But a loose shot outside the off stump and he was caught behind. Daivya (5*) joined Nick Hyland at the crease and knocked off the remaining runs for a well-deserved Hornsby win.

Weblin Shield

It was good to be playing cricket again after the disappointing washout against Newcastle, especially as most of us had made it up to Newcastle before the match was abandoned. Especially pleasing was to be having our first home game of the competition on the beautiful Barker No 1 Oval.

The smile was wide on Lachlan Shaw's face when he won his first toss this season and we were able to elect to bat first. We envisioned that the track would get lower and harder to play as the day wore on and so wanted to get amongst the runs early.

The boys set a high standard in the pre-game warm ups and it seemed that we were going to set high standards for ourselves throughout the game. Sutherland started very well with tight bowling and our openers, Lachy Shaw and Corey Miller were finding it hard to get them away for runs but remained patient and solid. An early dropped chance off Corey set the tone for Sutherland's fielding however, Corey settled, played within himself but stayed solid. At over number 10 we were a little off our hoped pace at only 20 runs but no wickets were down. What used to be a lightning fast Barker outfield has been tamed and shots that would have been four in previous years were now pulling up short.

Drinks taken at end of the 14th and we were none for 31. The message at the break was to "find them" and let's get going and take it to Sutherland's change up bowlers. Looking to break the shackles Lachlan unfortunately holed out to gully. 1 for 31 in the 15th. Jayden Camp, our run machine against Hawkesbury, strolled out and we thought things would liven up pretty soon. To Sutherland's credit tight bowling kept us restricted. Jayden took 21 balls to get off the potential duck. The work rate was lifting however and we started taking the Sutherland fielders on. They did not hold up. In the 29th over our next wicket fell (Corey) and we were on 86 runs, 16 off these runs were boundaries. Therefore in 15 overs we had a run rate of 3.66, lifted from 2.2 in the first 14 and all by work rate. The boys were getting their rhythm and knew hard work was needed if we were to win the day. Corey and Jayden had ran many 2's and 3's. Will Coffee, our hard running Vice Captain took the field with a great mindset of getting things moving by work rate. Unfortunately he was cut short with a dubious LBW, but took it well and strolled off with his head up. The run rate needed a boost so pinch hitters were being promoted. Onto the arena welcome Jack Nisbet. With Jayden and Jack in the centre the fireworks were about to begin. Feeding off each other a 111 run partnership in 16 overs was a fantastic display of wrestling back the initiative and keeping it. This partnership totally demoralised Sutherland. Jayden's 70 from 98 balls was surpassed by Jack Nisbet's 85 from 64. When Jayden fell, Manuja was sent out in the 48th over with the instructions to not die wondering and hit out. In a shocker of a call he was given caught behind off his first ball. Lachlan Soles was sent in with the same instructions. On his fourth ball he plugged out, caught. Jordy Fullagher went out to support Jack, ran a 2 with him, watched him smash a 4 faced off his only ball and end of innings 6 for 226 was a great fighting comeback. A solid start by our openers allowing us to have wickets in hand to hit out is important and occurred again. Jack's display was the highlight, well supported by Jayden. As coach I was very proud of Manuja and Lachlan Soles. Although they didn't make runs they were doing the team thing and looking to hit out when we had to keep the momentum going and retain the initiative that was demoralising Sutherland. Manuja was "gutted" by the

dubious caught behind call, but should hold his head up high for the approach he took to the game. Pay them back with the ball was my message to him.

Lunch with 220 on the board. Would it be enough on a ground that traditionally required 300 + to be safe. A revised score, based on a slower outfield than normal, and I would have liked 250 for a slight buffer. But what did I know.

With Jack needing to recover from his batting spell, Sol Balbi was promoted to lead the pace attack and thrown the new ball. In a message "to the selectors" he took the opportunity and stole the show. LBW first ball and there opener gone for a Golden. A great amount of controlled in swing. Ball two, pitched outside off, large inswing again and bang, bail broken in half and number 3 out for a golden. 2 for none in two balls. Menuja with that caught behind decision still burning in him bowls a beautiful first over of, 1 off the first ball, four dots and then "bang" out caught. Sutherland 3 for 1. Menuja only gives away 4 runs in his next 4 overs, building great pressure. Jack Nisbet takes the reigns from Sol and, perhaps still in recovery from the batting display, over pitches a couple in his first over that are hit to the boundary. Menuja, only 1 off his next and the batsmen think they will take to JACK AGAIN. But with Jack's radar now "calibrated" he clean bowls number 4. Sutherland are 4 for 25 in the 11th. It what then became a frustrating day, Sutherland "dig in" defending. We were hoping to bowl them out for around 75 and have another crack at them. 8 overs for 2 more wickets with not many runs, clean bowled by Varun and Louis. This demonstrated how we were bowling very well, tightly with control, backed by our fielding. Varun and Louis getting great shape with the ball and controlling it well. Varun taking their most threatening batsmen. 6 for 57 in the 20th over. Sutherland started to defended well, saving any chance of an outright win. It was painstaking cricket watching them defend. 14 overs for the next wicket with only 20 runs scored saved there day from a total calamity. We kept our discipline with the bowling but started to waver in our fielding. Frustrating run out chances gone begging hurt what was otherwise a good display. We failed to "finish cleanly" too many times. AA steady flow of wickets every 3 overs saw us finally finish them off in the 46th over for 113. A good win by the boys. Yash Patel has been hitting his length beautifully the last two games, his 6 overs, 2 maidens, none for 7 runs was a very good display and built pressure that allowed his team mates to "cash in". Jack Nisbet with a good display of "at the death" bowling saw the ball saw agonising close past the edge a number of times before a clean bowled. Jayden with two wickets chipped in again with the ball and Jordy finishing off with a good run out put a shine on some ordinary returns to the stumps throughout the match.

To take a comment from the Sutherland scorer at the end of play he said to let the boys know he was impressed with the bowling. He cannot remember when he last, or if he ever, saw a score sheet that had extras of:

0 wides, 0 No Balls, 0 Byes and only 5 Leg Byes.

Be very proud of this and let's pick up those leg byes next time. Let's stay up for 50 overs next week and "always finish clean".

The boys again can be proud of the team effort that won this game. They fight for each other and it is pleasing to see how they are willing to work for a team mate. This will take us a long way. As I saw on the wall of the Bradman Museum today:

"For Cricketers to succeed they must share their achievements with each other. Bowlers depend on their fielders and batters on partners to build a team score. The best become undisputed champions"

Well done boys we are getting better each week at this "team game". As I stated this match the discipline in the field starts with disciplined bowling. Be persistent on the right line and length. Be more patient than the batsmen. Make them play and the mistakes they make will come. If the field is up and about we will take the chances as they arrive.

Gee Shield

Our regular Sunday trek presented us all with a beautiful backdrop to our cricket for the day. Wollongong was beautiful, bathed in 24 degree sunlight all day. Hornsby commenced the day batting, which as far as I can recall, is the first time we have this season. So the scene was set for a different more successful turn of events. Will and Oscar started well, however for the first time in a long while Will was caught early and we were 1 for 10, bringing Cam in. Hornsby looked good at this point, however that changed at 36 when Oscar lost his wicket and then the rot set in with 2 more quick wickets leaving us reeling.

Cam had a front row seat as carnage reigned. At 45 for 5, Jami joined him at the crease. Illawarra were disciplined and focused, but so were we at this point, Jami and Cam steadied the innings, seeing off the spinners over the course of 7 or 8 overs with watchful and focused batting. A few 4s from them both and some good running between the wickets and things started to look brighter for the team, the shackles seemed to be coming off. The return of pace bowling changed everything though, with Jami out – the score 77 for 6, followed soon after by Cam being run out. Cam was fantastic, chanceless, playing a good captain's knock, a shame to be out that way.

Hornsby all out – 95. (Cam 39, Oscar 21, Jami 10).

Illawarra started with an ominous flurry – 4 off the first ball, followed by our first wicket thanks to a great ball from Vansh. Kai and Avi chipped in with 2 good wickets to take Illawarra into lunch at 3 down for 22 – Looking good Hornsby! For lunch - Illawarra provided great entertainment, lunch along with a very nice lunch. Starring - the groundsman and a parent it was fun to watch. “Why can’t you paint black lines all over the cricket field”?, “Get off says the parent”. Great sounds, great body language, great to watch! Lunch was fantastic too! After lunch we continued in the field as we started. We kept the opposition quiet with a long spell of spin between Cam and Manis, keeping the pressure on and giving us some hope. The reality however is we were always going to defend a very small total on an outfield that rewarded good shots, of which there were quite a few. Eventually Illawarra prevailed in 39 overs with 4 wickets to spare. 96/6.

Manis – excelled with the ball. (3 for 22 of 10 with 1 wicket each from Vansh, Kai and Avi).

A challenging season so far, one which we can end with a blast next week at home – Hope council cut the grass! Shield

Cawsey Shield

Round 3

Round 3 was a round where we were all confident that there would be no play as we set off to Roselands to take on Canterbury & Western Suburbs. The closer we got to the ground the lighter the rain and the clearer the skies became.

With rain threatening, HKHDCA were lucky enough to win the toss and decided to bowl first. The opening bowlers bowled a very tight first spell and were well supported by the first change bowlers. There was a slight drizzle throughout the innings but not enough for the umpires to call a halt to play. It wasn’t long before HKHDCA has Canterbury Wests in trouble as wickets began to tumble and before long HKHDCA had Canterbury Wests at 6 for 23. Canterbury Wests then had a few steady partnerships, finally ending their innings in the 49¹ over All Out for 102. L Sassen ended with figures of 2 for 6 off 8 overs, D Bailey 3 for 11 off 7 overs and 2 wickets each to R Mackay and L Bailey.

There was no rain during the lunch break and things began to dry out before HKHDCA took to the pitch to chase down the total. HKHDCA lost an early wicket and were 1 for 3 but a strong partnership between L Sylvester and J Polwaththe of 88 saw HKHDCA close in on the total very quickly. Canterbury West picked up a couple of late wickets but was not enough to stop HKHDCA cruising home to victory in the 35th over. L Sylvester ended on 47, J Polwaththe on 34.

A strong win by HKHDCA and seeing them with a 3 from 3 record.

Cawsey Shield

Round 4

This round saw HKHDCA on the road again with a trip to Raby Sports Complex to take on Camden. Camden won the toss and elected to bat first.

HKHDCA got off to a strong start with Camden losing a couple of early wickets which saw them at 2 for 8 in the early overs. With a lightning fast outfield, Camden set about correcting the situation with a 77 run partnership before the 3rd and 4th wickets fell at 95. A few steady knocks from Camden saw them progress to 6 for 116 and HKHDCA tightening up the bowling. A few miss-fields and dropped catches allowed Camden to reach a total of 162 All Out in the 48.3 over. Wickets were shared around with L Sassen, R Mackay, D Bailey and L Bailey all taking 2 each.

HKHDCA took to the field to chase down the total, something that they had achieved well in previous games but today was going to be no easy day. Early wickets tumbled for HKHDCA and before long, HKHDCA was in trouble at 6 for 39. P Murray has been out there from the start of the innings and saw partner after partner fall. A strong partnership was required and

with R Mackay and P Murray at the crease, the boys went about digging the team out of the trouble they were in. The boys put on a 111 run partnership before P Murray finally fell for a superb knock of 79. With 7 down and overs running out, R Mackay steered the team home on the last ball of the 49th Over. HKHDCA ending on 8 for 170 from the full 50 overs. R Mackay ended up unbeaten on 42.

This was a very hard fought victory and showed true guts and determination to win. A credit to the boys for getting the job done and now having won 4 from 4 this season, the aim is complete a 5 from 5 as we take on Northern District in Round 5.

Creak Shield

The game between Hornsby Kuring-Gai vs Inner West Harbour was a much expected top of the table position clash, played at Mt Kuring-Gai Oval.

Having lost the toss to Inner West Harbour who elected to bat first, Hornsby's opening bowlers were very disciplined in their opening spells. At the end of 10 overs run rate was only 2.1 per over with no wicket loss. First breakthrough came from Regan's bowling when he removed N Champion the opening batsmen. From there, batsmen at the centre started scoring runs and built a very healthy partnership. They were very settled and moving towards big scores. But a direct through by Naden from mid-off position break the partnership in the 27th Over when the score was at 105. M Plunkett who got out was on 46. And another direct hit by John removed C.Gray who was also on 45 at the end of 33rd over when score was 128. In the next 7 overs Inner West Harbour managed put on 65 runs for losing 3 more wickets. Their innings was closed on 7/193 at the end of 40 Overs.

Chasing 194 to win Naden & Regan opened the batting for Hornsby Kuring-Gai. Runs were bit slow at the start but both openers were settling in for big scores. At the end of 7th Over score was 0/17. Next few overs changed the game for both teams. Run rate went up due some excellent boundaries scored by Naden & Ragan. By the end of 9th Over score was 0/38. But In the 10th Over Inner West put a stop for Hornsby scoring and took 2 crucial wickets of Naden & John. From there on Regan batted extremely well and scored 51 off 71 balls and his 2nd half century for this season. He put on 34 runs partnership with Anshu and 38 runs with Alex. With the winning attitude, Hornsby team put their best effort to score runs but Inner West Harbour managed to get all the wickets at the end of 37th Over and won by 39 Runs. Pick of the batsmen were Naden 25, Regan 51 and Alex 33 well played boys.

Good luck in the next game.

Foster Shield

The boys gathered excitedly for what was only their 2nd Shield game of the year after an interrupted season with a bye followed by a wash out. Confidence was high amongst the team after their miraculous first win in round 1. The win was by a single run, with our last batting pair scampering through for a bye from the last ball to steal the game. We had come from the clouds to win – literally as when the rain hit with 2 wickets to go we were certainly not the favourites. We had a solid middle part of our innings, with a top score from Nick then a few quick wickets had us in real trouble. Alex (AKA The Finisher) got us home with plenty of help from the lower order. It was a gutsy and determined display by the boys who never gave up. However this week was going to be a challenge as Nick our in form batsman was away and the rest of the boys were going to have to step up.

Blacktown won the toss and elected to bat. The boys got off to a good start thanks to Jett who was stepping into the team for the absent Nick. He achieved a direct hit to runout their opening batsman very early on.

The next wicket was a little while coming from a great catch by Alex. With Blacktown's gun batsman at the crease the run rate really started to climb. At this stage it looked like we were going to be chasing a 140 plus. Kosta managed to get their prize batsman caught at square leg for a well compiled 28. This coupled with some good bowling by the boys really started to slow the run rate. The second half of the innings was a much better performance by the boys with some tight bowling particularly from Eddie with 3 maidens and only 13 runs from his 7 overs. There were also some good catches taken by Kosta and Riley. Alex chimed in with a great LBW and Riley cleaned up a few at the end, sending their stumps flying. The boys really pulled it back and kept the score to a competitive, but very gettable total of 127 to win.

Extras of 34 with 16 Byes really made an impact. This along with a few missed chances early on in the innings could have contained their score to below 100.

As the home team we put on lunch and what a spread it was. Blacktown was full of praise and keen to play us in another home match to enjoy our hospitality again. Well done team.

Our innings got off to a slow but steady start, which was a good sign after our recent early collapses. We lost our first wicket at 22 then several soon after to be 3-35. Sebastian and Abhinav steadied the innings with a 25 run partnership. However the wickets continued to fall as the scoreboard pressure built and we just couldn't get any momentum. 4 late run outs as we were chasing quick runs, really hurt the boys – which meant there was to be no late game revival today. Some of these were direct hits, which showed how good Blacktown was fielding. We end up all out for 94 in the 35 over, with Sebastian top scoring on 18.

Overall it was a solid performance from the boys, with some areas to focus on for this weekend's match. These include, taking all our chances in the field – particularly early on in the innings, minimising extras given away, our running between wickets and finally building batting partnerships and momentum. Now the boys have achieved a full house of a win, a loss a draw and a bye – we really need to add another win this weekend to ensure we make the finals.