



## **HK&HDCA Representative Newsletter**

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# Match Reports

## Cawsey Shield

### Round 5

Round 5 and the final round of the regular season saw HKHDCA take on Northern District site at Mt Kurin-Gai oval. HKHDCA won the toss and elected to bat first.

HKHDCA lost an early wicket and were 1 for 11 early on before a hard fought partnership of 63 between L. Sylvester and J. Polwaththe steadied the ship. S. Singh then took over from and put on a 62 run partnership with J Polwaththe to have HKHDCA at 3 for 136 in the 44<sup>th</sup> over. A couple of further wickets saw HKHDCA end their innings at 7 for 160 after 50 overs. J. Polwaththe ending on 58, S. Singh on 36 and L. Sylvester on 26.

Northern District (ND) then went about chasing down HKHDCA total and lost a couple of early wickets and sat at 2 for 32 after 10 overs. ND built a partnership at this point and continued through to 2 for 58 after 18 overs. Not long after drinks HKHDCA were able to break the partnership and had ND 5 for 80 after 29 overs with some tight bowling and great fielding. At the second drinks break, ND were 6 for 100. HKHDCA went about completing the task following the break and took all 10 wickets for a total of 126. Best bowling was R. Gomez with 4 for 10 off 5 overs with one wicket each going to S. Singh, L. Sassen, L. Bailey, D. Bailey and R. Mackay.

This win saw the U12 finish the regular competition with 5 wins from 5 matches and having taken all 50 wickets on offer. A fantastic team performance again. The boys are very muck looking forward to the finals series where week 1 they take on the might of Manly. They are hungry and want to bring home the title this year!

### QF

This week saw HKHDCA take on Manly in the qualifying final, a team that HKHDCA had yet to face in the past few seasons. With the boys finishing in first, and Manly coming in 8<sup>th</sup>, mainly due to two of their games being washed out, HKHDCA went into the match with the attitude of this was not going to be their last game of the season.

HKHDCA won the toss and elected to bat first.

It was not long, first over, Manly took their first scalp with the score on 2. L. Sylvester and J. Polwaththe set about the task of building the runs and put on a 24 run partnership before L.

Polwatthe fell in the 7<sup>th</sup> over. HKHDCA were 2 for 26 and Manly were brimming with confidence. S. Singh joined L. Sylvester at the crease and the two boys began the task of rebuilding the innings and squashing the Manly spirit. The two went on to amass a 101 run partnership in the heat to have HKHDCA at 127 in the 27<sup>th</sup> over before S. Singh fell on 57. L. Sylvester continued on and finally fell in the 30<sup>th</sup> over for 58 and HKHDCA were sitting at 4 for 139. S Akle (14), R. Mackay (21), J Netto (26), L. Mooney (6\*) finished the innings off well and HKHDCA ended their innings at 7 for 211 after the 50 overs.

Manly commenced strongly after lunch chasing the total set by HKHDCA and it was not until the 6<sup>th</sup> over that the boys finally broke the opening partnership with the score on 32 with a great delivery from L. Sassen. A few bowling changes and some additional commitment from all players saw HKHDCA slow the Manly run rate considerably. A magnificent piece of fielding and a direct hit from L. Mooney in the 14<sup>th</sup> over saw the 2<sup>nd</sup> Manly wicket fall with the score on 48. HKHDCA continued to drive the screws into Manly frustrating them with tight bowling and sharp fielding before L. Mackay beat the batter with a turning delivery and a sharp stumping from J. Netto had Manly at 3 for 71 in the 21<sup>st</sup> over. A fantastic C&B from R. Gomez in the 28<sup>th</sup> over saw Manly 4 for 93 and the HKHDCA spirit growing. The 5<sup>th</sup> wicket then fell soon after with another R. Mackay delivery and J. Netto stumping with Manly 5 for 100. Manly tail set about building some respectability into their score and it wasn't till the 38<sup>th</sup> over S. Singh clean bowled the next victim. The bowling became tighter, the fielding stepped up a notch and HKHDCA put an end to Manly's innings in the 48<sup>th</sup> over with their total on 172. HKHDCA bowlers Singh (1/30 off 7), L. Sassen (2/24 off 6), D. Bailey (2/29 off 8), L. Bailey (0/20 off 10), R. Mackay (2/30 off 10) and R. Gomez (2/22 off 7) all performed exceptionally well to secure the victory. This now has HKHDCA taking 6 from 6 and all 10 wickets in each match, no easy feat!

With the Q/F behind the team, they now take on archrivals North Shore on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Mt Ku-ring-gai Oval in the semi final and will be out guns ablaze to secure a victory and a home grand final. Bets of luck to them as they strive for victory.

## **Creak Shield**

### **Round 5**

Hornsby lost the toss again to Hawksbury who elected to bat first. Hornsby accepted the challenge and Naden took his team to take the field. From the start of his spell Jye was very consistent. John had a bit of a trouble to keep his line, but he too started hitting line from his 2<sup>nd</sup> over. In Jye's 3<sup>rd</sup> over Hornsby got their first breakthrough when he bowled Hawksbury opening batsman Amey. In John's 4<sup>th</sup> over a difficult catch came towards Louis who was at gully, which was dropped. But he & John make use of the confused situation in the middle and ran out the batsman at the non-stickers end. Louis was very good at his bowling and swinging into the batsmen making very difficult to play and got a wicket at his first over. At the first drinks break, Hawksbury was 3/31 after 14 overs. Regan once again very consistent in his opening spell and took a wicket in the 16<sup>th</sup> Over. And Krishan too was very economical and took a wicket in his first over which was 17<sup>th</sup> Over.. Hawkesbury's Tate Croft was threatening with his clean strikes but Jye got his wicket when he started his 2<sup>nd</sup> spell. At the end of 40 Over Hawkesbury was 6/114. Pick of the bowlers Jye 2/16(8), Krishan 1/1(4), Louis 1/17(5)and Regan 1/25(8)

With an achievable target on mind Hornsby started their run chase. Opening pair Nader and Regan started very steadily and make the scoreboard slowly ticking. During the 7<sup>th</sup> Over when the score was at 20 Hornsby lost their first wicket. Regan got out for LBW. John joined Naden in the middle. Both were looking very comfortable out in the middle. Had a very good understanding between them and ran well between wickets. Hawkesbury tried few bowlers to break the partnership but both Naden and John had answers for it. They hit the winning run in the 21<sup>st</sup> Over. Naden 41 no and John 45 no. Partnership between them was 96. Very well played!!

A very good comfortable win in the last round game. Good luck in the quarter finals.

### **QF**

CWS won the toss and elected to bowl first. This was the first time Hornsby was batting first in this season and they needed a decent total on the board to defend it. From the start Canterbury bowlers bowled very tight to keep the batsmen quite at the crease. Runs were hardly coming. At the 8<sup>th</sup> over Hornsby was in trouble by losing Regan's wicket when the score was at 9. John and Naden slowly and steadily started to build a partnership. At the end 14 overs for 1<sup>st</sup> drinks break score was 1/21. Next few overs John and Naden batted exceptionally well. Picked the right ball and scored much needed runs. At the end of 24<sup>th</sup> over Hornsby lost John's wicket for an unfortunate runout when the score was at 68. Naden patiently kept the score board ticking. But very unluckily he got out on 49 at the end of 31 over when the score was at 92. Jai was trying to clear the boundary line. but unfortunately surface did not offer any help. Rest of the batsmen were chipped in to get the total to 7/119 after 40 overs. Naden's innings of 49 was the key in Hornsby batting. He played exceptionally well get the score to a decent total. Well done Naden!

Now, Hornsby must match the CWS bowling to defend the total of 119 which was the highest in this ground! From the start CWS was kept the score board ticking. However, in John's 2<sup>nd</sup> over first break through came when Riley got the sharp catch behind the wicket. Score was 1/16 in 4 overs. This did not stop CWS to keep the score moving. And first change bowler,

Josh gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> break through at 13<sup>th</sup> over when score was 35. After drinks, at the 17<sup>th</sup> over Naden brought in Vishnu to bowl. It was an exciting change and it did change the game's momentum towards Hornsby! Vishnu's first over was a maiden and 2<sup>nd</sup> over just 1 run. He gave real trouble to the batsmen with his slow straight deliveries. It paid off in his 3<sup>rd</sup> over when he got in-form opening batsmen out caught by Regan. After 21 overs score 3/55. 64 runs to win in 19 overs, very achievable target. But the next few bowling changes created all sort of trouble to CWS batsmen. 22<sup>nd</sup> Over Naden brought Louis to bowl. From the start he was troubling the batsmen with his outswing deliveries and got a wicket in his first over 5<sup>th</sup> ball. And in the 2<sup>nd</sup> over of his spell got 2 more wickets in the 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> ball. He bowled beautifully! At the 24<sup>th</sup> over score was 6/66 and last 4 overs CSW lost 4 wickets. Jye was back in and he got his first wicket of in the match in the 27<sup>th</sup> over. Then Naden asked Krishan to bowl the 32<sup>nd</sup> over. He did what captain asked to do. Got wickets in the 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> ball of his first over and almost finish the game. Josh came in to bowl 33<sup>rd</sup> Over and got the final wicket to end CWS run chase. CWS bowled out for 81 at 33<sup>rd</sup> over.

Hornsby boys played exceptionally well. They were very sharp in the field, encouraged each other and really played as a team. Very pleased to watch. Well-done boys!!

Pick of bowlers John 1/19, Jye 1/16, Vishnu 1/10, Josh 2/6, Louis 3/4 and Krishan 2/1.

Good luck in the Semi Finals against Inner West Harbour.

## **Foster Shield**

### **Round 5**

**Kent Oval : Hornsby Ku-ring-gai 4-139 (37 overs) defeated North Shore 2 at 9-135 (40 overs)**

The boys gathered in the knowledge that our loss last week was costly and we had to win to stay alive in the competition. However they were on their game for the warm up and looked pretty confident. We had got lucky with the weather after the forecast looked poor all week. Unfortunately our bad luck with the toss continued, and we lost the toss for the third time and were sent in to bowl.

We were off to a cracking start with Riley having their opening batsman out caught behind by Lucas with a great outswinger leaving them 1-1 in the first over. In the third over Kosta took the catch of the season at deep fine leg. With Riley bowling what wasn't his best delivery but managing to get a top edge, and a massive diving catch from Kosta after covering significant ground. 2- 3 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> over and they were under early pressure.

Shortly after Kosta couldn't repeat his catching efforts with a tough caught and bowled going down. It didn't prove too costly with Kosta picking up the next wicket with a solid catch to Athan. 3-15 and they were in early trouble.

While the runs started to come the wickets kept falling. Eddie clean bowled the opener for a well compiled 22. Kosta managed a run out with a direct hit and Athan clean bowled the next batter leaving them 6-57 in the 18<sup>th</sup> over. We were now looking to hold them to around 100.

Alex came on and created multiple chances in his first few overs but unfortunately we were unable to hold our catches. The run rate started to build again as they consolidated. Jared chimed in with a LBW to make them 7-95 in the 30<sup>th</sup>. Their one batsman continued to frustrate us and despite getting another wicket with a nice caught behind from Eddie's bowling we were unable to finish them off and their one batsman ended up with a very solid 44 not out. They ended their 40 overs on a strong score of 9 for 135 – which was much more than it looked given the long grass around most of the boundary really pulling the ball up and making scoring difficult.

Overall a solid bowling performance with the wickets shared around, although there was a feeling we had let them out of jail a bit and they ended up with a higher score than we should have allowed. Given our recent struggles with the bat this was going to take some chasing.

A change to the batting order saw Nadil partner with Lucas and get us off to a solid start of 0-32 in the 9<sup>th</sup> over before a mix up saw Lucas run out for a solid 13. This bought Athan to the wicket. He timed the ball beautifully right from the start, hitting a couple of fours before coping a beautiful swinging ball and being adjudged LBW for a quick fire 10. This bought Sebastian to the middle and he played a typical solid knock.

At drinks we were 2-49 from 17 and looking good. Unfortunately soon after Nadil was caught and bowled for a good looking 13 leaving us 2-59 from 18 overs with a fair bit of work still to be done. Sebastian and Nick put on a decent partnership before more running confusion unfortunately saw Sebastian run out.

This bought Abhinav out to the crease for what proved to be a match winning partnership with Nick. They built this solidly and slowly at first, getting to 4-103 in the 33<sup>rd</sup> over before really putting the foot down. Abhinav in particular found the sweet spot of his bat and they put on 37 runs in the next 4 overs to win the match. Nick was not out with a solid 44, continuing to build his season's impressive tally. Abhinav finished with a very tidy 19 not out.

Overall it was a good performance from the boys, when they were under pressure.

Some areas to focus on for this weekend's match include taking all our chances when we get them and really putting a team away when we have them in trouble. Our much improved performance with the bat and some players finding good form is a real positive heading into the finals.

After our last epic game against them where we won on the last ball from our last batting partnership - BRING ON INNER WEST HARBOUR in the first week of the finals. The boys go into this game knowing we can beat them and with improving form with the bat a good level of confidence. Good luck boys.

## Under 10 Foster Shield – Qualifying Finals

**Morrison Bay NO 5 : Inner West Harbour 5-163 (40 overs) defeated Hornsby Ku-ring-gai 7-126 (40 overs)**

The boys were very excited to be through to their first final and up against the team we beat in round one. Unfortunately captain Alex continued his losing streak with the Toss and Inner West harbour decided to bat first. The outfield looked fast and it was pretty warm so a high scoring day was expected. We got off to a good start with some tight bowling from Riley and Nadil with them both beating the bat on multiple occasions. Kosta and Eddie followed this up with some more tight bowling and Inner West Harbour were – 0-26 from 10 overs. It was turning into a real arm wrestle.

Soon after the boys had their first breakthrough with Nick taking a solid catch from Kosta, leaving them 1-38 after 14 overs, and we were looking like only having a reasonable amount to chase. The next 2 wickets came in quick succession with Lucas getting a cheeky stumping come run out when the batsman drifted out of his crease without realising. Then a good catch from Abhinav off Jared had the batsman out for a duck and they were 3-48 from 16 overs. It was pretty tight. However from then on Inner West started to build a solid partnership that really started to gain momentum. Our boys started to feel the heat and things started to drift a little. Unfortunately it was not until the 32<sup>nd</sup> over when we got our next wicket with a great one handed catch by Alex of Riley's bowling. By this stage they had amassed 113 runs and had real momentum. Unfortunately their number 3 was still in and batting well. Runs started to come quite quickly. Riley soon took another wicket, sending the stumps flying with a really quick delivery and a great send off for the batsman. 4-113 off 31 overs. We needed a good finish to contain the damage – it wasn't to be. Inner West really hit the accelerator and ended up with 5-163 of 40 overs – an intimidating total and the biggest chase we have had to face so far.

The boys would need to bat really, really well. During the lunch break the sea breeze really started to come up and the conditions were perfect for a good quality swing bowler. Unfortunately that is what their opening bowler was. Things didn't start well and we found ourselves 3-7 in the fourth over with plenty of work to do. Abhinav and Nick dug in and started to look good, having seen of the key threats from the bowling attack. However Abhinav was soon out from an unlucky LBW decision that appeared quite high on the hip, leaving us 4-26 in the 11<sup>th</sup>. Sebastian was unlucky with a great shot only to be plucked out of the air for a solid catch. A quick run out in the next over had us in real trouble at 6-28 in the 12<sup>th</sup> over and it was going downhill fast. Alex (aka The Finisher) came out to see if he could do it again. He looked solid and put on a good fight with Nick, but fell on 13 making it 7-62 in the 22<sup>nd</sup> over with plenty still to do. Riley and Nick stated to dig in and the score board began ticking over nicely. A glimmer of hope shone and we thought maybe, just maybe we could do it to them again and come from the clouds to steal the win. Unfortunately it was just too big a task and the boys fell a respectable 37 runs short. It was a great partnership of 66 with Riley not out on 22 and Nick bringing up his 50 with a beautiful hook shot for four from the last ball. However today it wasn't to be.

Overall it was a tough day for the boys, but they showed the grit and toughness they have shown many times throughout the season. Bring on next year.