

# **INTER ASSOCIATION COMPETITION TEAM REPORTS**

In 2023-24 Parra played in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships and the Presidents' Cup competition. We also participate in the District Cricket Association Martin Shield (open age).

The Representative Committee of Paul Guimelli & Justin Isaacs again carried the workload, from organising selection trials, clothing and practice matches to appointing and managing the team personnel. They deserve the heartfelt thanks from all participants and PDCA members and supporters.

Our strong performances across the board continue. Parra won the prestigious NSWYC Club Championship, finishing first on the ladder in the Girl's U13 Dive Shield, 12/2 Foster Shield, 13/1 Gee Shield, 13/2 Creak Shield and Under 15 Weblin Shield, with second in the Girl's U15 Peden Shield and the U14 Moore Shield. We won the Peden and Foster Championships after the tough final series. Our U14 Anthony Neale Cup team won the Presidents Cup competition after topping the table.

All our players represented the district with honour and distinction and are a credit to themselves, their coaches and the leadership of Paul and Justin.

## **NSW YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION REPORTS**

### **C. S. WATSON SHIELD Under 17**

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the players of the Watson Shield team.

Despite the results not aligning with our aspirations, we want to commend the boys for their unwavering determination and hard work in every game. Each match presented its own set of challenges, yet the team consistently demonstrated resilience and sportsmanship. Their commitment to improving and their positive attitude were truly commendable.

We would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the parents for their continuous support. Your encouragement, presence at games was invaluable.

Coaching this group of talented young cricketers has been an absolute pleasure. It has been a privilege to witness their growth, not just as players but as individuals.

As we look forward, we wish each player the very best in their cricketing journey. May they continue to pursue their passion for the game with the same enthusiasm and dedication.

Thank you once again to everyone involved. Your efforts and support have been greatly appreciated.

Justin and John

## **MARGARET PEDEN SHIELD Under 15 girls**

Reflection on the Margaret Peden season and the Parramatta team who took out the Championship revealed one very clear takeaway. The success of this shield- winning side was built largely on their respect for each other both as people and players and the team spirit that flowed from this comradery. Each week, the coaching group observed the team grow in match awareness and a mature, appreciation of the skill sets of each other. Captain Jaaniya facilitated an excellent use of the diverse bowling talents and enabled many batters the opportunity to showcase both flair and patience as the situation demanded. This contributed to consecutive victories from the early season double header at Ted Burge in December throughout the January rounds, with only one exception in Round 5 when we would lose our only match of the season to the team we subsequently defeated in the Grand Final. Whether setting targets or chasing them, our batting group was consistently good – outstanding innings from the openers were generally well supported by a healthy middle and lower order who could always be counted upon to add value to the total. Priding ourselves on our fielding discipline, Parramatta frequently modelled superior standards in the field with timely and impactful wickets, catches, stumpings and run outs regularly shared across the whole side. Special congratulations to both Jaaniya and Charli who bagged impressive 5-fas over North Shore Blue and Fairfield Liverpool respectively. Outstanding batting by Sharon regularly put us in a winning position, achieving memorable half centuries in both the Semi and Grand Finals.

### Summary of Rounds

#### **Round 1**

Lost toss and sent in to bat. Parra defeated Blacktown Warriors in our opening T20 at the Ted Burge double header. Jaaniya exceptional batting 70 not out and Isabel 26. Wicket each to Sharon and Natalie. Catches to Charli, Natalie and Kleo. Runouts to Ekmehar, Natalie and Kleo.

#### **Round 2**

Won toss and elected to bat. Parra defeated Camden in the second T20 of the day putting us on the top of the table. Sharon 59, Isabel 20 not out, Charli 13. Wickets to Kaya and Tanisha and catches by Jaaniya and Ekmehar.

#### **Round 3**

Lost toss and fielded first. Close victory over North Shore Blue in Longueville. Outstanding bowling by Jaaniya - 5fa! (5-15 off 8) and two to Sharon, one each to Charli and Natalie. Catch to Natalie and one each behind stumps by Niki and Ekmehar. With bat, Sharon scored 31, Sarah 28, Isabel 24 and a gritty lower order partnership between Kleo and Kaya to save the close contest.

#### **Round 4**

Won toss, batted first. Great team batting to chase down IWCW Frankie Nicklin total of 162 (Sharon 45, Natalie 26 not out, Jaaniya 24, Kleo 24, Sarah 23). Excellent bowling economy by all bowlers (Sharon 4-8, Charlie 2-13, Natalie 2- 30, Jaaniya 1-29). Catches to Niki, Ekmehar, Sarah, Sharon and a run out to Jaaniya.

## **Round 5**

Not our day today – a comprehensive loss to Manly who chased down our 96 without loss. Ekmehar the pick of the batting line-up finishing 15 not out as others fell around her. Our only loss and to a team we ultimately defeated in the GF!

## **Round 6**

Back to winning form against Hornsby Ku-ring-gai. Bowling first, wickets were shared across many bowlers (Athmisha 2-4, Natalie 2-12, Isabel 2-14, Kleo 1-6, Sharon 1-14, Charli 1-10). A great runout by Kleo and catches each to Ekmehar, Kaya and Jaaniya. Openers Sharon (34 not out) and Jaaniya (24) got the job done with the chase supported by Sarah finishing on 5 not out.

## **Round 7**

A very comprehensive victory over Fairfield-Liverpool with another spread of wickets but a superb career first 5-fa to Charli (5-2)! Isabel took 2-7 and Tanisha and Athmisha bagged a wicket maiden each. Niki, Georgia, Sharon and Sarah took catches each. Niki, Georgia and Kleo chased down the small total of 29 with Kleo and Georgia not out batters at the match finish.

## **Semi Final win against Sutherland-St George**

The Green, North Parramatta

A comprehensive victory built on two great innings by Sharon (57) and Kaya (43) supported by some handy runs from the bottom order Georgia (9), Niki (12) and Ekmehar (15). Excellent fielding on display with catches by Kleo, Sarah, Natalie and Isabel and outstanding bowling by Sharon (3-10), two wickets each to Charlie and Sarah and one each for Isabel and Jaaniya.

## **Grand Final Win against Manly**

Blacktown International Sports Park

In searing Blacktown summer heat, we lost the toss and were sent into to bat. Parramatta posted a very competitive total, built on the innings of Sharon (56) and Isabel (25) with handy runs and batting patience from the middle order in Ekmehar (19), Georgia (11 not out) and Kleo (11). Set 200 to win, Manly got closer than we may have liked but we had too many runs on the board. Sarah struck early, dismissing the opposition strike batter and ultimately taking an impressive 4-24. Timely wickets also to Jaaniya (3-33), Sharon (2-25) and Natalie (1-30). The collective workload of Jaaniya, Natalie and Sarah must be acknowledged, bowling 10 overs each in 39 degrees. Great work behind the stumps by Niki (stumping) and Ekmehar (catch) in oppressive heat and humidity. Jaaniya also took a catch. This was a most outstanding win by a team who worked tirelessly for each other under Jaaniya's fair and friendly leadership. Perhaps the most glowing testimony came from Manly supporters, who remarked after the Grand Final that our discipline in all areas and team spirit was unparalleled. We think so too!

Well-done to an outstanding group of players and heartfelt gratitude to the parents and supporters who scored matches, set and packed up the field and generously fed us all on a weekly basis. Truly a pleasure to be around this team!

Coach: Suresh Madala

Assistant Coach: Julien Prem

Manager: Tina van Domburg

## **E. G. WEBLIN SHIELD Under 15**

### **Playing Squad:**

Cameron Knight (C) – Wenty Leagues

Advik Ajithkumar – Wenty Leagues

Isaac Baker – Kings Langley

Atharva Bhatt – Wenty Leagues

Joshua Garner – Rouse Hill

Aniketh Hongal – Wenty Waratahs

Jack Lambert – Kings Langley

Neel Patel – Winston Hills

Arhan Shah – Wenty Leagues

Aidan Smith – Kings Langley

Benjamin Smith – Kings Langley

Aniket Tamhankar – Wenty Leagues

Shiv Vijay – Kings Langley

**Coaches:** Gordon Smith & Wayne Earl

**Manager:** Punit Patel

### **Round 1: PDCA 2/108 def Camden 105**

A comprehensive bonus point win for our first outing. A good all-round performance in the field with run outs involved in our first 2 wickets. Good tight bowling and good ground fielding saw us strangle the opposition and always having them under pressure.

Professional run chase put the result beyond doubt after scoring at 6 an over early.

Best Performances: Arhan Shah 3/14, Advik Ajithkumar 2/13 Neel Patel 53\*, Aniket Tamhankar 24.

### **Round 2: PDCA 42/102 def St George 101**

Another comprehensive win in similar situation to round 1.

Losing the toss, we kept the opposition under control with good tight bowling and fielding. Once again, an early runout was the result of the pressure put on by the fielders.

After a tight start by our pace attack, spin was introduced and we proceeded to rip through the opposition to clean them up and set us a manageable target. Our 2 spinners, Josh and Aniketh bowled extremely well in tandem, with Aniketh taking the spoils on his representative cricket debut. Once again, our openers put the result beyond doubt with another good opening stand.

2 bonus point wins from 2

Congrats to Aniketh on his 6 wickets on debut.

Best Performances: Aniketh Hongal 6/25, Josh Garner 1/13 off 9, Neel Patel 54\*, Cameron Knight 31.

### **Round 3: PDCA 8/187 def Hawkesbury 60**

Another comprehensive bonus point win with our batting on a tough wicket, proving too strong for the opposition.

A hard day to bat and we stuck in to post what we thought was a reasonable total on a difficult wicket against a side that had a very good reputation. Tough going all day and the top order did the hard work and our lower order were able to capitalize late in the innings.

All our bowlers did what was required, and they had no answer to our attack, from our opening spell through to our spinners. Fielding was once again a class above the opposition.

3 bonus point wins in a row. One that we had to work hard for.

Best Performances: Neel Patel 55, Aidan Smith 46\*, Advik Ajithkumar 30, Arhan Shah 5/14, Josh Garner 3/25,

#### **Round 4: PDCA 5/174 def Penrith 120**

Another tough wicket to bat on and our experience from the previous match held us in good stead. An early wicket put us on the back foot against a solid bowling attack which we found it hard to score against. Our batsmen need to learn to rotate the strike and take the pressure of your mate at the other end. Advik played an excellent innings after finding himself in with the score 1/7 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> over. Batted throughout the innings from there and managed to hit 2 fours in the last over to bring up his ton.

Our bowling was once again fantastic, our openers put the screws on early and everyone else, when asked to bowl, did a job. Our spinners relishing the conditions, between them taking 5/50 off 24 overs with 2 run outs also coming in their spells with their tight bowling and the fielders backing them up.

Best Performances: Advik Ajithkumar 101\* Neel Patel 21, Josh Garner 2/10 off 10, Neel Patel 2/13

#### **Round 5: Match Abandoned v North Shore**

#### **Round 6: PDCA 9/188 def Canterbury & Western Suburbs 118**

A game where we started off slowly and were maybe a bit ahead of ourselves.

After 4 relatively easy wins, we need to dig deep a couple of times to get over the line in this one. Although the final score looks like a comprehensive win, we struggled at times and lapses in concentration were lucky not to cost us.

Our batting early was very slow and the opposition were able to put us under pressure and cause some careless shots that cost wickets. Our lower order got us to a defendable target, scoring at a run a ball with some sensible shot making and running between the wickets. It was pleasing to see the team working as a 'team' at the end of our innings.

Our efforts in the field mirrored our start with the bat, maybe Wayne's rev up at drinks proved the turning point with our efforts across the team improving after the break.

Once again, our bowling with pace off the ball (spin?) caused the damage with only a 31 run last wicket partnership putting some respectability to their score.

Best Performances: Josh Garner 44, Aniketh Hongal 27 & 3/25, Aniket Tamhankar 2/1 off 5, Neel Patel 2/10, Isaac Baker 2/15

#### **Round 7: PDCA 141 def Hornsby Ku-ring-gai 126**

Our final game before the finals against a strong Hornsby side.

Winning the toss and we batted on another tough wicket. Our experiences throughout the rep season batting on tough wickets have proven invaluable and although it was tough going, the side batted well in the conditions. Josh played probably the innings of the season so far, and was backed up well by a couple of batsmen who batted out of character to stick with him to help post a reasonable total.

Once again, our fielding early in their innings proved the difference with another run out to start the proceedings. The fielding and pressure throughout the innings proved the difference and our bowling was once again fantastic. Scores may look close but we were always in control.

A tough game to set us up for finals, finishing on top of our pool, undefeated.

Best Performances: Josh Garner 47, Isaac Baker 4/25, Aniket Tamhankar 3/19

### **Quarter Final: PDCA 6/111 def Fairfield-Liverpool 110**

Finals cricket is normally a different game, but this was another example of tight bowling and aggressive fielding by this side. The pressure exerted during their innings was exactly what was required. After strangling their top order, once again our slower bowlers took advantage, with wickets falling at regular intervals leaving us with a total we were confident of chasing down.

A shaky start had us 4/31. It took a very mature partnership between Neel & Isaac to see us to comfortable win, losing only 2 more wickets with only a few to get.

Best Performances: Neel Patel 47\* & 2/24, Isaac Baker 36 & 2/10, Josh Garner 3/32, Aniketh Hongal 2/2

### **Semi Final: PDCA 210 lost to Blacktown 5/227**

After an early wicket, Blacktown proved to be a tough batting unit, with their opening batsman & no.3 batting extremely well and we found it tough to break through. Some tight bowling got us the breakthrough and the fall of 3 wickets put us back on track. However, we were unable to take another wicket until the final over. Their captain played an excellent innings and with his unbeaten century, they were able to set us a target of 228, the first time we had score of over 200 scored against us. We were confident we had the batting to chase down the target. After losing an early wicket, we consolidated and fought hard to get on top. Unfortunately, we found it hard to score and we fell way behind the required run rate. It wasn't until later in the innings that we upped the scoring rate and looked to be in with a chance. A couple of run outs stopped our momentum and the rest of the order were forced to go down swinging. Unfortunately, we ended up losing by 17 runs.

Best Performances: Arhan Shah 2/47, Josh Garner 0/27 off 10 Advik Ajithkumar 57, Aniket Tamhankar 53, Ben Smith 41.

Beaten in the Semi by an unbelievably good innings, one of the best Wayne & I have seen by an opposition player against Parramatta in our time as coaches & parents of rep sides. Also beaten by the side that went on to win the state challenge.

A representative season the side should be proud of. They played good positive cricket throughout the season and performed well as a team. They never left it to one player to win the game and there was always someone to step up when the side needed them.

Hopefully they will remember to always have confidence in their ability and we wish them all the success in their future cricketing endeavours. They performed outstandingly both on and off the field.

A big thank you to the Parents and Family of all the players. Not only for your lunches you supplied, which has kept the alive the legendary legacy the PDCA lunches , but your support of not only the players, but of Wayne and myself. It was also a pleasure to be involved with this fine group of young men and credit to you all.

Punit Patel, Manager, a special thanks for your contribution to the season for this side. Your efforts every Sunday (and during the week) of organizing lunches, scoring, umpires and opposition cannot to underestimated. The work you did was a great load off our shoulders and enabled us to concentrate totally on the cricket.

To the PDCA committee, especially Paul Giumelli and Frank Pitt, thanks for your support of not only our Weblin Shield side, but all the representative sides. PDCA winners of the Association of the Year is testament to your efforts.

Thanks to the Ground Staff and Guildford Leagues Cricket Club for providing one of the best grounds in the competition.

Finally, to Wayne Earl, thanks big fella for all those Sunday's sitting under the gazebo or walking the boundary talking cricket and bouncing ideas off each other. It was great to have a like mind on how we wanted our side to play cricket. Must have worked as we somehow managed to get 19 wins on the trot until our loss in the semi this season.

Gordon Smith

## **HAROLD MOORE SHIELD Under 14**

Coach(s) Brett McNaught & Joshua McNaught

Top of Group B- 3RD overall.

7 games 5 wins (All with bonus point) 1 washout & 1 loss  
Semi-finals: 1 win (INWH), 1 loss (Nth Shore)

After our under 13s season (Year prior) it was most refreshing to notice immediately that this Group had matured considerably in the off season.

Loss of a few players to Hawkesbury and an addition from Fairfield and a few local junior changes seem to improve this group and the results were telling of that.

Turf wickets for our 1st season was somewhat an advantage to the Parramatta 14s side as having six (6) quality spinners certainly worked in our favour.

As stated previously Parramatta dominated Group B, bowling out our opposition in all 5 wins for around the early 100 mark then passing our opposition in less than 30 overs. Parramatta lost to Hornsby chasing 201 off 50 overs coming up short 7 fa 163 off 50 overs.

The semi-finals started off in great fashion beating INWH convincingly only to go down fighting to an extremely strong North Shore ( who eventually won the final against Group A winners Manly)

All in all it was an extremely successful season and massive improvement from our prior season.

In finishing I'd like to thank All our parents especially those parents that assisted (scoring , Lunches ect)

Thanks Also to Parramatta junior District cricket for the opportunity given to Joshua & myself to coach the Moore shield side.

Joshua McNaught takes over in 2024/25 and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Joshua for our previous seasons assistance and wish him & the 15s Weblin Shield squad Every success in the upcoming season.

Regards Brett McNaught

## **MOLLIE DIVE SHIELD Under 13 girls**

Report pending

## **W.S. GEE SHIELD Under 13**

This team has always been the Hunted been two time undefeated champions. But with all championship teams players move on for more opportunities and we had five players debut in division 1 this year.

### **Round 1:** defeated Fairfield Liverpool

Lost the toss and sent to bowl, the boys got off to a strong start having Fairfield 6-68, Xavier took two early wickets while been under the weather. A small slump in the middle overs saw Fairfield get bowled out for 133 after 40. Ronav (71) and Abi (54\*) set the scene for a blistering attack with Parra chasing the total one down in 28 overs

### **Round 2:** defeated Hornsby

Lost the toss again and sent in to bowl. Was determined early on that the field did not suit a pace bowling attack. In came the spin attack with Girish (2/26), Prajesh (4/22) and wicketkeeper turned bowler Yogi (3/1) dismantled the Hornsby line up. We bowled them out for 101 and started our innings. We chipped away at the total getting a few started but no one going on to make a half century chasing the total 4 wickets down

### **Round 3:** defeated Inner West Harbour

Third time we lost the toss and bowled first. inner west tried to take the attack to our bowlers early on but were restricted by Rey (4/28) to restrict them to 123 on the smallest ground in the comp. Once again, we started of strongly with Ronav (60) continuing his strong start. Able to chase the runs within 23 overs and 3 wickets down

### **Round 4:** defeated Sutherland

First time we got a chance to bat first, the boys started well scoring freely and with a lot of starts. Rey (96) dominated the bowling with a strong with the batting innings polished off with Satvik scooping the ball for 6. Scoring 245 the boys seemed to relax a bit. Sutherland had other things in mind. Sutherland continued to pile the runs on while we had a few set backs with minor injuries. Prajesh stepped up in our hour of need to take a few wickets to stop the flow of runs and Parra won by 10 runs

### **Round 5:** draw with Manly (wash out)

Grand final rematch from under 12s unfortunately did not go ahead

### **Round 6:** defeated Penrith

Another chance to bay first with Ronav (96) and Rey (54) getting us to a solid total of 207. Every bowler put in a good effort with the ball keep the run rate down with the overs shared around, Penrith were kept to 146 with Sheraaz missing out on a couple of chances with the ball.

### **Round 7:** defeated Hawkesbury

We won the toss and elected to bat. Everything fell into place Ronav (128), Ethan (58) and Rey (49\* off 19 balls) too us to a total of 3/268. Once again a big total had the boys switch off in the field and didn't take our chances. Aryan (0/6 off 4) put pressure on the Hawkesbury batsman a deserved some wickets, Arjun (2/6 off 4) came through with a few wickets with Girish dismantling the middle order with 4 wickets to bowl the hawks out for 135. This gave Parramatta the top spot on the ladder



### **Quarter final:** defeated Penrith

A return game against Penrith with the toss the lost. Worked out well as the ground was slow early on which suited our bowling, Yogi once again came on to bowl and changed the momentum to Parra and we restricted Penrith to 155. An injury to Abi saw a reshuffle in the batting line up. An early wicket fell which allowed Ethan (51) to come in a steady the ship while Juhith played the power game. Rey (61\*) came in a little later to take the game away from Penrith and we finished the chase only losing 3 wickets.

### **Semi final:** Defeated by Northern Districts

We won the toss and elected to bat. Things didn't or start off well, we weren't able to hit the gaps in the field and rotate the strike. We continued to lose wickets at regular intervals. Juhith (56\*) got us to 178. Unfortunately, things with the ball didn't go to plan, we weren't as disciplined as we would have liked giving away a sixth of the total in sundries. The ball would either fall short or just go over the head leading to us falling short with 1 ball to go.

The season didn't end like we wanted but I believe that the loss in the semi's have lit a fire inside the belly of the boys to come back stronger and more determined. The pressure of always been infested is gone and we are now the Hunters which should cause fear in the competition next year

I would like to thank Paul for attending our training sessions to help out with the fielding while I had to work, Prema for all her hard work as the manager, Athavan who took the team for a game and had to deal with me constantly messaging to get updates. Furthermore, to all the parents who came to support the team each week I understand it's hard to give up your whole weekend for cricket and it is much appreciated

Chad Radford, Coach

## **J. H. CREAK SHIELD Under 13 Division 2**

### **Introduction**

As coach and manager, we are pleased to present our team's annual report in the NSW Youth Championship U13 Cawsey Shield. The 2023/2024 season was a year of significant growth, marked by adding several new players and developing existing talent. This report will cover the team's journey, individual contributions, and key highlights from the season.

### **Team Overview**

Our team experienced a strong season, highlighted by five new players who brought fresh energy and skills to our existing roster. This year, we focused on building a cohesive unit, enhancing fielding, and improving fitness. The results speak for themselves: we topped the standings with six wins and only one loss, achieving the highest points. Despite a disappointing loss in the semi-finals to North Shore, our solid foundation points to a promising future.

### **Season Highlights**

- **Top of the Standings:** We achieved the highest points total with six wins and one loss, a testament to our consistent performance.
- **Fielding Improvements:** Our work on fielding skills paid off, with players showing greater accuracy and agility throughout the season.
- **Player Development:** We saw significant individual growth, with players stepping up to lead the team to victory during crucial matches.
- **Semi-Final Appearance:** Reaching the semi-finals demonstrated the team's competitive spirit and potential despite the loss.

## Player Contributions

We want to highlight the key contributions from our players during the 2022/2023 season:

1. Aarav Daddikar: Aarav, a new addition, quickly made his mark with his quick-scoring batting and strong support for teammates in challenging situations. He was our third- highest run-scorer, with 143 runs and two half-centuries (54 vs. Manly and 51 vs. Manly).
2. Aidan Pham: Another new addition, Aidan impressed us with his remarkable fielding skills and overall team spirit. His presence adds considerable promise for future seasons.
3. Brendan Dinesh: Brendan improved his spin variations and consistency, becoming our go- to spin bowler. He became a critical asset when we needed a reliable spinner.
4. Ishaan Ambardar: Ishaan's steady hand and calm temperament in high-pressure situations helped us win key matches, especially against Fairfield and Inner West Harbour. He also began developing a unique fast leg spin.
5. Kayaan Patel: Our highest wicket-taker with 21 wickets, including a fifer against Blacktown. Kayaan's bowling was crucial in breaking opposition batting orders. His batting contributions included a 57-run performance in a close win over Sutherland.
6. Kritthik Kamalanathan: Kritthik provided consistent starts, being our second-highest run- scorer with 150 runs. His standout innings was a 61-run performance against Fairfield.
7. Maaz Khan Tareen: Maaz, a new addition, displayed exceptional power-hitting skills, with his most memorable inning being 49 off 28 balls against Hornsby, including six sixes and two fours.
8. Maninderpal Pawar: Maninderpal improved as a batter and often provided solid starts by opening the innings.
9. Roshan Rajesh: Roshan emerged as our most reliable wicketkeeper and was our top run- scorer with 213 runs, including a remarkable 73-run innings against Bankstown.
10. Saathvik Dornala: Our opening bowler, providing consistent and accurate bowling that helped us reduce opposition run rates.
11. Smayan Santhosh: A new addition, Smayan contributed to team spirit and was keen to improve.
12. Teerth Patel: Teerth's eagerness to learn and team-player attitude made him an invaluable asset to the team.
13. Ajanthan Arooran: Ajanthan, a new addition, brought depth to our bowling and batting lineup, including a fifer against Northern District.

## **Acknowledgments**

We want to thank our coaching staff, parents, and sponsors for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout the season. A special thank you goes to the Parramatta District Cricket Association (PDCA) management and coordinators, whose guidance and support have been instrumental to our success.

## **Conclusion**

The 2022/2023 season was a pivotal year for our team in the NSW Youth Championship U13 Cawsey Shield. Although our journey ended in the semi-finals, the progress we made and the foundations we've laid give us confidence in our future. We look forward to building on this success and continuing to develop our young talent.

Coach: Chinmaya Gupta | Manager: Amit Ambardar

## **ARCH CAWSEY SHIELD Under 12**

We had a very strong pre-season training session with the help of PDCA. Our fitness was better than ever, and we were really hopeful for the season ahead. Our first game was against Fairfield-Liverpool unfortunately we didn't capitalise on some chances and the game came down to the last over with our team falling 12 runs short. In round 2 we played against Hornsby in another very close game. This time our batting let us down. We were now in a position that we didn't expect to be after losing our first 2 games. We picked ourselves back up and trained well and won our next 2 games convincingly against South Eastern Junior Cricket Association and Sutherland.

After 4 rounds we found ourselves with 2 wins and 2 losses. Unfortunately, the rain ruined our chance to play against Manly and we had a Bye in round 6. Coming into the final round we did the mathematical calculation and worked out if we won with a bonus point, we could still qualify for the top 6 and play finals cricket. We were as determined as ever leading up to our game against Camden and we were so happy to get the win after bowling them out for 42. We chased the runs down in 13 overs and achieved the win and a bonus point! This meant we would qualify for the finals after finishing with 3 wins, 2 losses, 1 abandoned game due to rain and 1 bye.

We were to face Manly in the qualifying final who were undefeated and on the top of the table. We batted first and scored 113 runs. We felt like our total was 10-20 runs short but we knew we would be competitive with our strong bowling attack. It came down to the last over and Manly got the runs with just 3 balls to spare. Such a close game!

Over the January break many of our players played in the Under 12 Lismore Carnival. We had a very successful carnival, winning all our round games. We beat Penrith in the semi final and were excited to face Manly (again!) in the final. Unfortunately, it wasn't our day and we lost to Manly but so proud of the players for their outstanding teamwork and passion throughout the carnival.

A huge thank you to our amazing group of families that helped with umpiring, training and scoring each week at both the NSWYC games and the Lismore Carnival. We were lucky to have a dedicated, passionate group of kids who just love the game of cricket. Best of luck to all players in the 2024/2025 season.

## **Player's Report**

**Mahesh Rajadurai** – Mahesh worked hard on his batting this year and is a strong hitter of the ball. Well done!

**Armaan Chaudhary** – This was Armaan's first year playing division 1 and he worked hard on his batting all season. Armaan had great energy in the field! Shabash!

**Emmett Parsons** – Emmett is a talented batter and wicket keeper. He demonstrated his outstanding fitness throughout the season and achieved success with the bat. Well done!

**Lucas Karam** – Lucas worked hard on his batting and bowling. He was a standout in the field and always gave 100% effort. Well done!

**Tharun Suthakaran** – Tharun worked hard on his batting and bowling throughout the season and always gave 100% effort into everything he does. Well done!

**Adish Shetty** – This was Adish's first year playing division 1. Adish worked hard on his batting and is a talented wicket keeper. Well done!

**Mahd Khan** – Mahd is always a quiet achiever. He puts 100% effort into everything he does and is superb with the ball.

**Dylan Paskaranathan** – Dylan's leg spin bowling was fantastic throughout the season and Dylan even achieved a Hatrick! Well done!

**Sreekanth Gunasekaran** – Sreekanth's accurate bowling and determined batting skills make him a great player. Well done!

**Arjun Patil** – Arjun had lots of success with both the bat and ball this season. He gives 100% effort into everything he does. Well done!

**Adhiraj Choudhary** – Adhiraj is a determined and passionate player who enjoys bowling fast and accurate. Well done!

**Maahir Desai** - This was Maahir's first year playing division 1 and he worked hard on his bowling and batting all season. Maahir always gave 100% effort in the field. Well done!

Thank you to all the players, parents and the Parramatta District Cricket Association for their constant support throughout the season. It was an absolute pleasure to coach this year and I'm looking forward to following the boys representative progress in the coming years. Parramatta Junior cricket is in safe hands with lots of talented players.

**Coach** – Steven Karam

**Manager** – Laura Karam

## **W. G. FOSTER SHIELD Under 12 Division 2**

Before the season 2023-24 starts, PDCA organised two pre-season trial games for boys to showcase their skills and attitude towards the game. The first one was against North Shore and the second game was against Hornsby Ku-ring-gai. Against both strong teams we had fantastic wins, but more importantly, all the players had an opportunity to display their talents on field contributing to the outstanding wins. This experience made evident the individual and team strengths allowing us an insight into how these skills and attitude can be utilised at various stages of the game. We planned our weekly training sessions accordingly to upskill individual strengths in bowling, batting and fielding, and also improving the team's game awareness. With this, within a week we were ready for a dynamic start to the season.

### **Round 1: Parramatta 5/192 defeated St George 10/15**

First game of the Youth championships, the boys kicked off the season with enthusiasm and confidence. We won the toss and batted first. Despite a shaky start by the openers our middle order batters Khush Patel 36, Jershovin Bas 55\* and Aaryan Mehta 43\* set a defending target to finish off the innings at 5/192. With runs on the board, our bowling attack demolished the opposition to just 15 runs. Khush Patel was the pick of the bowlers taking 4-1 including a Hatrick and Kavan Raj 2-3. A comprehensive win with a bonus point.

### **Round 2: Parramatta 2/124 defeated Fairfield-Liverpool 10/123**

The opposition won the toss, chose to bat first but were restricted to 123 runs. All 13 players got a chance to bowl with Kavan Raj 2-7 being the pick of the bowler. Our top order batters Jonothan Doherty 29, Arpit Shenoy 34\*, Tanmay Yerramsetty 22 and Samuel Hendry 21\* chased down the target in 21 overs. It was our second win with a bonus point.

### **Round 3: Parramatta 10/103 defeated Newcastle Blasters 10/93**

The boys had an early start, travelling all the way to Newcastle for Round 3 action. The opposition won the toss and chose to bowl. We didn't have a great start. After losing a couple of early wickets, Rohan Mathur tried to hold back and defended well but had a nasty ball that hit him on his neck which paused his inning. After some time, he started feeling well and decided to go back and resume his sensible batting and contributed a precious 25 runs for the team. Eventually our team got bowled out for only 103 runs. Spirits were low in the dressing room, as we hadn't put on a good score to defend. The pace bowlers struggled to strike early breakthroughs, and the opposition were cruising towards the target. Bringing on the spinners at both ends started to turn the game in our favour. Kavan Raj 4-22 and Jonothan Doherty 2-10 were the pick of the bowlers. It was a nail-biting finish, winning by 10 runs. The boys were really thrilled and enjoyed a refreshing dip in the beach.

### **Round 4: Parramatta 4/106 defeated SEJCA 10/102**

The opposition won the toss, batted first, but were restricted to 102 runs. Our opening bowlers picked up early wickets with Archit Shenoy 4-14 being the pick of the bowlers. Our middle order batters chased down the target in 19.4 overs with Jonothan Doherty 43\* and Khush Patel 21. It was a comfortable win with a bonus point.

### **Round 5: Abandoned due to rain**

### **Round 6: Parramatta 5/187 defeated Manly Warringah 10/95**

We won the toss and batted first, with our top order batters in great form Rayan Goel 29, Jershovin Bas 74, Jonothan Doherty 22 and Sam Hendry 44 who put on the total of 187 runs. Our opening bowlers put the opposition under pressure by taking early wickets and not conceding many runs with Girvan Rohan 3-9, Archit Shenoy 2-5 and Arsh Raina 2-12 being the pick of the bowlers. The opposition were bowled out for 95. It was yet another win with a bonus point.

### **Round 7: Parramatta 6/279 defeated Bankstown 10/177**

We won the toss and batted first with some great performances from our top order batters Khush Patel 25, Tanmay Yerramsetty 78, Arsh Raina 44, Aaryan Mehta 26 and Rohan Mathur 54 in putting up a massive score of 279 which was the highest team total in U12/2 for this season. The opposition had a mountain to climb with their middle order batters putting up 110 runs partnership for the 6<sup>th</sup> wicket and eventually getting all out for 177. Archit Shenoy 3-19 and Kavan Raj 2-21 were the pick of the bowlers. Last round win with a bonus point secured the team 1<sup>st</sup> position in the ladder.

### **Quarter Final: Parramatta 10/147 defeated Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 9/109**

The opposition won the toss and elected to bowl. After a shaky start, the middle order batters were able to steady the innings and put a decent score of 147 on the board with Tanmay Yerramsetty 28 and Rayan Goel 40. A great start by our opening bowlers Khush Patel 2-16 and Girvan Rohan 2-19 put the opposition under pressure. All the bowlers were economical and composed leading to another comfortable win. This was the first time we were unable to get the opposition all out.

### **Semi Final: Parramatta 10/122 defeated Blacktown 10/92**

We won the toss and batted first. Our openers kicked us off with a stable opening partnership Tanmay Yerramsetty scoring 29 runs. The middle order batters chipped in a few runs by finishing on 122 runs. Our boys knew that they had to take wickets, field well and make the opposition earn every run. The opposition got off to a good start until the spinners came on. Kavan Raj 3-12, Girvan Rohan 2-7, and Khush Patel 2-16 were the pick of the bowlers. Exceptional fielding from Samuel Hendry and Jonothan Doherty by taking two crucial catches each. Eventually we got the opposition all out for 92, making it to the Grand finals.

### **Grand Final: Parramatta 10/134 defeated Illawarra 10/59**

The boys were excited to have reached the finals but were also slightly nervous on the big day. We won the toss and batted first. We lost a couple of wickets early. Rayan Goel 23 and Jershovin Bas 37 steadied the innings. The middle and lower order batters contributed a few runs towards the end leading to a collective score of 134. In defending the total, our bowlers were very disciplined and economical. Girvan Rohan 2-7, Arsh Raina 2-6 and Tanmay Yerramsetty 2-7 were the pick of the bowlers. The boys displayed outstanding skills on field, everyone in the game. We consistently took wickets, eventually bowling out the opposition for 59 runs. We could hear the boys running on the field screaming and cheering, parents overwhelmed with joy and congratulating the Champions.

**Parra Parra Parra Oi Oi Oi!!!**

### **Player's Report**

**Aaryan Mehta** – A right-handed batter, standing firm on the field to accumulate runs at a steady pace and waits for the perfect moment to execute a shot. Whilst bowling, he forces the opponent to take risks and earn each and every run. He has a competitive mindset, always wanting to be in the thick of the action.

**Archit Shenoy** – A pace bowler whose unpredictable deliveries pose a constant threat, often catching batters off guard and knocking down their defense. When batting, he never shies away from playing his shots.

**Arpit Shenoy** – A pace bowler who smartly sets up the batter to provide a breakthrough for the team. In batting, he is composed, executes timely shots, and adapts to the momentum of the game.

**Arsh Raina** – An economical leg spinner who is very smart and consistent with his line and length to get wickets. In batting, he is technically sound, with elegant strokes all around the ground and adapts to any role in the line- up.

**Girvan Rohan** – A left arm pace bowler who is economical and a consistent wicket-taker with his surprise late swing. He is accurate with his line and length. In batting, he can adapt to play according to the game situations and contribute runs to the team's total.

**Jershovin Bas** – A technically sound batter who had a great season with the bat scoring two half centuries, winning Player of the match award in the grand finals and joint highest run scorer within the team. As a wicketkeeper, he was consistent and reliable.

**Jonathan Doherty** – A left-handed batter who showed great character, composure and elegant techniques to score runs. An economical leg spinner who chipped with wickets when the team needed the most. His fielding was agile in taking a few sharp catches.

**Kavan Raj** – A leg spin bowler, who effortlessly changes the game's dynamics, leaving opponents struggling to read his deliveries. He was the highest wicket-taker with 16 wickets in W.G.Foster Shield (U12/2) this season. In batting, his skills were notable in contributing quick scores to the team's total.

**Khush Patel** – An all-rounder who scores quickly with powerful strokes and rotates the strike with ease. Furthermore, as a pace bowler he is quick and consistently claimed crucial wickets with unpredictable variations in his deliveries. He captained the team with great calm and confidence.

**Rayan Goel** – He excelled as both a batter and a skilled wicket keeper, earning widespread praise. His agile batting executing beautiful shots with elegance and fearless in taking on the bowlers was commendable. As a wicketkeeper, his sharp glove work behind the stumps stood out throughout the season.

**Rohan Mathur** – A left-handed top-order batter, strategist on the field employing various techniques to perfection which includes a half century to his name. In bowling, he takes wickets when the team needs the most. He has bucket hands.

**Samuel Hendry** – A batter who treats us with magical performance by scoring and running swiftly. An off spinner who is quick and varies his pace which makes it difficult for the opponent to predict. He is an acrobatic fielder with exceptional reflexes and flexibility who never lets the ball go past him and plunges onto all catches.

**Tanmany Yerramsetty** – A powerhouse batter who loves hitting big shots with a half century to his name. He was the joint highest run scorer within the team. Additionally, his off-spin bowling worked well with timely breakthroughs.

It was a great season for the boys to be undefeated and crowned Champions. Another back to back successful season is a result of each and every player's hard work and contribution to the game and implementing various skills and strategies they learnt during their weekly training sessions. It's just the start of a Youth Championship journey.

Thanks to all the parents who were very supportive in this season without whom this wouldn't be possible right from getting the boys promptly to training and match days, setting the field, scoring, putting lunch spreads and Diwali feast.

A special thanks to **Rohit Raina** for taking responsibility of organizing team logistics and keeping track of financials.

Coaching and managing these great bunch of kids has been a rewarding experience that will always be cherished.

**Gaurang Patel, Coach & Rohan Kesavaram, Manager**  
**W.G. Foster Shield team**

## **IDCA PRESIDENTS CUP REPORTS**

### **IDCA Under 15**

Report pending

### **IDCA Under 14 Girls**

As a team that came together and continued to add in new players right up till the Christmas break, the girls worked hard to build relationships and work together on the field. It was evident in some games that we were a development team, nurturing players from 13 to 10 years of age. Our senior team members mentored younger players and with many girls experiencing representative cricket for the first time, all showed great nerve to edge Blacktown out of the grand final by maintaining their net run rate after finishing on equal points.

#### **Round 1 V NWS Hurricanes**

Parramatta 14 Girls won by 108 runs. After 35 overs Parra was 6/164. Fantastic Captain's knock for Zara 64 off 83 balls. Followed by Saumya on 21. The girls took 34.2 overs to bowl Hurricanes all out for 56. 3 run outs (direct hit Jasmine, Saumya and Navina 1 each assisted). Catches to Saumya (3), Jessica (WK), Hayley, Navina.

Yanika 3/4 (5.2) 3 maidens, Navina 1/6 (4) Zara 1/6 (4) 1 maiden, Saumya 1/3 (3) 2 maidens, Matilda 1/7 (4) 1 maiden.

#### **Round 2 V Manly Warringah**

Unfortunately, 14 girls went down today by 8 wickets, tough (and quick) game today.

Aishi 9; Yanika 2/4 off 3 overs. Catches to Zara and Aishi

#### **Round 3 V Blacktown**

14 girls won today by 4 wickets. Jasmine 2/10 (4), Aishi 1/20 (7), Hayley 2 maidens 0/7 (5).

Zara and Fiona partnership of 41, Jessica and Zara partnership of 31. Catches each to Navina and Zara. Thank you to Thaaksha for stepping in after a late call up.

#### **Round 4 V NWS Hurricanes**

14 Girls defeated Hurricanes, keeping the Hurricanes to 44 runs and chased them down in 15 overs.

Kriti 2 maidens 5 runs off 6 overs, Leela 1/4 (6) 3 maidens, Navina 1/5 (6) 2 maidens and Saumya 1 run off 3 overs 2 maidens- all with less runs than the overs they bowled.

2 catches for Jessica, 12 for Saumya and 1 run out Jasmine.

The 4 batters were smart and managed the small chase well, Jessica 16\*



### **Round 5 V Manly Warringah**

Defeated by 9 wickets

Despite the low runs, the girls managed to bat their full 35 overs- Hayley 12.

A maiden over to both Kirit and Aishi out of their respective 3 overs, Saumya 1/8 off 2 overs.

A catch to Zara.

### **Round 6 V Blacktown**

14 Girls lost to Blacktown by 24 runs 9/97. 10/73

Lower order batters dug deep to hold out and keep grand finals chance alive (Yanika, Navina, Kriti).

Jasmine 3/9 (6), Yanika 0/8 (7), Navina 1/15 (7) and a great catch. Catches also to Leela, Zara and Aishi. Aishi 2 runouts and Soumya 1 run out.

Holding on to our NRR put us in the Grand Final against Manly 🎉

### **Grand Final V Manly Warringah**

Unfortunately 14 Girls suffered a heavy defeat in the grand final..

Manly winning by 164 runs.

Aishi 2/16 (6), Jessica 3 catches (wk)

This was the end to a good season, not the way we wanted it to go but played by both teams in the spirit of cricket.

Congratulations to Zara finishing top run scorer for the competition, Yanika highest wicket taker for Parramatta (6) and to Jessica equalising highest number of catches for the competition (6).

Thank you to Matt for his hard work with the girls each week, thanks to Dinesh for regular scoring and to those who umpired at square leg over the weeks. Big thanks to all the parents for the support of the team throughout the season and to Bernadette as the coordinator of the girls teams.

Charmain Floody

## **IDCA Under 14 ANTHONY NEALE CUP**

An amazing bunch of young guys to coach. All showed growth throughout the season and never gave up. Coached by Darren Peters and Manager Kingsley Gunasekera.

### **Round 1;**

Starting off the season against Hornsby who won the competition in the 13/2's the previous year. It went down to the wire with 9 balls to go but our boys ground out the first win of the season. This would set the tone and scene for the season with multiple close games.

### **Round 2;**

Posting a solid first innings score of 160 where most of the Parramatta top order batters contributed, we bowled out North shore in their 49th over winning by 18 runs.

### **Round 3;**

Northern Districts won the toss and decided to bat. They posted a modest 129 and Parramatta scored 130 runs to take the victory with 16 balls remaining.

#### **Round 4;**

Played against Manly away. This would be one of the only games that didn't go the duration. We bowled Manly out in 31 overs and then ran down their score in 33 overs with Benjamin Mani having a day out with the bat and bringing up his fifty with a 6 on the last ball. Parra 118 & Manly 113.

#### **Round 5;**

Against Inner West Harbour. The team that put us out of the final's series the previous year. We didn't get off to the best start with the bat but fought back to post a respectable 145. The problem was we lost too many wickets and left 7 overs in the shed. This would eventually mean our first loss for the season. IWH won with 3 balls left, the 7 overs cost us dearly.

#### **Round 6;**

Our mindset was firstly to bat our overs and get off to a solid start. The boys certainly did that with all our top 6 batters contributing. Devaj Patel with an impressive 68 certainly helped to post our biggest score of the season of 228 off our 50 overs. We then bowled out Hawkesbury for 146 in 41 overs. This meant we came in first on the ladder and set us up for a home Grand Final at Monty Bennett.

**The Grand Final** was a roller coaster ride all day. At one stage we were on top, then the next minute we were under the pump. The boy's attitude throughout the day was something to be proud of. All boys executed everything we asked of them. We batted our 50 overs and posted 196 then put Inner West Harbour into bat. We bowled them out for 166 off 44 overs to take the Grand Final win. 8 of the wickets we took were catches. We worked hard on our fielding at training throughout the season and this certainly helped us when we needed it most.

All the boys have done themselves their parents and Parramatta proud.

Darren Peters Under 14/2's Presidents Cup Coach 23/24

### **IDCA Under 11 COLIN COOPER CUP Division**

President's Cup marks a memorable moment in many young cricketers' lives as they embark on their first Representative Cricket journey. The 2023/24 Colin Cooper competition was fiercely competitive and it was a fantastic opportunity for kids to showcase their talent.

After a ruthless performance against Hornsby to begin the season, we let ourselves down with some poor fielding and batting performances. Losses against Manly and North Shore teams meant qualification to the finals was impossible.

Despite the disappointment, the boys held their head high and fought back to claim deserving wins against Penrith, Fairfield and Hurricanes to finish 9th on the table.

Personally, it was a very good learning experience as it was my first stint as a Representative Cricket Coach. Special thanks to the parents, PDCA, and Team Manager for their commitment and support with Scoring, and Umpiring.

## Notable Performances

Patrick van der Hout - 5/5 vs Hornsby

Anay Lad - 4/8 vs North Shore

Andre Liyanage - 4/4 vs Sutherland

Adeel Pokharel - 3/13 vs Sutherland

Aarav Agarwal - 3/8 vs NWS Hurricanes

Regards,  
Ashwath Krishna

## **IDCA Under 11 COLIN COOPER CUP Division 2**

This season was a bit of an eye opener for the boys as for the majority of them it was their first taste of representative cricket. They experienced many firsts, such as the thrill of a free hit, the mental toughness of having to concentrate in the field for 40 overs and the potential of not being able to bat or ball depending on how the game was progressing. The boys took this in their stride and quickly understood the passion and pride of being chosen to represent Parramatta at this young age. The boys had a rocky start to the season and it wasn't until after the Christmas break that they had their first win. Despite this the boys walked away with their heads held high finishing a respectable 5th in the competition.

### **Round 1: 10/119 VS Hornsby Ku-ring-ai & Hills Red 8/120 (LOSS)**

Tirth got us off to a great start demonstrating his big hitting scoring 42 off 47 including 4 fours and a six. Unfortunately, it wasn't quite enough with Hornsby chasing down the runs, but not before a slight scare and bump in the road for them as Darcy got himself on a hat-trick and some awesome efforts in the field with 3 run outs put a lot of pressure on the running between wickets. It was a great demonstration of not giving up till the last ball.

### **Round 2: 10/107 VS Manly Warringah 7/117 (LOSS)**

The game that got away against the eventual Premiers of the competition. We lost by 10 runs with 10 balls to spare, it was an exciting and nail-biting finish with Ehan top scoring with 24 and an impressive captains knock from Marshall eventually running out of partners on 19\*. The bowling was evenly spread with Ibrahim, Aarav and Riaan sharing the wickets with 2 each.

### **Round 3: BYE**

### **Round 4: 3/112 VS Fairfield – Liverpool 7/111 (WIN)**

The boys came back from the Christmas break eager to play and hungry for a win. With some great bowling performances by the whole team with the wickets shared evenly, Fairfield set a respectable total of 111 for us to chase down. Thanks to a solid partnership of 77 runs between Joshua, 35\* and Ibrahim 33\* we were able to comfortably chase down the target to secure our first win of the competition.

**Round 5: 10/63 VS Blacktown 6/64 (LOSS)**

Blacktown won the toss and sent us in to bat which proved to be a crucial call for them as we unfortunately crumbled with our batting finishing our innings all out for 63. Isaac was able to get us off to a great start getting their opener out for a duck in the first over of the innings. Isaac finished with figures of 2/7 off 7 overs including 3 maidens. There was some tight bowling amongst the team and great fielding with Joshua taking 2 catches, but unfortunately there just weren't enough runs on the board to threaten them.

**Round 6: 10/49 VS Hurricanes 3/50 (WIN)**

After winning the toss we sent Hurricanes in to bat and bowled them out for 49 runs. The bowling and wickets were evenly shared amongst the team with Marshall and Ehan topping the wickets with 2 each as well as 2 catches from Marshall, one a diving caught and bowled to get the last wicket of the innings. Joshua top scored with 21 as we chased down the total with 7 wickets to spare.

**T20 (1st Game): 5/116 VS Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Red 6/89 (WIN)**

After losing to this team in our first game of the season it was great to see the improvement and come away with the win. Aarav was on fire with the bat scoring our first 50 of the season finishing with 51\* off 55 balls, closely followed by Joshua on 24 off 24. This set up a competitive total for Hornsby to chase. With the wickets evenly shared amongst the team and some tight bowling figures, Hornsby ran out of overs finishing on 6/89.

**T20 (2nd Game): 8/66 VS Blacktown 7/105 (LOSS)**

Unfortunately, we weren't able to finish the season with a win, but the boys fought hard until the end. Tirth took 2 wickets with his bowling and whilst 4 catches and a run out were taken it just wasn't enough as they finished their innings on 105. With a change of our batting line up due to the T20 rules Vedha got us off to a good start finishing his innings on 22 but it just wasn't enough as we ran out of overs to chase the total down.

Thank you for a great season. The boys learnt a lot about the game and the toughness to play at a representative level.

Harikrishnan Murali (Coach)

Christine Graham (Manager)