

INTER ASSOCIATION COMPETITION TEAM REPORTS

The 2019-20 representative cricket season was like none before it. Cricket NSW, under the NSW Youth Championships banner, assumed control of most of the junior competitions; those from under 12 to under 15 (both male & female), while abandoning the under 11 and under 16 age groups. The NSW Youth Championships competition involved more, shorter matches under different playing conditions and the addition of a second division to the under 12 & under 13 age groups. The senior men's Martin Shield and the under 16 Watson Shield continued under the control of the NSW District Cricket Association.

As well as these competitions Parramatta entered teams in the IDCA Presidents Cup for the first time. This competition catered for team aged under 11 (2 divisions) through to under 16.

15 representative teams competing in 17 competitions across 3 controlling bodies made for a lot of organising; personnel, MyCricket set-up, grounds, equipment and clothing particularly. Thanks to all who assisted, especially Justin Isaacs whose help was invaluable. While there certainly was considerable work and expense to this vastly expanded representative program the benefit to our young cricketers is undoubted. The increased opportunity to compete at a higher level and simply the opportunity of more cricket is always welcome. Hopefully all these competitions will be maintained for future seasons.

Parramatta teams won the C.S. Watson (under 16) and J.H. Creak (under 11) Shields, as well as the under 15 and under 12 IDCA Presidents Cup comps. All our teams performed exceptionally well throughout, winning the vast majority of pool matches (more than 80%), and making almost all of the final series, and many grand finals. This dominance may not have translated into as many championship titles as looked possible this season, but there is always next year.....

DCA & NSW YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION REPORTS

MARTIN SHIELD

The DCA Martin Shield competition is representative cricket for all age men, Parra's team is drawn from our A Grade comp. The team was: Daniel McMaster (c), Angus Carroll, Zaid Chaudhary, Blake Gilbert, Kane Milne, Sutha Senathipillay, Chris Robertson, Pankaj Saini, Ainsley Scheerhoorn, Puru Srinivasan, Russell White, Mitch Lewis, Mark Paterson-Hill, Joel Embury and Daniel Trijzelaar.

In a short competition of three rounds, Parramatta finished on top with a bye and two wins.

Round 2, Parra defeated Sutherland by a massive 425 to 99. Pankaj Saini (106), Kane Milne (80) and Ainsley Scheerhoorn (74) starred with the bat while Blake Gilbert (4 for 16) and Chris Robertson (3 for 35) topped the bowling.

Round 3 was a closer game, Parra 7 for 233 running down Moore Park & South East's 9 for 229. Russell White, Kane Milne & Blake Gilbert took two wickets each. Blake's 96 and Russell's late 51 not out got us home.

In the qualifying final, Kane Milne (4 for 57) & Mark Paterson-Hill (3 for 26) limited Northern Cricket Union to 162, which Parra chased down in 33 overs, Kane's 63 & Russ White's 53 (off 20 balls!) sealing the win.

The semifinal against Hawkesbury saw Kane (2 for 44) & Mark (3 for 37) again hold the opposition to a gettable total of 202. All the batsmen made starts, but Puru Srinivasan's 71 not out saw Parra home 8 down.

The boys had made the home grand-final against Camden, undefeated and with high hopes. Unfortunately, as happens in cricket, sport, and life – things didn't go as hoped and planned. Sutha Senathipillay's late 55 runs gave our total of 130 some respectability, but Camden took their chances with the bat and prevailed on the day.

Our thanks go to Dan McMaster for taking on the Martin Shield campaign as the Captain, the team was well led and also well managed by John Stevenson – Thanks Emu! Vicki Paterson and Damien Hill scored each match and supported the team throughout, thanks you to both. Bringing this group together to represent Parramatta as well as they did is a credit to all these people.

Despite the disappointing end to the comp all involved enjoyed Sunday representative cricket against new opponents on different grounds. Hopefully we will be able to go around again.

C. S. WATSON SHIELD

This season was the final season of representative cricket for this group of boys. With several of the "regulars" from previous seasons unavailable for selection it opened opportunities for several boys to who had been knocking on the door to represent Parramatta in their final year of junior cricket.

Match 1 PDCC 6-218 def Penrith 5-213 by 5 runs

Highlights: A,Gholkar 52no & 3-30; R.Ganesh 35, J,Noorbergen 32, R.D'Angelo 30no

The season opened with a trip to Bradman Oval in Bowral to play against Penrith in the annual **Lou Benaud Cup match**. This was a great experience for the boys from both teams and both sets of players and parents appreciated the opportunity to play on such an iconic ground. The occasion certainly inspired both teams to put on a contest to match the setting. Parramatta batted first and recovered from the loss of early wickets to post a score of 6 for 218 off our 50 overs. An unbroken partnership of 66 between Anvay Gholkar (52no) and Robbie D'Angelo (30no) setting up the final score.

In the field, we were able to chip away taking wickets at regular intervals. However mid-way through the Penrith innings we suffered a setback with injury and cramp impacting the team. At one stage we were down to only 9 in the field. Things can go two ways when faced with a challenge like that and the response from the boys was to define the way we played the whole representative season. We dug deep and were able to get back to 11 on field inside the last 10 overs and we were still in the game. Superb bowling and fielding in the final 10 overs turned the match to bring back on level terms. In the end we were able to secure the win off the final ball of the day. Credit to both teams. This was 100overs of high-quality cricket. Anvay Gholkar with 3-30 to go with his 52no collected the player of the match award.

The character displayed in round 1 created a great level of self-belief within the group and set the scene for the season.

Match 2 PDCC 8-225 def Hawkesbury 148 – by 77 runs

Highlights: Josh Baker 59no, J Noorbergen 54, R.D'Angelo 36no, L.Giumelli 2-26, R Ganesh 2-27, K.Ford 2-37.

Another slow start with loss of early wickets which was to become a theme of the season but a great recovery from the middle order to post a competitive total. Hawkesbury started well but the spin twins of Raveen and Luke bowled nice and tight, taking 2 wicket each in the middle overs to turn the game in our favour. A comfortable win in the end.

Match 3 PDCC 154 def Fairfield 98 by 56 runs

Highlights: J.Noorbergen 66no, P.Lamont 20, A.Gholkar 3-12, R.Ganesh 3-24

This match was played on wicket that was certainly challenging to say the least which adds even more weight to the great innings from our skipper Jay. Jays innings proved to be the difference between the two teams. Once again with the ball and in the field, we demonstrated our strength. Anvay with 3 early wickets and the spinners Raveen and Luke turning the screws mid innings set up our third straight victory.

Match 4 PDCC 1-108 def Camden 107 by 9 wkts

Highlights: L.Giumelli 3-3, A.Gholkar 2-9, R.D'Angelo 2-21, S.Karandeniya 2-23, K.Gunawardane 38no, R.Ganesh 29

This was a comprehensive performance from start to finish as the scores reflect. It set us up to play finals cricket with 1 round remaining. It was now just a matter of what position in the top 8 we would finish as we approached the local derby against Blacktown in the final round.

Match 5 PDCC 8-238 def Blacktown 167 by 71 runs

Highlights: J.Noorbergen 60, K.Gunawardane 34, A.Gholkar 30no, D.Dey 2-8, R.D'Angelo 2-26

This was another sound effort against strong opposition. The batting effort was a much more balanced and consistent effort led again by our skipper Jay with 60 but well supported by Kashvi. The middle order of Adi and Josh chipped in contributing in good partnerships with Anvay finishing the innings off with a hard hitting 30NO at the end. Again, our bowling and fielding was the real difference between the two teams. Robbie led the way with early wickets and our three-prong spin attack of Debasis, Luke and Raveen once again dried up the scoring mid innings putting Blacktown under enormous pressure to chase down the total.

This result saw us finish undefeated for the round games and secure the top spot and home ground advantage for the finals series.

Quarter Final PDCC 4-151 def Hawkesbury 148 by 6 wickets

Highlights: P.Lamont 5-28, R.D'Angelo 2-11, J.Noorbergen 67no, J.Baker 28no.

After losing the toss and being asked to field, the boys were forced into a tough grind in the field as a result of some very disciplined batting by Hawkesbury. Robbie led the way with early wickets; the spinners again dried up the run rate and Pat mopped up the tail taking 5-28. A nervous start with the bat saw us at 4-63 before Jay and Josh guided as home with an unbeaten 88 run partnership. We now were up against a very strong Manly Warringah outfit in the semi-final.

Semi Final PDCC 163 def Manly Warringah 99 by 64 runs

Highlights: A.Gholkar 3-13, L.Giumelli 3-21, K.Gunawardane 40

The boys had the privilege to play this match at the home of the Parramatta 1st grade team, Old Kings Oval. This was a high pressure, competitive match with both teams bowling outfits giving nothing away. A couple of drop catches allowed us to score a few more than we were looking at and

we scrambled to 163. At the innings change we knew it was going to come down to how well we bowled and fielded. Once again, the boys lifted to another level. An aggressive opening spell from Anvay where he collected 3 early wickets set the scene. Important wickets to Shanuk and Pat kept the momentum running our way. A brilliant 10 over spell of 3-21 from Luke supported by some excellent fielding was too much for Manly and they were all out for 99.

Our next stop was the Watson Shield final against our round 1 opponents, Penrith.

FINAL PDCC 8-167 def Penrith 146 by 21 runs

Highlights: A.Gholkar 33no 3 catches and 2 run outs, J.Noorbergen 32, R.D'Angelo 2-20, R.Ganesh 2-33 & 27, L.Giumelli 1-23 (off 10overs), S.Karandeniya 1-9 (off 6 overs)

This match saw the top 2 teams from the rounds up against each other in the final. Having played a cliff-hanger in round 1, expectations were high for another close contest. The boys from both teams did not disappoint. Both teams played hard throughout in a match fitting of a final.

We won the toss and batted. Penrith bowled and fielded superbly keeping us under pressure from the start. We struggled to get any real momentum, importantly we managed to bat out our 50 overs and reach a competitive score of 168. Special mention to the lower order who guided us from 6-100 to our final tally in the last 15 overs.

Unlike our semi-final start with the ball, we started slowly. Penrith cruised to 0-59 off 16 overs. However, spin once again was to change the momentum of the game and a wicket to Luke in his first over followed up by a wicket to Shanuk lifted our spirits. These two bowled 12 overs in tandem for 2-20 in a period which was highlighted by very disciplined bowling and high-quality fielding. From there we were able to stay in the contest with Raveen picking up two more vital wickets. At the final drinks break Penrith needed just 45 runs with 5 wickets in hand off 11 overs. From that point on Penrith were not given a sniff. Concerted pressure in the field backed up by accurate bowling, brilliant catching and two run outs resulted in us capturing the last 5 wickets for just 10 runs. It was a victory out of nowhere and caught Penrith totally off guard.

The final was a fitting conclusion to a memorable campaign. To finish the season undefeated with the Watson Shield was reward for the way the boys played and gelled as a team throughout the season. We were able to find ways to get out of trouble; stay in contention by being prepared to tough it out, work together as a team and back ourselves and our team mates no matter what the situation of the match. That self-belief and team spirit more than anything contributed to the success. Well done boys.

The success on the field does not occur with support off the field. A big thank you to our manager Sumindre, scorer Tarak and all the parents who helped throughout the season. I believe it is fair to say the feedback from all our opponents was our lunches and hospitality was also top of the pack.

The 2019/20 Watson Shield champions are

Jay Noorbergen (Captain)	Josh Baker
Raveen Ganesh	Luke Giumelli
Kashvi Gunawardane	Kynan Ford
Shanuk Karandeniya	Anvay Gholkar
Patrick Lamont	Roberto D'Angelo
Aditya Dhond	Debasis Dey
Sumindre Gunawardane (Manager)	Paul Giumelli (Coach)

MARGARET PEDEN SHIELD

Parramatta was well represented in season 2019 in the Margaret Peden Shield, being undefeated in the rounds and achieving the Minor Premiership and becoming semi-finalists, narrowly missing out on a spot in the Grand Final. They were well supported the parents of the girls.

Our team was captained by Kate Pelle, supported by vice captains Shree Swarup and Lucy Wilson, and was coached by Ian Wilson and managed by Rachael Sutton. Many of the members of the team are members of the NSW Academy Pathway and this training together with the club training prepared them well for the season. The team was a mix of some quite experienced members, younger members from the previous season's Mollie Dive team and some new players to the team. The team came together well and their support of each other on and off the field shone through. The change room was a happy place and they grew in confidence each game they played.

This season was a break out season for many as for the first time, they were faced with the task of having to get the runs or wickets, take the catch or save the runs that changed the momentum of the game back Parramatta's way. Losing the semi-final against Canterbury/Sydney when they had been routed for 120 all out in the first innings hurt. It hurt a lot, however it showed everyone how much the game meant to the team and they will learn from it and be better for the experience next time. It was a very enjoyable and memorable season and hopefully next season's Margaret Peden team can go all the way!

We deeply appreciate the support of the PDCA and Women's club committees and especially Frank Pitt and Scott Reibelt in supporting us with well-prepared pitches and grounds, clean facilities and special thanks to the clubs of the district who supported us in similar ways.

Regards
Rachael Sutton

E. G. WEBLIN SHIELD

Playing Squad:

Isaac Earl (C) – Rouse Hill,	Akash Arnold – Parramatta
Lachlan Apps – K/Langley	Asmit Bishwakarma – Supersonics
Thomas Barton – Winston Hills	Sultan Kakar – Wenty Waratahs
Rory Grieve – Rouse Hill	Santhosh Samuel – Seven Hills
Ilan Murugappan – Supersonics	Oliver Sheekey – Supersonics
Haritha Senevirathne – Hills Barbarians	Liam Weerakoon – Parramatta
Tyler Smith – Rouse Hill	

Coach: Matt Roughan
Manager: Gordon Smith

Round 1: T20 PDCA 73 lost to North Shore 4/103

First of the 2 x T20 games to start the season against our nemesis Nth Shore at Penrith!!

After restricting the hot favourites to 103 off their 20 overs with some tight bowling, we were in the game being 5/68 with 7 overs to go. Unfortunately, a collapse (5/5), brought on by some good bowling, fielding and poor decision making, saw us lose a game that was there for the taking.
Best Performances: Santhosh Samuel 34 & 2/22, Haritha Senevirathne 1/11

Round 2: T20 PDCA 3/141 def Northern Districts 4/104

Second T20 of the day and a comprehensive win set up by a great batting effort from our top order. Our top three all got starts and scored at a good rate, ensuring momentum continued throughout the innings. Tight bowling early and some good fielding saw Nth Districts struggle to put any pressure on the team. Good chance for everyone in the squad to get involved with everyone either batting or bowling on the day. The squad also saw the difference between the two opposition sides we played on the day and how much improvement was needed to mix it with the top teams.

Best Performances: Oliver Sheekey 47, Rory Grieve 38, Sultan Kakar 31, Haritha Senevirathne 1/8, Asmit Bishwakarma 1/14.

Round 3: PDCA 3/56 def Hawkesbury 52

Back to the 50 over format and to our strength. An eagerly anticipated clash with the team pumped for a match against some ex-team mates. The match as a contest was effectively over early as our bowling attack totally dominated the opposition. All six bowlers used bowled well and took wickets early in their spells. After a shaky start, we got the required runs in the 15th over. An early finish and an opportunity to head over and support our Moore Shield side.

Best Performances: Ilan Murugappan 3/9, Oliver Sheekey 2/2, Rory Grieve 2/7, Sultan Kakar 30 no.

Round 4: PDCA 211 def Camden 144

Batting first, our goal was to bat our overs. Not quite achieved with our last wicket falling with 2 balls to go! A competitive target set with some good innings but disappointingly, quite a few batsmen got starts but none of them going on to score big runs. Confident we could defend our total, tight bowling ensured pressure was kept on the batsmen and wickets came at regular intervals. 10 bowlers used in another good win.

Best Performances: Santhosh Samuel 42, Isaac Earl 33, Lachlan Apps 26, Asmit Bishwakarma 2/23, Akash Arnold 1/10, Tyler Smith 1/13

Round 5: PDCA 163 lost to Blacktown 5/201

Another chance to show improvement against one of the heavyweights of the comp. Bowling first, we got an early wicket and had a chance to put them under some pressure. Poor fielding and loose bowling saw the pressure we were building dissolve. However, with introduction of spin, some tight bowling got us back into the game and although our fielding was still sub-standard, we hung in there and we were confident of chasing down the target.

Some poor shot selection and 4 run outs saw us teetering at 7/66. A great 77 run 8th wicket partnership saw us in with a chance but were just not able to keep the pressure on the opposition with another small collapse. Disappointingly our last wicket was another run out.

An improved effort on last season's match and a game we were capable of winning. Hopefully an experience we will learn from

Best Performances: Rory Grieve 43, Ilan Murugappan 40, Isaac Earl 24, Oliver Sheekey 2/18

Round 6: PDCA 6/235 def Penrith 7/173

A crucial game against one of the top 2 teams. Winning the toss our goal (still) was to bat our overs. Success, with the side setting a formidable total, proving the theory of batting your overs!! Although

once again, starts achieved by several top order batsmen were not converted. We were confident our total would be too much for a good batting side and tight bowling put them under scoreboard pressure. The match petered out with the opposition unable to score at the rate required and batting out their overs. A comprehensive win against one of the front runners at their home ground.

Best Performances: Lachlan Apps 47, Rory Grieve 46, Akash Arnold 42, Tyler Smith 1/21, Ilan Murugappan 1/22

Round 7: PDCA 94 lost to Fairfield/Liverpool 8/128

A game against the bottom side on a very tough wicket. Bowling first, we gave the opposition 22 free runs in wides (out of a total of 128) with undisciplined bowling. Our spinners were the only ones to bowl to the plan taking 4/20 between them off their 20 overs.

Chasing 128 was going to be tough on a difficult wicket and being 2/0 off 3 deliveries put us under the pump. Unfortunately we weren't up to the challenge and had only 2 decent partnerships in an innings that lost wickets to undisciplined shot selection and a lack of fight.

A game we were expected to win but proved to be a wake up call to a team that had maybe got ahead of themselves and were a bit overconfident.

Best Performances: Santhosh Samuel 34 & 1/10, Ilan Murugappan 25, Oliver Sheekey 3/10

Round 8: PDCA 7/230 def Bankstown 8/82

Despite a lacklustre performance in our last game, we were sitting 2nd and desperate to stay there. Another crucial match against a side that had a couple of players with big reputations.

Winning the toss we again achieved our goal and batted our 50 overs and thus set a big target. A solid performance, with most batsmen getting starts and only Santhosh going on and falling just short of his ton.

Early wickets and good fielding shut the game down with the opposition struggling to cope with a spirited and well drilled bowling display.

Best Performances: Santhosh Samuel 90, Haritha Senevirathne 2/20, Oliver Sheekey 1/7

Round 9: PDCA 2/163 def Canterbury/Wests 8/159

Last round before the semi's and a virtual quarter final as we were sitting second, a loss could see us dropping to 4th with a win guaranteeing us a spot in the finals for the first time in this group's rep careers.

Losing the toss and bowling first saw our bowlers once again get on top with good bowling putting on early pressure and having them 6/51. A drop off in intensity saw them grind out a challenging target. A cautious start saw us gradually grind down the bowling and then dominate with a 101 run 2nd wicket partnership seeing us to a good win, and our first chasing a decent target.

The win ensured that for the first time, this side qualified for finals after finishing top of their group.

Best Performances: Santhosh Samuel 76no, Lachlan Apps 57, Asmit Bishwakarma 3/19, Thomas Barton 2/23

Semi Final: PDCA 143 lost to North Shore 6/144

Our first final and not the way to start.....4/0 Yep, you read correctly 4/0

Previously this side would have found it all too hard and capitulated but the middle order showed great fighting spirit to first of all stop the disaster and then set about a recovery. Under intense pressure, the side managed to set a target we could bowl to and they were confident that they would give it a shake despite our horror start.

Once again our bowlers stood up to the task and bowled tightly and managed to get wickets at crucial times to maintain pressure. At 6/102, and having lost 2 quick wickets, the game was in the

balance with North Shore under pressure. Unfortunately a couple of dropped catches and half chances not taken proved to be the turning point and we went down to the eventual winners.

Best Performances: Liam Weerakoon 37, Ilan Murugappan 33, Rory Grieve 30,
Asmit Bishwakarma 2/20

A season that saw this team finish top of their group and make the finals for the first time. Let's hope the boys remember that disappointment of the Semi Final loss and use it to drive their rep careers in the future.

Thank you to the PDCA, and in particular Frank Pitt, for your efforts in getting the Weblin boys and all our rep sides on to the park each Sunday. Thank you to all the parents of this great bunch of cricketers. It has been a pleasure to be involved with this team again this season and they have represented the PDCA, themselves and their parents with outstanding behaviour both on and off the field. Special thanks to our Catering Managers, Belinda & Ian Apps for organising lunches for all our home games, and of course to the parents for your support of them. Thanks also to Rob Grieve for your scoring exploits and to Wayne Earl, who was your reliable sidekick when required.

Finally, thank you to Matt Roughan for commitment to coaching this group. I'm sure the passion you show for Parramatta Cricket and in particular, this team of cricketers, will rub off on them. Their cricket and attitude have improved considerably under your direction.

Gordon Smith - Manager

HAROLD MOORE SHIELD

Coach: **Mark McLeod**

Manager: **Bikram Sarna**

Asst. Coaches: **Ben Roughan, Brett McNaught**

Players: A **Sarna (vc)**, B **Edmonds**, B **Padmeswaran**, D **Vennulapalli**, D **Singh**, J **Dhanoa**, J **Sequeira**, J **Wright (c)**, K **Dhawan**, K **Thakur**, R **Gupta**, S **Wadhera** & V **Suresh**

After coming out of the previous season with a strong foundation for success we were ready to take our performance to the top level. Our campaign was boosted with some strong inclusions to the playing group in the shape of 3 quality players from Northern districts in Krish Thakur, Jaden Sequeira and Shivam Wadhera. We also had an international recruit join us with Ben Edmonds and an addition to the coaching staff with Brett coming back to again transfer his knowledge with a PDCA junior team.

What transpired was a season with so much promise, but left us more than a little bit sour after everything seemed to be going ahead on track, only to find ourselves falling short of the level that was required to make the business end of the season and challenge for the title. It's a cut throat competition at this level, and when you are playing for only 4 spots you have to make it happen. We did this on most occasions. We would win the hard battles and grind the other teams throughout the course of the day. It was only on a couple of occasions that we let our concentration slip or the pressure of the occasion get to us that we allowed the stronger teams to get over the top of us. No more was it evident from our season that close enough isn't good enough and the cruelty of our game when we realised that we had missed out on playing finals by 1 point. The difference being one run out decision on the last ball of a T20 game. You win some and you lose some. Get knocked

down 10 times, get up 11. What we learnt from this season, and we have all committed too as a team, as the gloves are off for coming season. We are all in, with whatever sacrifices and disciplines are required for the experience of success as a team in the Weblin Shield.

This year the Rep competition was run by Cricket NSW and was played under the banner of NSW Youth Championships with new rules, new formats with fielding restrictions. We had more games and starting two 20/20 games and seven 50 over games.

Round 1 we drew against our old nemesis North Shore, against whom we have had a few battles over the years and have always had very close encounters. This one was no different. We won the toss and batted first and made a competitive 5/105 in 20 overs. We then took regular wickets, however North Shore were composed enough to get over the line with 1 ball to spare. Boys took the loss in their stride and came back very strong against a depleted Northern Districts, scoring 2/145 in 20 overs and winning by comfortable margin of 46 runs.

Round 3 onwards we started our strength games – 50 over cricket which was the basis of our team selections. Round 3 was our first home game and was against a confident Hawkesbury (last year's finalists). We won the toss and sent Hawkesbury to bat. Hawkesbury put in a competitive 181. We started well with the bat and were cruising at 1/132, however Hawkesbury bounced back taking 5 wickets for 34 runs, but couldn't stop us from achieving the target with 6 down and 3 overs to spare.

Round 4 we travelled to Camden and the boys were full of confidence with 2 wins under their belt. We won the toss and sent Camden to bat. Boys bowled and field very well and restricted Camden to 114 and won comfortably with 21 overs to spare thus taking the bonus point.

Next up we were back at home against Blacktown. Blacktown the eventual runners up were a well drilled team like us and were in good form, both teams had the same win loss ratio. We won the toss as we did on all the previous occasions and sent Blacktown to bat. We bowled & fielded well to restrict Blacktown to 166 and were confident that we had the batting line-up to win the game. The wicket however had other plans and played totally different to the first innings, with variable bounce and the ball keeping low and not coming onto the bat. Playing first year on turf, the boys did not have experience to tackle that and lost by 28runs.

Next up we had Penrith and back to back home games. With a loss to Blacktown, the boys had a point to prove to the competition that were worthy to be taken seriously as title contenders. We won the toss, but chose to bat this time and had a excellent 1st innings, scoring 7/206, which was an excellent 50 over total. Although we had a rain scare, we were still strong enough make sure the game was over before the rain interruption, winning by winning by 49runs and narrowly missing the bonus point, which would haunt us later.

Round 8, we travelled to Bankstown full of confidence as we were topping our group after 7 rounds. We won the toss and elected to bat as the pitch was very soft and we expected it to deteriorate even further as the day progressed. Our pitch assessment was perfect, we put in a gutsy performance and the boys grinded a well earned 6/151 in our allocated 50 overs. We knew that this was a above par score and we were in the box seat, however the boys did not want to drop their guard and wanted to have a convincing win. Which we did, demolishing Bankstown for a mere 67 and earning a bonus point in the process.

After end of Round 8, we were topping the pool on NRR with a 4 point buffer from 3rd placed Canterbury West. However, our last opponent was Canterbury West and it was a winner take all game, so the game had added pressure for the boys, which they were expected to overcome if they wanted to play Semis. We won the toss and elected to bat. The pitch however had other ideas and played a bad sport for us. We lost our top 3 for 23 and then it was just a grind. Middle order brought some respectability and we ended up all out at 119. Which was a below par score, however low scores are sometime tricky and we were quietly confident to at least make them sweat for the runs. However, the pitch started easing up and runs came in easier and us dropping a few catches did not help. Canterbury eased into a win by 8 wickets with 21 overs to spare. We thus ended the competition at 3rd place and missed a semis spot. Baring the last game, the boys had an excellent season and deserved a semi-final spot.

Ben, Brett and myself would like to thank the efforts of Bikram who is the engine that drives the team like clockwork and allow us to do what we enjoy doing best, and that is to coach. I also commend the parent group on the support and enthusiasm that they put into the season which makes it a real pleasure to be around.

We learned this season that we are good enough and we realised that on our day our cricket beats anyone else's. What we also got was that to bring that A game week in week out so we unsure we win the major battles takes all sorts of special. Talent helps, but it takes all cogs in the machine working in one direction. This is not only players, but coaches, this is not only on the field, but very much off it as well. The coming season we base our mantra on integrity, discipline and teamwork. Standing in this we will have all we need to go where we want to go. Congratulations to the boys on a great season. Onwards and upward.

Mark McLeod

MOLLIE DIVE SHIELD

The 2019 season was a very successful season with the Parramatta team making the semi-finals for the second year in a row but unfortunately not being able to get past North Shore once again to make the Final.

We kicked off the season with two T20's at Eric Mobbs and in our very first game managed to reach a Super Over! This was incredibly exciting for all involved as it was everyone's first experience at this and we unfortunately missed out on the win by a few runs against a strong Canterbury & Western Suburbs side. The second T20 on the same day resulted in a loss to Newcastle, but from there the season went full steam ahead.

Next was a trip to Bankstown where we scored a great win with Junior Cumberland Medal winner, Amisha Mohanaraj scoring her first 50 with a great 71* and Parramatta posting a solid 6/181. Some early key wickets had Bankstown on the back foot from the start of their run chase and we managed the game well from there to win by 80 runs with notable partnerships Amisha Mohanaraj had with Bella Tesoriero and Ira Patel.

It was back to Eric Mobbs for another nail biter of a game with Parramatta ending up on the right side of the result this time. Batting first and setting 6/144 against a side with some great spinners

and runs being evenly spread across the team, we went into the field feeling confident of the task at hand. At 7/110 we were feeling confident, but then one of the ACT girls played a great innings and looked to be taking the game away from us. In the second last over Izzy Cruickshank picked up a crucial wicket and then Ira Patel stepped up for the last over. With ACT needing 2 runs to win, Ira took 2 wickets in 2 balls to finish the match off and win it for Parramatta!!

The next 2 games were at the opposite end of the spectrum. The first at Blacktown, we decided to send them in as rain clouds threatened and our girls bowled brilliantly knocking them over for 22 with Izzy taking 4/2 and Bethany Tate, Ira and Srinidhi Srinivasan taking 2 wickets each. We passed the total before lunch to win by 10 wickets. The next game versus Sutherland was a different task. Sutherland were able to field a strong side with their Peden team having a Bye that week. Although, we posted a decent 8/123 with Nikki Doshi scoring a Mollie Season high of 40 runs, Sutherland's batting was too strong and they passed in the 18th over to win by 8 wickets.

The last round match was a must win against Penrith at their home ground. This was one of our best displays for the season with Amisha posting an amazing 91* and Bethany scoring 39 in a partnership of 88 and set us up for a total of 6/215 on a field with a pretty fast outfield. Penrith batted very well and pushed us all the way but tight bowling through the middle made the task too much for Penrith in the end and saw us win by 40 runs and secure a semi-final spot.

The semi was played at Koola Park against a strong North Shore side missing a couple of key players due to the National PSSA tournament. Having lost the toss and been sent in, we were happy with the way the game was unfolding, but unfortunately it wasn't our day with the bat and we were kept to our lowest 40 over total of 97, having been bowled out in the 32nd over. Early wickets were crucial but they weren't to come as North Shore batted very well knowing they didn't have a big total to chase and passed our score 1 down in the 25th over.

All up it was a great season and the team did Parramatta District proud. The players will no doubt have a great off season and be looking to come back sharp for the 2021 representative season.

W.S. GEE SHIELD

Coach: Daman Kahlon & Evan Pitt

Manager: Adam Land

We started this season with confidence as the boys worked very hard. They faced the cold winter mornings and Evan's tough fitness regime bravely. We had approximate three months of preseason training and had three trial matches before the season started with the two rounds of T20 games. There were total of nine rounds. Our team lost two games, tied one and won six games. The team represented well in the Semi-finals and reached the grand final by defeating Manly.

The 2019 U13 WS GEE SHIELD team comprised of:

- Ben Boxshall - Technically strong and has good captaincy skills. Overall a good cricketer.
- Abhinav Kamsali - Good technical opener. In the last two years has improved a lot as an opener.
- Nitesh Samuel - Is an all-rounder and very mature cricketer. We have high hopes on him.

- Nilathan Kulendran - Is a good left-handed batsman. He can contribute to the team with his right-hand bowling.
- Ravi Soni-Abyakoon - Very good and active fielder. Is a good batsman and can become a very good opening batsman.
- Bailey Land - Has great sportsmanship & enthusiasm. He is a medium pace bowler with good line and length.
- Advith Borredy - Is a good wicket keeper batsman. This was his second year with us and has shown lots of improvement in his wicket keeping skills.
- Viren Garg- All-rounder and is a very active fielder. Is a first change medium pace bowler.
- Aneesh Upadhyaya - Is a good spin bowler and good fielder.
- James Thompson Gerard - Joined us this season and is a good wicket keeper & batsman. Very active in the field.
- Evan Hoskin - Also joined this team last season as a bowler. He is a good athlete and a keen learner.
- Ansh Marken - Another player joined us this season with all-rounder skills.
- Manraj S Kahlon - Another all-rounder and opening bowler.

Our team learnt some good lessons from the trial games and were ready for the challenges. All players really worked hard on their skills and showed improvement. This was not possible without the help of parents who took time out of their busy schedules to bring the players to the trainings and the games.

Game One was a 20-20 home game against North Shore. We lost the toss, bowled and fielded well but lost the game by six runs. There were new playing conditions to follow and boys took some time to adjust to these. Aneesh scored 35 and Nilathan scored 30 runs.

Game Two was again a 20-20 home game against Northern Districts. We again lost the toss and bowled first. Our boys performed very well and won the game by nine wickets. All the bowlers were good. Aneesh 2 for 9 & Bailey 2 for 30.

Game Three against Hawkesbury was a away game. We lost the toss, Hawkesbury batted first and gave us a target of 114 which we chased in 22 overs, winning the game by 9 wickets. Abhinav batted through the innings for 58 not out & Ravi hit 37.

Game Four was a home game against Camden. We won the toss. Our captain elected to bat first and our score was 175 all out. Nilathan hit 39 & Manraj added 36 runs to the total. The match was tied. Nitesh & Manraj took 2 wickets each. 1 wicket each was taken by Nilathan & Viren. Our fielders did well by putting pressure and resulting in 2 run outs.

Game Five was against Blacktown. We again won the toss and elected to bat. Nitesh hit 34, Nilathan made 33 runs and James 24 runs. We were all out on 128. Our bowlers started very well. Blacktown was 3 for 13 in the first 5 overs. We won by 6 runs. We bowled and fielded with real pressure. Nitesh took 3 wickets, Evan & Viren 1 wicket each. Manraj took 5 wickets.

Game Six was away game against Penrith. We gave Penrith the target of 210 runs, losing only 5 wickets. Abhinav hit a ton, scoring 109 runs. Nitesh contributed 52 runs and Ravi 15 runs. Penrith was all out on 115 in 30 overs. Ansh, Viren & Nitesh took 2 wickets each.

Game Seven was against Fairfield again away from home. We lost the toss and batted first. We scored 206 runs, with Nitesh hitting 81 and Abhinav 80 runs. Our fielders did magic by taking few wonderful catches and as a result Fairfield was all out on 70 in 23.2 overs. Aneesh took six wickets including a hat trick.

Game Eight was a home game against Bankstown. Bankstown won the toss and elected to bowl. We gave them a target of 196. Ben hit 70 runs, Abhinav 30, Nitesh 24 and Ansh 19 runs. Bankstown could only score 156 with 4 wickets down. Evan took 2 wickets.

Game Nine was against Canterbury West and a home game. We lost this game. Our batting line collapsed and we were all out on 79 in 34 overs. Nitesh hit 22 runs. Canterbury West chased down the target in 29 overs with 3 wickets down.

Semi Final was against Manly at our home ground. Manly won the toss and elected to bat and scored 8 for 109. Manraj, Nitesh and Ansh took 2 wickets each. We passed the target 4 down in 35.4 overs. Nitesh was the highest scorer on 55 not out and Advith 18 not out.

Grand Final was against North Shore and was a game at a neutral ground. We lost the game. North Shore won the toss, elected to bat and gave us a target of 179. We were all out on 115.

Our boys played with the great spirit and enthusiasm. The boys have become stronger and have learnt the technique of not giving up easily. These young players have lots of potential in them.

Many thanks to our Executive officer Frank Pitt for his hard work and support to the teams, helping out in trials. Evan Pitt from PDCC for his hard work. All the PDCA Board for their assistance and the hard work over the season.

Many thanks to Adam Land, team manager, who worked tirelessly throughout the season. He managed everything efficiently & perfectly whether it was communication with all or organising resources for the team. Our best wishes go to Adam, Bailey and the Land family who have left Parramatta for Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

NSWYC Under 13 Division 2

With a new representative season came a totally new competition format in the NSW Youth Championships, following selection the following squad was selected

Peter Elliott (capt), Hunter Abeni, Aakash Ajith, Rahul Dhond, Max Fleeting, Evan Hoskin, Advay Jayavarapu, Manavkumar Ray, Arpit Madra, Eesa Omar, Gurmehar Singh (Wk), Shaan Thadani, Jayden Wood, Aiden Johnpallai.

We were fortunate that with the new format, 8 of the squad had been together in the Presidents cup the previous year and gained valuable representative experience from the NWS Hurricanes which combined with the extensive pre-season training program would stand the team in good stead for the season ahead as the team has a good foundation to build on with the benefit of new additions to the squad.

Game 1 T20 vs Penrith: Parra Won by 67 runs

To say the season started with a bang would be an understatement with the Parra boys laying down a big statement in the competition with a convincing performance against an experienced Penrith side. An opening stand of 67 by Max Fleeting and Evan Hoskin eased the nerves and set the platform for Shaan Thadani to tee off with a quickfire 47 for balls on the way to an imposing 4-133. Some controlled bowling and sharp fielding helped contain Penrith and never gave them a chance and were restricted to 4-66 with 3 run outs.

Game 2 T20 vs Blacktown: Parra won by 52 runs

Not to be outdone with a big score, the Parra batsmen set about building an even more imposing total, not swayed by the loss of an early wicket a 125 run 2nd wicket partnership between Evan & Eesa Omar set a daunting total of 2-157. Again, a disciplined bowling and fielding effort including a devastating spell of fast bowling taking 2-11 off 4 overs gave Blacktown little chance of chasing down the total and restricted them to 5-105.

Game 3 vs Bankstown: Parra won by 4 Wickets

Back to the traditional 40 over format and the chance for the bowlers to take charge and giving Captain Peter Elliott a chance to control his bowlers and fielders and welcome new addition Aiden Johnpillai to the squad to replace the promoted Evan Hoskin. A disciplined fielding performance restricted Bankstown to 6-129 with the wickets shared around. The chase was under control with Max at the crease, but after he was cruelly run out for 48 there were some nerves around the team as Parra lost 3 quick wickets for 6 runs as the target approached, however Captain Pete calmly ensured we got past the target with 3 overs and 4 wickets to spare.

Game 4 vs North Shore: Parra won by 2 Wickets

As had been the case in Presidents cup in previous years a tense game was in store against a talented North Shore team. Parra got off to a dream start with Manav Ray & Jayden Wood retuning figures of 3-8 of 4 over and when Arpit Madra wrapped up the innings taking 3-3 of 2 overs Parra were looking to wrap things up quickly before lunch! With nails bitten everywhere and 8 wickets down Parra managed to get over the line with a big thanks to Adhvay Jayavarapu who made a disciplined 19 when wickets were tumbling around him.

Game 5 vs Sutherland: Parra won by 23 runs

Keen to maintain the unbeaten run; Parra travelled to Sutherland to take on a strong Sutherland team. Sent into bat with important contributions of 19 each from Eesa & Shaan and a truly captains knock from Pete who was 42 not out when his team were under pressure ensured his team posted a competitive 8/154. Sutherland set about their task diligently and the game was well poised at 4-101. A strong spell Aiden & Arpit broke the spine of the Sutherland team to ensure the victory.

Game 6 Vs Blacktown: Parra won by 29 runs

Feeling confident (maybe too much!) after an early season win in the T20, Parra boys were given a scare by a much-improved bowling attack and at 6-54 Parra were up against it after a bright opening knock from Rahul Dhond (10) after losing his opening partner first over. However, a superb 66 run partnership between the Gurmehar Singh (63) and Jayden Wood (22) steadied the ship and again building a platform for some late fireworks from Shaan (22 from 14).

With the prospect of rain in the afternoon Parra were always in command and kept the run rate under control with Jayden 2 for 21 and Shaan 2 for 8 and 4 run outs ensured another victory.

Game 7 Vs Manly: Parra Lost by 42 runs

With top spot in the group assured, we had the chance to experiment with some different combinations, however Parra were no match for a very well drilled Manly side who were unbeaten in 3 years and despite the best efforts of a superb bowling spell by Hunter Abeni taking 3 for 8 of 4 overs to break the 71 run opening partnership, Manly had wickets in hand to post a daunting 7/166. Chasing a big total and the best fielding side in the competition, Parra were always behind the run rate losing wickets regularly and despite a late flurry with a quick fire 34 from 30 balls from Shaan, the total was out of reach, but some lessons to prepare for another meeting later in the season.

Game 8 Vs Inner West Harbour: Parra Won by 107 Runs

Eager to bounce back Parra did in style with a 50 run opening partnership between Max & Eesa, the platform was set for a big total and Parra had the ideal player in Shaan to blast another quick fire score of 52no from 41 balls well supported by Aakash Ajith 32no, to post an imposing 6/207. Inner West never looked like chasing it down and were comfortably bowled out for 100 with useful contributions for Aiden, Manav & Arpit taking two wickets each.

Game 9 Vs Penrith: Parra won by 137 runs

Parra kept their foot on the gas with another comprehensive victory against Penrith with a vital 100 run partnership with Pete (37) & Shaan (53) helped us post another intimidating total. Penrith never looked like chasing it down but a devastating spell from Arpit Madra taking a glorious '5 for', wrapping up the game with figures of 5-5 off 4 overs.

Semi Final Vs North Shore: Parra won by 16 runs

Sent in to bat a combination of damp pitch (morning sprinklers!), superb bowling and finals nerves; North Shore had Parra in trouble at 5 for 27 early on but another strong partnership of 78 between Pete (21) & Shaan (56no) on their home ground ensured Parra got to a total they could defend and in the process ensures Shaan posted his 3rd 50+ score in consecutive matches. In defending the total Shaan also put North Shore to the sword taking 3 for 15 of 7 and was supported with useful bowling contributions from Hunter (2/12) & Jayden (2/20) to restrict North Shore to 103 all out an onto the final.

Grand Final Vs Manly: Parra Lost by 32 runs

The setting was perfect for a Parra day with the Div 1 team playing on the adjacent field, however it was not to be after Manly posted a very strong 8/144 with Aiden being the pick of the bowlers taking early wickets, but a late flurry of runs in the last 10 over shifted the momentum. Setting about Max Fleeting returned to form with a vital contribution of 42, and Parra were well poised to chase down the target, however a steady stream of wickets and some tight bowling and sharp fielding Manly proved too strong for Parra and were valiant runners up in this inaugural competition.

Thanks to coach Satish Dhond for his hard work in preparing the team for the season and successfully guiding them through to the Grand Final which we can hopefully go one better next year. Congratulations to Shaan Thadani for being the standout player for the season and was both leading run scorer(311runs) and Champion Player for the tournament across all teams. Finally, thanks to all the parents for an enjoyable season, looking forwards to seeing you all back next season for the trials.

Thanks

Rob Wood, Manager

ARCH CAWSEY SHIELD

What a season! We went into the season confident in the depth of the squad & the talent of the boys. We knew if we put in on the park the results would come... And come they did. The magnitude of taking out the Arch Cawsey Shield is something the boys will probably only realise when they're much older.

But, as they say, all good things must come to an end & this tight unit will lose two of their number as Cameron & Sean say goodbye to their older teammates to stay in Cawsey to play in their own age group.

My thanks also go to Craig for taking on the Management of the team. Coaching a successful team like this takes a lot of work that is seldom seen & I wouldn't have been able to do it without Craig's support & counsel. In saying that, neither of us could've done what we did without the support of our better halves & my thanks also go to Milissa Noorbergen & Louise Sammons for all their sacrifice over the course of the season.

Finally, **well done to all the boys on a fantastic Rep season**. We were hard on you, but we never asked you to do anything we didn't think you were capable of & the results showed. Nothing worth doing is easy & the lessons you've all learned in what can only be described as a wildly successful season will stand each & every one of you in good stead for the future. Watch this space, these boys are all going places!

Playing Squad

Cruiz Barton, Connor Culnane, Brad Hansen, Ashane Jayapragash, Ibrahim Khan, Cameron Knight, Will MacDonald, Arjun Nadadur, Zac Nicholls, Blake Noorbergen (Capt), Sean Sammons, Hrehan Shah, Aditya Thakare

Coach: Neil Sammons

Manager: Craig Noorbergen

Rd 1 (T20) – Parramatta 5/120 def by North Shore 4/121

A tough start to the season facing our old nemesis. Not the result we wanted first up, but an opportunity to learn from as a team.

Blake Noorbergen 45, Hrehan Shah 27, Zac Nicholls 2/19

Rd 2 (T20) – Parramatta 5/86 def Northern District 6/85

After licking our wounds & putting them behind us, we focussed on bagging some points out of game 2. It wasn't always pretty, but we took the W.

Arjun Nadadur 29, Ibrahim Khan 2/2

Rd 3 – Hawkesbury 112 def by Parramatta 9/143

A tighter game than the scoreboard shows. Setting Hawkesbury 144 to win, we got a decent start. Only to have their middle order build a strong partnership. Some good spin bowling from Will & Arjun & a match sealing hat trick from Sean to close their innings got us home.

Sean Sammons 3/5 inc Hat-trick, Will McDonald 2/13, Arjun Nadadur 2/18

Rd 4 – Camden 139 def by Parramatta 3/255

A masterclass from Blake & a great supporting effort from Sean got us to a huge total on a fast ground. The boys started the defence well with Cruz picking up early wickets, but some complacency let them back in before Will shut the door with some inspired bowling.

Will Macdonald 3/12, Cruz Barton 2/9, Blake Noorbergen 185no, Sean Sammons 28

Rd 5 – Parramatta 3/119 def Blacktown 6/118

Sending Blacktown in, we kept the scoreboard under control with some tight bowling & some good fielding. Our chase never looked in doubt, with a fantastic 49 from Arjun (showing a sign of things to come), we passed them in the 27th over.

Arjun Nadadur 49, Blake Noorbergen 35no, Ibrahim Khan 2/7, Zac Nicholls 2/23

Rd 6 – Parramatta 9/145 def by Penrith 6/196

We took some tough lessons out of this game about not taking opportunities when they're presented. Dropping their no.3 four times before he got to 30, he went on to score 133. At 5/35, we were never really in the hunt. Cam, Hrehan & Brad combined to give us a respectable score. Valuable lesson learnt & it would be the 2nd & last loss of the season.

Cameron Knight 58, Hrehan Shah 31, Ibrahim Khan 2/28

Rd 7 - Parramatta 0-87 def Fairfield Liverpool 86

Our loss to Penrith made the boys angry & they took it out on Fairfield Liverpool. Sending them in, Ibbly & Cruz bowled beautifully to dismantle their top order at 4/7 & their best back in the sheds. We chased down their total in 18 overs without losing a wicket.

Arjun Nadadur 44no, Aditya Thakare 40no, Cruz Barton 3/6, Ibrahim Khan 2/15

Rd 8 – Bankstown 117 def by Parramatta 3/118

We rolled Bankstown in the last over with some great fielding & an inspired bowling spell from Brad. A fantastic innings from Arjun had us in the box seat out of the gate. We chased them down in 21 overs.

Brad Hansen 3/6, Cruz Barton 2/16, Arjun Nadadur 69no, Cameron Knight 25

Rd 9 – Canterbury Wests 9/121 def by Parramatta 4/122

A game we needed to win with to put finals beyond doubt. The boys bowled & fielded well. Ibbly's 4/19 & Sean's 2 run outs standing out. We chased them down at a run a ball. Great intent shown by Arjun & Hrehan backed up by a great anchoring innings from Adi.

Ibrahim Khan 4/19, Aditya Thakare 38, Hrehan Shah 32no

Semi Final - South Eastern 9/155 def by Parramatta 6/156

Coming up against the team that knocked us out in last year's quarters and the team that finished the Sixers Conference in first (only losing a single game along the way) was always going to be tough. They won the toss & batted on a ground they know well. We had them 2/12 before they regrouped & built some partnerships. Will broke the first big partnership with a one two & Ibbly followed suit breaking their second partnership. Adi set the chase up beautifully by anchoring the innings (& missing out on carrying his bat by an over). Blake brought the required run rate down to something more manageable & we made it to the big dance with 8 balls to spare.

Will Macdonald 3/19, Ibrahim Khan 3/20, Aditya Thakare 56, Blake Noorbergen 54

Grand Final Parramatta 2/181 def North Shore 7/179

Gaining a heap of confidence in our ability to chase down totals, we put North Shore in. We picked up an early wicket, but they then built a massive partnership. We kept the run rate down, but a late flurry with wickets in hand got them to a total they would've been happy with. Setting a cracking

pace early, we lost Adi in the 9th over with the score at 59. We then lost Blake soon after. From there, Arjun & Cam took control to run down North Shore's total in a canter, becoming Cawsey Shield Champions early in the 32nd over.

It was a massive win against a quality opposition & a testament to the hard work that we put in as a squad.

Arjun Nadadur 80no, Cameron Knight 52no, Will Macdonald 2/29, Ibrahim Khan 2/31

Arjun Nadadur – Player of the Grand Final

After winning the Arch Cawsey Shield, the team made the 700km journey to Lismore hoping to back up their recent Arch Cawsey Grand Final success.

Semi Final Parramatta 11/148 def South Eastern 11/61

Going through the qualifying rounds undefeated, the team faced another tough semi-final against South Eastern. Losing the toss, we were sent in and after a shaky start, built up a total of 148.

The boys went out determined to defend the total and with one of the best bowling performances seen by all bowlers, never gave South Eastern a chance, being all out for 61.

Blake Noorbergen 47 & 6 catches, Zac Nicholls 3/15, Ibrahim Khan 2/1, Connor Culnane 2/18, Cameron Knight 2/4

Grand Final Parramatta 8/160 def Manly 11/123

Qualifying for the Grand Final, the boys faced Manly, who were also undefeated.

Losing the toss, we were again sent in to bat. Like the semi-final, we once again lost early wickets, but with a partnership of 89 between Blake & Ashane, we posted a competitive total of 8/160.

Manly started strongly and looked to be chasing the runs fairly comfortably at 4/98 in the 23rd, before a sharp stumping to Blake and a brilliant caught and bowled to Adi, removed two of their top order. With tight bowling and grand final pressure, regular wickets started to fall and Manly were all out for 123.

Blake Noorbergen 50no, Ashane Jayapragash 30, Connor Culnane 3/25, Brad Hansen 3/9

Blake Noorbergen also Player of the Grand Final, Wicket Keeper of the Tournament & Player of the Tournament.

NSWYC Under 12 Division 2

This is the first time PDCA had Div2 team in the U/12 boy's category. This team is completely new with new team members, playing together for the first time. Most of these boys are novice to pathway cricket competition but they had all the ingredients to belong in this arena. Whatever gap was there in experience was filled with enthusiasm, passion, determination and ability.

In the beginning of season this team was made up of individuals. As we progressed with the training, boys came through as a team before the start of competition. It was a beautiful journey for all those who were involved to see the boys grow with each match they played. They did improve some by experience and some by self-belief. At the start of the competition the team was a novice, at the end of season though the team lost to Manly in the semi-final, this team were competition toppers in both pools combined. That's the consolation prize for this team which they need to carry and come back with vengeance to play next season.

TEAM: Yash Singh (Captain,WK), Adithya Tiwari, Abhinav Inala, Abhayan Tharmarajah, Aarush Mandadi, Abhay T Ranganath, Dhairya Patel, Isaac Baker, Renesh Dantu, Subhash K Gadde, Tanishq Parekh, Yashvardhn A Singh, Winston Kennedy

Manager: Dr Ranganath

Coach: Anup Singh

Of the 9 competition matches the team lost only one match to North Shore in the 1st match of T20 competition. They were undefeated for 8 consecutive matches. By doing so, they became the favourites in the completion and also gathered most points in the competition.

1st round was a T20 played on 29/09/2019 against North Shore. Parramatta lost this game chasing by 37 runs. North Shore gave the target of 121 losing 6 wickets in 20 overs. Top bowler was Adithya Tiwari with figures 4-0-12-3. Parramatta scored 84 runs losing 6 wickets in 20 overs. Top scorers were Yashvardhn scoring 15 runs and Yash Singh with 15 runs.

2nd round was again a T20 played on 29/09/2019 against Northern District. Parramatta won by 91 runs. Batting 1st Parramatta scored 0/171 in 20 overs, openers were retired to give others opportunity. It was a brilliant display of opening batsmanship by openers. Top scorers were Yashvardhn with 57 and Dhairya with 55 runs. Northern District scored 8/80 in 20 overs. Top bowling figures by Dhairya 3-1-7-2 and Abhay 3-2-5-0.

3rd round was played on 13/10/2019 against Blacktown. Parramatta won by 115 runs. Batting 1st Parramatta scored 8/183 in 40 overs. Though team had early setbacks middle order sailed us through. Top scorers being Adithya 39, Abhay 39, Subhash 33 and Dhairya 32 runs. Blacktown was all out for 68 runs in 25.2 overs. Superb discipline by bowlers who were well supported by their fielders. Top bowling figures by Abhay 4-1-6-3, Abhayan 4-1-11-3 and Aarush 4-0-22-2

4th round was played on 20/10/2019 against Canterbury Wests. Parramatta won by 139 runs. Batting 1st Parramatta scored 6/255 in 40 overs. Again here openers took the match away with some great batting. Top scorers were Dhairya 100, Yashvardhn 60, Abhay 39 and Renesh 24 runs. Canterbury Wests scored 5/116 in 40 overs. Top bowling figures by Dhairya 4-1-3-1, Winston 4-0-7-1 and 3 runouts. It was great display of bowling and fielding in the 2nd innings.

5th round was played on 27/10/2019 against Penrith. Parramatta won by 58 runs. Parramatta batted 1st and scored 6/216. In this match we tried out our players who had not got opportunity to play in the top order. Again with early setbacks team managed to good total due to our middle order batters. Top scorers are Adithya 66(NO), Abhayan 36, Abhay 25(NO), Yash 25 and Isaac 21. In this batting experiment we did find 2 gems in the form of Abhay and Isaac. Penrith scored 7/158 in 40 overs. Some good bowling efforts by few of the bowlers. Top bowling figures are Adithya 3-0-17-2, Tanishq 5-1-12-2 and Winston 5-3-6-0.

6th round was played on 03/11/2019 against Bankstown. Parramatta won by 10 wickets. Bankstown batted 1st and scored 47 losing 10 wickets in 24 overs. They were junior team, boys aged 9 and 10 year olds. On enquiring their coach did say that they were developing this team for future representations. Top bowlers were Adithya 5-1-10-3, Tanishq 5-0-11-3 and Winston 4-2-3-2. Parramatta scored 0/49 in 6.1 overs. Openers were Abhayan 24(NO) and Tanishq 15(NO).

7th round was played on 10/11/2019 against Fairfield-Liverpool. Parramatta won by 122 runs. Batting 1st Parramatta scored 7/222 in 40 overs. Team had early setbacks, losing 3 wickets. Again middle

order rescued the team with some brilliant and gutsy stroke play. Top scorers are Abhay 55, Yash 49(NO), Isaac 28, Renesh 27 and Adithya 21. Opposition scored 9/100 in 40 overs. Again bowlers showed great discipline and fielders were fast to the ball. Top bowling figures are Abhinav 3-0-12-5, Winston 4-2-2-1 and Abhayan 3-3-0-1.

8th round was played on 17/11/2019 against St George. Parramatta won by 84 runs. Batting 1st Parramatta scored 6/221 in 40 overs. Here again team had early setbacks. Middle order took the responsibility to take the burden and got the team to comfortable position again. Top scorers are Renesh 64(NO), Tanishq 54, Yashvardhn 32, Adithya 23 and Dhairya 21. St George scored 6/137 in 40 overs. Bowlers were on the dot and fielders were poncing on anything that came their way, there was one direct hit from deep covers. Top bowling figures are Aarush 3-0-6-2, Yashvardhn 6-0-24-1, Dhairya 4-0-5-1 and Abhinav 4-0-18-1.

9th round and final round was played on 24/11/2019 against Manly. Parramatta won by 9 runs. Batting 1st Parramatta scored 3/179 in 40 overs. In this match boys showed real maturity and intent to stay and score in there batting. Top batting scores are from Dhairya 87(NO), Yashvardhn 24, Abhay 23 and Adithya 20(NO). Manly scored 7/170 in 40 overs. Bowlers with their strong nerves and calm mind won us the game with as much courage and support shown by fielders. Top bowling figures from Dhairya 6-1-17-0, Abhayan 4-1-17-2, Tanishq 6-0-28-1 and Abhay 8-0-32-1.

SEMI FINAL. Boys were super excited on entering this stage as competition toppers. They were happier after their win against Manly as they were playing them in semis. They were in good zone with confidence and positive thinking. Semi-final was played on 01/12/2019. Manly won by 60 runs. Batting first Manly scored 9/159 in 40 overs. Team had got early break through by opening bowlers and bowlers had them choked till 30 overs. With some good bowling and great fielding this involved 5 run outs 3 by Tanishq and 2 from Dhairya. It's after 30 overs boys relaxed and gave away too many unnecessary runs. It was their inexperience in field placements that did them in, giving away too many boundaries. Manly capitalized on it. Parramatta scored 99 runs losing their entire wickets in 31.5. Parramatta started their innings and lost some early wickets. There were 4 ducks in the batting score card. It was difficult for others to cope with it. Nobody showed any patience in their batting. Only 2 batsmen should some quality under pressure. This was the 1st time Parramatta was in this position and inexperience showed in their batting as well. Top scorer was Dhairya 28, Renesh 21 and Yash 20. It was like they did not know what happened. They were clueless and sad. This match was a good lesson for the team to remember.

This is how they ended their journey in NSW Youth Championship. Few good moments and lots of learning and memories. They ended the competition with highest points. Like so many times in cricket best team does not always win the competition.

IDCA PRESIDENTS CUP REPORTS

IDCA U/16 ANDREW BLAMEY CUP

Our aim for this season was to focus on practice sessions and work hard on all aspects (bowling, batting & fielding) of the game. After 2-3 games boys started to realise the expertise of their teammates and started to organise themselves to overcome the challenges in the game and face

the opposition. The team had highs and also suffered some lows throughout the season. Despite a few setbacks, all players and their parents enjoyed the games. Though there were times when some players were unable to attend the practice sessions and participate in the games due to injuries, school assignments and family commitments; everyone contributed towards the achievements throughout the season.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to PDCA for giving this opportunity to me. A huge thanks to Mark Lockyer for taking the responsibility of coaching the team and developing the players.

Following are some of the outstanding achievements in this season:

(1) **Meet Patel:** Meet led from the front and lifted the team spirit during tough times. His gritty batting saved the team in tough situations and was evident in his partnership with Aiden against Manly.

(2) **Samrat Chakraborty:** Samrat's pace and quick action managed to unsettle most opening batsmen. A notable performance of his was his all-round effort against the North West Sydney Hurricanes which consisted of bowling figures of 4/15 and a strong partnership at the tail to put a respectable total on the board.

(3) **Mark Howlett:** Mark bamboozled most if not all opposing batsmen with his deceiving leg-spin. One of Mark's stand out performances was his 6/24 against a formidable Sutherland team at our home ground, Monty Bennett Oval.

(4) **Raj Kulkarni:** Raj's consistent line and length showed his potential to be strong off-spinner in the future. Raj's most notable performance came in the T20s as he picked up 3/8 in against Sutherland.

(5) **Susrith Vasamsetti:** Susrith being one of our top-order batsmen stuck throughout most innings to help the team put a good total on the board. Susrith's stand out performance came against Sutherland when he posted a quickfire 38 hitting 8 boundaries.

(6) **Shivam Malhotra:** Shivam opened the innings and was a very mature batsman sticking through many innings to dig the team out of tough situations. His 50 against Sutherland helped put a solid total on the board to take the team to their first victory.

(7) **Alamjot Thind:** Alam's crafty off-spin put batsmen off guard which helped the team pick up wickets in crucial times. Alam's performance in the T20 rounds showed his potential to be a handy off-spinner.

(8) **Aidan Warner:** Aidan's 47 run innings against Manly showed Aidan's potential to be a strong top-order batsman. His athleticism and overall enthusiasm lifted the team in tough times throughout the season.

(9) **Drew Ferguson:** Drew's consistent line and the length were key in stopping the flow of runs at the beginning of the innings. His economical bowling figures against Newcastle proved that he can be a reliable opening bowler.

(10) **Jarrold Trueman:** Jarrold was a spectacular wicket-keeper taking many stumpings and catches

behind the stumps. Jarrod's skilful keeping in the two T20 games against Sutherland and Blacktown helped the team restrict the opponents to chasable totals.

(11) **Kalun Thompson:** Being a strong character helped Kalun be the glue in the middle order. A notable performance of Kalun's was his gritty innings against Blacktown as he persevered through tough conditions.

(12) **Vaibhav Manikandan:** Vaibhav's accurate spin bowling was key to stop the flow of runs against tough oppositions. His standout performance came against Blacktown in the T20 round as he picked up 2/10 against a formidable batting lineup.

(13) **Lachlan Piyasiri:** Lachlan's solid defence stopped the sudden fall of wickets in most games throughout the season. Lachlan's 46 run inning opening the batting against Sutherland showed his ability to be a strong top-order batsman in the future.

All the parents also need to be congratulated and deserve applause for their support and encouragement throughout the season.

IDCA Under 15

This was Parramatta's first Under 15's Team to play in the IDCA President Cup and we had 6 boys with PC experience and 6 boys new to representative cricket as well as a new Coach.

Preseason training and trials filled us with great anticipation and excitement, we definitely had a very talented bunch of boys.

Round 1 started with a bang against last season Under 14's champions Sutherland. Sutherland won the toss and put us into bat on a beautiful batting pitch (mistake!). In the partnership of the season, Remi and Nithusan had a outstanding opening partnership of 1/189. We closed the innings with 3/301. Remi scored an unbeaten 145, Nithusan 72 and Lachlen 42. Heading into the 2nd Innings on a high the boys performed wonderfully with the ball, Sutherland finished the day with 9/208. Best figures 3/28 (10) Nithusan, 2/18 (4) Kritin and 2/30 (7) Remi. Parth took a cracker of a catch on the boundary with one hand. Almost a faultless day of cricket to kick off the season.

Round 2 we were away to Hornsby. Hornsby won the toss and elected to bat, scoring 9/177 (50). Best bowling figures 1/.4 (2) Kritin, 1/10 (3) Lachlen & 1/25 (5) Ryan. This wasn't our best day in the field. During the 2nd innings we struggled with the bat and could not build any pressure and were all out for 10/163 in the 50th over. Best figures Remi 36 & Sharjeel 21. Jack out up a great fight towards the end of the innings but ran out of partners with 16 NO. Not our day and a match we should have won comfortably.

Round 3 we played the NWS Hurricanes at home, an emotional match for many of our boys having played the previous season with the Canes. NWS Hurricanes won the toss and elected to bat, closing the innings with 9/165. Sharjeel had a very good day with the ball & figures of 4/39 (10) & Remi's spin caused trouble with 3/21 (10). We chased down the score with ease in the 2nd innings 5/176 (39). Remi again showed is absolute class with 73, Kritin 31 and Lachlen 23.

Round 4 was a wash out against North Shore

Round 5 (final round) was against the undefeated Manly team. On an extremely hot day Manly won the toss and elected to bat. Manly scored 8/200 (50). At the half way mark we were on top although Manly fought back and scored quickly in the last 10 overs. During the fielding we lost our wonderful Wicketkeeper, Raghav and Mitchell stepped up to keep and did a great job with a stumping. Kritin also fielded with a fractured hand and took an amazing catch. Best Bowling Nithusan 3/28 (10) & Sharjeel 3/32 (10). During the 2nd innings we shared the runs across the team and batted well in partnerships. Remi topped scored with 36, Parth scored a sensational 24 bringing us back into the match. Mitchell 18, nithusan 17 & Kritin 17 all contributed to the score but we finished short at 10/152.

We finished 4th on the table securing ourselves a finals birth against the undefeated Manly Team away.

Semi Final – Deja vu had us back at Manly although the conditions were very different, we were on a soggy pitch/outfield. Manly won the toss and elected to bat. Our Bowlers and field placements were a vast contrast to the last match and the boys dominated in the field. Outstanding Bowling from 3/10 (10) Nitesh whom joined our team fill in from the Under 13's, 3/36 (10) Sharjeel and 2/19 (9) Armaan. On high and full of positivity we entered the 2nd innings chasing 151 to win. In a steady start batted well and Remi scored a reliable 30. In a dominating batting performance Lachlan scored 53 off 58 balls to bring the momentum and win within our sights. It was an outstanding batting performance in very difficult conditions. We brought the win home with the Partnership of the finals. Parth and Armaan scored 22 together and it was the most nail biting fight I have seen. Armaan finished with 14 NO & Parth 13 NO.

Premiership Final. We made our way to our 1st ever Premiership Final against Blacktown on a beautiful day for cricket. Blacktown won the toss and elected to bat and finished with 10/155. Another brilliant innings by our boys. With the ball and in the field. Nitesh had MOM figures of 5/36 (10) with excellent support by Armaan with 3/19 (10)& Minesh 1/16 (5). Raghav wicket kept superbly with 2 catches and a stumping. We entered the final innings with the bat confident in our skills and training. In a steady and purposeful chase Remi & Nithusan, In the 15th over Nitesh joined Remi and between them they displayed incredibly maturity and control with a partnership of 108. Securing the Premiership in the 46th over we won with 4/158. Remi finished unbeaten on 72 & Nitesh 48.

Congratulations to all our boys, we had an outstanding season and the boys formed incredible bonds on and off the field and always showed dedication to training and displayed their true skills and talents on the field. Well Captained Lachlan; you were a very impressive leader. Special mention to Remi who had an outstanding championship and definitely would have taken Player of the Competition. Thank you to all our parents and our winning Coach, Matt you did a brilliant job with the boys!

IDCA President Cup Under 15 PREMIERS

IDCA Under 14 ANTHONY NEALE CUP

We had a fantastic season. Just amazing to see the hunger in each player to prove himself, as they were not selected in the Pathways 14's rep squad. Missed out on the Grand Final only by **Net Run-Rate** & that was also purely due to the **Game Washed Out due to Rain** against the **weakest team** in the Competition. Against this weakest team, the two Grand Finalists strengthened their run-rate & we were the unlucky ones to miss out. Otherwise there was no difference between the Top 4 teams in the competition.

Some serious outstanding talents came out, who should definitely compete for Spots in next year's Rep Team.

Highlights of the Tournament were:

Sutherland in Round 1: We were down & out at parts of the game. Only scored a paltry **135 All Out**. Only two of batsmen gave any fight **Harrison Esh** (31) & **Gurpartaap Singh** (14).

The opposition while chasing our score were cruising through at **3/85** with over **25 Overs to spare**. That's when our bowlers & fielders struck the thunder. **Charan Madala** (2/14), **Thomas Macdonald** (2/18) & **Chaitanya Sharma** (2/28) just destroyed them. They were **All Out on 125**. Gave the boys a massive lift from that game & they were full of confidence.

Hornsby Red in Round 2: This particular team is the possibly the most consistent team in our age group in the IDCA Competition. They were the champions in the U/12's & came 3rd in the U/13's in the previous 2 years. This year, they started as favourites. Anyway, batting first they scored a very healthy **9/160**, which is quite good considering their strong bowling line-up. Some great wicket taking spells by **Charan Madala** (2/16), **Sujay Mody** (3/31) & very tight spell by **Thomas Macdonald** (0/26 in 10 overs) didn't let them score 200.

And our boys had absolutely no fear & the confidence they had from Round 1 just added to their hunger to win. We won the game easily at **7/163** with still **2.5 Overs to go**. Some patient batting at the top of the order by **Amman Ur Rahman** (26), **Thomas Macdonald** (33), **Shiven Thakker** (21) & then some late hitting by **Thomas Osborne** (29 of 21 balls) made the job easy.

MANLY WARRINGAH in Round 4: This was the **Game of the Season & Game of the Tournament**. We batted first & put up a very healthy total of **173 All Out**. Just amazing display of technique & power by **Shiven Thakker** (64 in 51 balls) was something to watch.

Then the game started rolling & the opposition somehow managed to crawl up towards our score & suddenly a perfect movie scene arrived in the final over of the game. The opposition were **8/172** with **1 Over to go**. Basically, they need **2 runs to win** in 6 balls & we need **2 wickets**.

Charan Madala (the best death bowler in the whole competition) started the 50th Over. Everyone was on the edge of their seats.

And the rest is history ... **0 W 0 W**. The opposition were All Out on **172** & we **won the Game by 1 run**. This scenario just can't be described in words. You have to be there to experience it.

But these achievements were only possible because of all the parents & families in our team. Amazing group of parents, grandparents & siblings. In some games, we had **4 sets of Grandparents** staying the entire games.

Btw, if the Parramatta Management doesn't know, we are the best **Cooking Team** in our age group in the entire competition. Opposition teams looked forward to our lunches every game.

Special thanks to the following individuals, without whom nothing would have been accomplished:

Suresh Madala (Assistant Coach)

Michael & Katrina Osborne (Manager)

Mark & Sonia Macdonald (God Father & God Mother of the Team)

Regards,
Krish Roy (Coach)

IDCA Under 13

The President Cup competition following after the arduous Youth Championship campaign, was used more of an experimental competition with a view to next season to try out different batting and bowling combinations and nobody took advantage of this more than Aakash who grasped the opportunity to bat higher up the order and score 123 runs in 4 innings including 72 in the first game and Rahul who spent some valuable time in the middle. The season was finished off with a local derby against NWS Hurricanes and a Parra finished in style with another typically aggressive 50 from Shaan. To finish the competition in 3rd place.

Thanks to coach Satish Dhond for his hard work in preparing the team for the season, thanks to all the parents for an enjoyable season, looking forwards to seeing you all back next season for the trials.

IDCA Under 12 ALFRED JAMES CUP

This was a new team formed only to play in 2019/2020 competition. Before entering the President Cup competition, the team had played 10 games together in NSW Youth championship. They have gelled well and played great together. They had lost their game in Semi-finals in NSW Youth comp. They had entered the President Cup comp like wounded tigers. And what games they played, we were lucky enough to be there to watch them play beyond their abilities. Great games were they, each one it. They could play only 4 games of the 7. As 2 games were given BYE and 1 was cancelled due to rain.

TEAM: Yash Singh (Captain,WK), Adithya Tiwari, Abhinav Inala, Abhayan Tharmarajah, Aarush Mandadi, Abhay T Ranganath, Dhairya Patel, Isaac Baker, Yashvardhn A Singh, Renesh Dantu, Subhash K Gadde, Tanishq Parekh, Winston Kennedy

Manager: Dr Ranganath

Coach: Anup Singh

1st and 2nd round was given BYE.

3rd round was played on 15/12/2019 at Maitland. Parramatta won by 42 runs. Parramatta batted first and scored 173 in 34.5 overs. They managed to get themselves all out somehow. Our top scorer was Adithya Tiwari who scored 52 runs in as many balls, followed by Aarush Mandadi with 21 runs and Yashvardhn scored 19 runs and remained unbeaten which was a surprise in its own. Maitland could manage to score 131 in 40 overs with 8 wickets down. There was some great bowling performance by our bowlers. Top of the lot being Tanishq with his 7 overs gave only 16 runs with 1 wicket, Renesh bowled 4 overs for 1 gave 4 runs, Isaac returned with 2 for in 4 overs and gave 7 runs and Abhinav took 2 for in 3 overs with 21 runs in his pocket.

4th round was played on 02/02/2020 at home ground against Hornsby. Parramatta won this game comfortably. Hornsby batted first and faced some tight bowling and fielding from the boys. They scored 78 runs in 40 overs losing 5 wickets. Boys did bowl wonderfully giving nothing for the opponents. Fielding was also up to the mark. Our new ball bowlers bowled 8 overs took 1 wicket and gave 11 runs between them and Dhairya with the wicket. Followed by Tanishq with 3 maiden overs giving away 2 runs and taking 1 wicket in his 4 overs. Abhayan with 2 maiden overs in his 3 overs giving away 4 runs. Parramatta scored 82 runs in 22 overs losing 2 wickets. Top scorer being Isaac with 26 runs and Yashvardhn scoring 24 runs. Both remained unbeaten.

5th round was abandoned due to rain against NSW Hurricanes on 09/02/2020.

6th round was played on 16/02/2020 at home ground. Parramatta lost this game in the last ball of the innings. Parramatta batted first and managed to score 94 runs losing all their wickets in 33.1 overs. With top scorer being Abhay with 52 runs and Dhairya with his 22 runs. But this low score did not deter them. They remained positive throughout the game and displayed some great nerves. They bowled and fielded like champions. Took the game to the last ball of the innings and lost. In this match Subhash took 3 catches and was involved in 1 run out. What a fielder! Spinners took control of this match by taking 6 wickets between them. Top performers being Adithya with his figures of 5-1-10-2, Tanishq with 5-1-12-2 and Yashvardhn with 5-0-20-2. Match was tied in 39.5 overs but Maitland managed to score that winning run in the last ball. Boys did learn the value of each run that can be scored and saved in a match. It was good learning for them.

7th and final round was played on 23/02/2020 at Roberta St Park against NSW Hurricanes. Parramatta entered this round as group toppers. Parramatta won this game. Parramatta batted first and scored 134/7 in 40 overs. With top scorer being Adithya scoring 36, Renesh remained unbeaten at 21 and Abhayan with his quick 18 runs. Hurricanes scored 90 runs losing all their wickets. Parramatta bowled and fielded well. Top bowlers being Winston with 6-2-8-3 figures, Isaac with 5.4-2-17-2 and Tanishq with 4-3-1-0. With this performance Parramatta are champions of the Competition.

And this was the journey of boys, who started the season as novice but ended the season as champions.

IDCA Under 11 COLIN COOPER CUP Division 1

Squad list:

A Goyal, M Raina, A Shah, A Smith, T Phabmixay, B Smith, J Garner, IM Thalari,
A Lad, J Lambert, H Pathak, P Sharma, K Ruhil

Coach : Mark Garner

Manager : Anushka Lad

What a pleasure it was to be part of a group of boys that coming from different backgrounds and clubs all came together as a close-knit team very quickly. This was for all the boys the first year playing for Parramatta PDCA in the 2 blues. All parents should be proud of the boys for the attitude and good sportsmanship they displayed, I know PDCA is.

Our pre-season started without a hiccup, winning all our age trials against Blacktown, Northwest Hurricanes and Hornsby with some great all-round team performances.

The start of the actual season was a bit mixed with a few losses and a big win against Bankstown before Christmas with some good performances all in all. After the Holiday break we came out strong but were disrupted by Fire, Smoke and then torrential rain...We missed 2 games (one via forfeit). Our last few games against Illawarra, Manly and Bankstown showed how far the boys had come. With so many strong performances through the season it's too long a list to go through them all individually. They should all be proud of how far they have come and how well they have represented PDCA.

In the end we finished 1 point behind 2nd (24 points) and equal on points with 3rd but in 6th place with 23 points total.

During January, 6 of the team and 6 from the Division 2 team travelled to Newcastle to compete in the Ron Arendts Carnival. This was a well-run carnival over 3 days. The Parra boys topped the pool rounds, our first-round win against Blacktown been a highlight winning the T20 in the last over needing 7 runs the boys got over the line with a ball to spare. They qualified through to the semi against Blacktown again. Unfortunately, on the day we didn't play our best cricket and went down to a very strong all Division 1 Blacktown team. The boys far exceed their own expectations and was fantastic to see them come so far and develop so much over the 3 days.

We then had the chance to play off for 3rd place against North Shore. This was extra exciting for the boys as they got the play on a turf wicket for the first time. another close game giving all parents and the coach a heart attack as it came down to the last over with Parra holding on to win by 2 runs and taking 3rd overall.

As a developmental year and a first Representative year the boys they all improved both in cricket terms and personally so much during the season. They all played a part in the team been successful and most importantly enjoyed the cricket and each other company.

Mark Garner

IDCA Under 11 COLIN COOPER CUP Division 2

- Finished 3rd in the ladder,
 - Won 3 games out of 5 in the group stages
 - Close T20 games at the end.
- 2 kids scored half centuries
- Some great catches were taken along with stumpings and direct hits
- Success in development program and friendship
- Its great to see lot of young talented players coming up and improved from last season.

I also like to highlight everyone's effort below.

Ethan Natkuna (Capt)– Open batsman and allrounder. Contributed in all areas including wicket keeping. Great contribution in batting including a half century. Excellent fielder and taken many direct hit runouts. Ethan captained the side this season and taken care of the team.

Ronav Aparajit (V.Capt) – Open batsman and allrounder. Great contribution in batting including a half century. Leading run scorer this season. Good fielder. Vice captained the side this season.

Aidan Hackett – Very good leg spinner and middle order batsman. Leading wicket taker and good fielder, involved in runout assist.

Shiv Vijay – Opening pace bowler and middle order batsman. Throughout the season Shiv has worked hard and improved his bowling with pace. Shiv worked hard with batting a great contributor this season.

Aarush Pare – Good middle order batsman and allrounder, contributed in excellent fielding and assisted in runouts.

Alish Hirani - Excellent leg spinner and top order batsman. Contributed in all areas including wicket keeping.

Jayden Paskaranathan – Most improved player in batting. Attacking middle order batsman who contributed in some vital games.

Raj Singh - Attacking middle order batsman. Raj also bowed well and improved in fielding throughout the season.

Saharsh Kontham – Middle order bowler who has contributed well throughout the season. Improved in fielding and batting throughout the season.

Sharvil Shah - Middle order left arm bowler. Love to swing the ball. Improved his bowling and fielding throughout the season.

Talha Kamran Khalid - Opening let arm pace bowler. Talha swings the ball well and always put pressure on opponents, specially openers. Talha restricts the run rate. Good fielder and improved his batting.

Vaibhav Narayanan - Opening let arm pace bowler. An attacking batsman. Vaibhav improved his bowling throughout the season and showed a great character. Great contributor to the game.

Rayan Naeem - Opening let arm pace bowler. Improved in fielding throughout the season. With is opening bowling attack, he put pressure on opponents and restricted the run rate.

Thank you to **Justin Isaacs** (PDCA President Cup Coordinator), **Jinda Atwal** (Team Manager U11/2), **Aparajit Swaminathan** (Assistant coach U11/2) and **Jeeva Paski** (Online Scorer U11/2) for all your help throughout the season to get all underway without any glitches (cloths, stumps, match balls, fixtures, lunch, drinks, mycricket etc.....). Looking forward to be part of the team to continue to support this district's cricket in Paramatta.