

INTER ASSOCIATION COMPETITION TEAM REPORTS

2020-21 brought the second season of representative cricket under the Cricket NSW Youth Championships banner, along with a continuation of our involvement in a smaller Presidents' Cup competition. We also participate in the two District Cricket Association comps; the Martin Shield (open age) and the Watson Shield (under 17). The season, like everything else, was impacted by the pandemic. The boys' comps were delayed a few weeks, with the finals being delayed a few more, and the girls' comps were moved entirely into the new year.

This being such a large operation we were fortunate that the PDCA Representative Committee of Paul Guimelli & Justin Isaacs took complete control of the rep program, from organising selection trials, clothing and practice matches to appointing and managing the team personnel. On behalf of the association, the players and myself, I cannot thank them enough for their time, effort and professionalism. Our strong performances across the board and continuing improvement auger well for the future.

All three of our under 13 teams won their competitions; the Molly Dive Shield Girls, the Gee Shield division 1 and the Creak Shield division 2 boys. Our all-age men's team won the DCA Martin Shield, and the under 17 Watson Shield fell a solitary run short in their nail biting DCA grand final. The under 15 Margaret Peden Shield girls and our Presidents' Cup under 14 teams also reached their grand finals, finishing runners up.

DCA & NSW YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION REPORTS

MARTIN SHIELD All age mens

Coming off the back of a comprehensive defeat to the Harlem Globetrotters of Martin Shield, Camden last season, the boys were keen to get one back over them this year.

However, the campaign couldn't have started much worse if we tried. Given 6 days' notice that we would be putting a side in, we drew the defending premiers away in Round 1. This sent us into complete damage control to even put a side on the park. With help from various clubs across various divisions we managed to scrape together 11 bodies to go to Camden on a Sunday morning and get comprehensively flogged by a much much much much better side.....and didn't they let us know about it.

Round 2 versus Sutherland was a better affair with 8 changes made to the previous weeks side. Batting first we scored 260 and rolled them with 83. The highlight of the day being Angus Carroll being denied a hat-trick in his first over for the season. At one stage he had impressive figures of 2/2 off just one ball bowled.

Round 3 we had another trip out to Camden to face their Colts side who earned a late call up into the big leagues. On a wet Sunday the boys clinically dispatched of the younger opposition to get back on track towards the finals.

Round 4 versus Moore Park & South East was right around the time that we realized we might be a really good shout to give this comp and the Harlem globetrotters a red hot crack this year. Batting first at McCredie we quickly raced out to 0/110 in the 12th over courtesy of Grant McCartin and Dan

Chatman. We didn't look back and went on to post just shy of 350 and rolled them comprehensively for a 200 run victory. This locked in second place and a home final against Northern Suburbs.

Semi Final time and with a favorable toss won, we reduced Northern Suburbs to 121 all out. Our seamers really led the way, Grant 4 Josh Mann 2 and Matt Sibley 2 all chipped in on a tough deck to bat on. A top order collapse saw us reduced to 4/30 before Luke Yarnold and Matt Windred added an unbeaten 65 run partnership to see us into a Grand Final.

We set out as our first game as a unit to give this competition a red hot crack and nothing less, knowing on paper we had the side to do it.....it's all useless unless we got the job done. This Grand Final would be one of the most bizarre, topsy turvy games of cricket witnessed in many moons. It began the week before as we sat around refreshing MyCricket for 2 hours after our game following the other Semi Final over by over. As much as we were looking forward to revenge against Camden....the thought of a home GF was just as exciting. Just before dark we got news through that the Globetrotters had gone down and we could start making arrangements for a home grand final the next week!

Skipper winning the toss and thus completing 6 games with 6 toss wins for the year. They started steady enough at 0/17 before an outstanding period from us saw them reduced to 7/50. Again, our quicks doing a job for us. Josh 3 Sibs 1 Grant 3 Patto 2 put a really good squeeze on. Dan Chatman with 4 catches behind the stumps helped our cause greatly. They counterpunched after the break and managed to post a competitive 145 which was plenty more than desired given where they were sending them into the break with their tails up.

This tailwind followed them out into the field, with the GWS Giant and leading wicket taker starting them off with 2 early wickets. At 4/40 the game was well and truly up for grabs. Until over the next 2 hours Windy and DC put on an absolute clinic of pressure batting. With some assistance from their seal like fielding efforts, both made the most of the lives they were given to see us home to a 6 wicket win. It may seem comprehensive on paper but I promise you that it was anything from that.

Couldn't be prouder of the cricket we played, and the way we went about it. It was a pleasure to skipper this side and I know the boys are keen as mustard to get back to Sunday cricket and start cementing our legacy alongside the 97 Chicago Bulls. Sefton Squids are hoping to go back to back in 21/22

C. S. WATSON SHIELD Under 17

Playing Squad:

Isaac Earl (C) – Greystanes	Tyler Smith – Hills Barbarians
Lachlan Apps – Kings Langley	Ryan Edwards - Parramatta
Rory Grieve – Parramatta	Kritin Desai – Hills Barbarians
Santhosh Samuel – Seven Hills	Armaan Kishore – Kellyville Supersonics
Haritha Senevirathne – Hills Barbarians	Minesh Thangiah- Kellyville Supersonics
Oliver Sheekey – Supersonics	Kye Thornley - Paramatta
Liam Weerakoon – Greystanes	

Coach – Gordon Smith

Manager – Wayne Earl

Scorers – Robert Grieve

Thus Weerakoon

Wet weather at the beginning of the season saw rounds 1 and 2 washed out with all games being a no result. The shortened season meant every win was critical.

Round 3 PDCA 132 lost to St George 155

St George got off to a flying start with the bat but some good tight bowling from Isaac and the spinners slowed the runs and the wickets fell regularly taking 10-90 to limit the total on a good batting deck. Our batting failed to live up to expectations and never really got going with the exception of Ollie who batted superbly to carry his bat and nearly guide us home with a courageous innings from Armaan.

Best Performances: Ollie Sheekey 76n.o. and 2/12. Isaac Earl 2-22

Round 4 – PDCA 8-345 defeated Canterbury & Western Suburbs 79

Winning the toss and batting we got off to a flyer with an opening stand of 115 at better than a run a ball. We then lost 4/60 until Lachy and Liam got together for a 163 run stand to give us an outstanding total of 345 for our bowlers to defend. The opposition were never in the hunt with wickets falling regularly. A great win to kick start our season.

Best Performances – Lachlan Apps 113 (84) Ollie Sheekey 64(45), Tyler Smith 3/15

Round 5 – PDCA 96 lost to Inner West Harbour 6-97

On a rain interrupted day our boys never got going with the bat and failed to post a score that was defensible. The boys fought hard to the end taking the game deep into the 46th over before going down in a forgettable performance.

Best Performances – Kye Thornley 25 and Haritha Senevirathne 3-31

Round 6 – Bye

Round 7 PDCA 331 lost to Manly Warringah 5-336

This was a must win game for us to reach the semi finals and when Manly chose to bat we needed to get off to a good start but after weeks of outstanding bowling and fielding we had a bad day at the office. Many catches were dropped and chances not taken in a poor 50 over display. The Manly total was inflated when an ineligible player had a day out scoring 93 off 27 balls only to be caught by a wonderful catch from Armaan. Chasing 356 we needed a few boys to stand up and stand up they did, led by Santhosh Samuel who had us on track early. We then lost the ascendancy in the middle overs but the back end led by Skipper Isaac had us needing 28 off the final over for an improbable win.

Best Performances – Santhosh Samuel 143 (101) Isaac Earl 63 (32) and Kye Thornley 1/39

After lodging the protest about the ineligible player who proved to be the difference, we held out little hope of making the semi-finals. However, Manly were deemed ineligible to take their place in the finals. Giving us another shot by being elevated to 4th.

Semi Final - PDCA 3-137 defeated Blacktown 136

The previously undefeated Blacktown had dominated the competition but came up against a team desperately wanting to show what they were capable of. Winning the toss Blacktown struggled from the outset with wickets falling regularly to post a total of 136. Parra got off to a shaky start losing 2 quick wickets but was then steadied by Santhosh and Ryan before Rory stepped up and guided us home for a comprehensive victory.

Best Performance: Isaac Earl 3/28, Santhosh 36, Rory 41 n.o. and Ryan 24 n.o.

Grand Final PDCA 177 lost to St George 7/178

Buoyed by our efforts in the semi-final we came into the Grand Final with great optimism that we could finish our junior rep careers off with a win. St George won the toss and elected to bat first on a beautiful day at Hurstville Oval. Our bowlers bowled tight and made scoring hard to come by with Isaac only going for 23 off his 10 overs. Again, dropped chances cost us dearly which both their top scorers being given multiple chances. Chasing 178 we knew we had to bat well. We got a steady start always in touch to the run rate but unfortunately, we kept losing wickets just when it looked like we would get on top. At 6-109 things didn't look good but Rory and Tyler came to the rescue in a great rear guard action which helped get us back into the contest. Needing 2 off the final over and everyone's nerves on end we unfortunately fell agonisingly short. So many what if's came out of this game but ultimately the boys can be very proud of their efforts.

Best Performances: Rory Grieve 63, Tyler Smith 21, Isaac Earl 1/23

Congratulations to the boys on representing the district with such distinction. May you all continue to play cricket for many years to come.

Thank you to the PDCA Board for all your support throughout the season and especially to the parents many of whom have been together since the under 11's.

MARGARET PEDEN SHIELD Under 15 girls

A great season for the girls representing Parramatta in the Margaret Peden youth championship and successfully reaching the finals. The girls have demonstrated their cricketing ability combined with teamwork and great camaraderie, taking three hat-tricks and two 5-fas in the tournament. There were occasions where our players showed their fighting spirits and came out strong in the game when the chips were down and eventually resulting in great wins. Being a young team without a lot of big match experience at the representative level, they have displayed impressive cricketing potentials even though they lost the finals against the best team in the competition. Players have shown confidence and positive intent to play the finals despite having the opportunity to share the Trophy due to bad weather. Parramatta girls completed the competition as runner-up and Minor Premiers.

Round 1 against Manly, Parramatta won by 35 runs. Parramatta scored 120 runs, with Amisha and Ira scoring 27 and 23 respectively. In the bowling, Emily took 2 for 5 with Amisha taking 3 for 20. Also, there was some economical bowling performance by Tanya, Jorja, Ira and Kristina. It was a great fielding performance with some exceptional catches and run outs with Beth taking two catches.

Round 2 against Inner-West Harbour/ South Eastern, Parramatta won by 5 wickets. Bowling first Parramatta wrapped them up for 103 runs with Amisha taking 4 for 25, Jorja taking 2 for 14 with Ira and Isabella taking 1 wicket each. Beth with 2 catches, Ira with 1 catch, Amisha with 2 runouts, Shreeya with a runout and Chaitra with an amazing stumping, the fielding skills of the girls were outstanding. With their batting, Nicky (19 runs), Amisha (16 runs) and Chaitra (16 runs) brought the match home. Amisha had an all-round performance taking a hat-trick, effecting two runouts and scoring 16 runs with the bat.

Round 3 our first loss against a strong ACT team in a T20 game. Batting first, we made 77 for 6, with Nicky and Amisha scoring 20 and 18 runs respectively. ACT chased the target of 78 in 17 overs. In the bowling, Beth took 2 for 12 and Jorja took 1 for 12.

Round 4 Parramatta bounced back strongly to another fantastic win in the second T20 against Greater Illawarra restricting them for 68 runs with Jorja taking 2 for 14 while Amisha, Tanya, and Bella taking one wicket each. Again, another fantastic fielding display with Ira and Emily taking a

catch each, Amisha effecting 2 runouts and Chaitra with one stumping and a runout. Parramatta girls chased the target losing only two wickets with Beth, Nicky and Amisha scoring 21, 14, and 11 runs respectively.

Round 5 against Penrith, Parramatta won by 8 wickets. Another excellent bowling and fielding display by our girls. Parramatta got Penrith all out for 40 in 14 overs with exceptional bowling by Elizabeth 5 for 4 including a hat-trick, Amisha with 3 for 5 and Jorja with 2 for 11. With exceptional fielding performance including Ira taking 3 catches and Tanya 2 catches. Parramatta chased down the target in 8 overs with Nicky scoring 22no.

Round 6 against Central Coast was an exceptional and unforgettable cricket experience for the girls. Parramatta batting first had a bad collapse with 5 for 16. But with Chaitra, Emily, Tanya and Bella's great fighting spirit against an accurate and strong bowling attack which we had not encountered in the previous matches led to the team eventually scoring 82. Then the fun began, Central Coast were at one stage 4 for 62 in need of 20 runs to win with 6 wickets in hand. Our girls still kept fighting with exceptional fielding and putting the pressure back on the batting side. Elizabeth rattled the opposition with another hat-trick taking 6 for 10 and we won the game by 10 runs, Amisha, Beth, and Jorja taking a wicket each while Ira with two catches and a runout won the game for us.

Round 7 against North shore, Parramatta won by 8 wickets. Parramatta bowling first got North Shore all out for 69 with Jorja taking 3 for 9, Beth and Bella taking 2 wickets each while Nicky, Amisha, and Emily capturing one wicket each. Again, Chaitra caused an exceptional stumping. Parramatta chased down the target in 16 overs with Ira's match winning performance of 31 runs and 2 catches.

Semi-final washed out due to rain, as Parramatta ranked top of the ladder we have earned the spot in grand finale.

Grand Finale Parramatta met ACT in the finals who it lost to in the preliminary rounds. Bowling first at one stage Parramatta had ACT in trouble by rattling their top order with 5 for 20. However, with their experienced big match players ACT ended up scoring 155 runs. Nicky bowled exceptionally well taking 4 for 11 with Beth taking 2 for 31. Parramatta batted against a high spirited and confidence bowling attack and ended up not being able to chase the target with only scoring 88 runs.

Overall, the season was a great experience and exposure for our Parramatta girls and all equally contributed to a successful campaign.

E. G. WEBLIN SHIELD Under 15

Coach: Mark McLeod Manager: Bikram Sarna

Players: A Kansara, A Sarna, B Padmeswaran, D Guild, D Vennulapalli, D Singh, J Dhanoa, J Robinson, J Wright, K Dhawan, R Gupta, S Thakker, T MacDonald

This year was a culmination of a 3-year plan and a commitment to take all the hard work over these previous years learnings and put everything into a campaign to go all the way to the top and the premiership. We were aligned to do what was required to make it happen, as we knew that on any given day our best was better than anyone else. There was some big names and some big teams in the comp, but we knew the real challenge was within ourselves.

We took a new look side into the season with the inclusion of some new players that were rewarded for a couple of years of hard work and solid performances. These players were Josh Robson and Shiven Thakker for the 1st time, and the return of Aaryan Kansara, Damien Guild and Tom

MacDonald. It was very rewarding to see the match winning performances that each and all of these players contributed to the season and a privilege to see these guys put in so well coming in to the highest level.

As a coach, my greatest reward from the season was to see how balanced our team was. Each week a new set of players would step up to make an impact on the game and wrestle the victory for us. It was a pleasure to see each player take their opportunities when the game presented it to them. Be it Dhanvi taking the new ball and cleaning up Canterbury's top order, Josh with a massive knock when he was asked to open the bat against Penrith or Dilly with a well-timed 50 staying in front of Duckworth Lewis against Canterbury. This all built a winning culture where the guys would never lay down to the opposition and would fight to the very last ball. This allowed us to go through the regular season with a superb record with 7 wins from 9 games and the outright lead after the round games of the Thunder pool.

Unfortunately, our plans for taking on the big dance were foil by a very good Sutherland outfit in the finals. Like us they have been on the improve and are also well drilled unit. It was close, but when it counted, we just didn't bring our best cricket. We were good, but they just wanted it a little more. After a stellar season I allowed us to focus on going all the way and this took my attention away from getting the boys there in the 1st place. Live and learn. What do they say? To finish 1st, 1st you have finish.

After 3 years with the boys and the families I would like to thank everyone involved. It has been an absolute pleasure to play a part in these boys' development from boys, to upstanding men. I hope all that the boys have been able to take away from these past 3 years can be reward for the them and their families, for the wonderful community that they have allowed me to be part of and lead.

I also thank Bikram for the wonderful partnership that we have experienced. He is a master organiser, a gentleman, a diplomate and he knows a thing or two about cricket as well. Thanks for making it really easy for me mate and the wonderful experiences and memories.

Congratulations to the boys on a great season. I wish you all the best in your Green Shield season. I will be watching from the stands.

Mark McLeod

HAROLD MOORE SHIELD Under 14

This team was the runner up previous year in WS Gee Shield, consisting of 13 players they represented Parramatta District in NSW youth championships U14 Harold Moore Shield. The team was selected by independent selectors based on players skills related to batting, bowling, wicket keeping and fielding. We had two trial matches and well planned pre-season training. There were total of nine rounds, two 20-20 rounds and seven 40-40 overs rounds. We lost two and won five games. The team did not qualify for the semi-finals because of two games lost. One of the reasons behind this was player fitness. Each and every player was trying to achieve to the best of their abilities and all the players are good prospects for Parramatta District. This team has represented PDCA with the proud achievements of four players being selected in U15/16 Metropolitan NSW academy for this season. These boys are:

- Nitesh Samuel
- Manraj Kahlon
- Abhinav Kamsali
- Nilathan Kulendran

It was a pleasure working with this wonderful team with a good attitude and an eagerness to play cricket, in, at times challenging conditions. Every player's contribution is greatly appreciated. The 2020 U14 Harold Moore Shield team comprised of:

- Ben Boxshall
- Abhinav Kamsali
- Nitesh Samuel
- Nilaathan Kulendran
- Ravi Soni-Abayakoon
- Manraj Kahlon
- Advith Borredy
- Ansh Marken
- James Thomson Gerard
- Lachlan Selems
- Aryan Sapra
- Shaan Thadani
- Adhvay Jayavarapu

Our team started well with the pre games training with almost all the players turning up for all trainings. Players really worked hard on their skills and all showed improvement, whether it's batting, bowling or fielding. This was definitely 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.

Round One was a home game versus Bankstown. We lost the toss, but bowled & fielded well to dismiss Bankstown for 133 in 46.3 overs. Lachlan's 3 for 20 & Advay's 2 for 10 was the best of the bowling. We won by 60 runs. Every player contributed to towards the team total.

Round two we played against Canterbury & Western Suburbs. We won the toss but unfortunately lost the game on run rate. First the game was moved to a synthetic pitch because of wet weather and our boys were unlucky as rain interrupted the game resulting in disappointment.

Round Three was a home game against Fairfield Liverpool and again was interrupted by rain resulting in a draw decision by umpires whereas five other games went ahead as scheduled.

Round Four against Blacktown was an away game. We lost the toss again and the game as well. The opponents' batted first and gave us target of 102. We were all out on 61 in 40.2 overs.

Round Five was again a home game against Camden. We were playing for pride. We won the toss and brought the win home by 131 runs. Nilathan hit 102 of 145 balls & Abhinav hit 47 bringing the team total to 210. Camden were all out on 79 in 38.5 overs.

Round Six was against Sutherland, a T20 game. We went ahead to bowl first. The target for us was 144. We took down 7 of their wickets. We won the game by 8 wickets and finalised the outcome in 18.3 overs. Manraj farewelled their opening batsman on 11. Nitesh's batted for 36 runs contribution and Abhinav 40 not out.

Round Seven was again a T20 game against Inner West Harbour and we bowled first. We restricted them to 10 for 87 in 19.1 overs. We managed to chase the total in 14.5 overs to be precise. Aneesh

was 3 for 16 and Manraj was 2 for 6 in bowling. Nitesh and Abhinav again did wonders with their bats hitting 38 & 42 not out. Abhinav bowled well with 4 for 10.

Round Eight was an away game against Penrith. We had another win by 47 runs. We batted first and all the players contributed to 151 runs and restricted the opponents to 104 in 27.4 overs. Abhinav took 3 wickets. Nitesh and Manraj took 2 each, Ravi, Ansh and Shaan took 1 wicket each.

Round Nine was a home game against Hawkesbury and we had a win by 7 wickets. Hawkesbury won the toss and were all out on 111 in 46.3 overs. The coach gave chance to the boys who did not get a chance to bat much in earlier games. The boys did well and chased the 111 in 34.2 overs.

We had come a long way and the boys have become a strong team over the last four years. I encourage more players going ahead this coming season to represent Parramatta District as many club players have that potential in them. Many thanks to our Chief Executive officer Frank Pitt for helping out in trials and sometimes trainings, Evan Pitt from P.D.C.C for taking out his time for team trainings and games with his technical expertise and all the P.D.C.A. Board for their assistance in one or the other way and the hard work over the season.

Daman Kahlon
Manager

MOLLIE DIVE SHIELD Under 13 girls

Parramatta had an incredible season in 2020/2021, finishing joint premiers and remaining undefeated for the entire season. The girls played with spirit and class and were in a league of their own with both the ball and the bat. The season ended somewhat anti-climatically with the grand final washed out, resulting in a joint premiership with Manly. The girls were never really tested during the season and it would have been great to see them play Manly in the final, as it surely would have been a fierce competition.

Round 1: Parramatta 7-105 def Bankstown 51

Summary: First game of the season, the girls were really nervous, especially with the bat. Marlie Pathirana bowled superbly, taking 4 wickets. Kayla Robson and Gunisha Garg (C) hit 30 and 21 runs respectively and were the top scorers.

Round 2: Parramatta 5-140 def North Shore Blue 44

Summary: The girls batted with much more confidence than in the first game of the season with Shiloh Julien, Kayla Robson and Lakshmi Rajadurai scoring 29, 28 and 30 runs respectively. Parramatta's spinners took the majority of the wickets – Marlie Pathirana took 4 wickets for the second game in a row, and Alicia Welsh finished with 2 for 6 off 2 overs.

Round 3: Parramatta 3-112 def Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 8-26

Summary: This was the first 20 over match played on Sunday the 14th of February. Parramatta openers Shiloh Julien and Neha Joshua batted for 16 overs, scoring 39 runs and 20 runs respectively. Kayla Robson hit out in the final three overs to score 18 off 11 balls. Captain Gunisha Garg took 4 wickets with Hornsby being bowled out for just 26 runs.

Round 4: Parramatta 2-122 def Camden 3

Summary: The second 20 over match played on February 14 was barely a competition. Openers Neha Joshua and Shiloh Julien scored 27 and 38 runs, whilst Gunisha Garg came in at number 3 and scored 29 off 28 balls not out. Camden were bowled out for just 3 runs with Gunisha Garg taking 5 wickets off 4 overs, conceding just 1 run.

Round 5: Parramatta 3-186 def Blacktown 57

Summary: Parramatta easily beat Blacktown in this 30 over game. Parramatta's batting attack proved too strong for Blacktown's bowlers with Parramatta opener Shiloh Julien remaining unbeaten on 89 off 87 balls at the end of the innings. Wickets were shared amongst Parramatta's bowling attack, with Aanya Siingh, Alicia Welsh and Lakshmi Rajadurai all finishing with 2 wickets each.

Round 6: Parramatta 7-109 def Newcastle 9-58

Summary: Parramatta defeated Newcastle in what was a real team effort in wet conditions. Nandha Sajish took two crucial wickets and Parramatta's fielding proved the difference as 3 run outs kept Newcastle from ever getting comfortable with the bat. Neha Joshua and Lakshmi Rajadurai batted well in the wet conditions scoring 28 and 26 runs each.

Round 7: Parramatta 1-147 def Canterbury & Western Suburbs 50

Summary: Another comfortable win for Parramatta, with openers Shiloh Julien and Neha Joshua scoring 58 and 53 runs each. Alicia Welsh took 3 wickets, whilst Jaanya Shah took a handy 2 wickets.

Semi Final: Parramatta 4-52 def North Shore Maroon 4-51

Summary: This match should have been called off due to wet weather, the girls didn't take the field until almost 1pm and played in the rain for the majority of the game. Even in such conditions, Parramatta won convincingly with Kayla Robson scoring a solid 19 off 28 balls to ensure the girls reached the 52 run targets set by North Shore.

Grand Final: Parramatta V Manly

Summary: Game cancelled due to wet weather, in the absence of a back-up match, both teams were joint premiers.

Parramatta Players: Gunisha Garg (C), Shiloh Julien, Nandha Sajish, Amna Rahman, Neha Joshua, Aanya Siingh, Lakshmi Rajadurai, Kayla Robson, Dhanika Sharma, Alicia Welsh, Jaanya Shah, Natalie Williams, Marlie Pathirana

Leah Brown (Manager)

Julien David (Coach)

W.S. GEE SHIELD Under 13

Playing Squad

Connor Culnane, Brad Hansen (VC), Ashane Jayapragash, Ibrahim Khan, Will MacDonald, Arjun Nadadur, Zac Nicholls, Blake Noorbergen (Capt), Hrehan Shah, Aditya Thakare, Aditya Tiwari, Dhairya Patel, Prapta Das

Coach: Paul Giumelli

Manager: Craig Noorbergen

Being my first year as coach of the group, it was a pleasure to be part of the team. The boys all have an appetite to learn and improve which makes training and game days a lot of fun. The development of the boys as individuals and as a team was the most pleasing aspect from a coaching perspective. After winning the competition the previous season, every team naturally lifts when playing Parramatta meaning the 20/21 season was going to extra hard. The boys were able to manage their way through COVID, washouts, ground changes and maintain an incredibly high standard of cricket. To go through the season undefeated was a remarkable achievement and this should not be underestimated. Everyone involved from players, parents, families and friends should be very proud of the achievements of the **U13 GEE SHIELD CHAMPIONS – PARRAMATTA DCA.**

Here are a few words on each of the main contributors, the players, for season 2020/21

The “Skip”

Blake Noorbergen (Captain) – a bowler’s nightmare. Dominates with the bat having the ability hit the ball with power, placement off both front and back foot against spin and pace. Add in Blakes ability behind the stumps and you have a very talented young cricketer. Blake captained the team superbly this season. His ability to read the game, make his own make tactical changes during an innings in no small part contributed to the team’s overall success. If he has one weakness – he struggles calling correctly at the coin toss!

The Sheiks of Tweak

Brad Hansen (VC) – a natural off spinner who bowls with great control, flight and spin. On several occasions when matches were in the balance, Brad was able to turn it back our way with the ball. Limited opportunities with the bat, but a busy player who plays his cricket positively. Brad played a vital role as a leader within the team supporting Blake all season. I must admit though, Brad wasn’t much better than Blake when it came to the coin toss!

Will MacDonald – Our resident leg spinner on bowls with nice variation and control. Will demonstrates the important trait for a spinner of being able to think his way through a spell of bowling. He bowls with subtle variation and good energy. Will has the ability to pick up important wickets at regular intervals in an innings. He is enthusiastic and energetic in the field and always happy to have a chat about just about anything.

The “Wenty” 6 Pack

Hrehan Shah – not much this young man can’t do. Plays a key role in this team. Player of the Match in the Final where he produced his best innings under pressure when they were needed. A talented wicket keeper, excellent outfielder and off spin bowler, Hrehan has all disciplines of the game covered. Given the strength of our bowling attack, he had limited opportunity with then pill this season but moving to turf; 50 over matches, I see Hrehan playing continuing to play an important role in this squad

Aditya Thakare – an aggressive top order batsman who has the ability to score all around the wicket. Converting starts to big scores is the next step for Adi. Another who given the way the season panned out had limited opportunities with the ball but when he did, chimed in with a wicket or two

bowling his leggies. An excellent fieldsman taking several classic catches and loves a direct hit “run out” when fielding at mid-wicket

Arjun Nadadur – elegant left-handed opening batsman. Relishes the opportunity to open the batting and rarely misses out. Demonstrated his class in the two big final games, dominating two quality South Eastern and Manly attacks. Held firm and scored freely as early wickets fell around him. Unfortunately, Arjie was run out in both matches and that was the only way the opposition were going to get him out. Another whose spin bowling was underutilised but that string to his bow is certainly not underestimated

Dhairya Patel – joined the team this season after an excellent season in the U12's. Cemented the no 3 spot with some disciplined, mature innings early in the season. A talented all-round cricketer with bat, ball and in the field. His pace bowling is under rated and a natural in the field both in close and roaming the boundary.

Ashane Jayaprakash – a talented left-handed bat and more than useful swing bowler. Given the strength of the squad, Ashane didn't get as many opportunities to shine but when given the chance didn't let us down. His innings in the Final, though not many runs, steadied the ship when we looked like we could teeter. It enabled us to see off Manly's strike bowlers and ultimately cruise to victory

Aditya Tiwari – another who joined the team this season. Was given the responsibility of opening the batting late in the season. Adi has plenty of talent and desire to improve his game and learn which holds him in good stead. The most improved fieldsman in the team evidenced by a brilliant fielding display in the Final. Big scores are not far away.

The Engine Room

Ibrahim Khan – a fast, aggressive left arm opening bowler. Every successful team has a quality left arm quick and we were lucky enough to have the best of them in our team this season. The tougher the match the better Ibbby bowled. Along with Connor, Ibbys opening spells in the semi final and final set the scene for the day and ensured we were on top start to finish

Connor Culnane – a very popular member of our squad. Tall and strong, Connor has the ideal build for a quick bowler. Along with Ibbby, provided us with a quite formidable (and often scary) new ball combination. Opposition opening batsmen were intimidated by Connor and he backed up the intimidation factor with quality fast bowling. Connor took the remarkable figures of 6 for 1 v Bankstown. Has the ability to hit long with bat as well which certainly keeps the crowd entertained!

Prapta Das – the third of our pace “trio”. Excelled in his first season of rep cricket. Just when the opposition thought they had seen off the two opening bowlers, on comes Prapta. Quick and accurate, Prapta is quite lethal with ball but he does it all with a smile on his face. Testament to his bowling is the majority of Prapta's wickets are bowled and when he hits the sticks they stay hit. I don't think I have seen a 13-year-old so nonchalantly throw the ball as far as Prapta

Zac Nicholls – had an excellent season and that was in no small part due to the amount of effort Zac applied to his game. No one tried harder at training than Zac. As the season went on Zac was able to understand his role and by seasons end, he executed it brilliantly. He complemented our pace trio perfectly with control swing and seam bowling. Taking 2 vital wickets in one over in the final was just reward. Limited opportunities with the bat but there is enough talent there as well to be a more than useful contributor with the blade

Finally, a big thank you to all the parents for your support throughout the season. As a team we were never short of scorers, drinks, shade tents, training assistants and most importantly food. Thanks for welcoming me into the squad. Last but not least thanks to our manager Craig for all his support and assistance throughout the season.

Gee Shield Match Summaries

Rd 1 - Parramatta 0/39 def Bankstown 10/38

Bankstown won the toss and elected to bat. A fast bowling masterclass from Connor soon had them regretting their decision to bat, falling to 5/6 after the opening spell & all out for 38. A quick run chase and the first win of the season was secured in only 7.4 overs.

Connor Culnane 6/1

Rd 2 - Parramatta 0-15 drew Canterbury Western Suburbs 5/98

After winning the toss & with rain forecast, we sent Canterbury in to bat with the hope of quick wickets. Although slow scoring, Canterbury dug in and batted the full 40 overs, finishing at 5/98. Our plan of a quick run chase was ruined when rain set in just 3 overs into our innings & play was abandoned.

Will Macdonald 2/15

Rd 3 - Fairfield Liverpool 8/118 def by Parramatta 2/120

Fairfield won the toss and elected to bat. A fantastic opening spell of fast bowling from Connor & Ibrahim restricted Fairfield's early scoring opportunities, followed up Hrehan's off spin, & a strong fielding effort from all, held Fairfield to a manageable score of 118.

Quick scoring from Blake 80no, ensured the win in 21 overs earning a bonus point.

Hrehan Shah 3/25, Dhairya Patel 2/10, Blake Noorbergen 80no

Rd 4 - Parramatta 5/87 def Blacktown 10/85

Blacktown won the toss & elected to bat first. Another strong bowling performance restricted Blacktown to 10/85. A steady run chase saw us reach the target in 26 overs for the loss of 5 wickets.

Connor Culnane 3/17, Will Macdonald 2/20, Arjun Nadadur 2/0, Dhairya Patel 34no

Rd 5 - Camden 10/50 def by Parramatta 10/137

After a rare win at the coin toss, the boys were keen to bat first. Most batters managed to get a start, without going on to post a big score, finishing all out for 137. The bowlers again made scoring tough for the opposition, with Camden all out for 50 inside 25 overs, with our spinners Bradley & Will doing most of the damage.

Bradley Hansen 4/7, Will Macdonald 4/10, Arjun Nadadur 30

Rd 6 – Sutherland 9/78 def by Parramatta 6/122

The first of the T20 games. Parramatta were sent in to bat first and after a strong start from Arjun & Aditya Thakare, we finished 6/122 off our 20 overs. Sutherland's inning started with wickets falling steadily and backed up by strong fielding, we restricted Sutherland to 9/78 off their 20 overs.

Zac Nicholls 3/12, Ashane Jayapragash 2/5, Arjun Nadadur 63

Rd 7 – Inner West Harbour 8/62 def by Parramatta 1/64

Our second T20 match, with Inner West electing to bat first. Once again, our bowling & fielding made the opposition work hard for every run. An early direct hit run out from Hrehan put the opposition on the back foot & they never recovered to gain any momentum in their innings. Our run chase was over quickly, with Blake taking the bowlers on and passing the total after only 7.3 overs.

Blake Noorbergen 45no

Rd 8 – Parramatta 2/91 def Penrith 87

With temperatures forecast over 40 degrees forecast, the game started early, with the overs reduced to 30 per side. With early wickets falling, Penrith were all out for 87. Parramatta passed the total after 21 overs, giving everyone an early finish in trying conditions.

Prapta Das 3/3

Rd 9 – Hawkesbury 10/109 def by Parramatta 10/147

The last game before semis & the boys were keen to finish undefeated. Batting first, we posted a competitive total of 147. After an early wicket to Ibrahim, Hawkesbury settled into the run chase with a couple of good partnerships, before spinners Bradley Hansen & Aditya Thakare put the brakes on, combined with two sharp run outs, finished Hawkesbury's chase on 109.

Arjun Nadadur 30, Bradley Hansen 4/10, Aditya Thakare 2/10

Semi Final - Parramatta 4/112 def South Eastern 10/108

In a replay of last season's semi-final, we came up against a strong South Eastern side, who were keen to reverse last years loss. South Eastern won the toss & elected to bat. Parramatta's fast bowling once again put the pressure on with early wickets and had South Eastern 5/25, before a partnership saw them reach a total of 10/108. Parramatta's run chase started with the loss of an early wicket, before a great partnership between Arjun & Dhairya, as well as a partnership between Blake & Hrehan saw us pass the total after only 22 overs.

Into the Grand Final!

Connor Culnane 2/13, Ibrahim Khan 2/24, Prapta Das 2/13, Blake Noorbergen 54no, Arjun Nadadur 32

Grand Final - Manly Warringah 112 def by Parramatta 7/113

After a long delay to the originally GF date, due to the Northern Beaches COVID outbreak, the GF was re scheduled for 21 February.

Winning the toss & with confidence in our ability to chase down totals, we put Manly in to bat first. In what was a mirror image of our semi-final, the fast bowlers broke through early, having Manly 5/25 before a middle order fight back saw Manly post a total of 10/112.

In our run chase, a few early wickets had our batsman under pressure, before a partnership between Arjun & Hrehan put us back in a winning position. After the drinks break, a tight single saw Arjun run out, once again putting our batsman under pressure. A composed innings from Hrehan brought the win within reach, before Bradley hit the winning runs.

The win gave the team back to back Rep Grand Final wins, having taken out the Cawsey Shield in 2019. This is a feat that is extremely hard to achieve & one that the playing group should be very proud of !

Prapta Das 3/11, Ibrahim Khan 2/12, Connor Culnane 2/24, Zac Nicholls 2/20, Arjun Nadadur 34, Hrehan Shah 35

Hrehan Shah – Player of the Grand Final

As a final note, we would especially like to thank all the parents & supporters for their commitment & dedication in getting the players to training & to the games, as well as helping out with all the tasks needed to make each game run smoothly – thank you !

Paul Giumelli & Craig Noorbergen

J. H. CREAK SHIELD Under 13 Division 2

Wow what a season that was? Weather and other factors trying their best to stop the boys from playing cricket with heat, smoke, rain, floods and lastly Corona. None of them could stop the boys from lifting the Championship. Well done to the whole team for your hard work, dedication and commitment. All this was possible due to the background work from both NSYC team and associations (PDCA and others).

We had the mostly same team from last season with 5 new additions due to vacancies created by players moving up or elsewhere. From day 1 they looked like they all belonged in the team and wanted to go 1 step further than the last season. New Keeper Amitoj and new opening bowling pair of Cruz and Yoshan.

Team:

Aarush Mandadi, Abhay Tushar Ranganath, Abhinav Inala, Amitoj Kalsi, Cruz Barton, Manav N Narayan, Prangan Das, Renesh Dantu, Subhash K Gadde, Tanishq Parekh, Winston Pio Kennedy, Yashvardhn Anoop Singh, Yoshan Wannigama.

Coach: Anup Singh

Manager: Ranganatha M Rangappa.

Match 1. Jamison Park-18/10/20. Parra 149 bt Penrith 70

Our season started with threat of thunderstorm, we won the toss and batted first with early loss of wicket innings was steadied and carried through by Yashvardhn Singh 42, and ably supported by Renesh, Manav, and Prapta, with contributions from most batters. We ended with 149 in 39th over. Boys managed to beat Penrith with accurate bowling, fantastic fielding, and star was Prapta with 3 for 9 in 6 overs and Abhinav cleaning up the tail with 2 for 1 in 4 balls. Big win with bonus point.

Match 2. Elara Oval-25/10/20, Parra 6/188, Draw

With threat of rain and thunderstorm we elected to bat and Yash batted very well again with 75 and ably supported by Renesh's 53 and others. Unfortunately, rain halted the match which had to be abandoned.

Match 3. Bennett Park-1/11/20, Parramatta 0/77, Draw

With the threat of rain again we batted first with both openers scoring well; Abhay 38 and Yash 32. Disappointingly, with many rain interruptions match was called off. Now the season was looking shaky for us with no room for error.

Match 4. Binalong Park-8/11/20, Parra 0/108 bt Fairfield-Liverpool 8/105

FLCA won the toss, batted first and struggled to 8/105 with disciplined bowling especially Aarush with figures of 4-1-9-4. All the boys supported with fantastic fielding including Amitoj with 2 catches. Chasing was made easy by the opening pair with Abhay 56 no, and Yash 42 no reaching the target in 23 overs to win with bonus point once again.

Match 5. Ted Horwood res- 15/11/20, Parra 9/135 bt Inner West Harbour 62

With good weather forecast our team decided to test the coach and manager, with quick loss of wickets when batting first. Subhash stepped up and carried the bat through innings with match winning 61no, ably supported by Amitoj and Manav with contributions from others. With smaller target set, our boys bowled and fielded with determination and as a team. Impressive performances from Yash 6-1-13-3, Manav 4-0-11-2, Abhinav 0.1-0-0-1, Amitoj had a fantastic game with 3 catches, 1 run out and 2 stumpings. Resounding win with bonus point again.

Match 6. 1st T20 - Gwawley Oval- 22/11/20, Sutherland 4/114 bt Parra 6/105

With first of 2 T20s, Sutherland chose to bat first, played smart cricket and set up a decent target. Abhay 4-0-28-2, Aarush 3-0-18-1. Chasing 114, we lost early wickets, Amitoj 28, Renesh 26 and Manav 23, tried to steady the innings, with tight bowling and good fielding by Sutherland we fell short by 9 runs. That was to be our only loss for the season, but we were outplayed by the opposition.

Match 7. 2nd T20- Gwawely Oval- 22/11/20, Parra 4/81 bt Northshore 6/80

With an unexpected loss in the morning and season on line boys bowled and fielded like champions with North Shore batting first. Contributions came from all players; Abhay 4-0-15-2, Cruz 3-1-4-1, Manav 3-0-14-1, Yash 1-0-1-1. Chasing a small target nerves got to the boys but still managed to

win easily with contributions from Renesh 26 no, Tanishq 20, Yash 15. We left the grounds with semifinal places in doubt with more weather interruptions.

Match 8. North Turramurra- 29/11/20- Parra 4/158 bt Horsnby 33

With very hot weather expected and shortened game to 30 overs, the boys had to step up. With the loss of early wickets Abhay played a solid innings of 82 no, and stabilizing innings by Abhinav 12 of 67 balls quelled the fall of wickets, and quick fire 35 no by Amitoj set a very good total. Needing win with bonus point, the boys achieved this in 21 overs with a fantastic display of bowling and fielding led by Prangan 4-1-3-4, Manav 4-1-8-2, Winston 3-0-3-1, Yoshan 3-1-5-1, Tanishq 1.2-1-0-1. Amitoj with 2 catches and a stumping made job easier. Another win with bonus point.

Match 9. Ted Horwood res- 6/12/20- Parra 7/209 bt Northern District 53

With the last round match and needing win, we lost couple of early wickets. A solid innings by Abhay 74 retired, Tanishq 38 retired, Aarush 28 and Winston 23. Set a big total to chase, ND struggled against another display of fantastic bowling and fielding lead by Manav 4-1-4-2, Yoshan 4-0-8-2, Yash 2.4-0-3-2. Another big with bonus points and SF birth confirmed boys were happy to be in SF at 3rd place facing Manly, who were the team to beat.

Semifinals. Lake Park- 13/12/20- Parra 5/133 Bt Manley 132

With raw wounds from last season's defeat in the semi against Manly, the boys were well prepared this time, restricting Manly to 132 all out in 39 overs. The attack was led by Prangan 7-3-6-4, Abhay 8-1-17-2, Manav 7-1-20-2 and some fantastic fielding by all players.

Set a small target of 133, after the early loss of 2 wickets, Renesh (40) played a quick innings. A controlled innings by Abhay 57 no, with Tanishq 11 no took us to to Grand Final.

Grand Final. Bennett Park- 21/2/21- Parramatta 1/58 bt Inner West Harbour 57

With a delayed, rescheduled GF due to COVID, both U13 finals were played on adjacent grounds., both teams went head to head with wicket bowling first. A beautiful display of bowling and fielding led by Cruiz 8-1-12-3, Manav 4-1-6-2, Prangan 5-2-9-2, Aarush 2-1-1-1, Abhinav 1-0-2-2, and 2 catches each to Amitoj and Renesh, set a low target of 58.

With early loss of wicket and solid 32no by Yash and aggressive 20 no by Winston brought us home and the trophy. With a resounding win and Championship in hand, the boys watched their friends win the trophy on the next ground.

Each and every one of the boys played like champions and their commitment to team and themselves was very evident, and their hunger for game was not satisfied. Unfortunately, the stats don't do justice to the boy's commitment and hard work. Anup as a coach had a lot to do with boys' performance and achieving the target. Full credit to him and his efforts. Congratulations to all the parents for bringing up such wonderful team of boys. Thank you PDCA team for supporting the team and all your efforts.

ARCH CAWSEY SHIELD Under 12

11 games; 8 wins, 3 losses

Winner Thunder conference (40 points) and 3rd overall

A very impressive team of young men and exciting start to their cricketing careers.

Cameron Knight(C); Great season for Cameron. Captained this side and showed maturity beyond his years. Wicket keeper and outstanding medium pace bowler, outstanding batsman and talented "Creak Shield Player of the Year".

Arhan Shah; Outstanding young talented opening bowler. Tall, fast, athletic and accurate. Also an outstanding striker of the cricket ball and is learning quickly in respect to patience in a game.

Advik Ajithkumar; Advik's first season of rep cricket. A naturally talented batsman who also bowls leg spin. Exciting future prospect with a few more seasons of cricket under his belt.

Neel Patel; Technically sound batsman and outstanding leg spin bowler. Neel has an exciting future in our game if he should continue. Extremely difficult batsman to remove when set.

Sean Sammons (VC); A slightly disappointing season by Sean's high standards. I have a hell of a lot of time for this young man. Keeper, medium pace bowler and shows plenty of potential with the bat. Expecting big things in the Gee Shield season.

Ben Smith. (VC); Ben had a good season. Ben bowls a very heavy ball. He had a few niggling injuries last season but show a toughness beyond his years. Handy middle to lower order bat that compliments the group nicely.

Aiden Smith; Aiden had a good season. 1st or 2nd change bowler who would open in most other districts. Very little opportunity with the bat like a lot of our squad due to the strength.

Isaac Baker; Isaac is a player that every side requires. A massive heart and extremely competitive. He bowls a nice gentle swinging medium pace and gets around the field with ease. Like most, he didn't get a lot of time in the middle with the bat.

Parth Sharma; Once again in an extremely talented bunch of boys Parth is a top order bat, can keep wicket and bowled some very handy medium pace. Unfortunately for Parramatta Parth has left for more opportunity at Fairfield. We wish him every success.

Harsh Pathak; Another Top order batsman who, although only little at this stage of his cricketing career is a pleasure to watch with the bat. Outstanding timer of the ball who has the full range of shots. Was outstanding in the field and bowls spin.

Mohnish Raina; Moh is another that got limited opportunities last season. Again, an asset to most other teams but unfortunately in a great group of young men. Moh is a leg spin bowler who took a key wicket against an extremely strong Blacktown. Another who got limited opportunity with the bat.

Artharva Bhatt; A very exciting opening bowler. Quick and extremely accurate (hence earns the nick name Raider) he was another who did not bat at all last season. A great listener and hardworking cricketer.

Adi Parikh; An extremely sharp, quick bowler, Adi had a wonderful season in a bowling attack that I'm extremely excited with (being a former quick myself). Opposition coaches regularly commented about how relentless our attack was and Adi played a big part. Another who got limited opportunity with the bat.

In closing I would like to thank Malcolm Smith for his assistance in the managing role, all the parents for the support, the selection committee who gave up the time to assist in a fair selection process and the Parramatta District Cricket Association for the opportunity to be involved in the junior system. I love this club and I love the game.

Thank you to all and let's go 2 better this season.
Brett McNaught

W. G. FOSTER SHIELD Under 12 Division 2

Due to Covid restrictions the trials were delayed for 2020-21 season. This meant the boys did not have much training prior to competition. Whatever gaps were there, were filled with enthusiasm, passion, determination and ability by all the boys. Overall Parramatta U12/2 team had a great season and only just missed out on a semi-final spot. Better luck next time boys. **Go Parra Go**

TEAM: Josh Garner, Talha K Khalid, Sharvil Shah, Rayan Naeem, Shiv Vijay, Jack Lambert, Samit Lamba, Akshaj Vinayak, Maanit Mistry, Thomas Humphreys, Hari Santhana, Shreyas Thakare, Vedant Dinesh.

Coach: Mark Garner

Manager: Kamran Khalid

Game 1 – Parramatta V Penrith at Binalong Park

Parramatta won the toss and chose to bowl. Our bowler restricted a good batting side to only 47 with some amazing bowling coupled with some amazing fielding.

Notable Mention

Talha Khalid - 3 Overs 3 Maiden with 3 wickets.

Sharvil Shah – 2 wickets

Hari Santhana - 2 wickets

Result: Parramatta won by 9 wickets

Game 2 – Parramatta V Blacktown at Binalong Park

Parramatta won the toss and decided to bat.

We had some early setbacks. Boys started doing some rebuilding and we managed to achieve a very respectable total of 152. However, weather gods had different plans. It started to rain and never stopped. The game was called off without any results.

Notable Mention

Thomas Humphreys - 50 runs only on 53 balls.

Result: Game Drawn

Game 3 – Parramatta V Canterbury and Western Suburbs at Binalong Park

We lost the toss and were put into bat. We lost couple of early wickets. Our batters had to do some hard work. This showed the mental strength of our boys, who occupied the crease till the last ball and managed to achieve a great total of 175 runs.

We bowled Canterbury on only 53 runs.

Notable Mention

Thomas Humphreys - 63 runs on 74 balls.

Vedant - 3 Overs 8 Runs and 3 wickets.

Talha Khalid, Rayan Naeem took 2 wickets each.

Result: Parramatta won by 122 runs

Game 4 – BYE

Game 5 – Parramatta V Inner West Harbour at Morrison Bay

First game of the season away from home. Parramatta won the toss and decided to bat. We lost 2 wickets in first over that just put our team on the back foot. We did our best to recover but could manage only 82 runs.

At the end of the day, it was not the one to remember, as we lost that match by 10 wickets.

Notable Mention

Jack Lambert- 26 runs on 25balls

Result: Parramatta lost by 10 wickets

Game 6 – Parramatta V Manly at Passmore Oval 1

Time to play 2 games of T20 in one day. First game was against Manly. We lost the toss and were asked to bowl.

Manly scored 97 runs in 20 overs. However, Parramatta could only manage to score 48 runs.

Notable Mention

Shiv Vijay and Josh Garner partnership resisted against incredibly good bowling attack.

Result: Parramatta Lost by 49 runs

Game 7 – Parramatta V Hornsby - Passmore Oval 2

Playing our 2nd game of the day. We lost the toss and were asked to bat. Our team could only manage 66 runs in 20 overs. Hornsby achieved the target after losing only two wickets.

Notable Mention

Jack Lambert and Akshaj Vinayak provided some resistance in batting. Jack also managed to get one wicket.

Result: Parramatta Lost by 8 wickets

Game 8 – Parramatta V North Shores - Howson Oval

Parramatta won the toss and decided to bowl. North Shores piled up 181 runs in 40 overs. Our chase again suffered couple early wickets. This again pushed us away from the win. Parramatta scored 108 runs in 40 overs.

Notable Mention

Jack Lambert - 30 Runs

Sharvil Shah - 20 runs

Result: Parramatta Lost by 73 runs

Game 9 – Parramatta V Northern District - Binalong Park

Last game of the season, we are back at home and never lost a game there. The trend continued as we bowled Northern District on 100 runs.

We achieved our target after losing 5 wickets in 20th over.

Notable Mention

Jack Lambert - 44 runs on 43 balls and 4 wickets.

Talha Khalid - 2 Wickets

Result: Parramatta won by 5 wickets

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IDCA Under 17 ANDREW BLAMEY CUP

Well, another great season by the Parra Boys. Almost went back-to-back but fell short in the final to a strong Newcastle side this year.

We started the year with a Grand Final rematch with Blacktown. Strong bowling at the start restricted Blacktown to 97 with Jack highlighting with 3 for 11 and an all round solid fielding performance. Parra chased down the total 1 wicket down with Meet on 47 no. Great start to the season team.

The next game against Manly saw us bowl first again and another great bowling effort restricted Manly to 117. Tom excelling with 4 for 19. What happened next we didn't see coming. No stats coming for batting as the we got rolled for 61. Lessons learnt but we must move on and improve.

When COVID hit the next round was cancelled and the boys got to enjoy the summer holidays, hopefully with time in the nets as we coming up against a strong Newcastle side. Once again we bowled first and we showed our strength rolling Newcastle for 107 with Jack grabbing another 3 for, but it was great bowling all round. Some steady batting particularly by Sharjeel saw us to the target with 5 wickets hand and about 15 runs to get. Then the collapse happened which saw us 9 wickets down and requiring 2 runs. With Mitch coming in at 10 with a broken toe and Ahmed steady as a rock we held our nerve, which saw us home in a tight match.

Next round was against Sutherland, we batted first on what looked a good wicket and it proved the case as Parra piled on 8 for 292 in the 50 overs with Mitch (80), Tom (69) and Sharjeel (51) all clocking up speedy 50s with a nice cameo from Luke at the end. It only got better with the bowling with Tom 4 wickets and Jarrod 2 wickets demolishing Sutherland for 47.

Then it came to the semi-final against Manly. We bowled first and with disciplined bowling with a wet ball we kept Manly to 101. Jack with 4 and Ahmed with 3 wickets were the highlights. With the collapse from our previous Manly match in the back of our mind it was reassuring when our openers got off to a fast start with Meet scoring 31. From there on we batted steady against good bowling and saw the score through with wickets to spare.

THE FINAL. We took the trip up to the M1 again to face Newcastle, We were sent in on what was best described as an English style green top with tennis ball bounce. The boys adapted and fought very hard in the overcast morning reaching 5 for 80 odd, but as we tried to accelerate in the conditions that were not conducive to it, and we collapsed to be all out for 95. Still, all season we had restricted teams to 100 so we were confident. Over the lunch break the sun came out and the pitch had a chance to bake. Although the boys fought to the end Newcastle were too strong chasing Parra down with 5 wickets in hand.

For the season a big thankyou to the parents who always assisted and were motivated to support the boys. A big thankyou to Ben for managing the side and in particular Tom for captaining the team with maturity.

To the boys, we started the season by emphasising cricket is a team game first, individual achievement second. I believe you took this ethos into the season and it showed in the style we both bowled, fielded and batted. There was no selfishness and comradery in the team was always at the fore. As many of you may be moving to senior cricket next year I wish you all the best in whatever level you play at and remember cricket is about enjoyment and playing with your mates. Best of luck!

Matthew Zywitz

IDCA Under 15

Kicking off 20/21 season of u15's Parramatta squad in IDCA President cup, saw a few new faces, return of some familiar faces, & meeting players from different previous competitions.

The team consisted of Aryan Roy, Sam Singh, Pranit Mathur, Avneesh Shivkumar, Charan Madala, Parth Joshi, Amman ur Rahman, Ben Kimber, Brenevan Padmeswaran, Sujay Mody, Ryan Curtis-Burton, Chaitanya Sharma, and Theron Letherbarrow.

The players started off with a positive mindset, and narrowly missing a win on their first game against Hornsby Red. Round 2, saw us head out to the North Shore, where unfortunately we suffered another loss. Round 3 we celebrated our first win against Blacktown, with exceptional bowling from the teams' spinners. Round 4, playing Hornsby Blue, with familiar faces in the opposing side, showed us why they have been able to secure back-to-back wins. Round 5, heading off to sunny Cronulla, for an intense nail biting win. Round 6, we faced our neighbouring team the NWS Hurricanes, who were just too good on the day. Round 7, our first T20 game we were hoping to settle the score against the NWS Hurricanes, unluckily the stars were not in favour. Our second T20 of the day, was another entertaining, close finished, again North Shore, going down to the last ball & falling short by 3 runs.

A big thankyou to our coach Sohan Domingo, for his time, dedication & effort into the team and player development.

Thanks also to all the parents helping score, umpire, field set up & cheering from the sideline. Without your support & taxi service, the team would be lost.

I hope you all had an enjoyable season, have taken away a few life lessons & I look forward to seeing you all for the 21/22 season.

Sohan Domingo & Amanda Curtis

IDCA Under 14 ANTHONY NEALE CUP

1. Round1 against Hornsby (06/12/2020) **Played at Parkland Oval (Turf Wicket)**

Paramatta won the and opted to bowl first on a weather effected turf ground. Match was reduced to 40 overs each side as the wicket was wet and took some time to be ready for the match. Hornsby scored 119 all out with Hunter Abeni and Ajitesh Kamboj bowled beautifully and took 3 wickets each. While batting second Parramatta were struggling to chase the run but managed to win the game by the help of beautiful batting of Gurshan Singh 36 NO, Thomas Williams 32 and Ajitesh Kamboj's match winning 20 on 20 balls. Parramatta won the game by 2 wickets.

2. Round2 against Canterbury Wests (13/12/2020)

Played at Ted Horwood Reserve (Oval 2)

Parramatta won the toss and opted to bat first on a beautiful batting condition. Parramatta scored 5/302 in allotted 50 overs, the highest total of an innings throughout the tournament. Eesa Omar scored the only century of the tournament by scoring 118 NO on 90 deliveries, Daman Barar 66 and Thomas Williams 64. In return, Canterbury Wests were bowled out for 70 runs in 34.4 overs. Akash Ajirth was the best bowler by taking 3 wickets for just 2 runs in his 6 overs. Parramatta won the game by the huge margin of 232 runs.

3. Round3 against Blacktown (31/01/2021)

Played at Jonas Bradley Park

Parramatta who the toss and elected to bat first. Daman Barar and Thomas Williams gave a strong start of 58 runs for opening wicket by scoring 31 and 35 runs respectively. Eesa Omar continued his form and scored a match winning 75 runs to take the Parra total to 8/185 in 50 overs. In return, Blacktown struggled against Parra bowling attack and bowled out for 92 runs in 37.2 overs. Veeran Garg was the best bowler with the figures of 2 for 5 in his 4 overs spell. Parramatta won by 93 runs.

4. Round4 against NWS Hurricanes Gold (07/02/2021)

Played at Roberta St Park

Hurricanes won the toss and elected to bat first. They were bowled out for 59 runs in 39.3 overs. Veran Garg again bowled superbly and took 4 wickets for 8 runs in 5 overs spell. In return, Parramatta chased down the score in just 18.5 overs with 3/61. Thomas Williams was the top scorer with 15 runs. Parra won by 7 wickets.

5. Round5 against North Shore (14/02/2021)

Played at Monty Bennett Oval

Parramatta won the toss and elected to bat first on seaming wicket. Whole team batted beautifully, and everyone chipped in with runs which took the total to 9/219 in 50 overs. Captain Gurmahar Singh was top scorer with 43 runs and Eesa Omar & Thomas Williams scored 29 runs each. North Shore were bowled out for 138 runs in 45.4 overs. Manav Ray was the pick of the bowlers with the figures of 3 for 8 in 5.4 overs. Parramatta won by 81 runs.

6. Round6 against Sutherland (21/02/2021)

Played at Binalong Park (Oval 1)

Parramatta won the toss and elected to bat first on difficult batting conditions. They were bowled for 121 runs in 49.1 overs. Eesa Omar scored 26 and Gurshan Punj scored 25 runs. Sutherland struggled to chase this total and scored 9/90 runs in 50 overs. Hunter Abeni was the best bowler with bowling figures of 4/11 in 9 overs. Parramatta won by 31 runs.

7. Grand Final against Manly (28/02/2021)

Played at Monty Bennett Oval

A rain effected final, not a very good batting condition but Parramatta won the toss and opted to bat first considering the pressure of the final game. They struggled against the swinging conditions and were bowled out for just 43 runs 33.5 overs. Nand Desai was the top scorer with 21 runs. In return, Parramatta bowlers gave their heart out performance and never let Manly batsmen settle in. Parramatta got 8 of the Manly's batsmen out but they chased down the total in 24 overs. Jayden Wood was the pick of the bowlers with an amazing spell of 3 for 4 in 5 overs. Manly won the final by 2 wickets.

Summary

It was an amazing tournament as far as Parramatta team is concerned. Every player played his role to take the team to the final. They out classed all other teams, but final victory was just a 2 wickets far. Eesa Omar was top scorer of the tournament by scoring 277 runs with the average of 46.17 and Hunter Abenin was the highest wicket taker for the team by taking 11 wickets with the average of 7.64/wicket only.

Omar Khan

Coach Parramatta U14 Team.

IDCA Under 11 COLIN COOPER CUP Division 1

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to manage and coach the President cup U11/1 team this season 2020-21. As a team with talented kids, parents and PDCA's support, we have completed the season on a very high note by winning 6 out of 8 games and finishing 3rd in the ladder.

- 2 kids scored half centuries
- Great bowling display, some great catches were taken along with stumpings behind the stumps
- Success in development program and friendship
- Its been a pleasure coaching this team

Ethan Natkuna – Led the team on the field, great all-rounder. Scored 60 runs vs Sutherland, 118 runs , taken 6 wickets and 3 stumping behind the stumps. Contributed in all areas

Ronav Aparajit – Leading run scorer with 252 runs, scored two half centuries this season, his 78 vs Blacktown was the highlight as he battered for 40 overs to win the match.

Pratham Choksi – Good pace and accurate bowler, taken 4 wickets and a good fielder

Aryan Sinha – One of our leg spin bowlers has done really well, taken 6 wickets. Good attacking batsman.

Aidan Hackett - One of our leg spin bowlers, taken 4 wickets, Aidan helped us to win the nail biting game vs Blacktown during the 40th over.

Tyler Phabmixay – Good accurate bowler, taken 3 wickets. Very good fielder.

Ansh Lad – Good wicket keeper batsman, taken 8 catches this season and a powerful hitter of the ball.

Kaylan Mantara - Our leading wicket taker, 7 wickets this season, with avg. 10:43

Shlok Kamdar-Doshi – Good all-rounder, stylish left-hand batsman. One of our most improved players.

Jayden Paskaranathan - Good wicket keeper batsman, One of our most improved players. Scored 116 runs and taken 6 catches.

Karan Ruhil – Good allrounder, taken some great catches on the field. Contributed in all areas

Reyansh Sharma – Very good swing bowler, taken 4 wickets.

Lakshmi Rajadurai – Played half the season due to U13 Molli Dive Girls Reps, played really well. Taken 3 wickets vs Sutherland during our first game of the season.

The following players have been recognised for their outstanding efforts for this season.

Most runs scored – **Ronav Aparajit** (252 runs)

Most wickets taken – **Kaylan Mantara** (7 wickets)

All-round efforts – **Ethan Natkuna** (118 runs, 3 catches, 3 stumping and 6 wickets)

Fielding efforts – **Ansh Lad** (8 catches)

Thank you, Justin, Jinda and Rajit for all your help throughout the season to get all underway without any glitches (cloths, stumps, match balls, training arrangements etc...Looking forward to be part of the team to continue to support this district's cricket.

Regards

Athavan Natkuna

IDCA Under 11 COLIN COOPER CUP Division 2

2020/21 was an exciting year for the Parramatta division 2 team, eventually finishing in 4th place, 8 points off a finals position. Brilliant team performance! Each player was passionate about learning and improving their game at the individual level and the team level. Everyone has contributed to the best of their ability and had lots of fun during match and training. On the positive side, our bowling group was super consistent, often keeping us in games and producing wickets when it counted shows the depth we have in our bowling.

The most exciting aspect was to see the skills improvement and the camaraderie that grew within the team as the season progressed. While the team had outstanding win-loss records and enjoyed their share of significant victories and emotional defeats, the games of this past will eventually fade into fragmented memories. In the end, the measures of success are not the statistics or wins; instead, they are the friendships, lessons and maturing that are the result of efforts, selfless commitment to the team and dedication to personal betterment. As a coach, I am fortunate to have been a part of it, and I am so proud of all of you.

There are some fine talents within the team, and I hope they continue to play excellent cricket for an extended period. I look forward to seeing significant accomplishments by this team collectively and individually in the future.

Player's Report

Aaditya Sinha: A good season from Aaditya and our most consistent player in batting this season. He finished as the leading run-scorer and awarded with batting aggregate trophy by PDCA. In this Rep season, his batting aggregate is 121 runs at an average of 24.20, and he took five wickets, an average of 15.20 with the ball. One of the best innings he has played against Hornsby Red, where he has scored 52 runs – it was a very steady batting by Aaditya, and I was extremely pleased to see him doing very well in Rep cricket this season.

Aarush Pare: Not much to say about Aarush. Incredibly mature performer, and for someone that plays so much cricket, he tries to impact the game every time he plays. His batting stepped up a gear this year in terms of how he compiles an innings, and his spin bowling also came a long way

which means he is turning into a genuine all-rounder. In this Rep season, his batting aggregate is 92 runs at an average of 18.40, and he took seven wickets, an average of 9.86 with the ball.

Allen Bineesh: He has played good cricket and always very excited in the game. I expect to see many more good things from him in the future. In one memorable inning, he has played against Camden, where he has scored 20 runs. In this Rep season, his batting aggregate is 27 runs at an average of 9.00, and he took two wickets, an average of 15.00 with the ball.

Aviraj Pal: A solid middle-order batsman and an extremely skilful medium pacer. He made a solid all-rounder contribution to the success of his team. He has played one of the best innings against Canterbury Wests, where he has scored not out 66 runs – a great performance full of patience. In this Rep season, his batting aggregate is 107 runs at an average of 35.67, and he took seven wickets, an average of 12.86 with the ball.

Leo Napolitano: Leo was a great asset both behind the stumps and with the bat this season. He was one of the leading run-scorer for the season and showcased his ability to take games away from the opposition with his stroke-making ability. One of the best innings he has played against Hornsby Red, where he scored 55 runs. In the Rep season, his batting aggregate is 98 runs at an average of 19.60, and he took three wickets, an average of 11.00 with the ball.

Navya Modi: Navya has improved a lot in bowling this season, and repeatedly bowling a good line and length was astounding. He bowled some fantastic spells of fast bowling and taking crucial wickets. In this Rep season, his batting aggregate is 41 runs at an average of 10.25, and he took eight wickets, an average of 9.13 with the ball. He finished as the leading wicket-taker and awarded with the most wickets trophy by PDCA.

Ojas Vishwakarma: Ojas's strong potential with ball and bat was on show on several occasions throughout the season. His 3/9 against Hornsby Blue was a standout performance, helping the side to victory. A not out 30 runs performance against Hornsby Red showed his potential with the bat too. In this Rep season, his batting aggregate is 55 runs at an average of 11.00 and took eight wickets, an average of 9.75 with the ball – a good all-rounder. He finished as the leading wicket-taker and awarded with the most wickets trophy by PDCA.

Rishabh Joshi: A clever off-spinner, Rishabh's bowling was consistent and always challenged the batsmen. He bowls with great variation and is sure to have a strong future in cricket. He is a very handy batsman with an excellent technique which will see him score many more runs. One of the best innings he has played against Sutherland, where he has scored 27 runs. In this Rep season, his batting aggregate is 35 runs at an average of 8.75 and took four wickets, an average of 15.50 with the ball.

Rohan Pillai: Rohan is a great future talent. He bowls great pace for his age and is always looking to learn and get better. I am so excited to see what he can do next year and beyond. He is a great team player who always has a positive outlook on the games we played. In this Rep season, his batting aggregate is 55 runs at an average of 13.75 and took six wickets, an average of 10.17 with the ball.

Saharsh Kontham: Saharsh is an intelligent and thoughtful boy. He always made a positive contribution, and he celebrated others' achievements with the same joy as his own. He will simply

get better as he plays more and more cricket. In this Rep season, he took four wickets, an average of 6.50 with the ball.

Thenuk Wijsekera: Thenuk made a solid all-rounder contribution to the success of his team. Thenuk bowled with great control and variation all season with his leg-spin bowling. He regularly picked up crucial wickets, breaking the important partnerships when needed. One of the best innings he has played against Newcastle, where he has scored not out 60 runs. In this Rep season, his batting aggregate is 94 runs at an average of 24.00 and took seven wickets, an average of 7.57 with the ball.

Yogi Mihir Patel: Everything Yogi did, he did with his trademark smile. He is also well known for Bumrah bowling action. He has a terrific wicket keeping skill - a passionate kid who has lots of talent. Yogi always tried his hardest and showed great improvement throughout the season. In this Rep season, his batting aggregate is 16 runs at an average of 5.33, and he took five wickets, an average of 6.80 with the ball.

Yuvidhu Kariapperuma: He is calm and considered in his approach and has a bright future with hard work. He is another to watch in years to come. In this Rep season, his batting aggregate is 25 runs at an average of 8.33, and he took three wickets, an average of 22.67 with the ball. In finishing,

I would like to offer a big thanks to all the parents who helped throughout the season – at training, scoring, umpiring, putting boundary cones & stumps, etc. Thank you to our team manager Arnab Pal, who has done brilliant work in managing the team. Also, a big thanks to the PDCA & President Cup committee for supporting everyone very well.