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EXCLUSIVE CRICKET NEWS

Hornsby Cricket – Season 21/22

Green & Gold Derby



Long may the 22nd of January 2022 live in the memory. At Montview East a rare cricket match was played, contested by not one, but two Hornsby teams. On one side there was C2 Green, the establishment, a team filled with tried-and-true Hornsby campaigners with just a dash of youth to balance it out. On the other side C2 Gold, the up-and-comers, an unknown quantity of new and returning players whose early season form had seen them promoted out of C3s.

Much chest beating and pontificating went on in the lead up to the big match, but very few were bold enough to make a prediction.

The early victory went to Gold whose skipper, Brian Mathias, won the toss and elected to bat. The Green bowlers all chipped away with regular wickets which meant Gold were continually forced to rebuild their

innings. Gold were never quite able to put their foot down and accelerate, although, a late unbeaten partnership of 44 between Dunstan and Bhalla saw them reach a competitive total of 114.

How would Green approach this challenging chase? Would they explode out of the blocks? Throw caution to the wind? Or dig in for the long haul to diligently knock off the runs?

Any plans were scuppered by an early wicket. Green consolidated and at 1/68 were looking good to take home victory. But derbies need drama, and the oxygen they breathe, *collapses*. After the loss of 3/9, compounded by a runout, every run seemed like gold. Green Captain, Simon Hazell, with bat in hand was looking to steer the team home. Patience was the

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order of the day as the captains manoeuvred their teams towards this tricky total.

As if foretold by the Cricket Gods it all came down to the final over. Each team held their breath. Brijesh is the brave bowler, like Atlas the weight of the world rested upon his shoulders. Six balls, five to win. Dot. Five from five. Wicket! Gold have momentum. Five runs remain and only four balls left. A single. Four from three, but importantly, the experienced Herden was on strike. He launched at the ball, trying to end it with one shot. The ball arced through the air towards cover-point, destined to be caught. But oh calamity! The ball struck hands and then struck the grass. The batters pinch two. Two to win and two balls left. Perhaps the spectre of the dropped catch hung over the next ball as it was clipped away for two and the match was settled. Green the victors.

Congratulations Green. Congratulations to both teams for the fierce competition played in the best spirit and tradition of Hornsby District Cricket Club.

Spotlight on a Player:



Samyukta Shriram is playing her first season of cricket. She has shown great improvement and her hard work has paid off. Last she took a hat-trick and was rewarded with the match ball. Keep up the great work, I am sure you will do wonders in the coming years.



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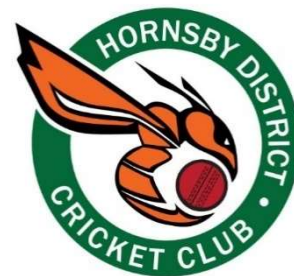
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Juniors Update

It has been a bumper year for Hornsby Juniors with so many terrific results. Congratulations to U17 Green who have sealed the Minor Premiership with 2 rounds still to play.

U13 and U12 Green teams are both 2nd, with U13 Gold only 4 points back. Everything to play for.

Good luck for the rest of the season to all our Junior teams.

We have already seen so many outstanding performances this season.

Here are a few highlights with the bat & ball:

Runs	Player	Team	Rd	Opponent
100*	Parth Thakur	U17s Green	3	Oakhill College
96*	Dylan Bailey	U17s Gold	9	Hornsby District Green
91	Miles Farrell	U17s Green	8	WPHC Gold
90	Aaditya Pankaj Davey	U17s Green	6	WPHC Red

Figures	Player	Team	Rd	Opponent
5/3	Yatharth Dwivedi	U11s Gold	9	Castle Hill RSL Blue
5-4	Neel Jetley	U13s Gold	4	Asquith Rugby League
5/14	Laksh Kharbanda	U10s Gold	2	WPHC Blue

Thanks to the Juniors who took their first steps into Senior cricket this year.

- Aaditya Pankaj Davey
- Arthur Bennett
- Atharv Dwivedi
- Joshua Feneley
- Nathan Crump
- Sanjay Saravanan

Spread the word, our senior teams are always looking to welcome bright young talent.
If you are interested in playing Senior cricket, full-time, causal or just filling in, why not come down to training
Thursday afternoons at Montview.

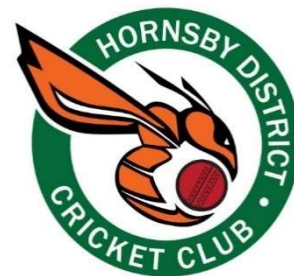
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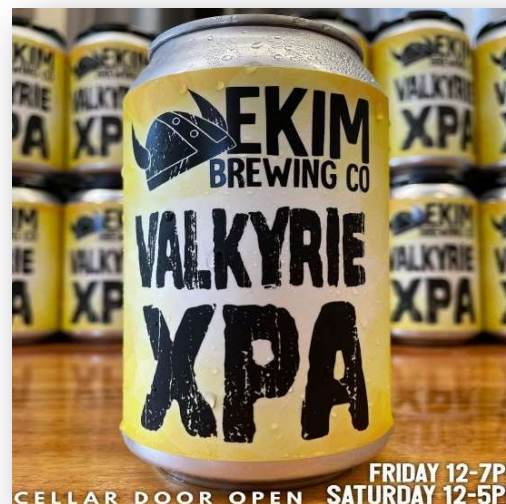
Seniors Update:

Final's appearances are very much on the cards. Five of 6 teams all in the race for spots with 2 round to go. A2s and C2 Green all but confirmed. For A grade, C grade & C2 Gold their fate remains in their hands.

Good luck teams!

Match Highlights:

R10	Hornsby District Gold 6/180 (M Sapal 87*, r kamat 30, B Mathias 26)	def	Castle Hill 5/188(cc) (AB Sharma 3/42)
R12	Hornsby District A2 64 (H Khatri 21, M O'Shea 15)	def	Berowra 57 (MP Buwalda 4/3, P Bana 2/6, S Passi 2/8)
R12	Hornsby District 7/105 (S Gopalakrishnan 40, S Bal 37)	def	Normanhurst-Warrawee 9/104(cc) (N Mills 2/6, S Bal 2/16)
R12	Hornsby District Green 3/102 (S Hazell 40*, R Charman 38)	def	WPHC Red 98 (G Roots 3/18, M Claydon 2/8)
R12	Hornsby District 6/147(cc) (JD Beasley 29, L Gleave 29)	def	Asquith Rugby League 10/133 (L Gleave 4/18, JD Beasley 3/17, B Chander 2/21)



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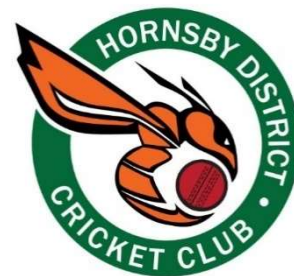
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Champion Player Standings

JUNIORS		
#	PLAYER	POINTS
1	Maini, Neil	460
2	Dwivedi, Atharv	446
3	Pankaj Davey, Aadiya	427
4	Farrell, Miles	385
5	Bailey, Dylan	360
6	Jain, Shaarav	337
7	Rapa, Rory	335
8	Lam, Zachary	297
9	jetley, neel	290
10	Feneley, Joshua	288

SENIORS		
#	PLAYER	POINTS
1	Sapal, Mandeep	566
2	Khatri, Harsh	481
3	Arora, Rohan	480
4	Claydon, Matthew	381
5	Gleave, Lachlan	373
6	kamat, raghavendra	364
7	Fisher, Benjamin	363
8	Herden, Anthony	337
9	Kumar, Vijay	327
10	Gopalakrishnan, Sandheep	325

Winter Cricket:

The last few rounds of the summer season are but why should cricket? Why not give winter cricket a try? Hornsby has long been part of the Sydney winter cricket competition. If you are thinking about playing please contact our the HDCC Winter Coordinator, Brian Mathias, Winter.HornsbyDCC@gmail.com.

The best kept secret in Hornsby, no longer.

If you have a local business and would like to utilise our newsletters, website, Facebook, Instagram pages or even get your name on our shirts or hats, please contact the committee, we have packages starting from \$500 and ranging up to \$3000 a season.

Cricket ala *La Niña*

*Raining on a cricket day,
And all the days a waste.
Raining on a cricket day,
And not a ball is faced.
The pitch's prepared,
The lines are squared,
And all the grass is cut.
But rain upon a cricket pitch
Means all the ovals shut.*

*The bowler's run-ups waterlogged,
The crease is just a smear.
And on the sodden ground we wait
for the Umpires to appear.*

*One optimistic chap,
pulls out his trusty broom.
With a bit of elbow grease
We'll clear the wicket soon.
The old men roll their eyes and laugh
Upon the wicket green.
For seasons past, in yesteryear,
Too many raining days they've seen.*

*A chink of dappled light
penetrates
the gloomy, storm-clad sky.
If we wait around it might fine up,
It's surely worth a try.
Some sun and a strong wind,
Will do the trick he reckons.
But the old men sigh and yearn,
For it's the pub that truly beckons.*

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What's on at Your Club:

- **Junior Presentation Day Saturday 2nd of April 2pm**
- **Senior Presentation Day Saturday 9th of April 7pm**



HDCC Committee 21/22

Name	Position
Graham Roots	President
David McQuiggan	Vice President
Gary Newton	Blast Cricket Coordinator Treasurer
Matthew Wilson	Registrar
Tim Thompson	- Junior Coordinator - Girls Cricket - Child Safety Officer
Brian Mathias	Winter Cricket Coordinator
Benjamin Dunstan	Senior Coordinator
Simon Hazell	- Equipment Manager - OH&S & Covid Officer
Rod Charman	HKHDC Representative
Ritam Mitra	Webmaster
Warren Fisher	Statistics
Alec Southam	Newsletter

Spotlight on a Player:



Yatharth Drivedi plays in our U11s. In the last 3 months he has developed amazing Leg spin skills and has already taken 14 wickets at the frankly preposterous average of 4.36, including a match winning 5 wickets performance.



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Master Blasters: Tomorrow's Champions



Our Master Blasters have been going from strength to strength. This is the first time playing cricket for many of these kids and it is so rewarding to watch as their skills develop. After being locked inside for so long it is fantastic to see the kids are back out playing sport and, most of all, enjoying themselves.

If you want to know more about Junior Blast please email BlastCricket.HornsbyDCC@gmail.com. If you have school friends or neighbours with young kids that want to come along and play point them to Junior Blast at Hornsby District Cricket Club.

These young cricketers are the future champions of tomorrow!

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Be Part of the Culture. Help Grow Your Club.
Congratulations to our Player of the Week Winners.