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Campbelltown Camden DCC Men's Cricket Round 3 Day 1 V Bankstown DCC

Campbelltown Camden DCC Captain's managed to begin Round 3 against Bankstown losing the toss in all five grades. All of the Ghosts sides found themselves in the field and experienced mixed results for the day.

First Grade Captain Scott Coyte snared three early wickets in first grade to set the scene for a successful day for his side at Bankstown Oval. Coyte bowled quick on a rather placid wicket to provide an opportunity for his bowlers to maintain the Ghosts dominance over the Bulldogs. Coyte finished the day with 4-38 and was well supported by Brendan Jones who cleaned up the tail to achieve the tremendous figures of 3 for 14 of ten very tidy overs.

The Bankstown middle order all managed to achieve starts, but spinners Nathan Brain and Arjun Bagga, with assistance from fast bowler Hamish Oxley, removed them before they could impress upon what is shaping up as an achievable total by the hosts. Bankstown were all out 176 runs.

The Ghosts innings started with Australian under 19 Captain Damien Mortimer caught on the crease and dismissed LBW when the team score was zero. His partner, Josh Clarke then settled in against a quality attack possessing former NZ Test bowler Daryl Tuffey. Clarke batted patiently when joined by Ryan Gibson and combined they put on 48 runs before Gibson was also dismissed LBW. Gibson by then had accumulated a classy 34 runs.

Ghosts Captain Scott Coyte then joined Clarke and steered the Ghosts through to stumps. Together they took the total to 2/97 leaving the Ghosts 80 runs to gain next week with 8 wickets left in hand. Clarke finished the day with a very patient 22 not out runs from 130 balls on a slow, low bouncing wicket, whilst his skipper went at a run every two balls for his 35 not out.

On Raby Oval the Ghosts second grade ended their day at 3 for 21 chasing Bankstown's 300 runs. A demoralising last wicket partnership of 73 runs saw the visitors finish the day's play which started impressively for the locals. Unable to capitalise on a good start with the new

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ball Luke Webb and Tristan Muir finished with three wickets each on a pitch that offered very little to the bowlers.

The Ghosts third grade look set to take the points at Jenson Oval. Dismissing Bankstown for 135 runs, young Ghosts Chris Inger and Josh Appleton bowled superbly. Inger finished with his second five wicket haul in consecutive matches taking 5-25 whilst Appleton's figures of 3 for 16 off 7 overs were admirable.

Chasing down the Bankstown total in the afternoon the Ghosts require 47 runs next week with 8 wickets in hand. Opener Peter McKell will resume with 55 not out. The Ghosts 3rd XI are currently 2 for 88 in reply.

On the flat Raby #2 ground the young Campbelltown-Camden fourth grade had a tough Saturday afternoon. The Bulldogs posted 7 for 298 and look set to finish their innings with a good score having won an important toss.

The Ghosts 5th Grade require 241 runs in their match at Bankstown. Veteran Todd O'Keefe will hopefully steer the youngsters home on the small Graham Thomas Oval.

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