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## **Campbelltown Camden DCC** **Brewer Shield - Under 17's Women** **Semi-Final Win**

The Ghosts Under 17 Women's Team have stormed into a the Sydney Women's Cricket Association Brewer Shield final after a good win against a strong Penrith side in the Semi-Final. The local girls defeating Penrith by 31 runs.

The semi-final of this prestigious women's competition was played on Sunday and spectators were treated to some quality cricket from both teams. Penrith won the toss and sent the Ghosts into bat on the beautifully prepared Raby # 1 ground.

After a good start from the Ghosts top order the local girls managed to post 145 for the loss of nine wickets in their allocated forty overs. Australian and NSW Under 15 player Yardley Polsen scored 21 before being brilliantly caught on the boundary by Penrith's Hannah Darlington. Vice-Captain Chloe Gray added a classy 26 to begin what was to be a great day for local NSW Representative. Sophie Heath and Jessica Langford both scored 19.

However, it was the Ghosts bowling which won the game defending a total that was 30 runs short of being comfortable. Tight, accurate bowling enabled the Ghosts to build pressure on the Penrith middle order. Despite going wicketless, Jessica Langford tied up the Penrith bats for seven overs at a crucial time of their innings. The local girls supported their bowlers by fielding superbly and taking important catches to dismiss Penrith for 115.

Captain Jess Norris bowled beautifully taking 2 for 13, whilst Chloe Gray bowled late in the innings achieving the same figures. Chloe had previously kept wickets beautifully for the first half of the Penrith innings. Rebecca Ellsmore took two catches.

In all it was a great team effort from the Ghosts young ladies. All players in the team contributed in what was a great win over a side that has beaten them in the semi-finals the previous two seasons. The girls now face Minor Premiers "Universities" in the Grand Final next Sunday.

The Ghosts Brewer Shield team is the Campbelltown Camden club's tenth team to reach a Semi-Final throughout the recent summer which has contested several forms of cricket.

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Apart from the main Sydney competitions, the Ghosts have also contested various Sydney Cricket Association T/20 and 50 Limited over formats in both male and female competitions. Only the Men's First Grade have progressed to the Grand Final and they were dramatically beaten on the last ball of the match.

Unfortunately the two other Campbelltown-Camden Sides that played semi-finals over the weekend were beaten.

The Men's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade team were left the tough task of chasing Sutherland's 292 runs that were scored on Day 1 and fell well short being dismissed for 123. Only Zac Zielinski provided any resistance with a solid 52 runs. Luke Courtney bowled well for the Ghosts taking 3 for 35 alongside retiring veteran Mark Richardson who finished an outstanding career with 4 for 47.

The Ghosts women's third grade were also well beaten by Minor Premiers St George – Sutherland in their semi-final. The ladies lost by 7 wickets defending 120... to a very good "Slayers" team.

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