

Campbelltown Camden DCC Men's Cricket Round 11 - One Day Matches v North Sydney C.C.

Campbelltown Camden District Cricket Club travelled to North Sydney Oval and they were sent into bat by the Bears after North Sydney won the toss.

Damien Mortimer was dismissed early for 4 runs motivating the remaining three of the Ghosts top four to knuckle down and get away to good starts. Josh Clarke was the next batsmen dismissed when he was caught for 29 making way for Scott Coyte to join Ryan Gibson at the crease. These two put on a further 57 runs before Gibson departed for 51. Adam Coyte, returning from a "lay off", joined his brother but not for long. Adam was caught and bowled for no score.

Of the remaining batsmen, only Ingleburn's Ardil Domingo bothered the scorers. Ardil scored 39 runs after watching Scott Coyte get caught off the Bears spinner for 49.

The Ghosts finished with 217 runs on a pitch that gave the Ghosts bowlers a little glimmer of hope for the afternoon session.

The Ghosts bowling attack started without their strike weapon Scott Coyte, who moments before the start of play had been placed on standby for evenings Big Bash League game for Sydney Thunder. Adhering to Thunder's instructions not to bowl and to remain fresh, Scott withdrew himself from the Ghosts attack.

The rest of the bowlers toiled hard but failed to go through the North Sydney top order before they had scored runs. Nathan Brain took 2 wickets as the Bears passed the Ghosts total 5 wickets down finishing with 5/218.

Fortunately for the Ghosts the three sides above them also lost leaving them in equal 7th position and 7 points out of the top six. With four matches remaining in the competition, the opportunity to chase down the required competition points and finish in the final series is still available.

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At Raby the Ghosts supporters were treated to another tight finish cheering the 2nd Grade home in the last over with only one wicket remaining.

North Sydney scored 9/164 on dry Raby wicket despite the heavy Friday evening downpour. The Ghosts bowled tightly with Michael Baker finishing with 3/24 off 10 overs and spinner Abdul Kherkhah 2/18 off 9 overs.

Tyler Edwards led the run chase scoring 39 runs whilst Jayden Simmons scored 33 at the top end of the Ghosts order. As others contributed along the way the wickets also fell. The last pair of Ghosts batsmen, Abdul Kherkhah and Mitchell McGrath held their nerve and scored the 12 runs required after the ninth wicket fell. The locals finished 9/165 and winners.

The Ghosts third grade had another close win for the day on North Sydney Oval #2. The Ghosts scored 170 and then rolled the Bears for 167. Skipper Anthony George scored 43 not out, Russell Gascoigne 36 and young Max Moran 28 in forming the basis of the Ghosts total.

In the afternoon session Nathan Hill continued his impressive season taking 3/40 and was well supported by Jaydon Hankin 2/21 and Reece Stoneham 2/22 in dismissing the Bears for the win.

Fourth grade turned up at Raby to discover a heavily soaked Raby # 2 from the overnight rain. After great perseverance for the Raby ground staff Fourth grade managed to start a 28 over a side game at 2.50pm.

North Sydney scored 8/144 and the Ghosts fell short finishing with 8/127. Jeremy McCall and Jamie Malskaitis took 2 wickets each with Nick Trethewy scoring 27 runs and Tom Johnson 22 runs contributing in the shortened match.

Fifth grade, who were second place going into this round, were surprisingly well beaten. The Bears scored 9/233 with the Ghosts managing 161 in reply. A Braedyn Evans half century was a highlight.

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