

INTER ASSOCIATION COMPETITION TEAM REPORTS

The 2025/26 season was another outstanding year for the Parramatta representative program across the Cricket NSW Youth Championships, Presidents' Cup competition, and the District Cricket Association Martin Shield (Open Age).

The Representative Committee, led by Paul Guimelli, Justin Isaacs, and Abhi Shah, once again did an outstanding job managing the program throughout the season. Their volunteer efforts included organising trials, arranging apparel and practice matches, appointing coaching and team staff, and overseeing all aspects of the representative season. Their dedication and commitment are greatly appreciated by all players, families, supporters, and members of Parramatta District Cricket Association. Parramatta proudly secured the prestigious NSW Youth Championships Club Championship title for the third time, highlighting the continued strength and success of the representative program.

A number of teams achieved outstanding results during the season:

U14 Moore Shield – Champions

U15 Weblin Shield – Champions

U14 Division 2 Anthony Neale Cup – Champions

Girls U13 Mollie Dive Shield – Champions

U15 Weblin Shield – U15 State Champions

These achievements reflect the hard work and commitment shown by players, coaches, managers, and families throughout the year. All representative players wore the Parramatta colours with pride and represented the district with distinction throughout the season. Their conduct, commitment, and sportsmanship reflected the high standards of the representative program and are a credit to themselves, their coaches, and the leadership of Paul, Justin and Abhi who continue to guide and strengthen cricket within the district.

NSW YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION REPORTS

C. S. WATSON SHIELD Under 17

Parramatta Gold Watson Shield

Report pending

Parramatta Blue Watson Shield

It gives me great pleasure to present the annual report for the PDCA U17 Watson Shield team for the 2025–26 season. This season has been a journey filled with dedication, growth, team spirit, jubilation, heart breaks and strong performances that saw our team finish in the top of the table of our pool—a testament to the hard work, team spirit and commitment of every player involved.

Our team this season was full of big talents, but the success of the team was because of strong unity and discipline throughout the season. Unfortunately, one bad day in the first knockout match brought our campaign to a premature end.

Unlike the previous season, the team could not train together due to non-availability of players and workload management owing to playing NSW premier cricket. However, I thank all the players for their unwavering fighting spirit, sportsmanship, and the enthusiasm they brought to every game. They enjoyed the success of their team mates and supported each other during their failures. As a coach I couldn't ask more from a team.

A special note of gratitude goes to all the parents for your constant encouragement, timely support, and for being the team's biggest cheerleaders both on and off the field. Your commitment made a world of difference in the team's overall experience.

Finally, **Krupa Shah**, no amount of platitudes is enough when it comes to her team management skills. Right from ensuring that the players are hydrated, to ensuring they ate well, to her flawless coordination, attention to detail, and tireless efforts ensured that the rep season was thoroughly enjoyable for the parents and players.

A special note of thanks for **Mark Garner and Chirag Balani** for helping me with the coaching.

As I reflect on this season's successes and lessons, I look ahead with optimism for even greater achievements in the future.

Round1:

Bye

Round 2:

A fantastic start for the season, playing at Merrylands Oval, the top three Advik, Ansh and Aniket put together 270 runs. With Advik scoring 122*, Ansh 58 and Aniket 70, helped us post a commanding total of 302 against Northern Districts. Advik and Aniket backed up their batting with good performances in fielding and bowling. Finally, it was Srujan's 2 quick wickets that killed the game and got us home.

Round 3:

Won a well fought game against Hornsby. Bowling first, Sharvil Shah, showed us what experience and skill can bring to the table. Playing his second year of Watson Shield, he controlled the pace of the game very well, he was frugal and threatening at the same time, Atharva bowled an extraordinary spell of fast bowling, creating a lot of chances. Srujan got a couple of wickets again. The bowling overall was very disciplined and penetrative as 8 bowlers got wickets. After restricting Hornsby for 171, we chased it off with 10 overs to spare. Advik scored 38 and Thomas Humphreys scored 41*. Tom and Sharvil stitched an important 44 run partnership for the 7th wicket to ensure an important win.

Round 4:

Playing a strong Manly team at Monty Bennett, we started on the back foot, conceding a quick 66 run opening partnership. It looked ominous at 125 for 1. Josh Garner took charge and got the key wickets of Manly, he finished with a 4fer. Advik joined the party and got a 3fer. Still chasing an

imposing 261, we had yet another 50 run opening standing. While Advik took it deep until the 49th over with his calculated 114, his second century of the competition, it was Aniket's fiery yet measured knock of 77* that destroyed the Manly hopes.

Round 5:

Playing against a strong Parramatta Gold team, we put our best foot forward. Our bowlers were on the dot aided by fantastic fielding effort. Thomas Humphreys got his first wicket for Parramatta Reps, and he got the danger man Jayden. Guhan Manimaran bowled a fantastic spell, Josh Garner was at his usual best getting a couple of wickets, and Aniket probably took the catch of the tournament of his own bowling. Chasing a target of 146, we coasted to a 9 wicket win with Advik and Aniket scoring half centuries.

Round 6:

A tough game in a challenging surface against Maitland. Batting first Ansh Lad and Advik put on a century partnership. Ansh got out after a well made 46, Advik took it deep and got out on 98. We finished with a par score of 219. Maitland had a great start, cruising to 118 for 1. Aniket came up with the best bowling spell of his junior cricket by getting a 5fer, all his 5 wickets were clean bowleds. He bowled in the right areas for that pitch. He was ably supported by Krish Balani and Srujan. Advik got another couple of wickets. We won a close game by a margin of 17 runs. Aniket finished it off with two back-to-back wickets.

Round 7:

Coalfields forfeited the game. It was disappointing as we were not able to control out net run rate, however the result meant we ended up at the top of our pool.

Qualifying Finals:

We faced Manly again, after winning the toss and electing to bat, skipper Advik got out for a duck of the first ball of the game, Manly kept the pressure on by getting regular wickets. Arhan Shah, one of the Junior stars of Parramatta cricket, until that day had a very subdued season. That was due to his injuries and rehab, he found form when it really mattered. He scored a very important half century, and with the support of Sharvil and Aniket, he took the team to a respectable total. Defending just 151, we struggled to get early wickets despite a fantastic opening spell by Guhan. Josh was at his usual best getting 2/25 of his 10 overs. Manly chased the total off in 40 overs.

We had some brilliant individual performances with Advik getting the Player of the Tournament award for his 400+ runs and 9 wickets, Aniket's extraordinary feats with both bat and ball, Josh's off-spinning masterclass along with his fielding and good starts by Ansh Lad and so on. However, what defined the journey of this team was how well they jelled, quite a few players of the team played rep cricket for the first time. The senior boys took the younger ones under their wings, and never let them feel overwhelmed. Srujan, is a great find of the season, with his attitude and consistent performances, he can win games next season for Parra.

I am extremely proud of these boys who demonstrated the true power of leadership, teamwork, and resilience.

Ajithkumar (PDCA U17 Watson Shield Coach 2025-26)

MARGARET PEDEN SHIELD Under 15 girls

Parramatta Red Peden Shield

The 2025/2026 season was a rewarding one for the Parramatta Red team who competed in the U15 Margaret Peden competition.

This year, we fielded a notably young team, many of whom were given the opportunity to compete in the Margaret Peden competition for the first time in addition to U13 Mollie Dive. Stepping up to this level presented its challenges, particularly as the team faced stronger, more experienced opponents on a consistent basis. However, the players rose to the occasion with determination and enthusiasm. One of the most valuable aspects of the season was the opportunity for these young athletes to play on turf, an experience that significantly contributed to their technical and tactical development.

Round 1

In Round 1, the team faced a strong Sutherland St George side. Chasing a challenging total of 150 in a T20 format, the team approached the innings with determination and resilience and Parramatta Red showed great composure with the bat finishing on 7/81 from 20 overs. With the bat, Avni Kannan led the scoring with 25 runs, well supported by Smrti Riya Mathan (15 runs) and Iiyala Krishnasamy (15 runs), as the team worked together to build partnerships against a strong bowling attack. Overall, it was an encouraging start, with the girls showing patience, teamwork, and growing confidence in their first turf match at this level.

Round 2

Round 2 was a closely contested match against Blacktown Warriors Gold, with Parramatta Red delivering a strong all-round performance. The team set the tone early with an excellent bowling display. With the ball, Smrti Riya Mathan was absolutely outstanding, claiming 2 wickets for just 12 runs from 8 overs at a miserly economy rate of 1.50, also bowling 3 maidens, a truly match-winning spell that kept the opposition firmly under pressure throughout the innings.

With the bat, Avni Kannan was the standout performer, top-scoring with a brilliant 60 runs off 93 balls including 9 fours, showing great composure and determination at the crease. Aradhya Rana also contributed nicely with 18 runs, while Iiyala Krishnasamy chipped in with a handy 16. Behind the stumps, Sri Lakshmi played a crucial role, contributing to two sharp run-outs.

Round 3 – Bye

Round 4

Following a well-deserved bye in Round 3, the team returned in Round 4 to face a challenging MWJCA GU15 MP Blue side. Chasing 135, the girls showed great fighting spirit, finishing their 20 overs on 8/62. With the bat, Zainab Tahir was the standout performer, scoring a boundary-laden 25 off just 33 balls, displaying excellent aggression and timing at the crease. In the field, Sri Lakshmi Suryanashika Peddada was absolutely brilliant behind the stumps, demonstrating sharp reflexes to take three crucial catches. With the ball, Jasmeh Kaur led the attack beautifully, picking up two important wickets, while Lekisha Kannan also claimed a vital breakthrough to keep the team competitive.

Round 5

Round 5 saw the team take on North Shore Blue Peden Shield in a T20 clash. Despite a tough first innings where the opposition posted 2/140, the Parramatta Red girls responded with great character to finish their 20 overs on 9/68. Aria Kochhar displayed immense patience and skill with the bat, top-scoring and retiring out on a very well-made 29 from 29 balls. She was wonderfully supported by Avni Kannan, who added a solid 21 runs to the total. With the ball, Smrti Riya Mathan and Iyila Krishnasamy continued to bowl with excellent discipline, each being rewarded with a well-deserved wicket for their efforts.

Round 6

Round 6 marked a phenomenal turning point for the team as they secured a commanding victory against South Eastern Peden Shield in a One Day format. The girls delivered a masterclass in bowling and fielding, completely restricting the opposition and bowling them out for just 83. Iyila Krishnasamy was incredibly economical, bowling 10 overs with 3 maidens to claim 2 wickets for a mere 10 runs. Smrti Riya Mathan and Nishka Mehta were equally destructive, tearing through the batting line-up to claim three and two wickets respectively, keeping the pressure relentlessly high. Chasing the low total, the team approached the innings sensibly, reaching the target comfortably with only two wickets down. Avni Kannan set the foundation with a solid 19, while Jasmeh Kaur and Lekisha Kannan showed great composure to remain not out and guide Parramatta Red to a brilliant 8-wicket win.

Round 7

The team finished their campaign on a massive high in Round 7 with a thrilling victory over U15 Inner West-Canterbury West. Batting first, Parramatta Red posted a highly competitive 10/119, anchored by a remarkably patient and mature innings of 39 off 114 balls from Avni Kannan. She was well supported by Zainab Tahir and Lekisha Kannan, who both chipped in with a crucial 15 runs. Defending the total, the bowling unit put on a spectacular show to bowl the opposition out for 87. Nishka Mehta was the undisputed star of the innings, delivering an unforgettable and match-winning spell to claim an incredible 5-wicket haul. She was brilliantly supported by Avni Kannan in the field, who took three sharp catches, while Smrti Riya Mathan and Iyila Krishnasamy claimed two wickets each to seal a fantastic and memorable victory.

Throughout the season, the team demonstrated steady improvement, building confidence with each match. Their willingness to learn, support one another, and embrace challenges was evident and commendable. The experience gained this year will undoubtedly serve as a strong foundation for future success. The growth in confidence, skill, and teamwork among the players has set a positive trajectory for the years ahead.

Parramatta Gold Peden Shield

The 2025/26 season has been a fantastic journey for the Parramatta U15 Margaret Peden team, showcasing a group of talented and dedicated young players.

We started the season strongly with a win against Campbelltown CC in a T20 match. Chasing a target of 86, the team reached the total in just 13.4 overs, with excellent contributions from Kamakshi (29* not out) and Vashnavi (37).

Parramatta continued momentum in Round 2 with a comfortable victory over Fairfield. Bowling first, Fairfield posted 79 runs. Our girls chased the target in 22.3 overs, losing only three wickets. Aishleen unbeaten 39, supported by Holly Smith with 27*.

Round 3 proved challenging facing Blacktown, with competitive total of 170, we fell short at 124. Kamakshi played strong scoring 57, while Kaya with the ball, taking 3 wickets.

The team had a bye in Round 4 but bounced back strongly in Round 5 with a T20 win against Manly Red. Parramatta scored 119, restricting Manly to 54/8 in their 20 overs. Michelle Pham delivered an outstanding bowling performance, claiming 3 wickets.

Our winning form continued in Round 6 against North Shore Maroon. They posted 149/6 in 50 overs. Parramatta chased down the target in just 18.3 overs, finishing at 150/3. Kaya scored a brilliant 67, while Aishleen remained unbeaten on 71.

In Round 7, Penrith set a target of 145 bowled out, Parramatta chased it successfully in 24 overs, losing five wickets. Kaya with 77* not out, supported by Aishleen's 31.

With only one loss in the season, Parramatta finished 4th on the table and qualified for the semi-finals. We were set to face top-placed Blacktown. Unfortunately, the semi-final was washed out due to rain without a single ball being bowled. As Blacktown finished higher on the ladder, they progressed to the Grand Final.

Throughout the season, the players consistently gave their best, with great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. The team benefited excellent leadership by Aishleen Gir, with strong support from Assistant Coach Lucy Wilson and Manager Leane Culnane.

We extend our sincere thanks to PDCA for providing this wonderful opportunity for both players and coaches. A big thank you also goes to all the volunteers and parents for their continuous support and efforts throughout the season.

Coach: Suresh Madala

Assistant Coach: Lucy Wilson

Manager: Lee-Anne Culnane

Captain: Aishleen Gir

E. G. WEBLIN SHIELD Under 15

Under 15 Weblin Shield 2025-26 Undefeated Premiers and State Champions

What a wonderful season for these young men having gone so close in the previous years to winning but falling short the boys this year learnt from that heartache and produced some quality cricket to comprehensively win the Weblin Shield.

A huge thank you the Raj our manager for making our season run smoothly and to the parents for their support and fantastic lunches. To the boys this is a great achievement that I hope you will look back on with fond memories in years to come.

Round 1

Campbelltown 10-133 defeated by Parramatta 0-134

Girish Gangatharan 4/19, Arjun Mutyala 3/23, Ronav Aparajit 49*, Juhith Rajesidhiraju 60*

Round 2

Canterbury Wests 87 defeated by Parramatta 1-90

Arjun Mutyala 3/16, Reyansh Sharma 3/12, Reyansh Sharma 71*(29)

Round 3

Parramatta 287 defeated Fairfield-Liverpool 159

Juhith Rajesidhiraju 69, Aryan Ambardar 46, Reyansh Sharma 5/37

Round 4

St George 8-126 Defeated by Parramatta 5-243

Ethan Natkunamanickam 107, Reyansh Sharma 57, Girish Gangatharan 3/5

Round 5

Parramatta 3-317 defeated North Shore 167

Ronav Aparajit 104*, Reyansh Sharma 105, Ethan Natkunamanickam 78

Round 6

Parramatta 7-212 defeated Hawksbury 182

Ronav Aparajit 72, Juhith Rajesidhiraju 58, Girish Gangatharan 4/12, Aryan Ambardar 3/31

Round 7

Manly Warringah 7-206 defeated by Parramatta 8-209

Defending a small total and with Manly cruising the boys held their nerve and were superbly captained by Ethan for what was the win that gave the boys the belief they were good enough.

Ronav Aparajit 85, Aryan Ambardar 52

Quarter Final

Parramatta 166 defeated Hornsby Ku-ring-gai 146

A nail-biting win defending a small total with all bowlers doing their job.

Ethan Natkunamanickam 39 and a valuable 20 from Saathvik Dornala at the end which ultimately helped secure the win. Ethan Natkunamanickam 0-20 off 10 A real captain's performance from Ethan in this game.

Semi Final

Parramatta 6-211 defeated Sutherland 9-207

Kayaan Patel 2-26, Ethan 2-28 off 10 Reyansh Sharma 100*(80) and Juhith Rajesidhiraju 40

After missing the previous 3 games Rey came back and repaid the boys by scoring a brilliant 100, chasing the total with 10 overs to spare.

Grand Final

Parramatta 2-137 defeated Manly Warringah 136 off 46 overs

The boys kept their best to last there was not going to be a repeat of last year. They were ready confident and executed when it counted most.

Ethan Natkunamanickam 4-23 off 10, Juhith Rajesidhiraju 2/2 Ronav Aparajit 50*, Ethan Natkunamanickam 55.

Ethan was named man of the final which was richly deserved for a fantastic month of cricket

State Championship

Parramatta 3-90 defeated Hunter Valley 89

The icing on the cake a fantastic result for the boys.

Girish 5-21, Xavier Parsons, 2-22 Juhith Rajesidhiraju 28, Reyansh Sharma 20*

Thank you to all the boys for making this such a great season. All best on your cricketing journey no matter where it may take you.

Wayne and Gordo.

UNDER 15 Division 2

Below is the report for the 15-2 season. Thanks again for your support during the season.

Squad:

Nicholas Boulter, Ethan Cobb, Yatin Dhankher, Brendan Dinesh, Kritthik Kamalanathan (vc), Sparsh Kini, Arnav Koirala (c), Prajesh Prakash, Roshan Rajesh, Hitansh Sehgal, Darsh Shah, Aarush Sharma, Maaz Khan Tareen

Round 1: Hornsby

Yatin started our season with a bang, making a dominant 92 from 54, hitting 13 fours and 3 sixes. The opposition failed to contain him, with boundaries flowing to all parts of the ground. He was supported by Hitansh's watchful 32, and by Prajesh and Sparsh with a 40run partnership for the 10th wicket. Our 284 was the highest total of the opening round. With a strong wind swirling around Turramurra Park, pace bowlers from both sides struggled to find their line, and almost 100 wides were bowled in the match. Our spinners were the difference, with Prajesh (4/36) and Brendan (2/32) leading us to a comfortable victory.

Round 2: Northern District

I struggle to explain what happened to our batting in this match. My theory is we saw the standard set in the first round, and batting first here, wanted desperately to replicate it. But there was much tighter bowling from the opposition, and a much slower outfield at Morgan Power, and we failed to adjust our batting to the conditions. There were some nervy moments for the opposition as we made some breakthroughs trying to defend our low total, but ultimately, we didn't have enough on the board to apply enough pressure. Our only poor game in an otherwise good season.

Round 3: Blacktown

Blacktown chose to bat first in what looked like ideal batting conditions at Hanshaw Oval. We managed to restrict them to 265, which felt very gettable, thanks to some economical bowling from Kritthik (1/33 off 10), Brendan (2/41 off 10) and Nick (0/14 off 5), and good work behind the sticks by Roshan with three stumpings. Yatin (64 off 59) and Kritthik (43 off 79) got us off to a great start with a 90 run opening stand, followed by a superb innings by Arnav, 72 off 63. We found ourselves needing 25 off the last two overs. Maaz did what Maaz does best and took 15 off the penultimate

over with some great hitting, leaving us needing just 10 off the final over. We fell just five short with some disciplined bowling from the opposition. What an exciting finish, and despite being a loss, it felt like we were the equal of the best in the comp.

Round 4: Fairfield

Having a synthetic pitch for a home ground meant ringing opposition coaches and managers in the lead up to every home game to see if they could find a turf pitch in their region to play on. The one time we were successful was against Fairfield and it was an interesting experience to say the least. The pitch had been heavily used, with uneven grass cover, cracks everywhere, and large broken areas on the popping creases. A good toss to win, we sent the opponent in to get an idea of the challenge ahead. Pick of the bowlers was Arnav, taking 3/25 off 10. To give you an idea of how much it was turning, he's a leg spinner and 10 of those 25 runs conceded were wides from the excessive turn. The umpires would later tell me that all of the players will now understand when they hear about a pitch turning square, because this one definitely was. Assisted by Nick with 2/20 and Darsh with 2/16, the opposition shut up shop and focused on survival, putting up just 145 in their 50 overs. Shout out to Roshan with three catches behind the stumps in tough conditions for a keeper due to the unpredictable bounce. At 2/35 in reply, we were staring down a repeat of round 2. Thankfully Ethan and Hitansh put on a patient display of batting in difficult conditions, with a 50 partnership, while keeping the run rate over 4. They showed that 200+ was possible on this pitch with smart running and strike rotation. As the storm clouds built, Maaz came in and upped the ante, hitting a couple of towering sixes. With an unbeaten 60 run partnership, Maaz (37* off 35) and Ethan (33* off 98) got us over the line with 15 overs to spare, just as the rain started to bucket down. A good win on a difficult pitch.

Round 5: Manly

When we arrived at Seaforth, it was sprinkling with the kind of "rain" you'd never stop a game for. Many are the quirks of cricket however, and of course we can't start the game until the rain is completely stopped. Running cricket matches makes us all rain radar experts, and we were convinced that it wouldn't be long before there was a gap in the rain and we could get underway. Both teams wanted to play, so we waited for hours hoping it would stop. The two teams got together and played a "test match" with a tennis ball in the pavilion to pass the time. I don't have any stats for the game, but I'm reliably informed that Parra won.

Just as the bat flip was happening for the "second test", the umpires called an official toss at 1:45pm. The covers had done their job, the pitch looked fine, and were on for a 27 over game. The rain started again in the first over, but everyone was unmoved. We had waited this long, and everyone was determined to get the game finished. Despite the weather, the pitch was behaving nicely, and we were happy to have restricted the opponent to 119 in their 27 overs. Sparsh was the highlight of the attack, taking 4/17, including a double wicket maiden. He was well supported by a threatening, economical opening spell by Darsh with 0/12 off 4, and a great couple of overs of death bowling from Nick, taking 1/10, bowling the last and third last overs when they were trying to throw everything they could at it. In reply, Kritthik carried the bat with a match winning knock of 43* off 55, hitting the gaps and keeping the scoreboard ticking. The opposition seemed oddly confident, but we were ahead of the required rate in all but one over, and knew we had plenty of batting left in the sheds. Maaz let us go home early with an imperious 35* off 16, including four sixes, and we chased the target easily with more than 5 overs to spare.

Round 6: Hurricanes

With heavy rain overnight, and patches of long grass in the outfield, Morgan Power was going to be even slower than it was in round 2. We lost the toss, were sent in, and at 3/19, we were haunted by memories of our round 2 loss at this ground. Arnav and Ethan patiently took control of the game, not getting frustrated by the slow conditions, and taking runs when they were available. They batted together for nearly 30 overs, with a 68-run partnership off 167 balls. Then in the 40th over, at 5/94, the rain came hammering down. It wasn't a light shower either, and we grew concerned that our patience would be for nothing without a chance to accelerate in the final overs. Once the rain stopped, we had a crew of parents and players with blowers and brooms to try to make this pitch playable again without losing too many overs. After some time, the umpires agreed to a 47 over match. Prior to the resumption, coach Krish set them a goal of 130. I will admit to laughing when he told me that, but with water still splashing up off the pitch, Ethan, Roshan, and Nick, accelerated and put on nearly a run a ball for the last 7 overs to give us a defendable 133. Nice one coach. Ethan's unbeaten 44 off 121, which would certainly have been a half century on a normal cricket ground, was a display of patience, followed by the ability to shift through the gears when it mattered. With one of the bowlers run ups still soaking wet, our bowling depth came to the fore, as we were able to keep spin on from one end. It took us a while to find the first wicket, although it always felt like it was coming. Darsh, Prajesh, and Sparsh kept it tight, forcing the batters to take risks, and I counted at least four missed run out opportunities. Prajesh was unlucky not to have a couple of wickets as chances came and were missed. Finally, a direct hit run out by Maaz broke the drought. From there, the opposition lost 10/28, with great bowling performances from Nick (3/10), Kritthik (2/6 off 9), and Brendan (2/2) in particular. A big bonus point win to cap off the season.

Semi Final?

Unfortunately, not. It's rough to come third, with growing confidence after some good wins in tough conditions, only to miss out on a chance at a meaningful final series. Cricket NSW have already announced that next season's version of this division will have semi-finals, which is a good decision, but unfortunate for this playing group, who were in form and developing a good understanding of each other's game. In the first of the consolation T20 games, we played Northern District and got our revenge. We chased down their total with a couple of overs to spare, thanks to Yatin carrying the bat with 61* off 54 and Maaz teeing off again with 34 off 19. In the second game against Sutherland, we mixed it up a bit and failed to put together a defendable total. There was plenty of excitement in the attempt though, with a great spell of bowling from Kritthik taking 4/9 off 4 overs. Overall, despite falling four runs short of a grand final appearance, it was a strong season of exciting, competitive cricket, played by a mature and respectful group who love the game.

Stephen Cobb, Manager
Krish Kamalanathan, Coach

HAROLD MOORE SHIELD Under 14

The season began with another strong and productive pre-season, featuring several trial matches that ensured the squad was well-prepared for the challenges ahead. A major highlight for the players was the transition to turf wickets this year, which brought a new level of excitement and challenge that the team embraced enthusiastically.

We opened the season in Round 1 against Camden with an impressive all-round performance, posting 204 runs before bowling the opposition out for 130 to secure a convincing win.

Round 2 saw us face C&WSCA at McCredie, where we again performed strongly with the bat, reaching 214. A standout moment came with Lucas Karam scoring his maiden century, finishing unbeaten on 115*. Despite this exceptional effort, we narrowly missed out on victory as the opposition chased down the target in the 48th over.

Rather than discouraging the team, this loss became a turning point in our season. It strengthened our resolve and unity, and from that moment on, we remained undefeated through the remainder of the regular season, ultimately finishing at the top of the table.

Heading into the finals with confidence and the advantage of playing at home, the team continued its strong form. In the quarter-final, we delivered a dominant bowling performance to dismiss Sutherland for just 82, comfortably chasing the target in the 25th over.

The semi-final against Manly proved another disciplined effort, with us posting 149 runs and then bowling them out for 103 to secure our place in the grand final.

The grand final presented an opportunity for redemption against C&WSCA, the only side to have defeated us during the season. In a high-quality match, Emmett Parsons rose to the occasion, scoring his maiden century with a superb 107. This outstanding innings guided us to a total of 248, giving the team great confidence heading into the field. Our bowlers and fielders responded brilliantly, restricting the opposition to 168 and securing a well-deserved victory.

Being crowned winners of the Moore Shield was a tremendous achievement and a testament to the hard work, resilience, and teamwork displayed throughout the season.

This success qualified us for the State Championship, where we faced Lake Mac Attack. Our bowlers once again set the tone, with Dylan Paskaranathan delivering an exceptional spell that included a hat-trick, helping to restrict the opposition to 159. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, the run chase fell just short at 156. While this result was disappointing, it does not diminish what has been an outstanding season.

We are incredibly proud of the team's achievements, particularly in securing the Moore Shield. A sincere thank you goes to PDCA for their ongoing support, organisation, and the opportunities they provide for our players to compete and develop at a high level.

We also extend a heartfelt thank you to all our families, whose ongoing support, commitment, and encouragement are the backbone of this team. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of players and a strong, supportive community around us. As we look ahead to next season, we do so with great confidence and an even stronger desire to continue improving and achieving success.

Coach – Steven Karam

Manager – Laura Karam

ANTHONY NEALE CUP Under 14 Division 2

In preparation for the 2025–26 season, PDCA organised pre-season trial matches which gave us an opportunity to identify individual and collective strengths as well as target areas of need. One area of need identified was our fielding and this became a significant focus during pre-season training.

Our team, having only lost one game in the previous three representative seasons (and facing a bye in round 1), was more than ready to go when they met the Hurricanes in Round 2. We knew this local derby and the following game against Manly (Round 3) would be critical if we were going to have any chance of winning the competition. Fortunately, we were able to overcome both opponents and our pre-season preparations were acknowledged by Manly who complimented the boys by saying “it was the best fielding they had seen from a Parramatta team!”.

The next three rounds saw us play teams in the bottom half of the draw, all hungry for success and keen to knock us over. Our performances against both Fairfield-Liverpool (round 4) and Inner West Harbour (round 6) could be best described as ‘clinical’ (despite some fielding errors); sandwiched between these two victories was a washout against Northern Districts (round 5).

With only four games under our belt and without losing a game, we topped the table and were scheduled to play Blacktown in the final. Blacktown had played almost all their round games on turf and we had not managed to play one! Thanks to the efforts of PDCA and Guildford Leagues who made McCredie Park available to us, we were able to decline Blacktown’s very kind offer to host the final.

Parramatta won the toss and elected to bat. Some good, accurate bowling on the McCredie turf meant we had a slow but steady start to the innings managing 1/72 after 24 overs (RR3.0). However, a few quick wickets meant we were 3-72 at the 25 over mark! Subsequent batters managed to maintain and then increase the run rate but at the cost of several wickets. Some good running between the wickets at the death enabled us to reach 168 in the 50 th over before all batters were dismissed.

In reply, Blacktown made a steady start but had been restricted by the tight Parramatta bowling to reach 0-65 after 21 overs (RR 3.10). The following over brought the first wicket (1/67) but Blacktown steadied again and were 1/91 after 33 overs (RR 2.76). As Blacktown sought to lift the run rate, the wickets fell one after the other. Over the next 11 overs, Blacktown collapsed, surrendering 9 wickets for a mere 31 runs to be all out in the 44 th over (10-122). Parramatta’s patience and persistence was ultimately rewarded in what turned out to be an emphatic victory. As commented by the umpires during the presentation after the game, the match was an exhibition in good fielding and was played in good spirits with both teams being commended. The umpires singled out Maahir Desai for his excellent running between the wickets at the back end of Parramatta innings and the Parramatta Captain, Sam Hendry, was praised for his constant encouragement, particularly when Blacktown were cruising. The “man of the match” performance, however, went to Arsh Raina for his bowling performance of 6-22! This team has now only lost one game in four successful seasons. Congratulations Parramatta.

A brief summary of the results and highlights from each game are given below:

Round 1: BYE

Round 2: Parramatta (10/177) vs NWS Hurricanes (10/105)
Batting: Shaurya Subnis 44 (65), Tharun Suthakaran 31 (50)
Bowling: Akshith Reddy Boreddy 4/14 (7), Shaurya Subnis 2/3 (4)
Notable fielding: Manan Navlakha (2 catches)

Round 3: Manly (7/126) vs Parramatta (4/127)
Batting: Aaryan Mehta 47* (108), Kevon G Weerapperuma 27 (68), Sam Hendry 16* (42)
Bowling: Arsh Raina 3/30 (10)
Notable fielding: Tanmay Yerramsetty (run out)

Round 4: Parramatta (7/233) vs Fairfield-Liverpool (10/58)
Batting: Rochishnu Yerramsetty 55* (64), Tanmay Yerramsetty 46 (76), Tharun Suthakaran 29 (40), Maahir Desai 22 (32), Arsh Raina 17* (22)
Bowling: Adish Shetty 2/1 (3), Sam Hendry 2/2 (4), Kevon G Weerapperuma 2/3 (5)
Notable fielding: Sam Hendry and Aaryan Mehta (2 catches each); Girvan Rohan, Adish Shetty, Aaryan Mehta and Kevon G Weerapperuma (one run- out each).

Round 5: Parramatta vs Northern Districts
Abandoned due to rain

Round 6: Parramatta (5/190) vs Inner West Harbour (9/69)
Batting: Rochishnu Yerramsetty 102 (110), Akshith Reddy Boreddy 30 (51), Aaryan Mehta 21* (36), Kevon G Weerapperuma 20 (44).
Bowling: Arsh Raina 2/4 (5), Maahir Desai 2/8 (4), Girvan Rohan 1/4 (5)
Notable fielding: Manan Navlakha (2 catches), Tharun Suthakaran (stumping), Sam Hendry (run out)

Grand Final: Parramatta (10/168) vs Blacktown (10/122)
Batting: Adish Shetty 29 (81), Tanmay Yerramsetty 36 (62), Kevon G Weerapperuma 21 (55), Maahir Desai 18* (18), Shaurya Subnis 16 (17) Sam Hendry 15 (13)
Bowling: Arsh Raina 6/22 (8.3), Aaryan Mehta 2/7 (4)
Notable fielding: Maahir Desai (2 catches) and Tharun Suthakaran, Sam Hendry, Kevon G Weerapperuma and Tanmay Yerramsetty (one run out each)

It is not possible to have a successful season without the support of many people. Firstly, thank you to all the parents for their assistance at training and game day preparations. Thank you to the Parramatta District Cricket Association for their organisation and support as well as our club sponsors. Lastly, it was an absolute pleasure to coach and manage such a talented group of fine young men and fine young cricketers - good luck as you further your club and representative cricket careers.

Regards,
Rohan Kesavaram, Coach
Adam Hendry, Manager

MOLLIE DIVE SHIELD Under 13 girls

Playing Squad:

Matilda Fleeting, Michelle Pham, Aradhya Rana, Jasmine Sutharshan, Avni Kannan, Lekisha Kannan, Firdous Fatima, Iiyala Krishnasamy, Allira Bulathsinghala, Shanaya Sharma, Smrti Riya Mathan, Chloe Wasalage, Aditi Gupta

Coaches: Jake Gunns and Adam Ward

Managers: Kaushal Rana

What a season it was from the Mollie Dive squad. This year myself and Adam were a part of the set up from the start and could tell from the start that these girls all got along with each other and this helps make the task of coaching much easier. All the hard work that the girls put in during the season paid off as they were able to lift the Mollie Dive trophy at the end. Congratulations girls.

Myself and Adam would like to thank Kaushal for his help managing the team throughout the season. His organisation of information to make sure all the parents were up to date made it easier on us so we could focus on the girls and making sure they were good to go on game day. We would also like to thank all of the supporters we had throughout the season from parents to grandparents to brothers/sisters, it was awesome to see that every week

Round 1: Vs. Fairfield-Liverpool @ Liverpool

Our first game of the season against Fairfield arrived and the girls were up for it from the start. Winning the toss and choosing to bat the girls posted a very competitive 5/215. All the girls that batted were able to contribute with the bat. The innings was anchored by Michelle with a very good 79 not out. She was well supported by the other girls with Firdous (31), Avni (24), Lekisha (22) and Aradhya (20) all contributing. The girls were able to back this effort up in the field by restricting Fairfield-Liverpool to 6/126 with Michelle taking 2 wickets and Matilda, Iiyala, Riya and Avni all taking 1 each.

Round 2: Bye

Round 3: Vs. Hornsby @ Merrylands

Our first home game of the season and the girls put in another all round performance again. Batting first again they posted a good total of 3/136 with Avni top scoring with 61 not out and supported by Firdous with 28 not out. This was a very competitive total given that the outfield was thick and not running. The girls were then able to back this up by fielding and bowling well restricting Hornsby to 6/93 with Firdous taking 2 wickets and Michelle, Matilda and Riya all taking 1 each.

Round 4: Vs. Greater Illawarra @ Illawarra

Our furthest away game and last game before the Christmas break. Losing the toss and having to bowl first the girls were made to work in the field. Illawarra managed to bat their 30 overs and post a competitive 6/138 with Shanaya taking 3 wickets and Jasmine, Matilda and Aradhya taking 1 each. The girls definitely didn't let this get to them as they were able to chase the total down in 20 overs with Aradhya top scoring with 70 not out and supported by Michelle 44 not out.

Round 5: Vs. Manly @ Pearce Reserve

Unfortunately, this game was a wash out due to bad storms and rain

Round 6: Vs. Camden @ Camden

Our next away game was brought forward to an 8.30 start due to extreme heat but the girls didn't let this affect them. Winning the toss the girls took advantage of some early morning coolness and dew on the ground restricting Camden to 7/83. This was led by Michelle with 3 wickets, Riya 2 wickets and Matilda and Aditi with 1 each. Chasing a bonus point the girls managed to chase down the score in 16 overs thanks to Aradhya 52 and Avni 20 not out. This result would make sure we were within touching distance of potentially a top 2 finish.

Round 7: Vs. South-Eastern @ Pearce Reserve

With the last rounds of the round robin approaching the girls started to take it up a notch. Once again winning the toss and using the morning dew on the outfield to their advantage the girls restricted South-Eastern to 7/93. Leading the way with the ball this time was Aditi taking 4/14 and Michelle and Riya taking 1 each. The girls were going for a bonus point again here but fell short by a few overs. But the chase was still very good, doing it only 1 down with Avni 39 not out and Allira 26 not out carrying us home.

Round 8: Sutherland-St George @ Sutherland

Our last round robin game before finals and the weather wasn't kind, it looked like our chances of a top 2 finish could be done. That didn't happen though. With the rain slowing down and stopping in time for us to start playing. The rain remained during the game but we kept playing. Batting first the girls managed to post a very good 7/157 thanks to Aradhya 51, Allira 20, Michelle 19 and Avni 17. During our batting we got notified that the Blacktown and North Shore games were both called off meaning a bonus point victory would see us take top spot. The girls were all of a sudden full of energy and even more focused. They took the field ball in hand ready to go. They restricted Sutherland-St George to 7/43 off the 30 overs. Leading the way was Michelle with 2 wickets, liyla, Aditi, Riya and Chloe with 1 each. Bonus point and 1st place achieved.

Quarter Final: Vs. South-Eastern @ Pearce Reserve

A dominant display from the girls in the quarter final after winning the toss and electing to bat first. Even with a dewy outfield in the morning the girls were able to post a very competitive 2/174. The innings was anchored by Avni 68 not out and Aradhya 82 sharing a 162-run opening partnership when Aradhya was out in the 27th over. Backing this up in the field the girls rolled through South-Eastern getting them all out for 25 in 10 overs. Using only 4 bowlers with Michelle taking 3, liyla and Matilda 2 each and Aditi 1.

Semi Final: Vs. Blacktown Gold @ Morgan Power West

Unfortunately for the girls the semi-final had to be played at Morgan Power but this didn't deter the girls either way as they knew they had a job to do. Winning the toss and batting first the girls managed to post a competitive total of 6/84 on a ground that was wet and hadn't been mowed. Top scoring in tough conditions for us was Lekisha 23 and Michelle 22. Once it came our turn to field the girls knew they had to focus and from the first ball they were on when Michelle got a wicket. They were able to restrict Blacktown to 56 with Matilda and Aditi taking 3 each and Chloe and Aradhya also taking a wicket.

Grand Final: Vs. North Shore Maroon @ Pearce Reserve

The big day had come and from the moment the girls arrived they were up for a big game. Losing the toss the girls were asked to bat first and once again the outfield was long and early morning dew was set in. The girls were able to post a competitive 5-120 off their 30 overs. The innings was anchored by Aradhya 31, liyla 29 not out and Lekisha 20. Knowing they had to be on their game the

girls went out with intent. After a few early wickets and reducing North Shore to 5-20 the girls didn't let up and kept applying the pressure with tight fielding and good bowling. In the end the girls rolled North Shore for 40 thanks to Iliya and Aditi 3 wickets each, Matilda 2 and Michelle 1. Congratulations to Iliya for Player of the Match in the final and also a special mention to Matilda who throughout the finals had Rep soccer in the morning and then arrived at the games a bit late but still had the energy to be one of our strike bowlers.

Congratulations girls on being the 2025/26 Mollie Dive champions.

W.S. GEE SHIELD Under 13

The 2025/26 season was a positive and competitive year for the Parramatta U13 Division 1 representative squad. Throughout the season, the team showed strong improvement in skill development, game awareness and teamwork while competing against quality opposition. The team performed strongly during the regular season, winning 5 of the first 7 matches to secure a place in the Quarter Finals. The season concluded with a hard-fought Quarter Final against Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club.

Batting

The batting group improved steadily across the season, showing better composure, shot selection, and partnership building. Players developed confidence in different match situations and contributed to several strong team performances.

Bowling

Bowling was a consistent strength throughout the season. The group worked hard creating pressure and regular wicket opportunities. The bowlers showed good teamwork and continued improvement across the campaign.

Fielding

Fielding standards improved during the season, with players showing strong effort, communication, and energy in the field. The team's attitude and commitment were evident in several important moments throughout the year.

Conclusion

The 2025/26 season was a great year, and the players are proud of their effort, improvement, and commitment throughout the season.

Thank you to PDCA and committee members for their continued support and organisation throughout the season and providing great opportunities for our players to compete, develop and enjoy representative cricket

Thank you, all players, parents, volunteers, and supporters, for their contribution and support during the year.

Coach – Ashwath Krishna

J. H. CREAK SHIELD Under 13 Division 2

Parramatta 13/2 had another fantastic season.

Our Creak Shield team had to wait until round 2 having the bye in round 1. We got off to a good start with a win in a nail-biter against North Shore winning with 5 balls to spare.

The boys continued our momentum going through the regular season undefeated, and straight through to the semi-final after finishing first.

In the Semi we came up against a red-hot Nepean side and unfortunately couldn't get over the line. Next year we will be back stronger.

Arya Bahba topped the batting with 172 runs at an average of 43
Isaac Sajwani took the most wickets, 9 at 15.11.

Thanks to coach Matt Graham and manager Abdul Sajwani for their generous time and efforts with the team, and to all the parents.

ARCH CAWSEY SHIELD Under 12

The new generation of parramatta cricketers had their first crack the representative arena. With the majority of the team playing in the u11 presidents cup team the previous year, hope was high they would push for premiership glory.

The season started off with a bang by chasing down big totals and not losing many wickets. We were coasting at the top of the ladder before late season slump where we lost two out of the last three to finish third in our pool.

We came up against rivals and eventual champions Blacktown in the knockout stages and unfortunately were completely outplayed from the first ball to fall short of our goal.

Stand out performances by Rhys and Sahaan leading with the many scoring 350+ for the season, It was a good season with some memorable moments:

Sahaan 130 not out vs inner west

Rhys and Sahaan 156 run partnership while chasing 180 vs North Shore

Krishiv 41 vs northern district in tough conditions

Thanks to Neeraj for all the help during the season could not have been as successful as we were without you. Thanks to all the parents who helped score and tidy up after game.

Regards
Chad

W. G. FOSTER SHIELD Under 12 Division 2

The team had a combination of rep players who played U11/2 IDCA and new players with a good balance of strong batting and steady bowling. The team was placed in Pool A and finished 7th in overall ladder.

Manager: Neetha

Coach: Sriram Gopalsami

Round 1 vs Blacktown:

Parramatta won the toss and elected to bowl. Blacktown scored 234 in 40 overs on a fast outfield. Parra started steadily and once Ishaan went to bat, he started to hit boundaries with ease. Parra was cruising to victory with Aarav joining the party, but Blacktown came back strongly to win the game by 5 runs as Parra ended with 229.

Round 2 vs Manly:

Parra won the toss and elected to bat. Parra started well but quick wickets put pressure on Parra. Havish and Tanish stitched together a 100-run partnership and putting a strong total of 181 for the bowlers to defend. Every bowler bowled to the field with Ishaan picking up 2 quick wickets to turn the game for a Parra win with Manly finishing with 143/8.

Round 3 vs Northern Districts:

Northern Districts won the toss and elected to bat. Parra bowlers were relentless and bundled the opposition out for 108. While chasing, Havish just kept hitting and the chase was done in 16 overs with loss of 3 wickets.

Round 4 vs Newcastle:

Newcastle won the toss and elected to bowl. Tanish and Narain tried to steady the innings, but Parra crumbled under Newcastle's relentless accuracy and got all out for 79. Bowlers did make early breakthroughs, but Newcastle batters ensured the win with 7 wickets in hand.

Round 5 vs Hornsby:

Hornsby won the toss and elected to bat. Hornsby batted well and finished with 192/5. In return Parra innings staggered and at one stage were 90/8. Ishaan and Aarush stitched together a rescue act eventually Parra lost by 39 runs.

Round 6 BYE

Round 7 vs North Shore

North Shore won the toss and elected to bat on the last league game of the season. Yash bowled well and restricted North Shore to 180/5 when they were aiming for a score above 200. Parra started strongly but couldn't sustain the tempo and finished with 150/6 in 40 overs.

Overall season was good for boys where couple of games gone our way, we would have made the Finals rounds. The boys really put up some spirited performances worthy of the NSW competition and future do look bright.

Thanks once again for the opportunity and looking forward to the next season.

Regards
Sriram Gopalsami

COLIN COOPER CUP Under 11

What a season it was for the Parramatta U11 Boys Div 1 squad! The boys took to the field with energy and enthusiasm right from Round 1, and this year's campaign showed just how much talent and fighting spirit the group has. Starting with two impressive wins to open the season, the squad demonstrated they could compete at the highest level of junior representative cricket. While the mid-season rounds proved challenging — facing some of the competition's strongest sides — the boys never stopped competing and always gave their all for the Parramatta blue and gold.

The season reached its exciting conclusion with a Finals Day double-header, where the squad showed tremendous character — bouncing back from a narrow T20 defeat to SSJCA to claim a brilliant 7-run victory over Hornsby in the second fixture. It was a fitting way to cap off a season full of learning, camaraderie, and cricketing growth. The boys should be extremely proud of their efforts throughout the campaign.

Round 1 — 30 November 2025 | Boronia Park, North St Marys

PARRAMATTA 4/78 vs Nepean DCA 76

What a way to start the season! Parramatta's bowlers came out firing and skittled Nepean DCA for just 76. The standout performer was H Kundu, who produced a devastating spell of 5/8 — a truly exceptional return that ripped through the opposition batting order. A Bedekar complemented him brilliantly with 3/10, meaning Nepean lost wickets at regular intervals and never managed to build a meaningful partnership. The chase was a formality. Parramatta knocked off the runs with 6 wickets in hand, finishing at 4/78. A confident, dominant display to open the season and set the tone for the campaign ahead.

Round 2 — 7 December 2025 | Stringer Road Reserve

PARRAMATTA 167 vs Fairfield-Liverpool 110

Back-to-back wins! This was a complete team performance with bat and ball. A Bhattarai was absolutely magnificent with the bat, striking a superb 76 to anchor the Parramatta innings as the team posted an impressive total of 167. N Alladi stepped up with 3/15 to help the bowling attack dismantle the rest of the order, and Fairfield were bowled out for 110 — giving Parramatta a commanding 57-run victory. Two wins from two; the boys were flying.

Round 3 — 14 December 2025 | Nolans Reserve

PARRAMATTA 76 vs Manly Warringah 2/188

A challenging day at the office against one of the competition's strongest teams. Manly Warringah's top order performed exceptionally well, finishing with an impressive total of 2/188 at the close, setting Parramatta a daunting target. Despite the difficult ask, the boys showed spirit in reply, but were bowled out for 76, losing by 112 runs. These are the kind of contests that build resilience and character — the experience of facing top-quality opposition would prove invaluable later in the season.

Round 4 — 1 February 2026 | Stringer Road Reserve

PARRAMATTA 108 vs Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 8/148

In the first game back after the summer break, Parramatta showed real heart against Hornsby. Hornsby's B White was the match's dominant figure — scoring 60 at the top of the order and then taking 3/19 with the ball. In the chase, A Gokani was Parramatta's standout with 33, but the boys ultimately fell 40 runs short at 108 all out. A competitive match that showed the squad's fight and determination.

Round 5 — 8 February 2026 | Hassall Park

PARRAMATTA 6/110 vs North Shore Blue 4/111

One of the season's tightest and most frustrating results. Parramatta set a competitive total of 6/110 at the compulsory close, doing plenty right with the bat to set North Shore a challenging target. North Shore's M Lloyd, however, played a match-winning knock of 41 to steer the chase, and the visitors reached the target at 4/111 — winning by 6 wickets with just one run to spare. A heartbreaking loss by the narrowest of margins. The boys had done so much right, and in cricket's cruellest fashion, one big knock from the opposition proved the difference. Moments like these make the wins taste even sweeter.

Round 6 — 15 February 2026 | Stringer Road Reserve

PARRAMATTA 8/127 vs SSJCA 5/146

The final round of the regular season saw Parramatta host SSJCA at home. SSJCA's batting partnership of T Laws (61) and Z Willcocks (46) was the difference on the day, combining to give their side a commanding platform of 5/146. It was a total that proved just out of reach. A Mosali led the Parramatta reply with a well-crafted 32, and the boys pushed hard all the way to 8/127 before the innings closed — falling 19 runs short. Despite the loss, the team had done enough over the season to earn its place in the Finals.

Finals — Round 2 | 22 February 2026 | Gannons Park

Finals Day arrived at Gannons Park with a T20 double-header on the cards. The squad faced two back-to-back Twenty20 fixtures — a format that rewards boldness, big hitting, and sharp fielding. The boys embraced the occasion.

Finals Game 1 — PARRAMATTA 1 6/105 vs Hornsby 7/98

What a response! Having just lost a tight T20, the boys turned it around brilliantly in the second fixture. K Kataria came out swinging and top-scored with 42, providing the aggressive start Parramatta needed as they posted 6/105 at the close. Hornsby was eventually bowled out for 98, giving Parramatta a remarkable 7-run victory to conclude the season on a high note. It was a wonderful finish to a memorable campaign — the boys left the ground with huge smiles.

Finals Game 2 — PARRAMATTA 4/102 vs SSJCA 6/104

In the second T20, Parramatta scored a competitive 4/102 by the compulsory close. R Pathipati was the standout, with a steady, commanding innings of 50 that provided a solid foundation for the team. It is a defensible total. SSJCA narrowly secured victory in a tense finish, reaching 6/104 and winning by 4 wickets.

Final Word

This season was a tremendous journey for all involved. The boys grew as cricketers and as teammates, showing resilience in defeat and class in victory. The coaches and parents are

enormously proud of every one of them. We look forward to seeing these young men continue to develop and take the next steps in their cricketing journey. Well done, boys — you represented Parramatta with pride.

Under 11 Division 2

This was the first representative cricket experience for this group of 13 boys. It took time for them to gel and learn how to play to one another's strengths, but their performances in the final two games were a shining example of just how much they learned and improved over the course of the season. The team finished sixth (out of eight) on the regular-season ladder with two wins and four losses, before finishing the season on a high by winning both T20 matches on the final day.

The opening two matches against Fairfield-Liverpool and Camden were losses, with the boys still finding their feet and adjusting to the demands of the 40-over format. Key learnings from these games included the importance of batting with patience and the value of holding on to catches in the field.

The following two matches against Hurricanes and Nepean were both victories, achieved through a similar template: responsible batting up front, strong acceleration in the final five overs to score crucial runs, and disciplined, economical bowling. In both games, an inspired bowling spell proved decisive by breaking the back of the opposition batting line-up.

Although Game 5 against Canterbury ended in a loss, it was an excellent demonstration of the team's fighting spirit. Batting first, the boys played responsibly through the opening 14 overs in wet conditions, planning for a full 40-over contest. However, rain intervened and reduced the match to 23 overs. The team responded superbly, scoring an impressive 43 runs in the final nine overs. With disciplined bowling and sharp fielding, they took the game down to the final over, ultimately losing by the narrowest of margins.

The final round match against table-toppers and eventual premiers Blacktown was also affected by weather but nevertheless provided a valuable all-round learning experience for the group.

The season concluded on a high note with two clinical T20 victories on the final day against Fairfield-Liverpool and Nepean. Across both matches, the team's cricketing potential and skills were on full display, highlighted by disciplined batting, economical bowling, and outstanding fielding efforts from all players. The opening partnerships, sharp bowling performances, and high-quality catching in the field were particularly impressive.

Player highlights of the season –

Aarav Bawari – His two last-wicket partnerships, particularly his excellent running between the wickets, were critical contributions in the two wins against Hurricanes and Nepean. He was also a little unlucky not to pick up a few more wickets with the ball.

Aayansh Anand – His calmness and focused presence on the field were qualities from which the entire group could learn. His innings of 39 against Blacktown—the joint highest individual score of the season—was a fine example of his technical ability and patience.

Aayush Shirahattimath – Easily identifiable in his red undershirt, when fully focused he showed the ability to excel in every facet of the game: playing elegant cover drives, bowling unplayable deliveries, and taking spectacular catches.

Advik Salian – Easily the best fielder in the team, his sharp presence consistently turned half-chances into wickets. As the season progressed, he developed into a reliable opening batter, with notable innings against Canterbury and in the Nepean T20. His absence in the first three games was certainly felt.

Aryash Kapoor – No one brought more joy to the game, both on and off the field, than Aryash. He infused the team with energy and enthusiasm, with the pads staying on for the full 40 overs. He also stepped up at crucial moments throughout the season with both bat and ball.

Aveer Walia – He played the innings of the season with a match-winning 39* against Hurricanes, which delivered the team's first victory. His fielding was consistently reliable, highlighted by several crucial catches, and he always played the game with a smile.

Avirav Chawla – His diving caught-and-bowled dismissal against Hurricanes remains a standout memory of the season. His fighting spirit was best demonstrated by his bowling performances, taking four and three wickets respectively in the two victories.

Awan Jasani – The most improved player of the season, particularly with the gloves. His assured wicket-keeping presence brought calm to the fielding unit and saved crucial runs. He was also another player who consistently played with a smile on his face.

Dheekshadh Balaji – He contributed in every facet of the game. With 15 wickets, he finished as the highest wicket-taker not only for the team, but across the entire competition. His disciplined line and length were exemplary, and he also took important catches and executed impressive run-outs at critical moments to keep the team in games.

Hithesh Sivakumar – A true all-rounder, he was always ready and willing to do whatever was required for the team, including wicket-keeping. His batting provided some of the most exciting moments of the season, with his ability to hit any ball to the boundary.

Vikhyat Ram – A genuine team player, he showed great flexibility by fielding and batting in any position when needed. His cricketing intelligence was on display in the opening game of the season, where he cleverly induced the batter to step out, resulting in a sharp stumping.

Viraaj Singh Bhullar – He consistently took on one of the toughest roles in cricket by opening the batting for the team. His unbeaten 34 against Fairfield-Liverpool on the final day of the season was an outstanding example of his batting ability and the progress he made throughout the campaign.

Viraaj Gajaria [VG] – When he hit top form in the second half of the season, he was unplayable with the ball and explosive with the bat. His batting against Nepean was critical to the win, while his economical bowling against Canterbury nearly carried the team across the line.

A special mention goes to two players—and their parents—who demonstrated outstanding commitment by attending every training session organised throughout the season: Aaravm Bawari and Viraaj Singh Bhullar.

The team was coached by Amit Chawla, with timely and valuable support from Ram Ganesh, and managed by Shantanu Bawari.

Witten by Shantanu Bawari on 1 May 2026

CRICKET NSW LEAGUES

MARTIN SHIELD – Senior Men:

As a captain of PDCA team in Martin Shield, I am thankful to committee for thrusting me with this responsibility. The season was a mixed bag with big promise only to be dampened by the weather. Couple of games were washed out and team finished in 4 th Place.

Round 1 – Abandoned

Round 2 – BYE

Round 3 – Abandoned

Round 4 vs Sutherland:

Parra won the toss and elected to bowl. Sutherland had a bright start and were looking for a big score. Sriram and Jordan Gupta put brakes on the scoring to ensure Sutherland doesn't score big. Ronny Chopra came up with a magical spell to bowl out Sutherland for 212. Parra started brightly but regular fall of wickets kept pegging Parra back. A rearguard last wicket partnership tried to salvage the game but couldn't stop the inevitable as Parra got bowled out for 156 runs.

Round 5 vs FLDCA:

FLDCA won the toss and elected to bat on an overcast day. Palani started the slide with his pinpoint accuracy. Sriram and Jordan kept the pressure on with FLDCA getting bundled out for 70 runs. FLDCA does put some fight, but the batters ensured a Parra win by 5 wickets.

A season promised much but couldn't get going due to weather. Hoping for a better season in coming year.

Sriram Gopalsami