



NORTHERN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

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Ranger Milestone

NATHAN LYON

500 First Class Wickets

GARY THE GOAT ☐☐ Congratulations to our G.O.A.T on surpassing a magnificent milestone of 500 first class wickets in Australia's 146 run victory over India in Perth. Nice Gary!



CONGRATULATIONS TO MORE ND RANGERS ON THE WAY UP!



The last couple of weeks saw four of our Rangers battling it out in Adelaide at the U19 National Championships. Toby Gray and Will Fort represented NSW ACT/Country while Ajay Singh and Sam Fanning were apart of the NSW Metro side. Special congratulations from everyone at NDs for these boy's efforts which saw Will and Toby take out the title and Sam earn an Australian U19 spot after some impressive performances with the bat.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SAM FANNING – AUSTRALIAN U/19s



Congratulations to **Sam Fanning** named in the male Australian U/19 squad for a four-match tour of Sri Lanka later this month.

NSW players make up half the 14-man squad, which was chosen after the National U/19 Championships in Adelaide finished on Thursday 13th Dec.

It was another successful tournament for NSW teams, with ACT/NSW Country going on to win the title after beating a previously undefeated NSW Metro in one of the semi-finals.

The players will arrive in Colombo on 30th December to play three one-day matches and one three-day match against Sri Lanka Under 19s.

NDs 1st Grader, Sam Fanning in action

CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN SWAIN – NSW U/15s at the National Championships



Congratulations to **Ryan Swain** from everyone at NDs, currently playing in ND's Green Shield team, who has been selected to represent NSW at the Cricket Australia Male Under 15 National Championships.

The state will be represented by a team from Metropolitan NSW, ACT/NSW Country and for the first time a composite side from both regions.

Ryan will play for the NSW Magenta whom will represent the Metropolitan area of the state. The Under 15 National Championships will be held during early February 2019 in Brisbane and on the Sunshine Coast.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ND DEVT SQUAD U/13 & U/15 CRICKETERS ...

NSW Metro selectors have named the squads to compete at the Under 13 and 14 Boys' State Challenge carnival to be held from 21-24 January in Dubbo.

In each age group, four Metropolitan squads of 13 players have been selected. Two sides from each division will represent each of the Sydney Big Bash League franchises, the Thunder and Sixers. The ACT/NSW Country teams for the carnival are yet to be selected.

The young cricketers selected represent the best talent that is emerging through the early stages of the Cricket NSW Pathways system.

NDS WOMENS



(Above): Izzy Afaras and Abbey

ABBAY AND ISABELLE SELECTED FOR U18 WBBL FIXTURES

New South Wales will be represented by 10 players, including Abbey Taylor and Isabelle Afaras in the second annual Women's Big Bash League U/18 Exhibition match at Blacktown International Sports Park on Jan 5.

The exhibition match will follow the WBBL fixture between Sydney Thunder and Melbourne Stars on Jan 5 from 6:00pm. A second T20 game will also be played between the Perry and Lanning XII the next morning at 9:30. Best of luck to Abbey and Isabelle who are part of Lanning XII.

AW GREEN SHIELD – Off to a great start!

Won Rd 1 - Sat, 16 Dec 18 - Hawkesbury V Northern District at Owen Earle Oval

Won Rd 2 - Tues, 18 Dec 18 - Northern District V Sydney Uni at Mark Taylor Oval

Won Rd 3 - Thurs, 20 Dec 18 - Northern District V Easts at Mark Taylor Oval

Round 4 - Sat, 5 Jan 19 - Western Suburbs V Northern District at Pratten Park

Round 5 - Sun, 13 Jan 19 - Northern District V UTS Nth Sydney at Mark Taylor Oval

Round 6 - Tues, 15 Jan 19 - Bankstown V Northern District at Jensen Park

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NDs Green Shield side have got off to a tremendous start, beating Hawkesbury, Sydney Uni and Easts in the first 3 rounds. Below are just some of the boys involved.



Mitchell Crayn



Jayden Camp



Varun Ravindran



Ryan Swain

Round vs Manly

We've had better rounds ... 1sts and 5ths washed out. Lost 2,3 & 4s.

PLAYER PROFILE – JACK HARRIS



Our last Total Construction Player Profile for the year before the Christmas break brings you newcomer Jack Harris.

GET TO KNOW JACK:

Nicknames: Krusty, Hammer, Ryano, Brainsy

Occupation: Student

First cricket game: Under 10s game playing for Wyong against Woy Woy, took 5/2 and a hatrick.

Funniest Cricket Moment: I was playing a Kingsgrove Cup match for the Central Coast a few years ago against NDs and I got whacked for like 5 sixes in my spell of bowling including one that went over the grandstand and a few that went into the construction site. I didn't think anyone would bring it up but at my first training session with NDs Jack Shelley did 😊

Favourite tune atm: Better by Khalid

What are you most excited for this season? Settling into Sydney grade cricket and playing some good, hard, enjoyable cricket with the boys at NDCC.

What are your thoughts on being likened to Matt Phillips, aka Brains? Honestly I don't really mind because we do seem pretty alike and the catch he took in 2s against Blacktown the other week was an absolute screamer so I would take that any day of the week.

PLAYER PROFILE – MITCHELL CRAYN



Mitchell Crayn TOTAL

With the Greenshield season underway we take a look at the Ranger who will be leading the boys over the summer holidays. Total Construction's player profile features Greenshield captain and wicket-keeper Mitchell Crayn.

GET TO KNOW MITCH:

Nickname: Crayney

Occupation: Student at SHORE (where Charlie Taylor went)

First Cricket game: Lane Cove Smith u/9 at Naremburn.

Favourite NDs memory: Minor Premiers in my first season of Greenies but unfortunately losing the final. Hoping to go one better this year.

Favourite tune atm: Waking Up Easy - Lime Cordiale.

Greenshield player to watch: Spencer White as it will be his first year bowling with a straight arm!

"3 Taylors" Sponsors Lunch (Fri 14th Dec 2018)



Peter Taylor, Steve Taylor and Mark Taylor

What a Lunch!

All ND sponsors gathered in the boardroom of Propertylink, overlooking Sydney Harbour.

Tony Porter interviewed Mark and Peter Taylor about their cricket experiences over the years. It was a very entertaining afternoon!

Many thanks to Steve Taylor and Peter Lancken for their hospitality.



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HARPO'S VAULT – "Christmas "

Let me start with the 2nd test which was a great win to Aus. At the end of the game, quite a few people said to me, "Now that was test cricket!" The bowling on both sides was excellent, the batting poor.

Over the years, the best bat in the baggy green was usually # 3; Macartney, Bradman, Harvey, Chappell, Border etc. It certainly isn't the case today. Khawaja is nowhere near being our # 3 – indeed in the eras mentioned above Khawaja wouldn't have made the team. So there you have it; as the proprietor of 'The Vault' gets older so does he become more critical. Last week I dropped Marsh and now Khawaja. (Thus, members of ND Green Shield team, which at the moment is going so very well, don't be surprised if you find a few of you chosen in the Adelaide test). Nevertheless, even I have to admit that the fielding of Aus was superb.

However, going back to the Club, which had a poor round and there is not much for us to carry-on about. It was a mixed-up game, with rain, hailstones and other problems over 2 days of cricket. Yet, overall, they won and we didn't. For most of the season, as a club, we haven't played well mainly because individuals haven't taken responsibility (especially with the bat). There are times during the summer when a player has a game in the palm of his hand to win. Yet, like Sean Marsh in test cricket, they get out when they are the hope of the side. C'mon, blokes, let's get our heads down, battle through the tough sessions and guide us to a few victories. That's why cricket is such a great game – played by a team but won by individuals.

HARPO'S YARN

Back in the 1930s my father Alec (known as 'Acka' to his cricket mates) was captaining his team, Randwick, against ND's at Waitara. The opposing captain, George Williams, was a good bloke with a good cricket brain but he was wily old character up to some cricket larks. As the two walked to the wicket to toss, George said, "Acka, do you mind if I toss with my lucky coin?" Then he showed a florin coin (20 cents), which had the King's head on one side and the backside of a pig on the other. Marks felt the coin, shrugged and replied, "Please yourself George." The coin went up, Marks called "Tails," and it came down showing the pigs rear-end. "We'll bat," said Marks.

Williams walked over put his arm around his opposing captain's shoulder and said, "Okay, for a bit of fun Acka, but the NSW Cricket Association wouldn't be happy with us tossing in a first grade game with a kid's toy so I'll toss with a real coin now."

There was silence for a moment as Marks looked at Williams raised his eyebrows and replied slowly, "Pig's arse you will George!" Then Marks patted his leg and called to the dressing room, "Openers, put your pads on."

ATTEMPTED HUMOUR:

"In ancient Japan they held a competition to find the greatest swordsman. The final three contenders each had a mosquito in a box that was released.

One cut it in half, the next cut it into quarters, the last slashed at it and the mosquito flew away. 'That's not very good,' said the Shogun, 'you didn't kill it.'

'No,' said the swordsman, 'but it will never reproduce again'."



Arthur J. Gallagher
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SUPPORT THE GREENIES! – Try to get there ...

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GRADE CRICKET KICKS OFF AGAIN ON SAT 12TH JAN vs Sutherland CC

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sport

Rain played havoc in all the grades

Mixed results as ovals swamped

Tony Dosen

Asquith Oval saw Manly reach 3/168 in the 58th over before the heavens opened. Only 38 overs was possible in fourth grade at Graham Reserve. Manly — long enough for the Rangers to be skittled for a paltry 45 all out. Northern District struck back to have Manly struggling at 2/21 in reply when rain stopped play. Finally, the Rangers worked hard in fifth grade at Storey Park to be 4/163 after 53 overs when the weather intervened. Opener Pat Coburn made 83 and Henry Chapman was unbeaten on 54. Play will start early with extra overs to be bowled in all grades this Saturday.

THE thunderstorms that swamped Sydney last week played havoc with the Northern District Cricket Club's matches against Manly-Warringah on Saturday. Friday night's storms followed by downpours 24 hours later allowed just 6.4 overs in first grade at Mark Taylor Oval. Waitara. The Rangers will start a 120 over day this Saturday at 1/9. At Manly Oval in second grade, Manly got to 5/168 in 69 overs before rain arrived, with Jack Harris (2/29) and Joe Hiley (2/41) the best Northern District bowlers. The third grade game at

Northern District players and coaching staff wait for the pitch to be declared ready. Picture: Jordan Shields

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

