

2011/12 – 16's Results

16 A's

25th February & 3rd March 2012

16A's - Grammar 121 (44.4) (L. De Fonseka 6/18 [11.4], C. Mao 2/20 [9], A. Koneru 2/26 [10]) drew with **High 5/19 (12)** (L. De Fonseka 6 n.o)

Lasith De Fonseka - Player of the Week - 25th February 2012
Day 2 - Washed Out - 3rd March 2012

18 February 2012

16A's - High 114 (52) (A. Koneru 17, J. Seroukas 15, A. Chen 14) & **8/50 (20)** (J. Seroukas 26, A. Kaluve 12) defeated by **Newington 186 (45)** (C.Mao 3/26 [8], A. Koneru 2/17 [8], A. Kaluve 2/51 [9])

Defending 114 and already 17 runs on the board, High sought to bowl Newington out at around our total. We had thought up a plan on getting the openers out during Wednesday training, and this proved useful as Lasith took the first wicket in his second over. Things were not looking great when Newington were already 2/60 after the first session. But we did not give up. Consistent bowling had Newington on 4/134, although they had already passed our total. Our opening bowlers came back on and the over of the day from Chris, and on a hat-trick, had Newington on 6/151. At this stage we were into Newington's tail and very eager to finish them off, trailing in runs as little as possible by not giving any easy singles. John finished off Newington's innings with a terrific stumping off Anup on the 40th over of the day as Newington had a total lead of 72. With 25 overs to bat out or a possible outright defeat, our opening batsmen were very keen on preventing this. Unfortunately they were both caught behind early on. Things were not looking great when we were 3/4. But a partnership of 25 from Anup and John steadied us, as they smashed the ball to all parts of the field. At 8/48 and around 15 minutes of play left, Allen, the more experienced batsmen of the two at the crease, showed great leadership, facing as much balls as possible prevented an outright defeat. He finished the day with an unexpected reverse sweep for a single! Another brilliant innings from John had him highscored with 26. Although we lost on first innings, there were many positives, and we look forward to taking on Grammar next week.

11 February 2012

16A's - High 114 (52) (A. Koneru 17, J. Seroukas 15, A. Chen 14) vs. **Newington 0/17 (5)**

With Andrew and Michael injured, we called upon Anup and Aditya to play for us in our 2 dayer against Newington. High won the toss and elected to bat in very favourable conditions. Our top order were dismissed very quickly with the batsmen struggled to be patient and recognise the need to get forward. Lasith and Aditya bonded well together in an attempt to bat through the first session. Lasith was the next to go who got caught behind by a good ball. A half an hour rain delay had stopped play; this was a great opportunity for our remaining batsmen to think up a strategy in order to create a defendable score. Although most of our middle order had decent starts, no one showed the capability to bat along with Aditya, who batted nearly 30 overs. Then the partnership of the day, the last wicket partnership of 21, between Allen who smashed the ball to all parts of the field and Jackson with great shot selections, lifted High's run total to 114. With 20 minutes of play remaining, High looked to take a few wickets. We did not start completely well with a spate of wides allowed Newington to build momentum into their innings. High looks forward to next week, where we will start afresh and hope to bowl Newington out around our total.

3 December 2011

16A's - St Ignatius 8/132 (32) (A. Dao 2/8 [6], G. Farrugia 1/9 [5], M. Yu 1/15 [5] defeated **High 64 (28)** (L. De Fonseka 16, C. Mao 12*, J. Seroukas 11)

19 November 2011

16 A's - High 52 (26.2) (C. Mao 14) & **72 (25)** (S.Nagaraj 30, J.Seroukas 10) defeated by **Shore 185 (42.3)** (S.Nagaraj 4/69 [15.3], L. DeFonseka 1/17 [6], M. Yu 1/18 [6])

High needed 3 wickets to bowl out Shore and bat out the whole day to prevent us from an outright defeat. We took the remaining wickets quickly but our fielding was very sloppy, conceding 50 odd runs in Shore's last 8 overs. High was sent in to bat and did not look pleasing as we lost 2 early wickets. Sagar and John built a strong partnership of 40 and were looking good until wickets started to fall. High had lost outright and finished the innings with 72.

12 November 2011

16 A's - High 52 (26.2) (C. Mao 14) vs. **Shore 7/132 (34)** (S. Nagaraj 2/44 [11], L. De Fonseka 1/17 [6], M. Yu 1/18 [6], A. Dao 1/20 [8])

A lacklustre batting effort saw High all out for 52, with full and accurate bowling proving to be the downfall for the majority of batsmen, who struggled to recognise the need to get forward. Despite defending such a low total, the bowlers knuckled down and made the job as tough as possible for Shore. A vastly improved batting performance this week may transfer the pressure back to Shore for a tricky 4th innings chase.

5 November 2011

16A's – Kings 8/203 (32) (G. Farrugia 5/30 [6], A. Dao 1/6 [2], L. De Fonseka 1/31 [6])
defeated **High 7/136 (32)** (S. Nagaraj 53*, P. Lam 32, A. Dao 13)

High unfortunately lost the toss and were sent into the field. Kings took no time getting in and immediately began in a confident manner. It took a good catch from Shashank to snare the first wicket. However this did not slow the run rate as Kings began to amass a worrying total, racing to 1/108 at drinks. George was introduced after drinks and immediately began to tear through the middle order, with Kings collapsing to 6/141. It's amazing what a bit of pressure can do! Some late order hitting allowed the total to blow out to 203, assisted by 35 sundries. It was particularly disappointing to give up the momentum after we had worked so hard to wrestle it back in the middle overs.

The batting innings started in the worst possible fashion, slumping to 4/14 as batsmen fell to tentative shots. Philip and Barry helped resurrect the innings before Barry was caught in sensational fashion at midwicket. Sagar and Philip then proceeded to put together a fantastic partnership of 80 as they ran very hard between the wickets as well as picking the gaps and hitting over the top when needed. Unfortunately Philip couldn't see the innings out as he was dismissed in the second last over of the game, leading to High finishing at 7/136, a very credible score given the situation early on in the innings. Congratulations to Sagar on a very well played half century. Hopefully the rest of the batsmen saw what can happen when you play with a bit of confidence and learn to put the onus back on the bowlers rather than inviting them into the game.

29 October 2011

16 A's – St Joseph's 5/223 (32) (M. Yu 2/34 [5], S. Nagaraj 1/30 [5], G. Farrugia 1/32 [2])
defeated **High 118 (27.5)** (A. Nayak 34, A. Dao 30, C. Mao 22)

High unfortunately lost the toss an important toss and were sent into the field on a very small ground. Lasith and Chris again bowled very good opening spells but Joeys were able to put the rare bad deliveries to the boundary. Michael was introduced into the attack and was rewarded with the first wicket of the innings thanks to an unplayable delivery and good catch from Agnish behind the stumps.

However as the innings progressed the class of the batsmen won out and as they bowling began to wane the ball found itself getting hit to the boundary with regularity. Despite Joeys finishing with 5/223 off 32 overs there were still several highlights in the field, particularly a direct hit run out from Sagar and brilliant stumping from Agnish.

Joeys' opening bowlers continued the momentum gained by their batsmen and immediately got their just rewards as High fell to 3/13. Copious amounts of seam movement and a full length meant that any batsman who didn't watch the ball closely found it a struggle to stay in. A very confident and convincing innings from Agnish saved High from a complete top order collapse as he both worked the ball into the gaps and found the boundary to finish with 34. Andrew and Chris gave the score some much needed respectability after drinks, with neither afraid to take advantage of the conditions and hit the ball over the top.

22 October 2011

16 A's - High 6/67 (20) (A. Chen 13, L. DeFonseka 13) defeated by **Newington 3/69 (17.2)** (P.Lam 2/13 [3], M. Yu 1/12 [4])

A good opening partnership of 21 got High off to a great start. However the introduction of spin pegged the run rate back in the middle overs, leaving High with 6/67 off their 20 overs. It was particularly pleasing to see the improvement in running between the wickets from last week. A great opening spell from Lasith gave High a promising start but a vast number of sundries kept the score ticking over. Some great stump to stump bowling from Philip and inswing from Michael paid dividends as they picked up 3 quick wickets, however Newington was able to hold their nerve and reach the total with 2 overs to spare.

15th October 2011

16 A's - High 7/89 (20) (A. Dao 21, L. DeFonseka 20, J.Seroukas 16) defeated by **Scots 3/91 (17)** (C.Mao 2/13 [4], L. DeFonseka 1/24 [4])

16 B's

25th February 2012

16B's – Grammar 5/266 (30) (H. Gu 2/41 [3]) defeated **High 7/128 (30)** (S. Vimalanathan 56, H. Gu 17 n.o, E. Yu 11)

Looking forward to a good match High marched onto the field. Fielding first was not the preferred option but it looked as if it turned out to be the better option. Despite some early chances for wickets lost, a good pressure was mounting up on grammar with Sai opening up the attack with a maiden and only 3 runs given away off the first over by Haotian. The field soon fired up and we were able to take some catches. We lost our momentum when our bowlers started pitching balls shorter letting a lot of boundaries fly. A sluggish start was outdone by a half century from Sai batting superbly and inspiring others to do better. Batting improved greatly with better timing of shots from batsmen all round despite racking up low scores. Playing to the end High ended their innings with a four and despite the loss, we had a good match. Good effort boys.

18 February 2012

16B's - High 146 (29) (S. Vimalanathan 40, E. Yu 33*, S. Sethi 30) defeated by **St Ignatius College 1/150 (26)** (L. Sharma 1/31 [5])

Arriving at the thin pitch and slightly damp grass of Mckay 2, High looked forward to a good game under the sun. It was. The toss was done and High sent out their openers into the fray. Our judgement was misaligned and that cost us the loss of our openers. Sai and Sunchit set up a good giant partnership of 60 or so runs giving our total a big push ahead. Sunchit and Eric pushed on after Sai got out and hit some very big sixes and fours. Spurred by Sai and Sunchit's partnership, many of our batsmen were looking for a good hit. A lot of swings saw balls go in the air and mis-timings saw rest of our order fall. A defendable total of 146 charged us up in the first 16 overs with balls flying at our fieldsmen. Some opportunities for catches were lost and Riverview's batsmen maintained a firm foundation; smacking our bowlers. Lokesh managed to break through this with a wicket that nearly unsettled them but the run-rate did not diminish a bit. A great improvement boys and good effort in the field.

11 February 2012

16B's - Newington 4/205 (32) (L. Sharma 3/40 [6]) defeated **High 55 (15)** (D. Feng 21, S. Vimalanathan 10*)

High started the first game of the year off with a well bonded team playing with great spirit on Old Boys 1. The game started with Newington looking solid in the first over then faltering slightly but regaining their footing and smash some spectacular sixes.

Despite all the pressure and downheartening moments these boundaries caused us, High never lowered their heads a fraction; they were always looking up to the planes, waiting for them to pass. Our bowling was good with Lokesh picking up six wickets from mistakes made by the batsmen, and good line and length from Sai and Sid. Inspired by the planes and our motivating talj in the field, High looked forward to a good total in batting. Unfortunately alot of our wickets were with the opening bowler's out swing which destroyed our high order. Then things slowed down and High hoped on a partnership to keep them going. Misjudgement caused more wickets and soon the game was over. Despite this Tony, the Newington Coach, lauded our team's sportmanship; whilst we were still losing, we kept up our good spirits. Great effort boys.

3 December 2011

16B's - Scots 4/200 (32) (S. Subramanian 1/19 [5], S. Gallagher 1/19 [3], N. Selvakkumar 1/30 [4]) defeated **High 74 (20)** (E. Yu 21, J. Huang 8, H. Gu 6)

Coming right after camp, a tired but resilient bunch of men played this match. As soon as the match started, wickets were coming fast but High was unable to react swiftly to these chances and thus missed out on some crucial wickets. Nevertheless our bowlers were able to scrape away some dust and end up with a handful of wickets. As High came to the crease, it became obvious that we lacked attention in the field and thus started losing momentum. High batted aggressively and were rewarded with a good total. Shots were played and boundaries were reached and despite a loss with a tired team, it was enjoyable nonetheless. Our batsmen needed to watch the ball more closely to avoid future wickets. A great, sound effort from High.

19 November 2011

16 B's - Grammar 4/174 (32) (S. Gallagher 1/8, H. Zhang 1/35) defeated **High 9/55 (32)** (D. Feng 15)

Sent onto a Moore Park West field again, High was looking for early wickets against Grammar. Unfortunately, despite enthusiastic fielding and accurate bowling, High were unable to make any inroads into the Grammar order. However, we were able to keep Grammar to a modest 68 runs. After drinks, High's perseverance paid off with wickets from some excellent catches, including Niroshan's one-hander at slip. After the break, High knew that we had to bat patiently to get through the match. Unfortunately, we suffered another batting collapse as much of the top order departed to impatient batting. This all changed when Jackson and David prevented any more wickets from falling with solid, patient batting, both resisting the urge to slog. Despite both David and Jackson departing in the 25th over, High held on until the end of the match with Sam and Haotian keeping the Grammar bowlers at bay.

12 November 2011

16 B's - High 63 (24) (H. Gu 12) defeated by **Shore 4/64 (18)** (H. Gu 1/7 [4], L. Sharma 1/7 [4], J Huang 1/13 [4], S. Sethi 1/22 [4])

High started a cool day starting with a promising innings. With a promising start, High was looking forward to a good total. With both of our openers out after 7 overs, the key was to play through the overs to score runs. An introduction of spin seemed to have an effect on our batsmen, mistiming swings and getting balls in the air for easy catches. Nonetheless High continued to bat decently to the end despite some unfortunate wickets. Following a short innings, and taking an initiative from previous matches, High was able to put Shore under constant pressure, keep the catches coming and the wickets falling. An opening spell of spin alongside pace was continued to much amazement as it kept many of their players, under control. High was able to swipe away 4 wickets with Jackson breaking a bail in half. A great enthusiasm and attitude on the field was a major highlight of the game, and it was pleasing for High to keep it up until the very end. A good solid effort from the team this week.

5 November 2011

16B's – High 8/96 (32) (A. Wong 18, J. Huang 16*, E. Yu 13) defeated by **Kings 3/97 (21.3)** (H. Zhang 2/6 [5], H. Gu 1/11 [3])

High started a perfect day losing the toss and forced to bat. A great start was offset by a confusion that saw Eric run out after some great batting. Aaron played solidly during the match offering support and confidence to the team. After a moderate 2/47 at drinks, an introduction of spin restricted our run rate and saw many batsmen fall due to mistimed swings. A good 'last minute' partnership from Haotian and Jackson, pushed the score to 96. With a reasonable score to defend High ran out onto the field seeing 3 wickets fall in the first 3 overs, and some impressive fielding from the whole team diving and restricting the runs. Arriving at drinks Kings were on an ironic 3/47. The second half of the game saw many catches dropping and a tense need to hurry and finish the game. This slowed our momentum and thus allowed Kings to overtake our score. A great improvement and a fine effort from the boys this week, once again demonstrating their mastery on the field.

29 October 2011

16 B's – St Joseph's 9/259 (32) (S. Subramanian 3/37 [6], S. Sethi 2/37 [3], H. Zhang 1/46 [6]) defeated **High 42 (12.4)** (S. Sethi 10, E. Yu 7, H. Zhang 6)

High went out on a bumpy Moore Park West winning the toss and electing to field. A good forecast for the day, was unfortunately spoiled by some early fumbles with the catches. But recovering from mistakes, High continued to put their bodies on the line with some spectacular fielding on a bumpy ground. Despite the imposing score, High was close to the first time bowling all the Joeys batsmen out. A good start was set by Eric Yu and Haotian Zhang, both putting up an aggressive start, but midway many of the team lost morale and started dropping the wickets. A better attempt this week shows potential for a good team on the field, as High looks forward to their next training sessions.

22 October 2011

16 B's – High 39 (17) (S. Arvind 8, H. Gu 5, S. Baranwal 2) defeated by **Newington 1/55 (7)** (H.Zhang 1/8 [2])

Reckless batting and little straight play cost us the match. Good consistent bowling showed up from Haotian Zhang. Great fielding from the entire team cutting off boundaries and restricting some balls to singles. Work on your weaknesses during training boys. A good match all the same. Thanks to Sudarshan for coming up to play in the 16Bs for us.

16 C's

25th February 2012

16C's – High 68 (22) (P. Stephens 22, S. Baranwal 12) defeated by **Grammar 0/69**

18 February 2012

16C's - High 8/63 (16) (P. Stephens 18) defeated by **Barker 7/108 (14)** (R. Cheng 2/6 [2], H. Zhang 2/19 [4], G. Qian 1/9 [2])

11 February 2012

16C's - High 43 (24) (R. Rawnak 10) defeated by **St Patricks 9/68 (22)** (R. Cheng 3/12 [4], A. Cao 2/16 [4], A. Hu 1/9 [3])

The game started off in a gloomy as only 5 people showed up in time. We won the toss and elected to bat in the rain. The innings started well with Ryan hitting a 6 on the third ball. Some unlucky drops from the St. Patricks team led to us scoring runs at a good pace. However Ryan got out for 10 and slowly the wickets began piling up. A lack of patience resulted in some horrible shot selections and we fell for only 43. Our bowling started off great with Allan Hu and Gordon bowling greatly and keeping the runs down. Ray got 2 wickets in a row on his first two balls, almost getting a hat trick. Some good fielding by High and the St. Patricks volunteers resulted in giving us some hope but they steadily built the runs. Good work to the 8 that came.

19 November 2011

16 C's - Grammar 209 (32) (R. Cheng 3/12 [3], K. Sunderasan 1/8 [2], G. Qian 1/12 [2]) defeated **High 81 (27)** (S.Vimalanathan 18, R. Cheng 10, R. Rawnak 10)

High started the innings well, with some excellent bowling from Allan Hu and Gordon Qian restricting the Grammar batsmen. Our first breakthrough came with Gordon, who took a wicket maiden in his first over. Our next wicket came from Karthik bowling an excellent delivery to clean bowl the Grammar batsman. However, a solid partnership of 89 runs between their opener and second drop resulted in a collapse of concentration, until Haotian made the breakthrough with his pace leaving the batsman unable to reply. Another great partnership from Grammar made sure they piled on the runs, until Ray bowled a great spell, taking 3/12 off 3 overs. With no signs of giving up, the C's returned to bat. Some great shots by openers Sai and Ryan gave us some hope until Sai was caught and bowled, and Ryan bowled out shortly after. Some poor batting led to a collapse in the order as we failed to maintain the required run rate we needed. Great effort guys!

12 November 2011

16 C's - Shore - 8/219 (J.Yu 3/36 [6], K.Chong 3/19 [2], A.Cao 1/44 [6]) defeated **High - 27** (H.Zhang 5, G.Qian 4, R.Cheng 3)

Confident of another win, the 16C's started the game enthusiastically, unlucky to be denied a wicket on the first ball. Some inconsistent bowling resulted in the Shore openers blasting their way up to 70, where both of them retired. After that, our bowling improved tremendously, restricting runs and grabbing wickets. At one point we were 6/104 until the arrival of a Shore batsman who hit almost every single ball for a 4 on his way to 50. In the end Shore made 219, and our hopes of winning were slim. However we still tried our best but with some unlucky dismissals and reckless shots only amounted 27 runs. Well done to Shore for a great game and to the 16 C's for trying their best.

5 November 2011

16C's – Kings 111 (A. Cao 6/13 [6], K. Chong 1/0 [1], K. Sunderasan 1/8 [3]) defeated by **High 7/112** (P. Stephens 34*, A. Cao 10, K. Chong 6)

High started the game by losing the toss and went to field. Our opening bowlers bowled consistently and with some excellent fielding were able to restrict their runs. Our first wicket came from Jacky bowling a great ball which the King's batsmen mistimed. The amount of sundries really let us down as we amassed an incredibly horrid 42 of them. King's were batting extremely well until the arrival of Andrew Cao, with his bowling style deceiving the King's batsmen and getting an amazing 6/13 off 6 overs. With King's scoring a credible 111 runs, we set out to bat with hopes of winning. Our openers, James and Kevin batted steadily to give us a good start. The runs started flowing in, however, when Peter came in to bat. His slow but consistent batting inspired those batting with him, including Andrew who got 10 runs before being bowled. Coming into the last few overs, Peter was still in as the game grew intense. With the help of 39 sundries from the King's bowlers and an excellent 36 not out from Peter Stephens, we reached 112 with 2 overs to spare.

29 October 2011

16 C's – St Joseph's 5/209 (32) (A. Hu 2/19, H. Zhang 2/34, A. Cao 2/48) defeated **High 50** (A. Cao 20, H. Zhang 7, R. Cheng 5)

It was a cool afternoon at Moore Park West as the 16 C's began their first match of the season. St Joseph's won the toss and elected to bat. We started off the innings in good shape, applying pressure on the Joeys batsmen as it looked closer and closer for us to get a wicket. Our first chance came off a catch, however Andrew Cao dropped the ball and soon after St Josephs began piling on the runs. Our team tried the best they could, but were unable to prevent them from scoring 209 runs. Wicket takers were – Andrew Cao (2), Haotian Zhang (2), Jacky Yu (2), Sam Gallagher, Ryan Rawnak, Karthik Sunderesan and Allan Hu. Although our bowling was excellent, our fielding needs to improve as we dropped many catches and could have prevented many 4's.

Our batting began in a horrid fashion with Sam Gallagher getting caught on the first ball. Many of our players struggled to score runs, until Andrew Cao stepped onto the field. He hit 4 fours and amassed a total of 20 runs before being the last one bowled out. Overall, the 16C's played a solid game but there are several rooms for improvement. We hope to learn more skills and apply these to better challenge the other teams.