

1st & 2nd XI Results – 2011/12

1st XI

17 March 2012

1st XI - High 9/108 (42) (J.Moffat 26, O.Meroni 24, J.Chen 23*) defeated by **St Joseph's 5/109 (35)** (S.Dias 2/19, J.Moffat 2/20)

With the rain pouring down and the start delayed by an hour and 20 minutes, we won the toss and decided to bat. The pitch itself was dry and looked good for batting. The outfield was very wet and we felt that they would find bowling difficult with a wet ball. At 2 for 62 we were well placed but we unfortunately let ourselves down somewhat with three run outs, collapsing to 8 for 73, then followed another rain delay that further reduced our overs. It was left to Chen and Connolly in a partnership of 35 to give us something to bowl at.

The boys bowled and fielded magnificently as we started with a bang, with Joey`s top order back in the hutch at 4 for 39. With more rain falling, the ball was becoming wet and hard to grip and the outfield was getting wetter. When the ball turns into a bar of soap, the advantage is with the batting team. Had we just had that little bit of luck, we could well have won the match. The boys never gave up. We can all be proud of the effort they made in getting so close in winning this match in very difficult conditions.

3rd March 2012

1st XI - Grammar 137 (44) (A. Ramesh 3/21 [9], J. Moffat 3/23 [9], O. Duffy 2/19 [8]) & **5/90** (J. Moffat 2/17 [8]) defeated **High 88 (31)** (A. Nayak 17, J. Moffat 15, J. Chen 12 n.o)

With only an hour and 20 minutes play possible on a very wet day, we were unable to turn the match round. We left disappointed knowing that we had the chance of winning the match last week. However the boys will be up for the next round, as we hope to end the season with a win!

25 February 2012

1st XI - Grammar 137 (44) (A. Ramesh 3/21 [9], J. Moffat 3/23 [9], O. Duffy 2/19 [8]) & **3/12 (9)** vs **High 88 (31)** (A. Nayak 17, J. Moffat 15, J. Chen 12 n.o)

High arrived early to the ground excited to make it two wins in a row after their success last week. On a pitch that had a bit for both teams, high was sent into the field and started brilliantly. Anirudh Ramesh took 3 wickets in the opening spell and high was on top throughout. However a large 9th and 10th wicket partnership allowed grammar back into the game and they were bowled out for 134.

However this is as positive as the game got for the high boys. Sydney high suffered a succession of batting collapses in chasing the smallish total being bowled out for 88. If it wasn't for a stubborn batting display by Agnish the total could have been much smaller. High bowled to grammar once more for the last 9 overs and great bowling from the boys resulted in 3 wickets to end the day. Hopefully, we can earn an outright win next saturday.

18 February 2012

1st XI - High 234 (103) (O. Duffy 71, S. Dias, 50, A.Nayak 22) defeated **Newington 193 (71)** (A. Ramesh 3/17 [8], O. Duffy 3/72 [24], J. Chen 1/19 [6])

Under the guidance of new coach Mr Roslin the High first XI were able to amass a season best 231 on the typically low scoring field of Mckay. Day 2 started with us still batting at 6/199. After adding 35 more runs to the score in the morning the High 1st XI entered the field confident in winning the game, a terrific opening spell by Ramesh and an equally as strong but luckless effort from Moffat grabbed a crucial wicket but saw two clear chances missed. After drinks however the boys were thrust back into action again by a stirring speech from the captain and a series of wickets were taken. The game never left the high boys grasp from that stage with brilliant and electric energy in the field ensuring that the batsmen received no easy runs. Special mention to N.Ansen whose spell of off spin late in the day rendered a decisive wicket, removing a stubborn tailender. A rendition of the school song capped off a strong day from the High 1st XI, this win against a strong opponent hoping to be proven as a turning point in the 11/12 season.

11 February 2012

1st XI - High 6/199 (87) (O. Duffy 71, S. Dias, 28*, A.Nayak 17*) vs. **Newington**

High turned up on a cloudy Saturday morning to play Newington high school. The toss was won by Newington and they elected to bowl, High was sent in to bat on a reasonable wicket. Oliver and Lahiru both had shaky starts with both being dropped in their first couple of balls, however they both capitalised on this opportunity and put together an opening stand of 29, until Oliver fell for 12. After persevering through the opening overs Oliver unfortunately edged one behind. Lahiru and Jesse continued the stand and High began to build a very promising innings. After Lahiru fell for 21, Owen began swiftly picking singles and putting away the bad ball with Jesse supporting Owen strongly. Owen went on to craft a magnificent 71 of power and class. The end of the day saw young wicketkeeper Agnish and Sudam finish with a continuing partnership of 43. High finished with 6 for 199 and look to continue on building the pressure on Newington next week.

3 December 2011

1st XI - High 133 (50) (O. Meroni 49, J. Moffat 34, L. Katupitiya 14) defeated by **St Ignatius 5/134 (30)** (J. Moffat 2/17 [6])

19 November 2011

1st XI - High 163 (72) (O. Duffy 70, J. Moffat 38, O. Meroni 10) & **5/90 (38)** (J. Moffat 50*, D. Smith 17 ret hurt) defeated by **Shore 195 (60)** (A. Ramesh 3/37 [15], S. Dias 2/36 [12])

We arrived at the ground, and unsurprisingly found that an absolute road had been prepared. On top of this it was about 32 degrees, yet due on the grass, making it an incredibly hard place to field.

Despite the conditions, the boys were eager for a win and tried making the most of the tough conditions. Things started off badly, with Shore making use of the flat pitch, scoring at about 5 an over. This was until Josh came on to bowl, taking a wicket and drying up the runs. Unfortunately this lasted for only 12 overs, when a change in the bowling allowed Shore to hit out and relieve the pressure that had been building.

Some harsh umpiring decision, along with a lack of discipline led to Shore passing our total 8 down, eventually being dismissed for 195.

We went out to bat looking to capitalise on some much needed "centre-wicket" practice, however things did not go according to plan, with High slumping to 5-22. To add insult to injury, the umpires and Owen had a "minor" disagreement, which was playing on everyone's minds. However some sensible, albeit boring, batting from Danno and Jesse helped High reach 5-90 at the end of the day's play, with Dan suffering a potential broken rib after copping a nasty bouncer to the chest.

Although we lost, there were many positives to come out of the game, and we look forward to taking on Iggies next week.

12 November 2011

1st XI - High 160 (O. Duffy 70, J. Moffat 38) vs. **Shore 2/32** (S. Dias - 1 wkt, N. Anson - 1 catch, J. Chen - 1 run out)

We arrived at the ground nice and early ready for a bowl, however upon losing the toss, we were sent into bat in overcast and windy conditions. Determined to get the most out of the fast outfield, Ollie Meroni and Lahiru Katipitya looked to score from ball one. However, this approach cost us, and we were 3/10 after 8 overs. Owen Duffy joined Ollie, and the two set about resurrecting our total, taking it to 34 until Ollie got unlucky and was caught by a good catch in the slips (4-34).

Shore were looking good and they knew it. This soon changed as Owen and Jesse Moffat again went about securing a good total. At lunch they had taken the score 4-53. After lunch, they looked to push on, with Owen bringing up his well-deserved 50 with a nice drive through the covers. They continued to pile on the runs until Jesse played across the line and chopped on, with the score at 113.

Dan Smith came out at number 7, and batted with his usual attacking flair, however he was bowled on 10 by an absolute jaffa of a ball, leaving the score at 5-130. After his dismissal, we lost 3-0, including Owen, who had compiled a magnificent 70. Josh and Sudam (haha) showed some stout resistance down the order, taking the score to 168, however we lost 2-0 and finished with that total.

As soon as we lost our last wicket, we knew what had to be done. We had 16 overs to bowl and gave ourselves the challenge of having them at 2-30 by the end of the day. We started well, having them 1-8 in the third over, with Ned taking great catch at gully off Sudam. Four overs later, Josh executed a great run-out to have Shore very nervous at 2-20. By the end of the day, they were 2-32, almost exactly our target.

5 November 2011

1st XI – Kings 144 (A. Ramesh 4/23, A. Hughes 3/21) defeated **High 105** (O. Duffy 30, J. Moffat 18)

After a solid opening bowling performance, spearheaded by Anirudh Ramesh, we had restricted Kings to 8/97. However a spirited 8th wicket partnership took them to a total of 144 after 47 overs. Our batting started shakily, losing the first 4 wickets quickly, however Owen and Jesse ‘steadied the ship’ in a 60 run partnership. However after Jesse’s dismissal, we were never able to recover and were eventually out for 105.

29 October 2011

1st XI – High 118 (A. Hughes 37, D. Smith 35, N. Anson 16, L. Katupitiya 14) defeated by **Joeys 3/122** (J. Chen 1/16 [6], A. Ramesh 1/22 [6])

22 October 2011

Game 1.

Shore 3-118 (20 overs) (T Connolly 1-16, J Chen 1-17, A Ramesh 1-22) defeated **SBHS 9-79 (20 overs)** (J Moffat 34, O Meroni 10)

Game 2.

St Ignatius Riverview 1-107 (19 overs) (O Duffy 1-4) defeated **SBHS 5-103 (20 overs)** (J Moffat 40 not out, O Meroni 16, D Smith 15, O Duffy 15)

15 October 2011

1st XI

Match One T20 versus Joeys - **Joeys 6-184** (Oliver Meroni 3-51, Owen Duffy 1-21, Anirudh Ramesh 1-23, Ned Anson 3 great catches) defeated **SBHS 9-127** (Sudam Dias 34, Oliver Meroni 32, Daniel Smith 20, Ned Anson 15 not out)

Match Two versus Kings - **Kings 3-76 (15 overs)** (Anirudh Ramesh 1-9 (4), Tom Connolly 1-10 (2), great catches Lahiru Katupitiya and Alex Hughes) defeated **SBHS 10-75 (19)** (Ned Anson 21, Alex Hughes 11, Owen Duffy 11)

Match Three versus Grammar - **SBHS 0-118 (13 overs)** (Oliver Meroni 50 not out, Owen Duffy 45 not out) defeated **Grammar 8-117 (20 overs)** (Sudam Dias 2-17 (4), Anirudh Ramesh 1-9 (4), Tom Connolly 2-18 (4), Josh Chen 2-27 (4), 2 great catches by Ned Anson, and other spectacular ones from Alex Hughes, Oliver Meroni (2), Tom Connolly, and Daniel Smith.

After a very sluggish start to our day we were comprehensively beaten by a very powerful Joey's outfit. After conceding 184 runs in 20 overs we were never in the hut – despite highly impressive innings' from Oliver Meroni (32) and Sudam Dias (34). The major "positive" that came out of this game was the magnificent catching effort of 15 year old Ned Anson who took three spectacular outfield catches. Oliver took three wickets but "leaked" 51 runs from his four overs along the way.

Our second match was against another strong bowling unit. Kings were impressive in the field and executed four run outs in our paltry innings of 75. Only Ned Anson could feel satisfied with his effort. He scored 21 before he was run out. Coach Davo did his best to install of degree of "belief" in his players and they responded magnificently for 15 overs as they quelled the Kings' charge towards an early victory. The bowling and fielding effort was outstanding – given the circumstances and Kings were 3-30 after 10 overs. Anirudh Ramesh was magnificent in returning figures of 1-9 off his allotted 4 overs. Lahiru Katupitiya, and Alex Hughes took magnificent catches and Oliver Meroni produced a brilliant throw from the boundary to run out one of the Kings' batsmen.

We then played the “perfect game” against Grammar. We had them 7-70 off 15 overs but a late rally saw them finish at 8-117 at the end of their 20 overs. Ned Anson took two more inspirational outfield catches and Oliver Meroni also showed he had safe hands by accepting two difficult snares. Tom Connolly intercepted a scorching cover drive whilst Alex, “the claw” , Hughes continued his impressive run of catching deeds with another committed effort at mid on. Daniel Smith kept very tidily all day in conceding just 3 byes in 55 overs. Anirudh Ramesh returned the identical figures he had achieved against Kings and it was pleasing to see the hard working, very unlucky, Sudam Dias grab two well deserved wickets. Tom Connolly and Josh Chen also grabbed two wickets each. And then the batting onslaught began. Oliver Meroni “got out of the blocks” early with a wonderful display of power hitting. His cover driving was superb and his technical skills were a delight to watch. His partner, Owen Duffy, normally the main aggressor, had to just sit back and watch Oliver’s brilliance as he struck four fours and three huge sixes before Owen had reached double figures. Oliver’s remarkable extra cover drive for six will long live in the memory of those who witnessed it. Owen then opened up and produced a power hitting display of his own. He struck two fours and three mighty sixes in a frantic effort to beat Oliver to fifty before we scored the 118 runs needed for victory. Oliver, deservedly hit the winning runs and remained 50 not out. Owen finished on 45 not out. It was a great win. Alex Hughes was especially excited – “wow – this is the first game I have ever won as a SBHS cricket player – what a great feeling!”.

Let’s hope he can get that winning feeling again next weekend.

Batsman of the Day – Oliver Meroni.

Bowler of the Day – Anirudh Ramesh

Fieldsman of the Day – Ned Anson

2nd XI

17 March 2012

St Joseph's - 1/33 (8) (T.Subasinghe 1/6 [2], A.Ansareen 0/4 [2], D.Guptaa 0/6 [2]) vs. **High - Match Abandoned Due to Rain**

The Toss was won by High elected to bowl. The St. Joseph's openers were aggressive in their approach and 24 runs came off the first 5 over with a run-out missed due to a slippery ball with both batsmen at one end. This was compounded by a difficult slips catch being put down also due to the state of the ball. Thilan Subasinghe in the 7th over came on and bowled T.Hamblin for 13. One over later into the reduced 32 over match, driving wind and rain arrived and High left the field drenched with the not-out batsmen. The umpires abandoned the game on the basis of player safety due to the state of the pitch, run-ups and fielding area.

3rd March 2012

2nd XI - Grammar 74 (T. Subasinghe 2/7 [4], D. Guptaa 2/10 [5], T. Garg 2/12 [5]) defeated by **High 4/96** (T. Subasinghe 33, S. Thushyanthan 17, D. Smith 17 n.o)

25th February 2012

2nd XI - Grammar 74 (T. Subasinghe 2/7 [4], D. Guptaa 2/10 [5], T. Garg 2/12 [5]) vs **High 3/84** (T. Subasinghe 33, T. Garg 13, S. Thushyanthan 12 n.o, D. Smith 10 n.o)

On arrival at the ground and with a pitch inspection producing a "bat-first" decision if we won the toss soon disappeared when Grammar won and chose to bat. Our first wicket was a run-out in the 4th over through a superb return from the outfield by the captain Sai Sivayogaran and Grammar were 1 / 4. Some untidy bowling produced sundries over several overs, giving Jesse Cooper plenty of work behind the stumps and he saved many through his work both sides of the wicket, until Tushaar Garg captured a plumb LBW in the 13th over. Dhruv Guptaa clean bowled Grammar's No.4 ,and 3 overs later Anup Kaluve had Sachin Dhingra take a great catch off his bowling.

Thilan Subasinghe then checked in capturing the valuable LBW 5th wicket just before lunch, and have Grammar 5 /56 (29) which included 11 extras. The coach changed the team plan at lunch to provide changes of pace in attack and add pressure and doubt at the crease for Grammar's remaining batsmen, and in an amazing 10 over spell High took 5 /18 with wickets from Thilan, Sai, Tushaar and Dhruv including another run-out. Sachin Dhingra and Aahdil Ansareen who bowled 14 overs for 21 runs and deserved credit for maintaining the pressure throughout with short sells. Grammar finished on All Out for 74 runs ,which included 20 extras.

High started their innings carefully but in the 4th over Lalitha Katupitiya (3) was the first to go through a smart catch and we were 1 /11. Tushaar Garg who had been moved to the No.3 batting position, joined Thilan Subasinghe then on 24, and established a solid foundation with great shot selections, sparkling drives and glances until in the 21st. over when we lost Tushaar, LBW for 13 within striking distance for a first innings win, with the score at 2 /48. Still needing 27, Shivaangar Thushyanthan joined Thilan and in a steady partnership with great control and consistent ones and twos, High passed Grammar's score in the 34th over. Thilan (33) who opened for us and batted through, becoming the architect of the innings, and had added to his 2 wickets in a sustained effort throughout, was our man-of-the-hour. At stumps Shiva 12n.o and Daniel Smith 10 n.o were at the crease and High was 10 runs in front and 6 premiership points to start next week.

18 February 2012

2nd XI - High 80 (35) (D. Smith 29) & **19 (17)** defeated by **Newington 5/88 decl. (29)** (D. Smith 1/2 [1], S. Dhingra 1/24 [6]) & **1/13 (4)** (S. Sivayogarayan 1/0 [1])

Day 2 provided a game in 3 parts and each team with the opportunity of victory. High at 8/74 and still with 3 to bat and a chance use up valuable overs and post a defendable score. Newington to either chase the score down or High's bowling attack to be good enough to dismiss them and keep the match to a one innings contest. The third element of an outright result was not on the horizon.

With Daniel Smith 24n.o and Sachin Dhingra 7n.o at the crease and Dhruv Guptaa to bat we targeted a total of 130 – 150 runs as defendable, with the view to dismiss Newington and pick up the points and a first innings win. Four overs and 6 runs after start of play and High were all out for 80 runs in 35 overs.. A disappointing conclusion but if we fielded and bowled well to the plan we were still in it.

Newington and High were now facing a first innings result as there were only 64 overs (less 3 for changeover) remaining.

However it was not to be our day. We had 2 dropped catches and 3 absolute run-out certainties fumbled at the wickets and two from the field in front of the bat. At 21 overs Newington was 3/53 after 2 run-out misses and one catch and High were pressing, but we had a fielding meltdown with all players fumbling at ground level. A further dropped catch and 2 run-outs cost us and allowed Newington to declare at 5 /88 and put us in to bat again, and the match scenario had changed. Newington had achieved first inning points and we now had to a score with the bat to either declare and chase an outright points result, or bat to stumps to keep the result at a first innings loss. A big ask either way!!.

In an extremely motivated, fast and accurate bowling attack, Newington never let up on the pressure on us in the second innings and poor shot selection added, saw the attack reap the rewards it deserved for the fine display. We lost Lalitha Katyupitiya for 1 in the first over, Tushaar Garg for 1 (5th over), Daniel, Shivaangar, Jesse and Vishnu came and went (9th & 10th over), Thilan Subasinghe for 3 (6th over) and were 6 /10 at 11overs and succumbed in the 17th over for a total of All out 19 Runs.

Newington had 11 runs to get for outright points and they reached our score with the loss of one wicket when Sai Bowled H.Farrell who had made 8 of the 11 runs which they cleared in the 4th over. Recriminations were not in order in the change room and other than getting gear together, the place to address the result was at sport and practice this week. We have Grammar next round in a Two Day fixture and to get up off the canvas after our Newington defeat will demonstrate what we can achieve when we all tune in to our responsibilities once we step over the white line into play.

11 February 2012

2nd XI - High 8/74 (32) (D. Smith 25*, S. Dhingra 5*) vs. Newington

At Marrickville Oval it was cloudy on arrival and with covers rolled back revealing one end virtually saturated and news that a delay was inevitable, until a roller was transferred from Newington College. The umpires had checked the pitch and surrounds and indicated a 50 minute delay with a 12noon start and a one hour session before lunch. We navigated the first 7 overs with the pitch was playing reasonably well considering grass and dampness and only an odd ball awareness, being the order of survival.

Lalitha Katupitiya and Thilan Subasinghe got us off to a careful start but in the 6th over Lalitha (0) was caught outside the off stump and in the next over Thilan (6) was out LBW. Shivaangar Thushyanthan and Tushaar Garg who had replaced the openers steadied the innings with some sensible running and saw us through to lunch at 2/21 (16). Disaster struck first ball after lunch when Tushaar (2) was run-out and our 3rd wkt was down, Daniel Smith replaced Tushaar but we lost Shivaangar (9) at 4/27 and we were struggling. Jesse Cooper(0) and Vishnu Avudainayagam (0) came and went with Daniel marooned at the non striker's end with no addition to the score and we had slumped to 6/30 in the 23rd over.

Then some fire power erupted and Daniel on (7n.0) was joined by Aahdil Ansareen (8), then Sai Sivayogarayan (5) and finally Sachin Dhingra (4n.0) and he added a further 17 runs to his score to be 24n.0. plus 15 sundries saw us reach 8/74 (32) before play was abandoned 15 minutes after the tea break with rain falling and no chance of a start before 5.00pm due to wet run-ups and field.

We are all hoping that Daniel, Sachin and Dhruv Guptaa (who has yet to bat), can provide us with a solid addition of runs and give us a defendable score so our bowlers can take the Newington batting line-up head on next Saturday. Our biggest problem on the day was lack of solid match practice and some inexperience in some areas that can be addressed at training sessions this week. We are still in this match.

3 December 2011

2nd XI - St Ignatius 8/195 (50) (A. Kaluve 3/34 [9], D. Guptaa 2/18 [5], S. Sivayogaran 2/41 [10]) defeated **High 8/104 (50)** (S. Dhinra 29, S. Thushyanthan 28, V. Avudainayagam 15)

High won the toss and asked Riverview to bat and at 12 overs were 2/27 then a spate of wides and no balls allowed Riverview to gain some momentum which brought Sachin Dhinra 0/31 (10) and Shivaangar Thushyanthan 0/24(7) back into the attack in short spells, to bring back the scoring. Anup Kaluve bowling with good control early, took a wicket in each of his first two overs and Dhruv Guptaa chipped in with wickets through some smart change of pace bowling. Tushaar Garg, Aditya Koneru, Ruanak Sura (on debut) all bowled economically in short spells. Once again 24 sundries of 18 wides, 3 no balls and 3 leg byes gifted Riverview 24 runs for little effort, which came back later to bite us. Anup Kaluve (13) opened the batting for the first time with regular opener Aditya Koneru and we lost Aditya in the 8th over.

Shivaangar Thushyanthan continued his form with an entertaining (28) before being caught, and we lost Visakan Thayalan(0) & Jess Cooper(5) in quick succession. Then the partnership of the day, between Sachin Tendulkar (oops, sorry!! we mean our Sachin DHINGRA(29) who smashed the ball to all parts of the field in partnership with Vishnu Avudainayagam (15), who showed at 14 years of age, the maturity of a very fine top order stroke maker, with great shot selections and a very bright future in cricket at High.

Once again we paid the price for wides and no balls gifting the opposition runs and although we are still having problems hitting off the square and finding the gaps, improvement is showing in every outing. Well done boys for hanging in there and keeping the opposition on their toes.

19 November 2011

2nd XI - Shore 206 (S.Sivayogaran 4/49 [15]) & **2/75dec** (S.Sivayogaran 1/1 [1], S.Thushyanthan 1/11[1]) defeated **High 153** (J.Cooper 35, S.Sivayogaran 23, A.Nayak 21) & **4/34** (A.Nayak 18*)

After saving the follow-on and ending 53 runs behind on the 1st Inning High had a disastrous three (3) over spell at SHORE'S batsmen before Afternoon tea putting, down 3 catches, one in each over, which would have seen the opposition at 3 – 8 (3) and a chance to chase down a moderate score, to turn a first innings loss into an outright victory. SHORE delayed their declaration and so HIGH put up the shutters to ensure a restriction to a 1st innings loss. A match lost by this young team through inexperience and tempered with poor shot selections and dropped catches in both of SHORE'S Innings. A win is getting closer each time we gain more experience on the field.. SHORE defeated HIGH on the first innings.

12 November 2011

2nd XI - Shore 206 (64) (S. Sivayogaran 4/49 [15], A. Koneru 1/13 [5], T. Subasinghe 1/16 [8], S. Thushyanthan 1/ 20 [8] , T. Garg 1/39 [8]) vs **High 1/36 (24)** (A. Nayak 21*, T. Subasinghe 7*)

5 November 2011

2nd XI – Kings 8/242 (50) (S.Thushyanthan 3/41 [10], S.Sivayogarayan 2/32 [10], A.Kaluve 1/29 [4], T.Subasinghe 1/34 [7], D.Guptaa 1/59 [10]) defeated **High 80 (46)** (S.Thushyanthan 19, A.Nayak 19, T.Subasinghe 10)

A brilliant first 17 overs with tight bowling aggressive fielding and Kings were 4 – 42 then disaster struck. A bowling change after drinks and the next 17 overs leak 100 runs Kings to be at 5 – 142. Our worst 34 overs thereafter of fielding we would all like to forget, with 6 dropped catches and 4 run-out chances missed that did not let us back into the game.

29 October 2011

2nd XI – High 45 (J. Cooper 12, S. Thushyanthan 11*) defeated by **St Joseph's 4/49** (D. Guptaa 2/3, T. Subasinghe 1/15)

22 October 2011

SYDNEY GRAMMAR 3 – 156 (20) – Anup Kaluve 2-29 (3), Dhruv Guptaa 1 – 17 (4), defeated **SYDNEY HIGH 8 – 92 (20)** – Vishnu Avudainayagam 24 from Year 8 on debut and displayed wonderful shot selections , Jesse Cooper 23 ,Visakan Thayalan 12, Aditya Koneru 10.

Grammar batted and In a frantic opening period the openers scored off every opportunity, with short and cheeky singles creating fielding pressure, and High playing catch-up in the field and missing 5 very close run out attempts and a dropped catch, to see Grammar 0/30 after 5 overs. Our bowling was on both sides of the wicket and Grammar punished the poor deliveries severely and finished at 3- 156 (20). Best of the bowlers were Anup Kaluve 2/29 and Dhruv Guptaa 1/17 again took a wicket in his first over with his medium pacers.

High batting started disastrously with Shivaangar Thushyanthan run-out for 1 in a dubious decision however Visakan Thayalan 12 and Aditya Koneru 10 put together 24 before they were dismissed within 1 over of each other. Jesse Cooper took the crease next and settled the innings, losing partner Allen Fu 4 at 4-39 in the 11th over. On his Senior debut Vishnu Avudainayagam (Yr.8)joined Jessie Cooper and promptly produced a fantastic array of shots coupled with smart running between wickets and a partnership of 46 gave a little glimmer of hope. However the loss of 3 quick wickets with players trying to force the run rate, did not work and High finished at 6- 92(20) determined not to lose further wickets with Safat Sufian and Ahdil Ansareen the not out batsmen. Although caught early with Grammar's onslaught with the bat, High fought back well but we still have to learn how to maintain a faster and consistent run rate when batting.

SCOTS 6 – 169 (20) – Thilan Subasinghe 1- 11 (2), Aditya Koneru 1 – 13 (2), Visakan Thayalan 1- 21 (2), Shivaangar Thushyanthan 1- 24 (2), Ahdil Ansareen 1- 31 (3), Anup Kaluve 1- 40 (2) , **defeated SYDNEY HIGH 5/100 (20)** (Thilan Subasinghe 30 Ret.hurt, Jesse Cooper 29, Ahdil Ansareen 17, Allen Fu 2n.o and Safat Sufian 1n.o)

High fielded first again and Scots Openers signalled their intention for the day boldly taking on our bowlers with power hitting were 0- 40 at the 4th over, and from there, Scot's batsmen took 90 runs in fours and sixes of big hitting from our inconsistent bowling, finishing at 6- 160 off 20 overs. The wicket takers were Thilan Subasinghe 1/11, Aditya Koneru 1/13, Visakan Thayalan 1/21, Shivaangar Thushyanthan 1/24 Ahdil Ansareen 1/31 and Anup Kaluve 1/40. Although Scots amassed a good total, the small boundaries also meant that High had the same conditions & chance. During the change of innings the coach said we were in the contest, stressing the team plan, building partnerships, steady run rate, quick singles & rotation of the strike. At 10 overs however, High had only scored 2- 36 and lost Aditya Koneru 2 and Vishnu Avudainayagam 5 unfortunately run out by his partner and the innings going nowhere when Jesse Cooper came to the crease. The message had gone out that retirements were to occur due to slow run-rate, which saw the momentum turn, led by Jesse Cooper 29, Thilan Subasinghe 30, Ahdil Ansareen with a quick fire 17 and Dhruv Guptaa 4 had the score move from 36 to 92 in just 6 overs but we had run out of overs. With their dismissals Safat Sufian 1n.o and Allen Fu 2 n.o covered the remaining overs and High finished at 6- 100 (20)

The team received a compliment from David Wiseman (GPS Umpires Convenor)at the completion of the match who remarked that he saw in High's performance evidence of a team that would be better suited to and do well in the longer form of the game. This was one match that got away from us through lack of experience purely due to a slow run rate chase. We can certainly improve on this.

15 October 2011

JOEYS: 9 – 97 (20) Dhruv Guptaa 6 – 5 (4), Anup Kaluve 2 – 11 (4) defeated **SYDNEY HIGH 8 – 55 (20)** Jesse Cooper 16, Thilan Subasinghe 11n.o, Agnish Nayak 7.

Joey's won the toss and batted and at 0-47 (7 overs) Joeys were gaining momentum then on came leg spinner Anup kaluve who changed that in the 8th Over to 1- 48 with a great Catch by Allen Fu in the deep. Anup had his second scalp through a brilliant gully catch by Aditya Koneru, with the score at 2- 58. Then in one outstanding bowling spell Dhruv Guptaa took 3 wickets in 4 balls in a maiden over, followed by 2 wickets in his second and one wicket in his third over for remarkable figures of 6 wkts for 5 runs (4).and Joeys reduced to 8- 66 in the 15th over. A mini fight back saw Joeys hang in to finish at 9- 97(20). Our batting line-up was brittle and inexperienced at this level and struggled to score off the square until Jesse Cooper 16 and Thilan Subasinghe 11n.o developed a partnership that steadied the ship, and showed our fighting spirit against a very disciplined bowling and fielding team but we ran out in the run chase. High finished at 8- 55 (20) just 42 runs short of a possible victory and we rued 30 runs through two expensive overs and 19 sundries the "total freebies" we gifted Joey's. Every member of the team can be proud of this first up effort and we in fact learnt a lot from it as a team in progress. The effort of taking 9- 50 in 13 overs indicates we do have some developing talent...

NEWINGTON: 7 – 157 (20) (Dhruv Guptaa 1-9 [2], Anup Kaluve 1-22 [3], Tushaar Garg 1-22 [3]) defeated **SYDNEY HIGH 5 – 89 (20)** (Jesse Cooper 32n.o, Aditya Koneru 12, Agnish Nayak 10)

On the back of a great comeback with our bowling and fielding in the first game there was an atmosphere of excitement and expectation in game 2. This turned to disappointment with Newington creating havoc and turning us in circles with a fixed plan of great shot selections and smart aggressive running between wickets. In the space of 6 wayward overs of bowling costing 65 runs, and 13 sundries plus 3 dropped catches we once again gifted our opposition a total of 78 runs as they played a smart mixed short and long game to give the co-captains field placement headaches. We knew we had let a winning opportunity get away from us. Our wicket takers Tushaar Garg, Shivaangar Thushyanthan, Anup Kaluve Jonathan Chew, Thilan Subadsinghe and Dhruv Guptaa all finished with one wicket each, and Newington with 7- 157..With the job in front of us despite re-statement of the value of singles and partnerships it took us 10 overs to reach \3- 29, then with some determination and grit led from Jesse Cooper 32 n.o, Aditya Koneru 10n.o and Thilan Subasinghe 8, High went into overdrive in a last ditch chase and finished at 5 – 89(20). Our second outing highlighted some positives in our batting line up but a need for our bowlers to contribute as well. Consistency in bowling spells is essential which was illustrated in the first two matches.

KINGS: 4 – 137 (20) Jonathan Chew 1-6 (2), Aditya Koneru 1 – 9 (2) Anup Kaluve 1–19 (4) defeated **SYDNEY HIGH 6 – 70 (20)** Shivaangar Thushyanthan 20, Tushaar Garg 12n.o, Aditya Koneru 6

For the 3rd match and 3rd time we ended up in the field first .With the lessons learned from the previous 2 matches our bowling improved across the board except for 3 wayward overs and 17 sundries gifting Kings 55 runs in their total. Three difficult dropped catches possibly due to concentration and tiredness also contributed and I feel that all will be the better for what can be described as three “trial matches” for the young players in this group. Kings were a physically big and strong side and finished with 4- 137(20) due to some powerful hitting in the last 3 overs. High could not put early runs on the board and as Shivangar Thushyanthan 20 and Thilan Subasinghe 3 showed determination we could only achieve 25 runs in the first 8 overs with the remaining 12 overs being to tough it out and put a credible score on the board. Ahdil Ansareen 5, Aditya Koneru 6, Jesse Cooper 5. Jonathon Chew 6 and Tushar Garg 12n.o. all contributed to our final total of 6- 70 (20)

Our “find” in the spinning department is Anup Kaluve on each occasion he stifled batsmen and took the break through wickets in each game. Aditya Koneru showed his potential with ball and in the field. Alex Hughes’ title is on the line with three players, Allen Fu, Aditya Koneru and Jesse Cooper all now “qualified” and eligible for the “2nd X1 Claw Title” with their individual displays. Dhruv Guptaa had a positive influence in the team leadership and his mojo has returned. Ahdil Ansareen assisted in leadership and provided some pace in the attack.

Jonathan Chew although nervous today on debut, showed allrounder potential, as did Tushaar Garg, Thilan Subasinghe and Shivaangar Thushyanthan but all lacked match practice which will improve with exposure. Visakan Thayyalan had limited opportunity but to be encouraged to work on his run-up and delivery as he has height and the ability to be a bowling spearhead in the future. My thanks to the parents in attendance for their support for the players on this important start to their son’s senior cricket pathway.