



After 3 rounds of CAS cricket our 1st XI currently sit top of the Archer Shield table on 18 points. What a brilliant start to the season and well done to our new 1st XI coach, Chris Burnett.

Chasing 169 against St Aloys last Saturday, we made hard work of what should have been a relatively simple run chase. Nick Tait and Charlie Hayward putting on 15 nerve racking runs to see us home by 1 wicket. This win showed great character and that winning can sometimes become a habit.

The boys now have two vital two day matches coming up against Trinity and Knox. Two wins will see us surge ahead on the table and go into the Christmas holiday period well on top.

Unfortunately, Sydney's unpredictable spring weather put a dampener on all other games fixtures and only the 1st XI were able to get a game in. Our 2nd XI boys were very unlucky as they were well on top having St Aloys 9/98 after day 1. Seamers Oscar Lim-Strachan, Eddie Lewis and James Parker were the pick of the bowlers and were super impressive bowling a consistent line and length.

Our mighty Barbarians team racked up a win over Knox last Saturday at Dangar. Sam Fine and Angus Halliday were the stars with bat and ball. Halliday was brutal smashing 52 with the bat and was a class above.

This Saturday sees Junior School cricket finish for Term 4. We have had much success in the junior school program during the past few seasons and the future looks bright for Cranbrook cricket if we can keep these teams together. Each young cricketer has had access to outstanding coaching and has been given every opportunity on game day to show their skills and perform for their school and team.

Our win/loss ratio is fairly impressive this Term with 11 wins, 1 tie and 7 losses from 19 fixtures completed. No doubt that's the most successful we have been in the 3 years I have worked at Cranbrook.

Best of luck to all teams in action this Saturday. Let's hope the sun can stay out and we can get some quality cricket played.

Tim Lang, Head of Cricket



MATCH REPORTS

Cranbrook 1st XI vs St Aloysius at College Oval

Day 1

St.Aloysius 169 (N.Jewell-Tait 4/50, P.Parras 2/17)

Vs

Cranbrook 1/62 (D.Siu 30*, N.Rael 26)

Aloys' had the better of the first hour despite some quality seam bowling from the 'Brook boys. It was in the second hour that our secret weapon Nick Jewel-Tait tore through the St. Aloysius top order with 4 wickets in quick succession. It was a very clever spell of bowling that swung the game in Cranbrook's favour. After lunch we lost the battle of patience and Aloys' started to build an ominous partnership. It was the combination of Parras and Jewel-Tait again that built the pressure for the partnership to be broken. The quicks did the job cleaning up the tail with another incredible catch taken by Nick Rael running backwards - He is making a habit of taking screamers!

Nick Rael and Daniel Siu had the last session to bat. Real look very comfortable in compiling a crisp 26 before falling not long before stumps. Siu - Our pre-season run machine began to find the touch that scored a stunning hundred against Grammar and lead the run scoring in India. Skipper Gall and Siu continue Saturday morning looking to get Cranbrook 1st XI to 3 and 0 in the Archer Shield.

Day 2

Cranbrook 9/173 (A.Gall 49, D.Siu 42)

Defeated

St. Aloysius 169 (N.Jewell-Tait 4/48, P.Parras 2/17)

After a week of persistent rain, the St. Aloysius Groundsman delivered a remarkable pitch and outfield. He must be commended and Cranbrook definitely owe Aloys' one after this!

Daniel Siu and Alex Gall began the day in a controlled manner and looked at ease against the pace bowlers. We were steadily counting down the runs and were well placed at 3/125 around lunch. However, a combination of tight slow bowling and conservative batting dried up the runs for the 'Brook boys as we struggled to maintain any momentum. Not keeping the scoreboard ticking quite often spells disaster in the game of cricket and as the wickets started to tumble around the Rock of 'Gall'bralter, 30 or 40 runs looked like thousands!

From 3/125 to 9/155 in a period of 30 overs, we collapsed... including Alex Gall for an incredibly solid and patient 49. It was left to Charlie Hayward and Nick Jewell-Tait to score 15 runs for the last wicket. The 10 and 11 kept things simple. Tait with solid defence and soft hands, Chayward with an eye for the boundary ball. After a tense few overs and some smart batting we scraped to a sensational 1 wicket victory.

We move to the outright top of the Archer Shield on 18 pts, Knox 4 points behind. We do know, however, that nothing is ever won after 3 rounds and despite a winning culture and momentum developing, there is plenty of improvement left in us.

Cowan Points

5. N Jewell-Tait

4. C Hayward

3. A Gall

T20 vs Waverley

Waverley 8/73 (19.4)

Defeated

Cranbrook 9/72 (20)



The long and the short of it. Parker and Gall discuss tactics during the 1st XI win last Saturday



Winners are grinners!!

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2015

TERM 4 WEEK 5

Cranbrook 2nd XI vs St Aloysius at Hordern

Day 1

The 2 XI coming off a disappointing loss against Barker needed to start well this week against Aloys. After training well during the week, the bowling and fielding were at a very high standard and at the end of the day had Aloys at 9/98 off 58 overs. The pressure and energy in the field was great and the bowlers gave away nothing, wickets were shared around with Oscar Lim, Eddie Lewis, James Parker and debutant Elias Green taking 2 wickets each and Jasper Stockton got 1. The plan for next week is to get the last wicket early and then set about chasing the runs down to seal victory.

Day 2 - Washed out

10A vs St Aloysius at Hordern

Day 1

Cranbrook 118 (35 overs)

St Aloysius 2/54 (20 overs)

Last Saturday the Cranbrook 10A's took on their rivals St Aloysius on the first day of a two-day game. Captain Max Gerlach won the toss and elected to bat. After a few throw downs he and Johnny Vicars walked out to the middle of Hordern Oval for the first time in a proper match. After a resilient defensive display the two managed to slightly blunt the opening bowling attack before Gerlach was given out caught behind. Unfortunately Cranbrook suffered an early batting collapse from that point on, but Elias Green managed to steady the ship with a patient 66, his second half century this season, proving himself to be an extremely important asset to the team. He remained not out as the rest of the lower order dropped off however some great defensive batting by N Lines. By the fall of the last wicket the 10A's managed to scrape together a score of 118, an impressive turnaround in comparison to the start of the match. Due to the team being bowled out early, the boys still had an hour left of play, so they were sent in to field. With tight, disciplined bowling Cranbrook kept Aloy's to a decent run rate, picking up two wickets in the process. However, the 10A's will be looking to bowl the opposition out, not restrict runs, as they are well on their way to reaching the low target they were set. The boys are now spending the week preparing for the second day, working on their bowling and fielding at training. They will be hoping to take some early wickets this coming Saturday, in the hope that they can turn the match around and pick up some points.

Day 2 - Washed out

Cranbrook 9A vs St Aloysius at Castle Cove

Our 9A batsmen continued to tease us with our big guns getting starts but not kicking on to make big scores at Castle Cove last Saturday.

Hugo Hayman (41), Noah Learmonth (38) and Captain Jude Gibbs (37) all looked in outstanding form. These boys need to learn bat for long periods of time if they want to be successful in the opens ranks. We have a very talented group of cricketers but 30's and 40's don't make successful teams. We need to be more ruthless with the bat in the future games.

We finished Day 1 on 7/178. We will look to add another 20-30 runs before declaring and making our bowlers work hard to get us our first victory of the season.

Day 2 - Washed out



The College Oval scoreboard tell the story

Barbarians vs Knox At Dangar

Cranbrook Barbarians 8/121 (Halliday 52, Taylor 12, H Parker 12) defeated Knox 4/67 (Sam 2/6, Woods 1/6)

On Saturday despite the majority of fixtures being washed out, the second most important team in the school after the first XI donned on their whites and came out to play on a cracking Dangar 1 track. Being sent in to bat, the mighty Babas took full advantage of the home ground and played a mirage of spectacular and speculative shots, which amounted to successful partnerships and some great running between the wickets. Halliday was the standout with the bat, swotting at balls left right and centre and steadied the innings to a commendable total of 121. Whilst in the field the commitment was fearless, bowling tidy lines and lengths and drying up at least the scoreboard. Our fielding was commendable, as the heavens opened up and play continued. Opportunities became few and far between with regulation catches slipping and sliding from the grasps of our hands. However our strike bowler for the match slingeth Sammy came on and did irreplaceable damage to both the Knox innings, breaking a promising partnership whilst picking up two successive wickets and being on a hat-trick as well as breaking a bail. Another fantastic effort from these Babas who showed guts to stick out the match and get the win in what could otherwise be described as a swimming carnival!

JUNIOR SCHOOL CRICKET

Cranbrook 6A vs Scots

Our junior school 1st XI held their nerve to win a thriller against arch rivals Scots last Saturday. Batting first Captain Asher Learmonth lead the way and was all class reaching 50 retired in a total of 4-121.

Scots fought on right to the very end needing 7 to win from the final over. Matthew Yetton held his nerve to see Cranbrook win a thriller by 4 runs. Yetto finished with the outstanding figures of 4/6.

Cranbrook 4-121 (Asher Learmonth 50*) def. Scots 8/117 (Matthew Yetton 4/6)

Cranbrook 6B vs Scots

The 6B's were lucky to avoid the rain and have their game against Scots go ahead on Saturday morning. Being sent into the field first, the boys displayed some excellent bowling and fielding with limited sundries and plenty of boundaries prevented on a smaller ground. Geoffrey Fung (1-5) and Sam Logan (1-11) opened the bowling strongly and were ably assisted by Josh Waitsman (1-7) and Ben Vander-Byl (1-4) as we were able to restrict Scots to 102 on a small ground. With the bat, the boys started out with positive stroke play and impressive running between wickets. Ben Vander-Byl (23*) lead the charge and with the assistance of Sam Logan (14*) we were able to reach the Scots total in 19 overs.

Cranbrook 3-103 (Vander-Byl 23*, Logan 14*) defeated Scots 102 (Vander-Byl 1-4, Fung 1-5)

Junior School Milo T20 Blast Finals

On Tuesday morning our Year 6 T20 Blast players travelled to Blacktown International Sports Park to compete in the state finals of the Milo T20 Blast competition.

We won our first 3 games against strong opposition including Gladesville Primary School and Camden West Public School. Some outstanding batting from Freddie Walton, who hit 6 sixes in one over and some quality bowling from Asher Learmonth and Will Faure saw us get through to the final against Shore.

Bowling first we restricted Shore to a par school and we just needed to hold our nerve and we would be off to the MCG for the Australian Championships. A couple of silly run outs early put us on the back foot but some good hitting from Will Shanahan and Freddie finished our innings off well.

Both Cranbrook and Shore waited for the umpire to add the scores up and unfortunately we finished an agonising 10 runs short of the Shore total.

Freddie Walton was named Best and Fairest player and received a signed NSW cricket bat.

Great effort boys!!

TWO DAY CRICKET – FRI 13 AND SAT 14 NOVEMBER

Team	Opposition	Venue	Friday Time	Saturday Time
1st	Trinity	TGS 1	2.00	9.00
2nd	Trinity	Hordern	2.00	9.00
10A	Trinity	Dangar 3	2.00	9.00
9A	Trinity	TGS 3	2.00	9.00

CRICKET

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
3rd	Knox	Dangar 4	1.30
4th	Knox	Dangar 4	9.00
8A	Knox	Gillespie 3	9.00
8B	Knox	Lower Gillespie	1.30
Barbarians		Dangar 1	1.30