



MATCH REPORTS

Cranbrook 1st XI vs Knox at Hordern

Cranbrook 110 (F.Stenmark 52, D.Siu 25) & 1/33 (D.Siu 25)

Defeated by

Knox 144 (F.Stenmark 3/31, N. Jewell-Tait 2/8, A.Hayward 2/36)

Day 1 - Cranbrook 9/110

The top of the table clash in the Archer Shield, with the winner to take the lead into the Christmas, was always going to be a big occasion. The 42 degree Friday afternoon made it an even more memorable day of cricket. Skipper Gall won the toss as planned and batted. As has been the case all season however, despite occupying the crease and batting diligently, Cranbrook were never able to dominate the opposition attack. In extreme heat, Daniel Siu (25 runs and 2 hours) and Finbarr Stenmark (52 and 3 and a half hours) must be commended for their efforts. It was a hard fought, attritional day of cricket.



Day 2 - Cranbrook 110 & 1/33, Knox 144

The final wicket was taken early on Day 2 and into the field the 1st XI went. Stenmark and Gus Hayward were sensational up front for Cranbrook, tearing through the top order of the dangerous Knox line up. The wickets kept coming as we worked our way towards lunch and through a couple of rain interruptions. It was 6/46 at the break with the home side in full command.



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After lunch Knox began to rebuild their chase with some sensible, positive stroke play. The bowling was disciplined, but the chances did not present themselves as easily as the morning session. It was a frustrating partnership that took the opposition all the way to the first innings victory. The game wrapped up with some lusty Knox hitting and quick wickets from the 'Brook spinners followed by a steady performance from Rael and Siu at the top of the order until the game was called off.

We sit 2nd on the table, just behind Knox. A solid start to the season with plenty of great performances, but also plenty of improvement in us.

Cowan Points

5 F Stenmark
4 A Hayward
3 D Siu

Cranbrook 2nd XI vs Knox at Graham Mapp

The temperature was 43 degrees when the 2nd XI took the field against Knox last Friday and it pretty much stayed that way for the rest of the day. The boys battled hard and Knox finished the day at 8/200 which was a good effort from all the team to keep the score to a respectable level in stifling conditions. Skipper Eddie Lewis and Oscar Lim had 2 wickets each while Jake Simeonides, James Parker and Jasper Stockley had a wicket each and a Run Out. Saturday came around and the temperature had dropped by half which made it perfect conditions for bowling however Knox decided to bat on for a further 5 overs and put on an extra 35 runs and declared at 9/235. Eddie finished with 3/32 off 10 overs and Oscar 2/19 off 9 overs. This left us 46 overs to chase the target which started well, Oscar and James Parker got the score to 23 before Oscar was out LBW. Jasper joined James and pushed the score to 62 when Jasper was caught for 18. Eddie came in and another little partnership was built before James was caught for 38 with the score on 88. This left us with 45 minutes left in the day to bat for the draw, unfortunately the next 43 minutes saw us lose 7/15 in 10 overs. A disappointing result to collapse in that fashion after working hard earlier in the day.

Cowan Points

3 Parker
2 Lewis
1 Lim

Cranbrook 10A vs Knox at Gillespie

It was a furnace like atmosphere when we hopped off the mini bus at Gillespie last Friday lunchtime. Thankfully, skipper Max Gerlach won the toss and had no hesitation in batting first in the blistering heat. Unfortunately, we saw ourselves in all sorts of trouble at 4/3. Timmy White then joined his good mate Johnny Vicars at the crease and these boys steadied the ship with a 60 run partnership. Both players looked extremely comfortable playing some attractive shots on both sides of the wicket. The Knox leg spinner came into the attack with immediate effect and had White caught at mid-wicket off a full toss.

Noah Lines then joined Vicars and was rock solid with some very compact defence. Vicars continued his outstanding innings in the extreme heat. He showed great powers of concentration and plenty of heart in making 56.

We were eventually bowled out for 101. Vicars completely saving the day for his team.



Early wickets were always going to be key and Tim White delivered a quality opening spell with his left arm inswingers. He claimed two early wickets to get the Cranbrook team up and about.

We consistently took wickets but the target of 101 was never going to be easy to defend. The hard hitting Knox opening batsman making 98 to see his team home. White was the pick of the Cranbrook bowlers while Gerlach picked up a couple of wickets with his leg spinners. Special mention must go to Sean Fitzgerald who has improved rapidly over the past 18 months. Fitzzy picked up a wicket with a jaffa of a leg cutter and it was probably the delivery of the match.

Knox declared 74 runs ahead and the pressure was on us to bat it out and restore some pride. We were rather disappointing in the 2nd innings and were bundled out for 78. This left Knox 1 over to get 5 runs for an outright victory. They sealed it with a leg bye of the final delivery.

Credit must go to Noah Lines and Jordy Shore who toughed it out against their much more experienced opposition in the 2nd innings. Jordy played some great shots through the leg side while Noah played with soft hands and a straight bat. Plenty of heart shown by these lads.

We now look forward to the one day games starting in Term 1, 2016.

Cowan Points

3 Johnny Vicars
2 Timothy White
1 Noah Lines



Cranbrook 10A vs Trinity at Dangar 3

Trinity 9/170 Dec. (51 overs) Drew with Cranbrook 8/162 (45 overs)

Cranbrook arrived at Dangar on an extremely overcast day for round 4 against Trinity. With knowledge of incoming torrential rain, Captain M Gerlach elected to bowl on a green deck. The trinity openers looked solid until T White struck with an early breakthrough. In a very successful spell, Elias Green took 3 wickets. Noah Harris took 2 in consecutive balls and Cranbrook were on top at 7-70. Unfortunately, the trinity tail enders dug in and day 1 was prematurely ended by torrential rain. At stumps the score was 8/95.

Early wickets were the order of the day for Cranbrook on Saturday morning but all did not go to plan with a well-made 50 to their number 9 batsmen. Finally we made the breakthrough and quick wickets preceded; trinity all out for 170. Cranbrook lost early wickets with J Vicars and A Buchen in the sheds before the 15th over. M Gerlach, following a string of low scores turned the tables and steadied the ship compiling a well-made half-century ending up on 70. His effort was backed up with a classy 40 from inform batsmen Elias Green. Cranbrook were in a commanding position requiring 40 runs with an enough wickets and were staring down the barrel of a successful run chase.

Unfortunately, despite their efforts to accelerate in the latter stages, time was the enemy with a draw the end result. Cranbrook were only 9 runs short of the total. The 10A's can draw many positives from a much stronger performance and will be looking to get a win in their final game this year.

Cowan Points

3 Max Gerlach
2 E Green
1 T White

Cranbrook 9A vs Knox at Dangar 3

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

A huge cheer from the home team could be heard all over the Eastern Suburbs Friday afternoon when Captain Jude Gibbs won the toss and chose to bat as the temperature nudged 35 degrees at 2.00pm. The Knox bowling attack rarely troubled the Cranbrook top order but was fortunate to have Hugo Hayman and Tom Greig out LBW and several others out cheaply through poor shot making. PJ Foord steadied the ship with a patient 43 before Cranbrook was all out for a disappointing 119. The blistering conditions continued throughout the afternoon at Dangar reaching 41 by 3.00pm. Despite this, the spirit and determination from the Cranbrook bowlers and by all in the field evened up the contest by the end of day 1 with Knox battling at 5-69. Tom Grieg bowled superbly picking up 2 wickets as did Will Kidman with 2 and Jude Gibbs with 1. With the cool change arriving during the night, the players were met with much more comfortable conditions on day 2. Tom Grieg continued his impressive attack claiming his 3rd wicket but the star of the morning session was Will Kidman who bowled full and straight to clean up the Knox tail and finish with

figures of 5-25. With first innings points in the bag and 3 hours of play remaining, Cranbrook set about posting a healthy lead. Jude Gibbs (17) and Tom Grieg (21) made starts but the home side was soon staring down a potential outright loss at 7-68. Thankfully, mature and composed innings from Angus Halliday (21 n/o) and Ben Fuller (11 n/o) who handled both spinners superbly put a 2nd innings chase beyond reach of Knox and the captains agreed to call it a day at 12.30pm. Congratulations to all 13 players who contributed to a fine performance in difficult conditions. After a short break, we look forward to the one day season in term 1.

Cowan points

3 Will Kidman
2 Tom Grieg
1 Ben Fuller

