

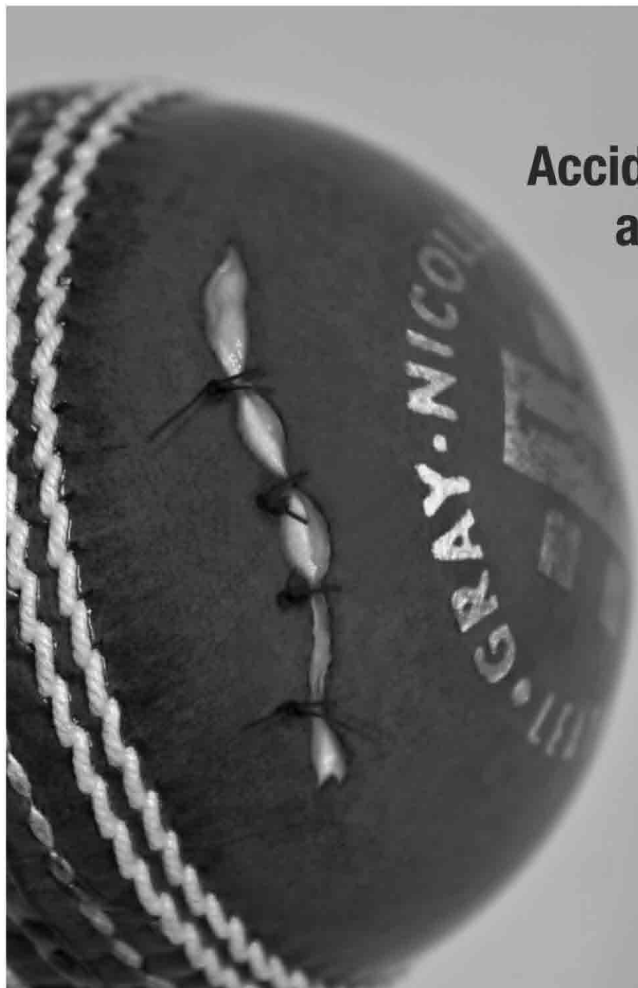


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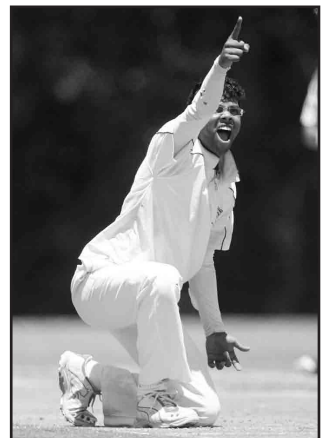
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*Vivek Trichy (Eden Roskill)*

# Premier Cricket Round Up

Both rounds of the Men's Premier Twenty20 competition have seen plenty of runs, but the high scorers weren't always on the winning team.

East Coast Bays allrounder Brad Schmulian has come the closest to three figures, being dismissed for a quickfire 99 against Birkenhead City in round one. But it wasn't enough, as former Aces player Terry Crabb led Birkenhead to victory with an impressive 87 at Freyberg Park.

Aces batsman Andrew de Boorder wasn't far behind Schmulian, scoring 95 for Howick Pakuranga in their five wicket win over Papatoetoe, also in round one, despite a solid 67 from Sarvajith DR.

The all-round performance of the



*Graeme Read (East Coast Bays)*

competition so far goes to Howick's Donovan Grobbelaar who cracked an undefeated 87 and then nabbed four wickets to help his side to a comfortable win over Ellerslie in round two.

Brent Findlay carried Cornwall to victory almost singlehandedly in their first round clash with Parnell, as he took three wickets for just 18 runs and scored an unbeaten 82.

Jimmy Neesham's 63 not out helped Suburbs New Lynn defeat Waitakere City as they topped 200, and he backed that up with 58 in their second round win over Cornwall where Michael Barry played the guiding hand with a composed 78 not out.

Auckland University have played their way to consecutive wins on the back of Barrington Rowland's 54 to defeat local rivals Ellerslie in the first round and thanks to an unbeaten 37 from James Boyle in their second round clash with Papatoetoe.

Eden Roskill also have a perfect record after Joe Castelino's 56 took them from the perils of 18/6 to a win over Grafton United and then they pipped Waitakere City in round two with good contributions from Vivek Trichy (83) and Ben Mailata (53).

The only other side yet to taste defeat is North Shore who've enjoyed two convincing victories over Takapuna

and Birkenhead City with Ben Stewart cracking 71 in their first up win over near neighbours Takapuna.

Meanwhile, the two day competitions are reaching an intriguing stage, especially in the Major Championship where teams are vying for a top four spot.

Reigning champions Takapuna lead the Hedley Howarth Trophy Major Championship, with the Cachopa brothers continuing to rack up 100s on a regular basis.

The pair's latest triple figure scores came against Papatoetoe with Craig scoring 142 and Brad reaching Cachopa 126 not out, although Papatoetoe did claim the outright win by one wicket despite giving up first innings points.

But it's not just been the batsmen having success, with Howick's Donovan Grobbelaar claiming 7-32 in their first innings win over Cornwall.

Only a stoic 81 from English import Daryl Mitchell helped Cornwall avoid an outright defeat, with Aces batsman Greg Todd showing he's handy with the ball too, taking four wickets.

East Coast Bays captain Matt Mimmack also showed he's handy when rolling his arm over against Eden Roskill, taking 3-0 in the side's dismal second innings of 68.

Two Suburbs New Lynn players also



*Azhar Abbas (Eden Roskill)*

showed their class in the final round before Christmas, with Greg Hay, 123 not out, and Jeet Raval, 103, both reaching three figures.

In the Tom Hellaby Trophy Minor Championship Tim Dineen (127) and James Boyle (111) starred for Auckland University in their first innings win over Waitakere City.

And prior to Christmas, experienced Grafton United captain Craig Borich impressed with an unbeaten 139 against Auckland University.

Parnell continue to dominate the combination, opening up to a 20 point lead with four rounds completed after an outright win against Birkenhead City, which saw the home side bowled out for 91.

# Club Profile - Waitakere City

A number of factors have made it a hard road for Waitakere City this season.

Retirements and players moving overseas have left the club relying on a relatively young talent base. The unavailability of contracted Aces players Anaru Kitchen and Dusan Hakaraia has also hurt the team.

"They were the base of our team for the last five years," coach Randall Todd says.

But Todd doesn't begrudge the two players their success. He says it's the first time in many years that two Waitakere players have been contracted to Auckland at the same time.

"It's good they're there and it's a big

plus for the club. Having played at that level is great from a training aspect."

Todd says the pair often bring new ideas to training, which helps freshen things up.

The addition of Englishman Aaron Jeavons, who's played for the Warwickshire second XI, has also boosted the side.

"He's come across for a bit of experience, but is really impressed with the standard of club cricket. Often I tend to hear a lot of other people have a negative view of the premier competition."

Todd says the club will likely be in a rebuilding phase for two or three seasons, but believes the development of his players would be improved



Dusan Hakaraia

further if there was just one division for two-day cricket.

"I don't believe that the difference between the top eight and the bottom six is that great. They should be trying to broaden the base.

"It makes it very hard for clubs in the bottom six to get back in the fold. At a lower level, players aren't going to come to us."

Todd's reasons for staying at the helm of the premier side for 11 years are simple ones.

"I just love the game and really enjoy coaching. It's a very family orientated club. We get a large amount of support on the sideline every Saturday - maybe about 60 or 70 people."

His two sons Corey and Keeley got Todd involved in Waitakere and he's been there ever since.

Todd says he's undecided about whether he'll be back to coach the side again next season.



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# Aces Profile Colin Munro

Colin Munro's return to the Aces side this season has been nothing short of impressive.

After making his debut predominantly as a bowler in 2006, the 23-year-old has been in and out of the Auckland side, making occasional appearances over a four year period.

But it's the evolution of Twenty20 in recent seasons that's given Munro a new lease on his cricketing life, allowing him to develop the batting side of his game.

"I've always considered myself a batting allrounder, but in my early days at Howick Pakuranga I got thrown the ball and found myself down the order.

"It just comes down to believing in yourself and taking the opportunity. If the ball is in my zone I can go out and play my shots - otherwise I try and rotate the strike."

The Howick Pakuranga player was an important part of the Aces batting lineup during the HRV Cup, generally coming in at number six tasked with



keeping the runs flowing.

"It's up to me to show I'm worth being there. At one point, I got two ducks in a row, but the selectors showed faith in me."

And while he would have liked to have bowled more overs, Munro concedes the Aces bowling lineup of Kyle Mills, Daryl Tuffey and Andre Adams is an impressive one.

"It's a really strong lineup when all the Blackcaps are back. With the ball, I'm willing to bowl into the wind and block up an end."

"Hoppy [Auckland captain Gareth Hopkins] says 'Always work hard on your bowling and you never know when you'll get a crack.'"

## Michael Fearon

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Munro also credits a stint in Australian club cricket last season for his return to the Auckland side.

"I didn't do too well, but learnt a few different skills that helped me out."

The next step for Munro is to secure an Auckland contract next season and break back into the first class side.

"Four day cricket is where you test yourself physically and mentally. The bowlers bowl a tough line and length all day. In terms of bowling when you get on flatter wickets you've got

to be a lot more consistent, which is something I'm working on at the moment."

But in the meantime he's concentrating on the rest of the Aces' one day campaign and performing for Howick Pakuranga, after playing for Papatoetoe in recent times.

"They give me some stick about being a Papatoetoe boy. But I enjoy being around and passing on some experience to the young guys coming through."



# Player Profile - Brad Schmulian

A quickfire 99 in the opening round of the club Twenty20 competition has shown Brad Schmulian is a player to watch.

The 20-year-old, who has been a regular in Auckland age group cricket for a number of years, says the score has broken a run of 30s and 40s for East Coast Bays this season.

But like many club cricketers, he's just as concerned about the team result as his own form.

"It was disappointing I couldn't get through to three figures, but obviously I'm more disappointed that we lost the game."

He says the concept of playing Twenty20 cricket midweek is great for the clubs because it creates a positive atmosphere.

"I think it's excellent. We had people coming down after work and supporting us - there were probably 50 parents and supporters."

In two-day cricket the legspinner has been taking plenty of wickets, making him a strong possibility for the new Auckland under-23 team launched this season.

"In the younger years you're a bit unaware how it all works. In the under-17s and under-19s you look back and there are some fantastic opportunities."

When comparing club and age group cricket, Schmulian says there is a difference.

"When you come from age group stuff, the intensity at club level is a bit higher - the bowlers are a bit quicker."

A couple of stints playing club cricket in Darwin during winter have also improved his game.

"The level is a little bit below Auckland club cricket, but it's a lot better than being stuck here in winter, in the indoor nets."

Bowling a team out in conjunction with former Australian spinner Beau Casson and taking them to a championship win rates as one of the major highlights from his Darwin experience.

"It's also about living away from home and looking after yourself."

Schmulian says he's committed to playing for East Coast Bays, who he started with at age 10 after arriving from South Africa.

"We're a young team with a lot of young talent. In the next five years we've got to improve that talent."

He says captain Matt Mimmack is working hard to help them win a championship in the coming seasons.

"We don't have many senior players. He helps us with our game."

An outright win against Eden Roskill recently has also helped the team's chances in the Major Championship.

"The first focus is to stay in the top eight. If we keep winning matches we'll be in the top four."



# Womens Cricket

## - South East look to turn the corner

It's been a tough season for the South East women's club team.

The side has fluctuated between nine and 13 players in its squad, which hasn't made life that easy.

But coach Craig Sunde is upbeat about the rest of the season, with the Pearl Dawson Trophy one day competition set to resume later this month and two Twenty20 rounds to play in March.

"We've got 11 again now for when we start back. It's a very mixed team with four or five senior players and a very young base.

"The younger ones are just starting to realise how they've got to perform."



Megan Tremaine



Holly Huddleston

He says it's up to his players in the Hearts squad, like Megan Tremaine, Sandee Hui, Regina Lili'i and Holly Huddleston to lead the way.

However not being able to field a full side has affected their results in the Prichard Cup one day competition and majority of the Twenty20 tournament.

"It's very difficult playing with nine players, but we're looking forward to getting back to it."

He says those that aren't involved in the women's development, secondary schools or Hearts teams are particularly keen to get back on the field for their club, which is a combined Papatoetoe and Howick Pakuranga outfit.

Sunde believes the club would benefit from getting more girls from local schools interested, which has helped other clubs keep player numbers steady.

"Someone needs to get into schools and promote women's cricket again. It's tapered off over the last couple of years."

# MEN'S PREMIER GRADE TWENTY20 COMPETITION 2010-11

## Round 2 - 19-01-11

### HRV Birkenhead City v North Shore - Onewa Domain 2a

North Shore 172/5 (R Jones 48, B Stewart 34, T Crabb 3-34) defeated Birkenhead City 81 by 91 runs.

### Takapuna v ILG East Coast Bays - Onewa Domain 1a

East Coast Bays 120 (G Johnson 5-28) lost to Takapuna 123/1 (B Cachopa 64\*, B Douglas 44) by nine wickets.

### Top Catch Auckland University v HRV Papatoetoe - Papatoetoe Rec Grd 4a

Papatoetoe 137/9 (S Singe 35, C Dineen 3-24) lost to Auckland University 138/7 (J Boyle 37\*, B Stevens 3-22) by three wickets.

### Howick Pakuranga v Ellerslie - Lloyd Elsmore Park 1a

Howick Pakuranga 176/4 (D Grobbelaar 87\*, W Johnson 31\*) defeated Ellerslie 128/8 (W Hart 41, D Grobbelaar 4-21) by 49 runs.

### Cornwall v Fox's Ale-House Suburbs New Lynn - Cornwall Park 1a

Suburbs New Lynn 171/9 (M Barry 78\*, J Neesham 58, S Anderson 3-34) defeated Cornwall 152/9 (M Guptill-Bunce 41, D Mitchell 35, S Hyndman 3-22) by 19 runs.

### New World Victoria Park Grafton United v Parnell - Victoria Park 3a

Grafton United 109/9 (C Fletcher 58, B Martin 4-26, A Newland 3-19) lost to Parnell 112/4 (M Turner 55) by six wickets.

### Waitakere City v Eden Roskill - Te Atatu Park 5a

Eden Roskill 183/5 (V Trichy 83, B Mailata 53) defeated Waitakere City 177/7 (C Fenner 67, D Hakaraia 32, M Bing 32) by six runs.

## Points table after round 2:

### White Section

North Shore ..... 6  
Birkenhead City ..... 3  
Takapuna ..... 3  
East Coast Bays ..... 0

### Blue Section

Auckland University ..... 6  
Howick Pakuranga ..... 6  
Ellerslie ..... 0  
Papatoetoe ..... 0

### Red Section

Eden Roskill ..... 6  
Suburbs New Lynn ..... 6  
Parnell ..... 3  
Cornwall ..... 3  
Grafton United ..... 0  
Waitakere City ..... 0

# HEDLEY HOWARTH TROPHY MENS PREMIER TWO DAY MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP

## Round 4 - 08-01-11 & 15-01-11

### Cornwall v Howick Pakuranga - Cornwall Park 1

Cornwall 143 (M Guptill-Bunce 63, D Grobbelaar 7-32, J Drinkall 3-53) & 222 (D Mitchell 81, B Chemaly 40, B Findlay 34, G Todd 4-19, J Drinkall 3-31) lost to Howick Pakuranga 287/9 dec (A de Boorder 62, J Newth 52, PJ Cairns 51, M Davis 48, S Anderson 3-52) on first innings.

### **North Shore v Fox's Ale-House Suburbs New Lynn - Devonport Domain 1**

North Shore 180 (A MacDuff 69, C McGuigan 37, J Nolen 6-53) & 165/4 (R Jones 74, A MacDuff 44\*, J Nolen 3-59) lost to Suburbs New Lynn 234 (G Hay 43, J Neesham 34, S Variath 32, B Stewart 3-45, M Stevenson 3-55) on first innings.

### **Takapuna v HRV Papatoetoe - Onewa Domain 1**

Takapuna 404/9 dec (C Cachopa 142, B Cachopa 126\*, E Herd 34, B Singh 4-106) lost to Papatoetoe 120/8 dec (I Smallburn 3-22) & 287/9 (L Shaw 66, S Singe 36, V Soma 35\*, J Cowell 3-50) outright by one wicket.

### **ILG East Coast Bays v Eden Roskill - Windsor Park 1**

Eden Roskill 148 (V Trichy 37, M Mimmack 3-23) & 68 (S Lipshaw 4-14, M Mimmack 3-0) lost to East Coast Bays 149/9 dec (G Read 35, A Abbas 6-73) & 68/2 outright by eight wickets.

## **TOM HELLABY TROPHY MEN'S PREMIER TWO-DAY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP Round 4 - 08-01-11 & 15-01-11**

### **Top Catch Auckland University v Waitakere City - Te Atatu Park 1**

Waitakere City 315 (A Jeavons 60, D Morton 56, D Hakaraia 30, B Cates 5-84) lost to Auckland University 402/9 dec (T Dineen 127, J Boyle 111, C Dineen 69, S Wood 34, P Hira 3-51, A Jeavons 3-88) on first innings.

### **Ellerslie v New World Victoria Park Grafton United - Michaels Ave 1**

Grafton United 183 (G Coleman 55, T Manning 34, J Chaloner-Warman 31, D Bartlett 6-43) & 186/6 dec (C Fletcher 43\*, S Rajasekar 39) defeated Ellerslie 99 (M Wall 48, G Coleman 3-6) & 239/8 (K Baker 66, K Kurta 49\*, M Selby 47, S Rajasekar 6-79) on first innings.

### **Birkenhead City v Parnell - Birkenhead War Memorial Park 1**

Birkenhead City 91 (J Walsh 6-27, B Martin 4-17) & 288 (T Crabb 85, P Treanor 56, D Crook 43\*, D Goddard 5-57) lost to Parnell 300/4 dec (M Turner 79, D Winger 63, B Martin 53\*, B Rae 34, C Rope 33) & 80/0 (B Rae 46\*, C Rope 33\*) outright by 10 wickets.

### **Points tables after round 3**

#### **Hedley Howarth Trophy - Men's**

##### **Premier Two-Day Major Championship**

Takapuna .....	50.87
Suburbs New Lynn .....	46.34
Cornwall .....	44.03
Howick Pakuranga.....	42.23
North Shore .....	37.71
East Coast Bays.....	35.95
Papatoetoe.....	24.75
Eden Roskill.....	23.19

#### **Tom Hellaby Trophy - Men's Premier**

##### **Two-Day Minor Championship**

Parnell .....	61.78
Grafton United .....	40.11
Auckland University.....	33.5
Ellerslie.....	30.67
Birkenhead City .....	28.07
Waitakere City .....	26.02

# STATISTICS

Top five batsmen	Club	Runs	Average
Craig Cachopa	Takapuna	905	90.50
Brad Cachopa	Takapuna	515	85.80
Greg Hay	Suburbs New Lynn	509	50.90
Jeet Raval	Suburbs New Lynn	462	46.20
Doug Winger	Parnell	462	38.50

Top five bowlers	Club	Wickets	Average
Azhar Abbas	Eden Roskill	33	20.40
James Walsh	Parnell	28	13.90
Chas Keogh	Parnell	26	14.30
James Cowell	Takapuna	26	16.10
James Nolen	Suburbs New Lynn	25	14.80

Club Cricketer of the Year Top Ten						
	Club	Points	Runs	Average	Wickets	Average
Craig Cachopa	Takapuna	1244	905	90.50	-	-
Azhar Abbas	Eden Roskill	861	171	12.20	33	20.40
Brad Schmulian	East Coast Bays	856	385	29.60	20	20.50
Aaron Jeavons	Waitakere City	802	422	32.50	16	22.10
Jeet Raval	Suburbs New Lynn	772	462	46.20	8	32.90
Ben Stewart	North Shore	746	346	34.60	17	27.00
Darrin Crook	Birkenhead City	716	236	23.60	22	19.30
James Boyle	Auckland University	714	304	27.60	14	23.30
Richard Lane	East Coast Bays	709	204	20.40	21	23.80
Chas Keogh	Parnell	692	172	24.60	26	14.30



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