

COACHES' ASSOCIATION



NORTHERN DISTRICT CC



UNDER 15 CRICKET TOUR TO INDIA

9 – 21 April 2025



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Front Cover – team photo (names)

Back row: Josh Miller (Head Coach), Arjun Kodaganti, Charlie Horsley, Bruce Wood OAM (Manager), Aayush Parikh, Oliver Makin, Dan Fagg, Jimmy Wilkin, Connor Hindmarch (Coach)

Front row: Archie Hill, Arjun Singh, Alistair Fernandes, Rory Rapa, Hayden Ross, Alish Hirani (Captain), Jonathan Key, Raul Kandiah

ITINERARY – U/15 REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET TOUR TO INDIA 9 – 21 APRIL 2025

Wednesday	9 April	Day 1	05:50 – Team and travelling parents assembled at Sydney International Airport 07:55 – Singapore Airlines (flight SQ 212) from Sydney to Singapore 16:50 – Singapore Airlines (flight SQ 406) from Singapore to Delhi 21:30 Radisson Hotel, Main Sohna Road, Sector 49, Gurugram, New Delhi
Thursday	10 April	Day 2	AM – Leisure time, recover from jetlag PM – Team training session at Bal Bhavan International School, Dwarka Road, near Hotel Royal Star, Sector 12, New Delhi
Friday	11 April	Day 3	AM – IPAL Opening Ceremony at Bal Bhavan International School, New Delhi PM – Practice match [25 overs] v. Pathways World School at Wisteria Sports Club, Baliyawas Wisteria Club, Gurugram, Haryana, New Delhi
Saturday	12 April	Day 4	Match 1 [40 overs] v. Gillespie Sports Academy, Adelaide, South Australia, at Power Play Sports Ground, Sector 64, Gurugram, Bhondsi, Gurgaon
Sunday	13 April	Day 5	Match 2 [T20] v. GD Goenka Academy U/15 (Delhi) at Power Play Sports Ground, Sector 64, Gurugram, Bhondsi, Gurgaon, New Delhi
Monday	14 April	Day 6	Match 3 [40 overs] v. Talent Sports Academy U/15 team (Delhi) at Teri Cricket Ground, Gurgaon-Faridabad Road, Gwal Pahari, Gurugram, Haryana
Tuesday	15 April	Day 7	Taj Mahal, Agra visit
Wednesday	16 April	Day 8	Match 4 [T20] v. NK Khanna Cricket Academy U/15 team (Delhi) at Backyard Ground, Faridabad, Kadarapur, Gurgaon, Haryana, Delhi 19:30 IPL match – Delhi Capitals v. Rajasthan Royals at Arun Jaitley Stadium, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi
Thursday	17 April	Day 9	Match 5 [35 overs] v. Bal Bhavan International School U/15 team (Delhi) at Talent Sports Cricket Ground, Dwarka, Chhawla, New Delhi
Friday	18 April	Day 10	Match 6 [40 overs] v. Talent Sports Academy U/15 team (Delhi) at Backyard Ground, Faridabad, Kadarapur, Gurgaon, Haryana, New Delhi 18:30 IPAL tournament closing ceremony / dinner / awards presentation at the Golden Tulip Suites Hotel, Gurgaon Faridabad Road, Sector 2, Gwal Pahadi, Gurgaon, New Delhi
Saturday	19 April	Day 11	Match 7 [T20] v. Wall Cricket Academy U/15 team (Delhi) at Power Play Sports Ground, Sector 64, Gurugram, Bhondsi, Gurgaon, New Delhi
Sunday	20 April	Day 12	07:00 – Team and travelling parents assembled at Delhi International Airport 09:00 – Singapore Airlines (flight SQ 401) from Delhi to Singapore 20:20 – Singapore Airlines (flight SQ 221) from Singapore to Sydney (overnight)
Monday	21 April	Day 13	06:00 – Arrived at Sydney International Airport on Easter Monday Cleared Customs and Immigration – home





Bruce Wood OAM
President, Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA)
Manager, U/15 Boys Cricket Tour to India – April 2025

9 March 2025

Dear Bruce,

I would like to wholeheartedly support your exciting U/15 Boys Representative Cricket Tour to India, which has been organised by the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA), in partnership with Northern District Cricket Club (NDCC) in north-western Sydney. I would like to congratulate all the partners that have come together to make this tour a reality. Your 14 young players (and three coaches / officials) will have a unique opportunity to develop as cricketers, while they embrace a cultural experience like no other.

Cricket NSW takes great pride in assisting the development of our players, coaches, and umpires. This would not be possible without the support of organisations like the Coaches' Association, volunteers, and parents. I am impressed with the wide range of development opportunities that the Coaches' Association provides for boys and girls, ranging from beginners, club and representative players, overseas tours, special representative matches, and pathways to higher level cricket. This outstanding work includes specialised coaching of junior male and female players, and professional development of accredited cricket coaches.

Your partners on this tour, Northern District CC, are a terrific nursery of junior cricket talent, having won the NSW Premier Cricket AW Green Shield competition (undefeated) in 2018-19, 2020-21 and 2024-25 under the leadership of your tour Head Coach, Josh Miller. NDCC also won back-to-back Club Championships in 2020-21 and 2021-22. Cricket NSW was pleased to contribute significant funding toward the impressive new indoor centre at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara (home of NDCC).

I note that this is the sixth overseas cricket tour that you have managed on behalf of the Coaches' Association, after memorable U/15 Boys tours to Sri Lanka in 2015, Barbados in 2017, India in 2019 and 2023, and a Girls U/17 tour to India in 2024. These were highly successful junior cricket tours, both on and off the field, and contributed to the pathway of many talented cricketers.

India is one of the great destinations for a cricket tour, with its passion for cricket, fanatical supporters, vibrant atmosphere, and cultural diversity. I note from your tour itinerary that your U/15 rep. team will be participating in the Indian Premier Academy League (IPAL) tournament in Delhi and attending an IPL match. What an amazing experience lies ahead for your team.

To the tourists, the people of India are exceptionally knowledgeable about cricket and their young players are very talented. You will enjoy the hospitality of the Indian people off the field and highly competitive matches on the field. You will probably play against future first-class players and possibly some future international cricketers. Good luck on your tour and enjoy this 'once in a lifetime' experience.

Yours sincerely

Lee Germon
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 ACADEMY TOUR TO INDIA – 9 - 21 APRIL 2025 – OFFICIALS

This U/15 India tour was organised by the Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Coaches' Association Inc. (HKHDCCA), in partnership with Northern District CC (NDCC) in Sydney. The touring party comprised 14 players, 3 coaches / officials, and 9 fathers (total 26 people). Our experienced travel agent was **Sohan Kadian** from www.melshsportstours.com, who looked after us so well in India in 2019, 2023 & 2024.

Josh MILLER (Head Coach) is again in charge of the coaching of our touring team, after leading our U/15 team on its last Boys tour to India in 2023. Josh graduated from Sydney University with a Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science degree in 2014, and is a Cricket Australia Representative (Level 2) accredited cricket coach. He is a local product who played representative cricket for HK&HDCA in juniors, as well as AW Green Shield at Northern District CC. He then progressed into Grade cricket, playing through all the grades, including a First Grade debut in 2017-18 (Cap # 439). Along the way, he was part of a Second Grade premiership, and three Third Grade premierships (he took 7/25 in the 2013-14 grand final). Josh has displayed strong leadership skills, captaining many of his junior and senior teams. He has recorded many impressive cricket coaching achievements in recent years, including winning the AW Green Shield premiership (undefeated) and the U/16 State Challenge Final in 2018-19, 2020-21 and 2024-25. Josh is Director of Cricket at Barker College where the school's 1st XI team won the CAS Archer Shield premiership and CAS T20 title in 2024-25. He also coached four years of HK&HDCA junior representative cricket; Ross Turner Cup and Glenn Hourigan Cup sides; and has acted as Head Coach at some HKHDCCA junior cricket clinics. Josh won HKHDCCA's *Coach of the Year* award (Bruce Wood Cup) in 2013-14. He also won the prestigious NDCC Clubman of the Year (Bill North Award) in 2021-22. Josh also runs his own private cricket coaching business at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara – <http://www.cricketlab.com.au/>



Connor HINDMARCH (Coach) has been the Head Coach of the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) since 2024. He graduated from the Australian College of Physical Education with a Sports Coaching and Management degree in 2023. He has been an outstanding coach at our school holiday junior cricket clinics, BlowFly Cricket sessions, and the HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup and U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup fixtures since 2022-23. Connor is a local product who has played cricket for West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC since 2010, as well as representative cricket for HK&HDCA. He attended many HKHDCCA school holiday clinics in his youth and won the prestigious Phillip Hughes Medal in January 2015 at MTO, Waitara. Connor completed the Cricket Australia Representative (Level 2) Accredited Coaching Course in 2023. Since 2019-20, he has successfully coached HK&HDCA representative teams, including the NSWYC U/15 Weblin Shield premiership in 2024-25. From 2023 onwards, Connor has been the Head Coach of the WPHC CC Academy. Since 2023-24, Connor has been appointed by Cricket NSW as the Facilitator of Cricket Australia Community (formerly Level 1) accredited coaching courses. He won the HKHDCCA President's Award in 2023-24, and the *Coach of the Year* award (Bruce Wood Cup) in 2024-25. He conducts an annual in-house professional development program for the Coaches' Association's accredited coaches and volunteers, during which he focuses on innovations, improvements to service delivery, and child safety protocols. He also coaches cricket at The King's School, North Parramatta (Years 7 – 11), as well as private (1 : 1) sessions with local young players.



Bruce WOOD OAM (Tour Manager) was honoured to receive an Order of Australia medal in 2022 for his extensive service to cricket. He was recognised by Cricket Australia as the *Community Match Official of the Year* at the national 'A Sport For All' Awards in 2020. He is an experienced Representative (Level 2) accredited coach, having coached school, club, rep. and touring teams since 1997-98. He established Sydney's first district Cricket Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) in 2010 (inaugural President), which is responsible for implementing a wide range of coaching initiatives in north-western Sydney, including junior cricket clinics during the school holidays. He was Head Coach on HK&HDCA's first overseas tours to India in 2006, and New Zealand in 2007. He was the Manager (and umpire) on the HKHDCCA / NDCC rep. cricket tours to Sri Lanka in 2015, West Indies in 2017, and India in 2019, 2023 & 2024. The Association's prestigious *Coach of the Year* annual perpetual trophy (Bruce Wood Cup) is named in his honour in recognition of his exemplary work and achievements in the field of cricket coaching over 30 years. He has also been the HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup and U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup Convenor since 2010. Bruce is an experienced NSWCUA Level 2 qualified umpire who has officiated in nearly 800 matches since 2001-02, including 70+ Grand Finals (one at the SCG and one at Bradman Oval, Bowral). Bruce is a respected Life Member of four cricket bodies – HK&HDCA; Coaches' Association; Normanhurst CC; Barker CC. Bruce jointly holds the HK&HDCA record for the highest 5th wicket partnership in any Senior grade – 320* runs set in 2000-01 for Normanhurst CC (he scored 138 no). He has co-ordinated the CAS Cricket Umpires' Panel since 2016-17. Cricket NSW presented Bruce with a Community Distinguished Service Award in January 2025.



1. Alish HIRANI (Captain)

RHB (top order); RAB (leg-spin)

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

HK&HDCA U/15 Weblin Shield winners

HK&HDCA U/14 Moore Shield quarter finalists - 527 runs @ 75.29, HS 129 no, (NSWYC – highest run-scorer); 14 wickets @ 14.64

Northern District CC – U/16 AW Green Shield team – Premiers

NSW All Schools Team; NSW U/15 team (national championships)

Kissing Point CC finalist U/15 – 462 runs @ 154, HS 100*, 9 wickets @ 7.78

HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup (West team)



2. Daniel Fagg

RHB (middle-order); LAB (fast)

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

HK&HDCA U/15 IDCA - 117 runs @ 19.5 ave, HS 44; 7 wickets @ 17.3, BB 2/19

WPHCCC C3 Grade – 375 runs @ 34.1, HS 89 no; 17 wickets @ 13.9, BB 5/18

Coaches' Association - Phillip Hughes Medal winner - George Thornton Reserve, WPH clinic - January 2022

2022-23 – HK&HDCA U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup



3. Alastair FERNANDES

RAB (fast); RHB (middle-order)

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

All matches – 151 runs @ 16.78, HS 51 no;

25 wickets @ 15.28, BB 3/12; 10 catches; 4 run outs

HK&HDCA U/14 Moore Shield – 9 wickets @ 15.22, BB 3/16

St Pius X College U/14 – 88 runs, HS 29; 13 wickets @ 11.92, BB 3/12

Hornsby DCC – U/15 – 51 runs, HS 51; 1 wicket @ 15, BB 1/15

HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup (West team)



4. Archie HILL

RHB (top-order); Wicket-keeper

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

Barker 2nd XI

Barker 10A's – 243 runs @ 41.33, HS 91

Top scorer in CAS 10A competition – CAS 10A Champions.

Normanhurst CC – HK&HDCA Seniors B Reserve Grade

HK&HDCA U/15 IDCA



5. Charles HORSLEY

RAB (fast); RHB (middle-lower order)

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

HK&HDCA U/15 Presidents Cup: 5 wickets @ 26.4

Normanhurst Seniors B & C Grades

Barker 2nd XI – opening bowler: 6 wickets @ 19.67

Barker 1st XI – played two trial matches

CAS Reps. – U/15 v. GPS – opening bowler: 1/23

Western Suburbs DCC – U/16 Tour Match



6. Raul KANDIAH

RAB (leg-spin); RHB (lower-order)

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

HK&HDCA U/14 Moore Shield (NSWYC quarter-finalists)

St Patrick's College U/14 (Co-Captain)

Glenorie DCC – HK&HDCA U/14

Newcastle Cricket Carnival (semi-finalists)

Batting 123 runs, HS 20no; Bowling 23 wickets @ 17.78 ave. Economy 2.96; BB 4/16

HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup (East team)

Coaches' Association – Phillip Hughes Medal winner – MTO, Waitara clinic – Oct. 2023



7. Jonathan KEY

RHB (top & middle-order); Wicket-keeper

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

North Shore JCA - U/14 IDCA - 133 runs @ 22.17, HS 47*; 2 dismissals as W-K

Barker College 8A's – 5 dismissals as W-K

Lindfield District CC - U/14 (2nd Place) - 167 runs @ 33.4, HS 43*; 7 dismissals as W-K

ND Cup Semi Final (for Barker) – 2 dismissals as W-K



8. Arjun KODAGANTI

RHB (top-order); RAB (medium-pace)

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

325 runs @ 16.25, HS 50, Strike Rate: 130.52, 5 catches, 3 run outs

HK&HDCA U/15 Weblin Shield – NSWYC Champions

HK&HDCA T20 4th Grade Competition – Sydney Lions CC – Finalists

HK&HDCA C3 Grade Senior Competition – Sydney Lions CC – Semi Finalists

HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup (West team)



9. Oliver MAKIN

RHB (top order); RAB (fast)

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

HK&HDCA U/15 Weblin Shield (State champions) – 128 runs @ 32.0, 5 wickets, 7 catches and 3 run outs

WPHCCC A Res. Grade (Kookaburra Cup) – 13 wickets @ 17.8. 190 runs @ 21.1, HS 48

Northern District CC – U/16 AW Green Shield – undefeated Premiers and NSW Champions
BB 2/19. HS 24*

Kissing Point CC U/17 – 2 matches – 41 runs @ 41; 1 wicket @ 9

HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup



10. Aayush PARIKH

RHB (top order), RHB (medium pace)

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

HK&HDCA U/15 Weblin Shield – Premiers – 122 runs @ 13.6

Barker College 10A's: 161 runs @ 20, 5 wickets @ 15.8, 7 catches

Barker College 2nd XI: 118 runs @ 11.8, 6 catches

Normanhurst-Warrawee CC (Seniors): 84 runs @ 20.5

Northern District CC – Young Rangers Squad

HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup (East team)



11. Rory RAPA

RHB (top-order); wicket-keeper; RHB (medium-pace)

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

HK&HDCA U/14 Moore Shield: 30 runs @ 6.0, HS 12

U/14 Graeme Malcom Shield (Newcastle) – 44 runs @ 22, HS 19

HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup: 25 runs (Player of West team award)

HK&HDCA U/15 IDCA: 70 runs @ 70, HS 49 no

St Pius X College U/14 Green (Grand-Finalists) – 345 runs @ 28.75, HS 51 no;
11 wickets @ 6.45, BB 3/7

Coaches' Association – Phillip Hughes Medal winner – MTO, Waitara clinic – April 2023

2023-24: HK&HDCA U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup: 48 runs (Player of West team award)



12. Hayden Ross

RAB (medium-pace); RHB (middle order)

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

HK&HDCA U/14 Moore Shield (Quarter-Finalists)

HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup (West team)

Oakhill College U/15 – 20 wickets @ 21.4; 248 runs @ 20.7, HS 53 no

Oakhill College - Best Bowler award

Attended over 50 Coaches' Association school holiday junior cricket clinics

Coaches' Association – Phillip Hughes Medal winner – Greenway clinic – January 2023



13. Arjun SINGH

RHB (top-order); RAB (leg-spin)

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

Blacktown U/14 Moore Shield – 223 runs @ 31.86, HS 68; 15 wickets @ 10.07, BB: 3/13

Northern District CC – U/16 AW Green Shield – undefeated Premiers and NSW Champions

2025 – IPAL U/15 tournament – Delhi, India – Most Valuable Player award

2024-25 – NSW U/15 team (national championships)

2023-24 – Blacktown U/13 Gee Shield - 489 @ 163.0 HS 137*, 14 wkts @ 11.14, BB: 4/23

2023-24 – NSWYC U/13 Gee Shield - Player of the Year

2023 – Blacktown District - Player of the Year

2023 – School Sports NSW - Player of the Year



14. James WILKIN

RAB (pace); RHB (lower-order)

Main cricket teams / achievements in 2024-25

HK&HDCA – U/15 IDCA – 15 wickets @ 11.33, BB 5/24

Barker College – 10A's / 2nd XI – 11 wickets @ 16.83, BB 3/18;

76 runs @ 15.2, HS 33 no

West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC – C3 Grade – 7 wickets @ 14.57, BB 4/8



THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE THANKS THE 9 FATHERS (SUPPORTERS) IN THE TOURING PARTY

Trenden Hill, Ranjit Kandiah, Brenton Key, Satish Kodaganti, James Makin, Mehul Parikh,
Dave Rapa, Michael Ross, Mick Wilkin

Two other fathers independently followed the team in India – Arif Hirani, Rajendra Singh



TRAINING SESSION – BAL BHAVAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL – 10 April 2025



HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) v. Gillespie Sports Academy U/15 (South Australia)

Venue – Power Play Sports Ground, Sector 64, Gurugram, Bhondsi, Gurgaon, New Delhi

Date – Saturday, 12 April 2025 (Match 1) [Maximum 40 overs per side]

Toss – HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) chose to bat

Umpires – Harry Sarin and Gaurav Sharma

HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney)

1	Arjun Singh	b. Dhruv Dwivedi	31
2	Aayush Parikh	lbw b. James Manuelli	29
3	Alish Hirani (Capt)	b. Jay Rana	0
4	Archie Hill	lbw b. Sam Hoskin	5
5	Arjun Kodaganti	lbw b. Sam Hoskin	2
6	Dan Fagg	lbw b. Sam Hoskin	5
7	Oliver Makin	Not Out	64
8	Rory Rapa (wk)	b. Sam Hoskin	5
9	Hayden Ross	lbw b. Suhaanveer Khanuja	10
10	James Wilkin	Run Out	6
11	Charlie Horsley	Not Out	5
12	Raul Kandiah	DNB	
13	Alistair Fernandes	DNP	
14	Jonathan Key	DNP	
	Extras	b 12, lb 1, w 11, nb 1	25
	TOTAL	40 overs 9 wickets for	187
	FoW	47, 53, 78, 88, 97, 104, 121, 149, 174	

	O	M	R	W
1 Suhaanveer Khanuja	7	0	35	1
2 George Hawkins	5	0	23	0
3 Jay Rana	7	1	32	1
4 James Manuelli	3	0	5	1
5 Sam Hoskin	8	2	22	4

	O	M	R	W
6 Mitchell Hasting	2	0	8	0
7 Dhruv Dwivedi	4	0	23	1
8 Brock Goodridge	1	0	3	0
9 Tait Martin	3	0	23	0

Gillespie Sports Academy U/15 (South Australia)

1	Tait Martin	b. James Wilkin	11
2	Dhruv Dwivedi	c. Alish Hirani b. Arjun Singh	67
3	Jayden Brijmohan	b. Arjun Singh	16
4	Aiden Williams (Capt)	Not Out	33
5	Suhaanveer Khanuja	Not Out	29
6	Brock Goodridge	DNB	
7	Mitchell Hasting	DNB	
8	Sam Hoskin	DNB	
9	George Hawkins	DNB	
10	James Manuelli	DNB	
11	Jay Rana	DNB	
12	Seb Matthias (wk)	DNB	
	Extras	b 2, lb 1, w 21, nb 6	30
	Penalty runs		5
	TOTAL	27 overs 3 wickets for	191
	FoW	17, 104, 131	

	O	M	R	W
1 Oliver Makin	4	0	31	0
2 James Wilkin	3	1	9	1
3 Raul Kandiah	3	1	22	0
4 Hayden Ross	2	0	31	0

	O	M	R	W
5 Dan Fagg	2	0	19	0
6 Arjun Singh	7	0	34	2
7 Alish Hirani	4	0	24	0
8 Charlie Horsley	2	0	13	0

RESULT – Gillespie Sports Academy U/15 (South Australia) won by 7 wickets

Player of the match – Dhruv Dwivedi (Gillespie Sports Academy)



HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) v. GD Goenka Academy U/15 (Delhi)

Venue – Power Play Sports Ground, Sector 64, Gurugram, Bhondsi, Gurgaon, New Delhi

Date – Sunday, 13 April 2025 (Match 2) T20

Toss – HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) chose to bat

Umpires – Abhishek Singh and Gaurav Sharma

HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney)

1	Dan Fagg	b. Lavit Gahlot	0
2	Alish Hirani (Capt)	c. & b. Sanyam Sharma	37
3	Archie Hill	b. Aditya Singh	15
4	Oliver Makin	Run Out	0
5	Jonathan Key (wk)	lbw b. Lavit Gahlot	26
6	Rory Rapa	Run Out	2
7	Charlie Horsley	c. & b. Gautam Yadav	10
8	Aayush Parikh	c. Yuvraj Kashyap b. Gautam Yadav	0
9	Hayden Ross	b. Ayan Arora	2
10	Arjun Kodaganti	Not Out	10
11	Raul Kandiah	Not Out	7
12	Alistair Fernandes	DNB	
13	James Wilkin	DNP	
14	Arjun Singh	DNP	
Extras		b 0, lb 1, w 6, nb 4	11
TOTAL		20 overs 9 wickets for	120
FoW		6, 33, 33, 75, 79, 100, 100, 103, 103	

		O	M	R	W
1	Lavit Gahlot	3	0	23	2
2	Saurav Dhal	2	0	13	0
3	Aditya Singh	4	0	20	1
4	Yuvraj Kashyap	2	0	14	0

		O	M	R	W
5	Sanyam Sharma	3	0	23	1
6	Gautam Yadav	3	0	13	2
7	Ayan Arora	3	0	13	1

GD Goenka Academy U/15 (Delhi)

1	Aryan Verma	lbw b. Raul Kandiah	12
2	Harsh Vansil	c. Aayush Parikh b. Hayden Ross	41
3	Shreyansh Nayanam	lbw b. Raul Kandiah	0
4	Ojas Raj Gupta (wk)	Not Out	11
5	Saurav Dhal	lbw b. Hayden Ross	0
6	Gautam Yadav (Capt)	lbw b. Aayush Parikh	4
7	Aditya Singh	lbw b. Aayush Parikh	10
8	Sanyam Sharma	b. Aayush Parikh	6
9	Yuvraj Kashyap	Not Out	1
10	Lavit Gahlot	DNB	
11	Ayan Arora	DNB	
12	Ved Saxena	DNB	
13	Paarth Kataria	DNP	
Extras		b 0, lb 3, w 32, nb 1	36
TOTAL		19.4 overs 7 wickets for	121
FoW		35, 35, 85, 87, 96, 110, 116	

		O	M	R	W
1	Oliver Makin	3	0	8	0
2	James Wilkin	3	0	21	0
3	Raul Kandiah	2	0	22	2
4	Alish Hirani	3	0	18	0

		O	M	R	W
5	Arjun Kodaganti	1	0	14	0
6	Hayden Ross	4	0	15	2
7	Aayush Parikh	3.4	0	20	3

RESULT – GD Goenka Academy U/15 (Delhi) won by 3 wickets

Player of the match – Harsh Vansil (GD Goenka Academy U/15)



HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) v. Talent Sports Academy U/15 (Delhi)

Venue – Teri Cricket Ground, Gurgaon-Faridabad Road, Gwal Pahari, Gurugram, Haryana, New Delhi

Date – Monday, 14 April 2025 (Match 3) [Maximum 40 overs per side]

Toss – Talent Sports Academy U/15 (Delhi) chose to bat

Umpires – Jitender Tomar and Azad Kumar

Talent Sports Academy U/15 (Delhi)

1	Kabirr Varma	c. Archie Hill (wk) b. Charlie Horsley	14
2	Chirag Rajwade	c. Oliver Makin b. James Wilkin	1
3	Akshaan Dahiya	c. Rory Rapa (sub) b. Arjun Singh	33
4	Suvir Mehra (Capt) (wk)	Run Out (Alish Hirani / Archie Hill)	12
5	Pulkit Yadav	b. Raul Kandiah	1
6	Noorveer S	b. James Wilkin	47
7	Harshit Shokeen	c. Oliver Makin b. Dan Fagg	17
8	Ahan Goswami	b. Alistair Fernandes	21
9	Yatin Solanki	Not Out	14
10	Himanshu Rathi	Not Out	4
11	Nainish	DNB	
12	Khaanik Puri	DNB	
13	Shivank Sharma	DNB	
14	Divit	DNB	
	Extras	b 1, lb 7, w 21, nb 1	30
	TOTAL	40 overs 8 wickets for	194
	FoW	19, 25, 72, 72, 80, 142, 155, 184	

		O	M	R	W
1	Charlie Horsley	7	1	41	1
2	James Wilkin	8	0	28	2
3	Alistair Fernandes	6	0	29	1

		O	M	R	W
4	Dan Fagg	8	0	30	1
5	Arjun Singh	7	0	38	1
6	Raul Kandiah	4	0	20	1

HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney)

1	Oliver Makin	c. Ahan Goswami b. Khaanik Puri	36
2	Arjun Kodaganti	b. Shivank Sharma	19
3	Arjun Singh	Run Out	39
4	Jonathan Key	c. Himanshu Rathi b. Shivank Sharma	3
5	Archie Hill (wk)	b. Himanshu Rathi	4
6	Alish Hirani (Capt)	Not Out	65
7	James Wilkin	c. Pulkit Yadav b. Himanshu Rathi	8
8	Dan Fagg	Not Out	8
9	Raul Kandiah	DNB	
10	Alistair Fernandes	DNB	
11	Charlie Horsley	DNB	
12	Aayush Parikh	DNB	
13	Hayden Ross	DNP	
14	Rory Rapa	DNP	
	Extras	b 1, lb 1, w 11, nb 1	14
	TOTAL	34.4 overs 6 wickets for	196
	FoW	55, 61, 71, 96, 147, 187	

		O	M	R	W
1	Yatin Solanki	4	0	27	0
2	Divit	3	1	22	0
3	Khaanik Puri	8	0	33	1
4	Shivank Sharma	5.4	0	40	2

		O	M	R	W
5	Himanshu Rathi	6	0	29	2
6	Nainish	2	0	18	0
7	Noorveer S	6	0	25	0

RESULT – HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) won by 4 wickets

Player of the match – **Alish Hirani** (HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15)



HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) v. NK Khanna Academy U/15 team (Delhi)

Venue – Backyard Ground, Faridabad, Kadarapur, Gurgaon, Haryana, New Delhi

Date – Wednesday, 16 April 2025 (Match 4) T20

Toss – HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) chose to bat

Umpires – Vishwajeet VK and Brajesh Kumar

HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney)

1	Jonathan Key (wk)	b. Neev Yadav	7
2	Charlie Horsley	b. Neev Yadav	23
3	Alish Hirani (Capt)	st. Parth Dabas (wk) b. Akshat Sharma	49
4	Dan Fagg	Run Out	1
5	Alistair Fernandes	b. Akshat Sharma	9
6	Archie Hill	Not Out	38
7	Raul Kandiah	Not Out	3
8	Arjun Kodaganti	DNB	
9	Oliver Makin	DNB	
10	James Wilkin	DNB	
11	Arjun Singh	DNB	
12	Hayden Ross	DNB	
13	Rory Rapa	DNP	
14	Aayush Parikh	DNP	
	Extras	b 0, lb 3, w 5, nb 2	10
	TOTAL	20 overs 5 wickets for	140
	FoW	29, 56, 57, 92, 103	

		O	M	R	W
1	Vihaan Sehrawat	3	0	24	0
2	Aarush	2	0	10	0
3	Sukrit Singh	2	0	17	0
4	Neev Yadav	4	0	26	2

		O	M	R	W
5	Apeksha Anand	4	0	31	0
6	Dakshit Chauhan	1	0	12	0
7	Harsh Vansil	1	0	6	0
8	Akshat Sharma	3	1	11	2

NK Khanna Academy U/15 (Delhi)

1	Parth Dabas (wk)	c. Charlie Horsley b. Alish Hirani	57
2	Harsh Vansil	lbw b. Arjun Kodaganti	20
3	Avyav Shah	lbw b. Arjun Kodaganti	0
4	Shaurya Rana	b. Arjun Singh	8
5	Shaurya Singh	c. Oliver Makin b. Arjun Singh	1
6	Vinayak Garg	Run Out (Archie Hill)	11
7	Apeksha Anand	c. Oliver Makin b. Alish Hirani	3
8	Vihaan Sehrawat	Run Out (Arjun Singh / Jonathan Key)	11
9	Sukrit Singh	c. & b. Oliver Makin	5
10	Akshat Sharma (Capt)	Not Out	0
11	Dakshit Chauhan	Not Out	4
12	Neev Yadav	DNB	
13	Aarush	DNB	
14	Vrishank Kumar	DNB	
	Extras	b 0, lb 10, w 12, nb 1	23
	TOTAL	20 overs 9 wickets for	143
	FoW	65, 66, 107, 107, 110, 113, 132, 135, 139	

		O	M	R	W
1	Oliver Makin	3	0	25	1
2	James Wilkin	2	0	31	0
3	Hayden Ross	3	0	24	0

		O	M	R	W
4	Arjun Kodaganti	4	0	20	2
5	Arjun Singh	4	1	14	2
6	Alish Hirani	4	0	19	2

RESULT – NK Khanna Academy U/15 (Delhi) won by 1 wicket

Player of the match – Parth Dabas (NK Khanna Academy U/15)



Brenton Key (50th birthday) with Captains



Pitch inspection



HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) v. Bal Bhavan International School U/15 (Delhi)

Venue – Talent Sports Cricket Ground, Dwarka, Chhawla, New Delhi

Date – Thursday, 17 April 2025 (Match 5) (Maximum 35 overs per side)

Toss – HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 chose to bat

Umpires – Himanshu Agrahari and Anurag Bose

HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney)

1	Arjun Singh	c. Aayan Kumar (wk) b. Arul Singroha	4
2	Aayush Parikh	c. Hridaan Mangotra b. Arnav	6
3	Arjun Kodaganti	Not Out	102
4	Oliver Makin	st. Aayan Kumar (wk) b. Pulkit Nagar	84
5	Hayden Ross	st. Aayan Kumar (wk) b. Pulkit Nagar	14
6	Dan Fagg	Not Out	35
7	Alish Hirani (Capt)	DNB	
8	Raul Kandiah	DNB	
9	Jonathan Key (wk)	DNB	
10	Alistair Fernandes	DNB	
11	Charlie Horsley	DNB	
12	James Wilkin	DNB	
13	Rory Rapa	DNP	
14	Archie Hill	DNP	
	Extras	b 1, lb 2, w 20, nb 3	26
	TOTAL	35 overs 4 wickets for	271
	FoW	5, 28, 190, 213	

		O	M	R	W
1	Arul Singroha	6	1	38	1
2	Arnav	4	1	24	1
3	Atharv Mehta	2	0	25	0
4	Sanchit Kumar	2	0	20	0

		O	M	R	W
5	Shan	3	0	23	0
6	Tejas Sharma	6	0	49	0
7	Geetank Lakhera	5	0	33	0
8	Pulkit Nagar	7	0	56	2

Bal Bhavan International School U/15 (Delhi)

1	Ambarish Jha (Capt)	c. Arjun Singh b. Raul Kandiah	0
2	Hridaan Mangotra	Run Out (Alistair Fernandes)	49
3	Aayan Kumar (wk)	Run Out (Alistair Fernandes / Jono Key)	33
4	Aakash Sharma	Run Out (Charlie Horsley)	3
5	Arnav	c. Charlie Horsley b. Alish Hirani	4
6	Mandeep Shokeen	Not Out	16
7	Shan	lbw b. Arjun Singh	6
8	Arul Singroha	c. Aayush Parikh b. Arjun Singh	10
9	Sanchit Kumar	b. Arjun Singh	0
10	Atharv Mehta	Run Out (Alistair Fernandes / Jono Key)	2
11	Pulkit Nagar	lbw b. James Wilkin	0
12	Tejas Sharma	DNB	
13	Geetank Lakhera	DNB	
	Extras	b 0, lb 2, w 11, nb 0	13
	TOTAL	26.2 overs 10 wickets for	136
	FoW	0, 68, 78, 84, 109, 121, 133, 133, 136, 136	

		O	M	R	W
1	Raul Kandiah	2	0	17	1
2	Alistair Fernandes	2	0	26	0
3	Alish Hirani	7	0	41	1

		O	M	R	W
4	Charlie Horsley	5	0	30	0
5	Arjun Singh	6	2	9	3
6	James Wilkin	4.2	0	11	1

RESULT – HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) won by 135 runs

Player of the match – Arjun Kodaganti (HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15)



HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) v. Talent Sports Academy U/15 (Delhi)**Venue** – Backyard Ground, Faridabad, Kadarapur, Gurgaon, Haryana, New Delhi**Date** – Friday, 18 April 2025 (Match 6) [3 v. 4] (Maximum 40 overs per side)**Toss** – Talent Sports Academy U/15 chose to bat**Umpires** – Vishwajeet VK and Brajesh Kumar**Talent Sports Academy U/15 (Delhi)**

1	Akshaan Dahiya	c. Archie Hill (wk) b. Dan Fagg	38
2	Ahan Goswami	b. Raul Kandiah	3
3	Harshit Shokeen	c. Aayush Parikh b. Hayden Ross	40
4	Suvir Mehra (Capt) (wk)	Run Out (Oliver Makin)	35
5	Chirag Rajwade	b. Oliver Makin	11
6	Pulkit Yadav	c. Alish Hirani b. Hayden Ross	10
7	Garvin Bandre	Not Out	10
8	Yatin Solanki	b. Oliver Makin	0
9	Shauryaveer Dabas	Run Out (Arjun Singh / Archie Hill)	1
10	Nainish	DNB	
11	Khaanik Puri	DNB	
12	Shivank Sharma	DNB	
13	Divit	DNB	
	Extras	b 2, lb 2, w 13, nb 3	20
	TOTAL	40 overs 8 wickets for	168
	FoW	34, 61, 119, 138, 148, 161, 165, 168	

		O	M	R	W
1	Raul Kandiah	8	1	31	1
2	Oliver Makin	8	0	32	2
3	Dan Fagg	5	0	20	1
4	Alistair Fernandes	4	0	20	0

		O	M	R	W
5	Arjun Singh	6	0	27	0
6	James Wilkin	4	1	14	0
7	Alish Hirani	1	0	1	0
8	Hayden Ross	4	0	19	2

HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney)

1	Jonathan Key	Run Out (Yatin Solanki)	7
2	Aayush Parikh	c. Pulkit Yadav b. Divit	75
3	Alish Hirani (Capt)	c. Yatin Solanki b. Khaanik Puri	7
4	Arjun Singh	Not Out	63
5	Rory Rapa	Not Out	2
6	Dan Fagg	DNB	
7	Raul Kandiah	DNB	
8	Alistair Fernandes	DNB	
9	Oliver Makin	DNB	
10	Charlie Horsley	DNB	
11	James Wilkin	DNB	
12	Hayden Ross	DNB	
13	Archie Hill (wk)	DNB	
14	Arjun Kodaganti	DNP	
	Extras	b 0, lb 2, w 14, nb 0	16
	TOTAL	24.4 overs 3 wickets for	170
	FoW	20, 44, 153	

		O	M	R	W
1	Yatin Solanki	5	0	25	0
2	Nainish	4	0	21	0
3	Khaanik Puri	6	0	40	1
4	Akshaan Dahiya	2	0	11	0

		O	M	R	W
5	Shivank Sharma	3	0	33	0
6	Shauryaveer Dabas	1	0	6	0
7	Divit	2.4	0	16	1
8	Pulkit Yadav	1	0	16	0

RESULT – HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) won by 7 wicketsPlayer of the match – **Aayush Parikh** (HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15)



HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) v. Wall Cricket Academy U/15 (Delhi)

Venue – Power Play Sports Ground, Sector 64, Gurugram, Bhondsi, Gurgaon, New Delhi

Date – Saturday, 19 April 2025 (Match 7) **T20**

Toss – Wall Cricket Academy U/15 (Delhi) chose to bat

Umpires – Safiq Mohammed and Ritesh Kumar

Wall Cricket Academy U/15 (Delhi)

1	Jyoti Yadav (Capt)	b. Raul Kandiah	1
2	Yashash	c. Arjun Singh b. Hayden Ross	11
3	Ansh	lbw b. Raul Kandiah	5
4	Samaira Raghav	c. Charlie Horsley b. Alish Hirani	1
5	Kanaak Bhati	c. Dan Fagg b. Alish Hirani	3
6	Yuvraj Bhati (wk)	st. Rory Rapa (wk) b. Arjun Singh	32
7	Akash Bhowmik	c. Oliver Makin b. Alistair Fernandes	21
8	Ishika	Not Out	7
9	Kunal Barua	Run Out (Dan Fagg)	7
10	Mohit	Not Out	5
11	Vansh Yadav	DNB	
12	Anshuman Bhati	DNB	
13	Swayam	DNB	
	Extras	b 0, lb 0, w 15, nb 1	16
	TOTAL	20 overs 8 wickets for	109
	FoW	2, 26, 26, 28, 56, 78, 84, 92	

		O	M	R	W
1	Hayden Ross	3	0	17	1
2	Raul Kandiah	4	0	16	2
3	Alish Hirani	4	0	20	2

		O	M	R	W
4	Arjun Singh	4	0	18	1
5	Arjun Kodaganti	3	0	24	0
6	Alistair Fernandes	2	0	14	1

HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney)

1	Archie Hill	c. Yuvraj Bhati (wk) b. Kunal Barua	0
2	Rory Rapa (wk)	b. Anshuman Bhati	12
3	Dan Fagg	lbw b. Swayam	26
4	Oliver Makin	b. Anshuman Bhati	0
5	Charlie Horsley	lbw b. Swayam	0
6	Arjun Kodaganti	b. Anshuman Bhati	4
7	Jonathan Key	st. Yuvraj Bhati (wk) b. Akash Bhowmik	18
8	Alish Hirani (Capt)	Not Out	41
9	Alistair Fernandes	lbw b. Ansh	1
10	Aayush Parikh	Not Out	1
11	Raul Kandiah	DNB	
12	Arjun Singh	DNB	
13	Hayden Ross	DNB	
14	James Wilkin	DNP	
	Extras	b 1, lb 0, w 6, nb 0	7
	TOTAL	20 overs 8 wickets for	110
	FoW	1, 32, 32, 39, 44, 50, 91, 94	

		O	M	R	W
1	Kunal Barua	3	0	11	1
2	Ishika	3	0	16	0
3	Swayam	3	0	16	2
4	Anshuman Bhati	4	0	22	3

		O	M	R	W
5	Vansh Yadav	2	0	19	0
6	Ansh	3	0	15	1
7	Akash Bhowmik	2	0	10	1

RESULT – HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15 (Sydney) won by 2 wickets

Player of the match – **Alish Hirani** (HKHDCCA / NDCC U/15)



JOSH MILLER AND CONNOR HINDMARCH – COACHES' ASSESSMENT OF PLAYERS

NO.	PLAYER	BRIEF COMMENTS
1	Alish HIRANI (Captain)	Alish played a standout role both as captain and player across the tour. His stroke play and power were on full display in several match winning innings, while his dedication to improving his captaincy was a highlight across the tour. Alish also contributed with his accurate leg spin bowling and excellent fielding in the covers.
2	Daniel FAGG	Dan's batting was impressive in the last three games, contributing to three brilliant wins. He excelled in the final game against a strong spin attack, demonstrating his clean striking and game awareness. His consistent left-arm pace bowling controlled the run rate effectively, while his energetic personality and effort on the field kept the team motivated throughout the tour, ensuring they were always ready to play.
3	Alastair FERNANDES	In conditions that rarely suited, Alastair brought his best efforts every single game. He showed genuine ball speed which created wicket taking opportunities, and great game sense when closing out innings in the death overs. While his bowling stood out, he played a huge role in the field, creating three run outs in one game to lead us to victory.
4	Archie HILL	Archie showed glimpses of his batting prowess throughout the tour, most notably in an innings saving 38 not out against an excellent spin bowling attack, taking the game on to great effect. Archie was exceptional with the keeping gloves throughout the tour and played a key role as a leader whenever he was on the field.
5	Charles HORSLEY	Charlie was fantastic with the ball in conditions far from advantageous, showing the ability to swing the ball and hit the wicket hard. Charlie also showed some good signs with the bat, however a highlight throughout the tour was his movement and intent in the field. In oppressive conditions, Charlie turned up every ball with brilliant diving saves and energy in the ring, leading the way for his teammates.
6	Raul KANDIAH	Raul was a key wicket-taker and run-rate stifler throughout the tour, bowling his fast accurate leg breaks with great effect. Nearly always creating a chance early in his spell, he found a role bowling with the newer ball, which coincided with great team success. Raul also displayed brilliant effort across the tour in the field, with some outstanding diving saves.
7	Jonathan KEY	Jonathan set a strong example for the team. Despite an early hospital stay, he brought intent and intensity to every task. His highlight was a remarkable innings in the final game, moving us from a dire situation to a brilliant win. His wicket-keeping was consistently of high quality, demonstrating the same energy and intensity throughout.
8	Arjun KODAGANTI	Arjun showcased resilience and adapted brilliantly to the Indian conditions. He scored an unbeaten, run-a-ball 100 which set the team up for our most comfortable victory on the tour. The instinctive nature of his stroke-play throughout the innings was a sight to behold. Arjun took key wickets with his accurate right-arm pace bowling.
9	Oliver MAKIN	Oliver's contribution across all disciplines was a standout on tour. Oli showcased his ability to bowl effectively with his damaging pace and relentless accuracy. His athletic ability in the field was on full display, saving runs and turning half-chances into brilliant outfield catches. Oli adopted an aggressive approach to his batting, averaging 61.33 and striking at 130.
10	Aayush PARIKH	Battling a back injury on tour, Aayush displayed resilience as he pushed his way through to score us a match winning 75* in our last match. His bowling was missed on tour, taking 3 wickets in his only bowling stint. Aayush's presence in the fielding ring was crucial, along with his leadership and tactical nous that eased any pressure on our skipper.
11	Rory RAPA	Rory brought plenty of energy and much needed grit to the touring squad. Overcome by sickness in the middle of the tournament, Rory constructed intelligent and gritty innings with his batting, setting the team up for success in our opening and closing matches. With the gloves, Rory used his agile footwork to his advantage, saving plenty of extras on the scoreboard. His energy and chat brought about much needed intensity in the field.
12	Hayden ROSS	Hayden was often called upon to bowl to the best batters in which he embraced the challenges in an admirable manner. Hayden's accurate right-arm bowling saw him finish top wicket-taker across our seamers on tour. His ability to adapt to the conditions and prevent boundaries led to wicket-taking opportunities from both ends. He displayed speed in the outfield and flat throws into the keeper's gloves.
13	Arjun SINGH	Arjun wasted no time in setting the example of how to play on Indian wickets. His incredible footwork and hands to spin allowing him to play shots all around the ground, manipulating opposition bowling and fields to his liking. The highlight, his unbeaten 63 in our last match, steered us home. Arjun's unforgiving leg spin was a go-to all tour for wickets, taking 8 poles with an economy of 4. These performances earned him the MVP award for the tournament.
14	James WILKIN	Jimmy's relentless accuracy, whether bowling right-arm pace or off-spin, stifled the opposition's run-rate on tour. His reading of the game was a crucial attribute in his success across all disciplines. James played crucial support roles both batting us to victory mid-way through the tournament and taking vital wickets of quality opposition batters to break the game open. His character both on and off the field was a great addition for the touring squad.

HKHDCCA / NDCC UNDER 15 INDIAN CRICKET TOUR – BRIEF SCORE SUMMARIES

Match 1 [40 overs] – Sat. 12 April 2025 at Power Play Sports Ground, Sector 64, Gurugram, Bhondsi, Gurgaon.
HKHDCCA / NDCC U15 team 9/187 [40 overs] (O. Makin 64 no, A. Singh 31, A. Parikh 29) lost to **Gillespie Sports Academy U/15 team (South Australia) 3/191** [27 overs] (A. Singh 2/34) by 7 wickets.

Match 2 [T20] – Sun. 13 April 2025 at Power Play Sports Ground, Sector 64, Gurugram, Bhondsi, Gurgaon.
HKHDCCA / NDCC U15 team 9/120 [20 overs] (A. Hirani 37, J. Key 26, A. Hill 15) lost to **GD Goenka Academy U15 (Delhi) 7/121** [19.4 overs] (A. Parikh 3/20, H. Ross 2/15, R. Kandiah 2/22) by 3 wickets.

Match 3 [40 overs] – Monday, 14 April 2025 at Teri Cricket Ground, Gurgaon-Faridabad Road, Gwal Pahari, Gurugram, Haryana, New Delhi.
HKHDCCA / NDCC U15 team 6/196 [34.4 overs] (A. Hirani 65 no, A. Singh 39, O. Makin 36, A. Kodaganti 19) def. **Talent Sports Academy U/15 team (Delhi) 8/194** [40 overs] (J. Wilkin 2/28) by 4 wickets.







Match 4 [T20] – Wednesday, 16 April 2025 at Backyard Ground, Faridabad, Kadarapur, Gurgaon, Haryana.
HKHDCCA / NDCC U15 team 5/140 [20 overs] (A. Hirani 49, A. Hill 38 no, C. Horsley 23) lost to **NK Khanna Academy U/15 team (Delhi) 9/143** [20 overs] (A. Singh 2/14, A. Hirani 2/19, A. Kodaganti 2/20) by 1 wicket.








Match 5 [35 overs] – Thursday, 17 April 2025 at Talent Sports Cricket Ground, Dwarka, Chhawla, New Delhi.
HKHDCCA / NDCC U15 team 4/271 [35 overs] (A. Kodaganti **102**, O. Makin 84 – 3rd wicket partnership 162, D. Fagg 35 no, H. Ross 14) def. **Bal Bhavan International School U/15 team (Delhi) 136** [26.2 overs] (A. Singh 3/9) by 135 runs.

Match 6 [40 overs] – Friday, 18 April 2025 at Backyard Ground, Faridabad, Kadarapur, Gurgaon, Haryana.
HKHDCCA / NDCC U15 team 3/170 [24.4 overs] (A. Parikh 75, A. Singh 63 no – 3rd wicket partnership 109) def. **Talent Sports Academy U/15 team (Delhi) 8/168** [40 overs] (H. Ross 2/19, O. Makin 2/32) by 7 wickets.

Match 7 [T20] – Sat. 19 April 2025 at Power Play Sports Ground, Sector 64, Gurugram, Bhondsi, Gurgaon.
HKHDCCA / NDCC U15 team 8/110 [20 overs] (A. Hirani 41 no, D. Fagg 26, J. Key 18) def. **Wall Cricket Academy U/15 team (Delhi) 8/109** [20 overs] (R. Kandiah 2/16, A. Hirani 2/20) by 2 wickets.

HKHDCCA / NDCC UNDER 15 TEAM – LEADING PERFORMERS (Match 7 excluded)

IPAL U15 2025				
MATCHES	LEADERBOARD	POINTS TABLE	STATS	S
Bat	Bowl	Field	MVP	
Coaches Association Team Most Runs				
	Oliver Makin (Coaches Association Team)			01
Inn: 4	Runs: 184	Avg: 61.33	SR: 129.58	
	Alish Hirani (Coaches Association Team)			02
Inn: 5	Runs: 158	Avg: 39.50	SR: 96.34	
	Arjun Singh (Coaches Association Team)			03
Inn: 4	Runs: 137	Avg: 45.67	SR: 84.05	
	Arjun Kodaganti (Coaches Association Team)			04
Inn: 4	Runs: 133	Avg: 66.50	SR: 94.33	
	Aayush Parikh (Coaches Association Team)			05
Inn: 4	Runs: 110	Avg: 27.50	SR: 90.91	
	Archie Hill (Coaches Association Team)			06
Inn: 4	Runs: 62	Avg: 20.67	SR: 103.33	

MATCHES LEADERBOARD POINTS TABLE STATS S				
Bat	Bowl	Field	MVP	
Coaches Association Team Most Wickets				
	Arjun Singh (Coaches Association Team)			01
Inn: 5	W: 8	Eco: 4.07	Avg: 15.25	
	Raul Kandiah (Coaches Association Team)			02
Inn: 5	W: 5	Eco: 5.89	Avg: 22.4	
	James Wilkin (Coaches Association Team)			03
Inn: 6	W: 4	Eco: 4.68	Avg: 28.5	
	Hayden Ross (Coaches Association Team)			04
Inn: 4	W: 4	Eco: 6.85	Avg: 22.25	
	Oliver Makin (Coaches Association Team)			05
Inn: 4	W: 3	Eco: 5.33	Avg: 32.0	
	Alish Hirani (Coaches Association Team)			06
Inn: 5	W: 3	Eco: 5.42	Avg: 34.33	
	Aayush Parikh (Coaches Association Team)			07
Inn: 1	W: 3	Eco: 5.45	Avg: 6.67	

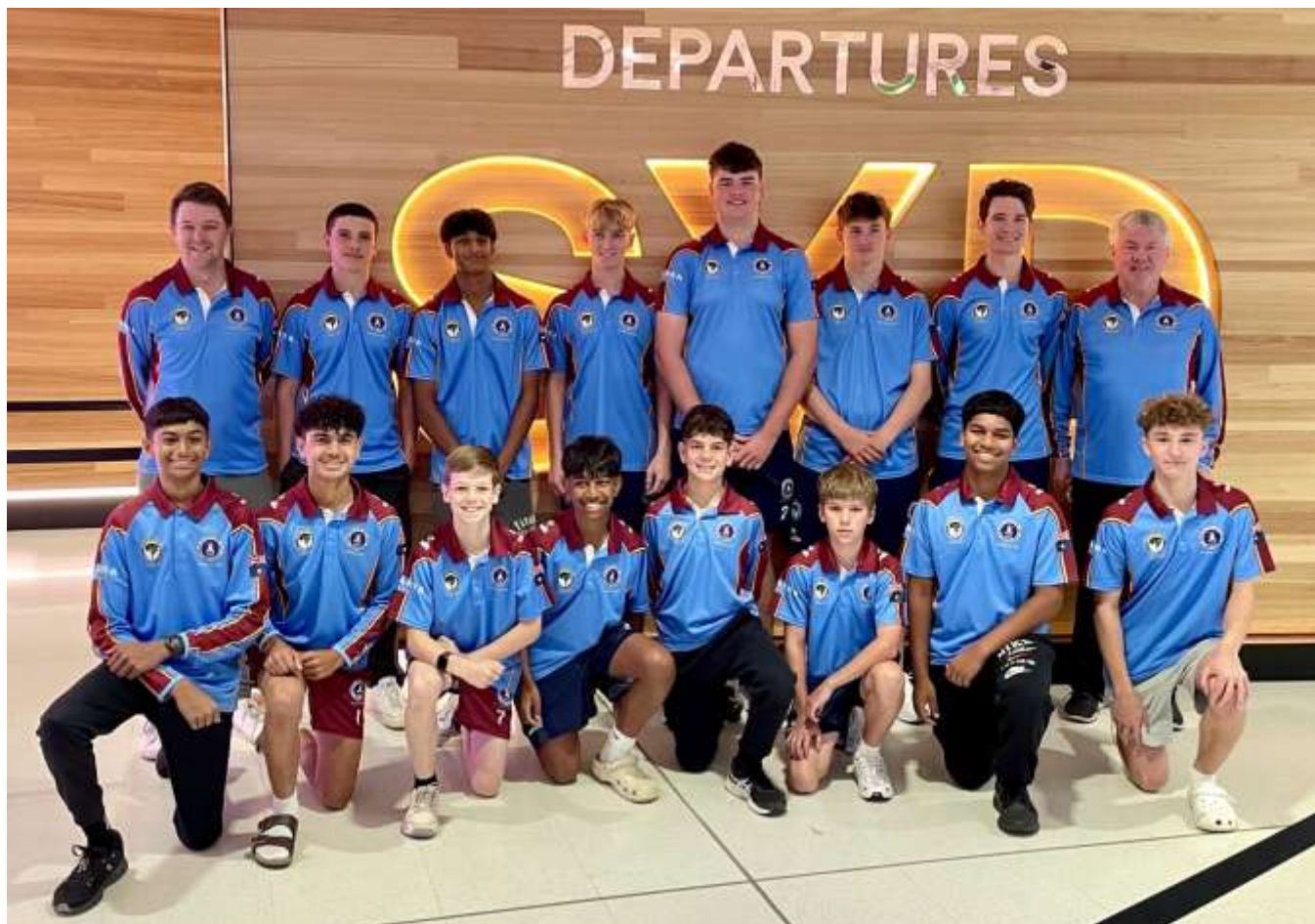
BRUCE WOOD OAM (MANAGER) – REFLECTIONS ON THE INDIA TOUR

The Coaches' Association's overseas junior cricket tours program continued, with another tour to incredible India from 9 – 21 April 2025, in partnership with Northern District CC (NDCC). The touring party comprised 14 players, 3 coaches / officials, and 9 fathers (total 26 people). Two other fathers followed the tour by attending each match, travelling separately with their Indian extended families. This was the Coaches' Association's sixth overseas cricket tour, after successful U/15 Boys tours to Sri Lanka (2015), Barbados (2017), India (2019 & 2023), and an U/17 Girls tour to India (2024).

This was the first time that we entered a team in the Indian Premier Academy League (IPAL) U/15 tournament, as our previous cricket tours to India involved a series of matches against local academy teams, not in a tournament format. In reality, there wasn't much difference to the high standard, competitive style of matches. Our experienced Indian travel agent was Sohan Kadian from www.melshsportstours.com, who looked after us so well in 2019, 2023 & 2024.

Many months of detailed planning by a range of people took place, including scoping details of the IPAL tournament in Delhi, selecting a team of 14 players, compiling a budget, designing and ordering O'Neills uniforms, getting the players / families to complete the necessary pre-tour forms, confirming the cultural / sightseeing activities on non-match days (Taj Mahal, IPL match, tour of Old Delhi, etc), checking Passports, arranging Travel Insurance, obtaining (India entry) Visa clearances for each member of the touring party, pre-tour training sessions at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara (indoor centre), booking airline flights, issuing e-tickets, etc.

Our touring party assembled at Sydney International Airport at 5.50am on Wednesday, 9 April, in advance of our 7.55am Singapore Airlines flight (SQ 212) to Singapore, followed by a second flight (SQ 406) from Singapore to Delhi at 4.50pm. Spirits were high and the players were excited about what lay ahead on this exciting venture. We took the usual team photo at the airport Departures sign (see below).



Back row: Josh Miller (Head Coach), Jimmy Wilkin, Aayush Parikh, Oliver Makin, Dan Fagg, Charlie Horsley, Connor Hindmarch (Coach), Bruce Wood OAM (Manager)

Front row: Arjun Kodaganti, Alish Hirani (Captain), Jonathan Key, Raul Kandiah, Rory Rapa, Hayden Ross, Alistair Fernandes, Archie Hill (missed photo / already in India – Arjun Singh)

The tour management team included two outstanding young coaches, **Josh Miller** and **Connor Hindmarch**, who passed on their cricket knowledge and expertise to the 14 players. Josh and Connor have built up an impressive record of achievements in cricket coaching, as briefly summarised on page 5 of this tour report.

Ironically, Josh and I presented Connor with the Coaches' Association's prestigious Phillip Hughes Medal at a school holiday junior cricket clinic at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara, in January 2015 when Connor was 12 years of age (see photo below). A decade later, Connor is Head Coach of the Coaches' Association, and Josh is a NDCC legend, having coached U/16 AW Green Shield undefeated premierships teams in 2018-19, 2020-21 & 2024-25.



On Thursday afternoon, 10 April, our team held a 2-hour (1500 – 1700pm) training session at Bal Bhavan International School, Dwarka Road, Sector 12, New Delhi. This was a good opportunity for the players to acclimatise to the Indian 'dirt' pitches, lower bounce, and the heat. Our team returned for dinner at our home base, the Radisson Hotel, Main Sohna Road, Sector 49, Gurugram 122 002, New Delhi.

On Friday, 11 April, our team returned to the Bal Bhavan International School for the Opening Ceremony of the IPAL tournament, which included U/15, U/17 & U/19 Boys competitions, and an U/19 Girls competition. Josh, Connor and I were called up on stage and presented with an IPAL trophy, and I was given the microphone and asked to tell the audience about the Coaches' Association and our many cricket tours to India. Sohan Kadian from Melish Sports Tours (Tournament Convenor) made a welcome speech and we were treated to some Indian cultural dances and acrobats. The players from each team received a memento trophy, before lunch was served.



After lunch on Friday, 11 April, we travelled to Baliyawas Wisteria Club, Gurugram, Haryana, New Delhi, for a 25 over Practice Match against the Pathways World School team (Delhi). The Pathways team batted first and smashed our bowlers all around the park, scoring 5/256, led by Eashan Mehra who scored 130 runs off 66 balls. He later won the Batting Award for the IPAL U/17 tournament! In reply, our team struggled to reach 5/51 off 11 overs, with only Rory Rapa (31) showing form with the bat. The practice match ended prematurely when a huge dust storm hit the oval (see below), resulting in the match being abandoned.



Our Captain, **Alish Hirani**, with the Pathway World School team captain, coaches and the umpires

Our team's other seven matches are covered in detail elsewhere in this tour report, including the scorecards, so I won't spend any time on them here, except to say that Josh, Connor and I were delighted in the way the team committed themselves to the tough cricket conditions, as they took on the strong opposition teams, winning four matches and narrowly losing two T20s. The players listened carefully to all the coaching advice they received and put it into practice, resulting in significantly improved performances as the tour progressed. All the matches were live-streamed on YouTube, and live-scored via the CricHeroes app, which was fantastic.

The safety and welfare of our young players on tour is our highest priority, and our management team takes all necessary precautions, including obtaining a detailed Medical Consent form from the parents before the tour, and having trained First Aid Officers (with kits) on tour and at each match. On the evening of 11 April, Jonathan Key (player # 7) unfortunately suffered a severe anaphylactic episode, which resulted in nausea, a bad rash, and difficulty in breathing. I was in regular contact with Jono's father, Brenton (who was in the Delhi hotel), during this worrying period and we jointly decided that Jono's condition had deteriorated to the extent that he would need to be admitted to the nearby Park (Private) Hospital, in Meera Enclave, Chowkhandi, New Delhi. Jono spent the night in hospital, where they took good care of him, stabilised his breathing, and helped him on the road to recovery, which was good news for the team. I passed on the travel insurance details to Brenton to lodge a claim to recover the associated expenses.

In keeping with our overseas tour traditions, I arranged for the Coaches' Association to supply an old Australian Penny at the coin toss before each match, with the Penny being given as a gift to the Indian team captain (see photo below). In addition, the Coaches' Association's special crown coin was given as a gift to each opposition Coach, and our captain, Alish Hirani, presented his opposite captain with an Australian cap during the post-match presentations. Our players gave small Aussie souvenirs to the opposition players after each match. These small gestures are appreciated by the Indian academy teams.



Our touring party enjoyed some amazing cultural / sightseeing activities on non-match days, including a visit to the Taj Mahal, an exciting IPL match, and a tour of Old Delhi. These outings gave our players a taste of some aspects of Indian culture and lifestyle, especially the rickshaws rides through the markets in Old Delhi.

It was interesting to see stray dogs, cows and miniature horses on the playing fields during cricket matches (see photo above). I jokingly suggested to our players that the umpire might call No Ball, as "they have 12 on the field". This wise crack was amusing the first few times, however eventually Raul Kandiah (# 6), one of the characters in our team, suggested that it was time for me to drop this joke, as I was "dragging it out for too long".

On Sunday, 13 April, our team visited the [Six & Out Sports Store](#) in Delhi, where they checked out a wide range of bats, pads, gloves, balls, etc. Some personal purchases of new cricket equipment were made that day.

Our touring party celebrated three birthdays in India – Jono Key (# 7) turned 14 on Tuesday, 15 April, the day we went to the Taj Mahal. His father, Brenton Key, enjoyed his milestone 50th birthday on Wednesday, 16 April, the day we attended an IPL match. Arjun Singh (# 13) celebrated his 14th birthday on Saturday, 19 April, and his family supplied a cake for the team after our last match on tour at the Power Play ground in Gurgaon.

The banter on the long bus trips was fun and I managed to entertain the coaches and players with some of my old cricket umpiring anecdotes (photo).



The IPAL tournament closing ceremony was held on the evening of Friday, 18 April at the Golden Tulip Suites Hotel, Gurgaon Faridabad Road, Sector 2, Gwal Pahadi, Gurgaon, New Delhi. Unfortunately, the hotel didn't have a liquor licence, which was a bit disappointing for the fathers who were keen to round off the tour with a few Kingfisher beers. Our team finished third in the IPAL U/15 tournament, and won the Fair Play Award (see trophy) for its excellent sportsmanship, respect for umpires and opponents, etc. We were delighted that Arjun Singh (# 13) won the IPAL U/15 Most Valuable Player (MVP) award, which was statistically based on runs scored, wickets taken and catches held.

At 9.00am on Sunday, 20 April, we travelled by Singapore Airlines flight (SQ 401) from Delhi to Singapore, which was followed by a second flight (SQ 221) from Singapore to Sydney at 8.20pm. Our touring party arrived back at Sydney International Airport at 6.00am on Easter Monday, 21 April, full of stories and wonderful memories.

Overall, this was another successful tour for the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) and Northern District CC. All our players improved significantly on tour and will no doubt increase their confidence and skills as they move towards the 2025-26 cricket season in Sydney. They all appreciated the opportunity to play cricket in different conditions and learn from their coaches and the skillful local Indian players. It was pleasing that each player on tour contributed well to the team performance and had at least one match in which they played a major role with the bat, ball or wicket-keeping gloves. Our three W-Ks, Archie Hill (# 4), Jono Key (# 7) and Rory Rapa (# 11) shared the duties on tour and performed competently in the Indian conditions. We endeavoured to provide a quality cricket and cultural experience in India, and I'm confident that these objectives were achieved, with some parents describing the tour as 'life-changing' for all concerned.



There are many people to thank for making this tour possible, including:

- **Sohan Kadian** and **Nikita Rathore** from Melsh Sports Tours, who did a great job in organising everything in India, including the hotel accommodation; cricket matches (with even opponents); match venues; umpires; cricket balls; IPL tickets, Taj Mahal excursion, other sightseeing tours; air-conditioned bus transport; unlimited supply of bottled water; the IPAL Tournament Opening and Closing Ceremonies, etc.
- **Josh Miller** and **Connor Hindmarch** for their dedicated coaching of our 14 players prior to and throughout the tour, including tailoring development strategies for each player, based on the particular skill areas they wished to improve. Josh & Connor attempted to provide equal opportunity to all players on tour, through rotation and sharing key roles on match days.
- The **14 players** – our tour management committee is happy to report that all players put in 100% on the field; always played for the team; embraced the principle of continuous improvement; showed genuine respect for their coaches, parents, umpires, opposition players, and the Indian culture. There were no behavioural issues on tour; they were punctual; (nearly always) wore the correct uniform; and celebrated their team-mates' success, as much as their own. Special mention of the leadership shown by our captain, **Alish Hirani**.
- **Fathers on tour** – we were pleased to have 9 Dads in the touring party, plus two others who travelled separately with their families, however attended the matches to support the boys. The Dads bonded really well and enjoyed a few Kingfisher beers most nights after dinner. It was delightful to see some of the fathers generously buying the boys hot chips, pizzas and drinks when they wanted a break from the Indian curries.
- **Mehul Parikh** for his wonderful photography on tour, taking thousands of quality photos with his zoom lens camera, many of which are featured in this Tour Report. Other parents, officials and players contributed some photos, however Mehul's Google Drive folder of photos feature prominently in this India Tour Report – 2025.
- **Paul Byrom** from O'Neill's for supplying quality playing uniforms, training clothes and backpacks.
- **Indian umpires** – all the umpires appointed to our eight cricket matches on tour were competent, fair and multi-skilled, as they live-scored the matches via the CricHeroes app on their phones while on the field umpiring!

Bruce G. Wood OAM
President, Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA)

JAMES MAKIN (PARENT) – SUPPORTERS' REFLECTIONS OF THE TOUR

There's no better reason to travel to India than for cricket! All the things they say about cricket being a religion or a way of life in India are completely true. They are nuts about it! Firstly, a huge thank you to the outstanding coaches and experienced tour manager.

Josh and Connor: Our kids are better players and better people having got to spend two weeks under your guidance. We loved how your speeches very rarely focused on technique – they were all about how the mental side of the game. Handling adversity in a positive way, not getting caught up in excuses, enjoying yourself and making the most out of every situation, ... all wonderful advice for their cricket, and for any aspect of their lives. Thank you!

Bruce: events like this simply do not happen without people like you. It is no coincidence that these Coaches' Association overseas cricket tours have been going so long under your guidance, and been so successful, year after year. On behalf of all the parents and kids, thank you for grappling with the logistical challenges that events like this create, at home and abroad, and making it as seamless as possible for the rest of us to enjoy. And most of all, thanks for your infectious enthusiasm for the game of cricket, which the boys (aka "Team Woodsey" in the pre-match huddles) really fed off.

It was great watching the boys get along so well. Sharing all the adventures that this (completely different) world threw at them, together. They now have 13 very good mates, and I'm sure they'll stay in touch for a very long time.

The same goes for the supporters crew! Planning is already underway for an U/17 tour to the West Indies in 2027.

Here are some other things that we learnt on the tour...

- Don't go anywhere in India without KL Mehul (translator)
- Don't buy Corona in India
- If they say it will take 3 hours, assume 6
- Don't get in the way of a tour bus driver who's running late
- If you think a bunch of 14 year olds will be overawed by the crowds at the IPL, think again. "Starcy, Starcy, Starcy, ..."
- All Indian kids can bat well – right down to # 11
- "Match abandoned – dust storm" is an actual thing
- Discovery of the tour - Masala Chai! Love it
- Our kids actually have decent music taste!
- The Taj Mahal is as majestic as all the write-ups suggest it is

Thanks again to all involved – it was a great experience for all of us!







Player # 1 – Alish HIRANI (Captain)





Player # 2 – Daniel FAGG





Player # 3 – Alastair FERNANDES





Player # 4 – Archie HILL





Player # 5 – Charles HORSLEY





Player # 6 – Raul KANDIAH





Player # 7 – Jonathan KEY





Player # 8 – Arjun KODAGANTI





Player # 9 – Oliver MAKIN





Player # 10 – Aayush PARIKH





Player # 11 – Rory RAPA





Player # 12 – Hayden Ross





Player # 13 – Arjun SINGH





Player # 14 – James WILKIN





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ALISH HIRANI – CAPTAIN'S REFLECTIONS OF THE TOUR

Our recent cricket tour to India for the IPAL U/15 tournament was an incredible experience for the entire team. Coming from Australia, we were met with very different conditions – hotter weather, slower pitches, and unfamiliar playing surfaces. These challenges gave us valuable learning opportunities, especially in adapting our game strategies and playing styles to suit the local environment.

It was a true honour to captain this group of players. Leading the team through the tour helped me develop my skills as a captain – making tactical decisions under pressure, encouraging team unity, and staying composed in tough moments. I'm proud of how everyone supported one another and represented Australia with determination and sportsmanship.

One of the most rewarding parts of the tour was the bond we built as a team, both on and off the field. We learned from each other, improved our cricket, and made memories that will stay with us for a long time.

I'd like to sincerely thank our coaches, Connor and Josh, for their dedication and support. Their guidance helped us improve every day. And a massive thank you to Bruce for managing the tour so effectively. His experience and steady presence ensured everything ran smoothly.



NORTHERN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB



Northern District CC (NDCC) is delighted to be associated with the development tours organised by the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA). This tour follows the highly successful U/15 Boys tours to Sri Lanka (2015), Barbados (2017), India (2019 & 2023), and an U/17 Girls tour to India (2024). These tours have delivered unique cricket development opportunities for the players and I'm sure the 2025 Indian Tour will be no different. The pathway of talented players from these U/15 overseas tours to NDCC's AW Green Shield success is there for all to see. I also note with great interest that the following 12 players from your previous overseas tours graduated to play First Grade cricket with NDCC – Baxter Holt, Sam Fanning, Joel Foster, Lachy Shaw, Joe Hiley, Lachie Fisher, Jordan Fullagar, Corey Miller, Ryan Swain, Nick Hook, Cam Tunks & Spencer White, an amazing record.

The cricket in India is likely to be challenging, and that is a good thing. Tours of this kind tend to highlight and speed up the progress of talented players, even if that's not obvious until after the tour itself. Moreover, they build camaraderie and friendship, which helps in all manner of ways, on and off the field. The highly experienced tour leadership and coaching team of Josh Miller, Connor Hindmarch and Bruce Wood will ensure quality coaching and a well-organised 'trip of a lifetime' for the touring party.

NDCC was established in 1925 and is based at Mark Taylor Oval in Waitara. It is the northernmost of the 20 clubs that form the Sydney Cricket Association (SCA) and develop players to represent NSW and its T20 franchises, Sydney Thunder and Sydney Sixers. NDCC is the Club of former international players such as Peter Taylor, Brad Haddin, Adam Gilchrist & Neil Harvey and currently has Nathan Lyon and Chris Green in the playing ranks. The club is delighted to be celebrating its Centenary in 2025, and several key events are being planned. The Club opened its award-winning Indoor Cricket Centre in 2023, and resumed competition matches on a new playing surface in 2024-25. A new multi-purpose pavilion and scoreboard are currently under construction and are expected to be ready for the 2025-26 cricket season. The 100 year old First Grade oval and surrounds are in the process of being turned into a modern Centre of Excellence and will become a hub for cricket in Sydney's north.

NDCC continues to produce successful cricketers, teams and 'good people'. In 2024-25, NDCC won the AW Green Shield competition, undefeated (see team photo), and the U/16 State title under the guidance of your tour Head Coach, Josh Miller. ND's Second Grade team also had a top season, winning the premiership. Chris Green, Toby Gray, Ross Pawson & Lachy Shaw played Sheffield Shield (First Class) cricket for NSW, and also played T20 BBL professional cricket for the Sydney Sixers or Sydney Thunder. NDCC is a high achiever within Sydney cricket, having won back-to-back Club Championships in 2020-21 and 2021-22. NDCC is also regarded as a club that "plays the right way" – twin Spirit of Cricket Awards in those Club Championship years is a testament to that.

At NDCC, we enjoy welcoming players to the Club early in their cricketing journey. We enjoy making new friends as well, and the Club has friends all over the world. We look forward to welcoming you to MTO soon. I trust that all players, their families and the coaches will have a really enjoyable and successful tour. If like previous HKHDCCA tours, it will be an experience that inspires you along your cricketing journey in the seasons ahead.

Jeremy Hook, President, Northern District CC

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ADDITIONAL PHOTOS FROM THE TOUR – SPECIAL THANKS TO MEHUL PARIKH (& OTHERS)











COACHES' ASSOCIATION (HKHDCCA)

The **Coaches' Association** (HKHDCCA) is an inclusive, *not-for-profit* cricket coaching organisation responsible for recruiting and accrediting young coaches in north-western Sydney; conducting junior cricket clinics during the school holidays, and development tours overseas. HKHDCCA designs and implements coaching programs aimed at increasing the cricket participation, skills and enjoyment of boys and girls aged 5 – 15, including beginners, club players, representative standard players, and children with special needs.

HKHDCCA has experienced significant growth since its inception in 2010 and aims to continue to expand its subsidised (or free) coaching programs to a wider cross-section of the community. HKHDCCA strongly supports the growth of Girls' cricket at grassroots, club and representative levels. The successful implementation of these initiatives assists in facilitating sporting, cultural and social inclusion in the community, while also promoting healthy, active lifestyles, and increasing the participation rate in cricket in NSW.

Bruce Wood OAM has been President of the Coaches' Association since 2010-11 and is supported by **Braden Cheng** (V-P), **Josh Miller** (Secretary), **Connor Hindmarch** (Head Coach), and **Dylan Bish** (Treasurer).

The Coaches' Association has five distinguished Patrons – **Ross Turner**, **Mark Rushton**, **Denise Anderson** (Annetts), **Alf James** OAM, and the Hon. **Matt Kean**.



Players & coaches at our school holiday junior cricket clinic at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara on 20-21 January 2025



Coaches at our school holiday junior cricket clinic at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara on 20 - 21 January 2025

Back row: Tyler Lang, Corey Miller, Chris Burnett, Connor Hindmarch (*Head Coach*), Lachlan Edwards, Mitch Shaw, Bruce Wood OAM (*President*),

Front row: Ben Burrows, Alex Fitzgerald, Zach Rapa, Ari Handley, Elysa Oliveri, Sam Weir, Ben Randall

COACHES' ASSOCIATION / AIWCA / NDCC – U/17 GIRLS CRICKET TOUR TO INDIA – APRIL 2024

The Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) organised its first Girls U/17 representative cricket tour to northern India from 13 – 25 April 2024, playing 7 matches in Delhi and Jaipur, as well as visiting several major cultural attractions, including the Taj Mahal in Agra. The tour was organised in partnership with the Australia–India Women's Cricket Association (AIWCA), and Northern District CC.

Our touring party comprised 14 players, 3 officials and 9 supporters (total 26 people). This was a development tour for our female players, whose ages ranged from 14 to 17.

Head Coach, Ron Woods, advised the players at the start that the success of the tour will not be measured by our Win/Loss ratio, but by our team's effort, commitment, teamwork, improvement and ability to adapt to the different conditions. Our players learnt so much from the talented Indian players, many of whom train twice a day in large cricket academies. Pleasingly, our players improved each match as they became accustomed to the dusty, rolled dirt pitches and the heat.

After a tough tour (results wise), Bruce Wood stepped into the coaching role for the last match, a 35 over a side fixture against the strong Jaipuria Cricket Academy team on their lovely home ground at Mahaveer Nagar, Durgapura, Jaipur. This match was live streamed on YouTube, so the families back home could watch the action 'live'. Our team played with determination, freedom and enjoyment to record a fantastic win – spirits were high at the farewell presentation dinner that night.

The tour was a wonderful experience for the team (and travelling supporters), both on and off the cricket field. Memories and friendships for a lifetime were formed. The camaraderie amongst the players was a real highlight on tour, as shown by the singing on the bus trips. Congratulations to our award winners on tour – Shree Swarup (Player of the Tour), Aanya Siingh (Batting), Phoebe Laws (Bowling), and Megan Chinniah (Fielding).

Sue Gregory did a great job on the field, umpiring 5 of the 7 matches in India, and communicating with the local Indian umpires about playing conditions, when some of them had limited English. Sue was joined in the middle by Bruce Wood for two T20 matches in Delhi and Jaipur.

It was nice to see that our tour was covered by *The Australia Today* media network – bit.ly/AusToday-AIWCA



Back: Emma Rippon, Phoebe Laws, Audrey Kirk, Hannah Rose, Aimee Ravot, Ron Woods (Head Coach), Shree Swarup, Nandha Sajish, Arika Singh, Keerti Vatul (w-k)

Front: Sue Gregory (Girls Co-ordinator / Umpire), Yanee Bhatia, Megan Chinniah (v-c), Aanya Siingh (Captain), Kuhu Nanda, Jaaniya Shah, Bruce Wood OAM (Manager)

COACHES' ASSOCIATION / NORTHERN DISTRICT CC – U/15 CRICKET TOUR TO INDIA – APRIL 2023

Our touring party comprised 14 players, 3 officials and 11 supporters (total 28 people), and the tour ran from 7 – 23 April 2023. This was HKHDCCA's fourth overseas cricket tour (joint venture) in partnership with Northern District CC, after previous successful U/15 Boys tours to Sri Lanka in 2015, Barbados in 2017, and India in 2019.

Our team in 2023 played 9 cricket matches (7 x 40 overs; 2 x T20s) in Bangalore, Pondicherry, Chennai and Goa, with a win / loss ratio of 4 / 5. The itinerary included attendance at an IPL match at Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore, and a range of Indian tourist attractions / cultural sites on the non-match days. Our team acquitted themselves well against talented Indian academy / school teams, playing in hot conditions on dry, dusty pitches.



Back row – Bruce Wood OAM (Manager), Dan Friedrich (Coach); Keshav Krishnan; Ed Hills; Henry Abood (Captain); Will Byrom (Captain); Alex Au-Yeung; Alex Fitzgerald; Josh Miller (Head Coach).

Front row – Jared Fernandes; Ayden Bolger; Aryn Vinod; Ahan Vinod; Zac Haddin; Zach Rapa; Max Guazzarotto; Liam Bradey.

All our players improved significantly on tour and will no doubt increase their confidence and skills as they move towards the 2023-24 cricket season in Sydney, especially the Boys U/16 AW Green Shield competition for NDCC. The best performers on tour were: Henry Abood – Best Batter (262 runs @ 43.7, HS 100 no.); Max Guazzarotto – Most Wickets (9 wickets @ 15.11, BB 3/25); Alex Au-Yeung – Super Strike Rate (223 runs @ 129.7 strike rate, including 11 x 6s); and Ahan Vinod – Most Catches (6 w-k catches).

Special thanks to our fantastic coaches, Josh Miller and Dan Friedrich, as well as Bruce Wood (Manager) for his detailed planning and implementation of the tour program, in consultation with our experienced travel agents in India, Sohan Kadian and Nikita Rathore from www.melshsportstours.com



COACHES' ASSOCIATION / NORTHERN DISTRICT CC U/15 CRICKET TOUR TO INDIA – APRIL 2019

Our touring party (total 28 people) visited Mumbai, Jaipur, Agra and Delhi between 12 – 27 April 2019. The team played 7 matches against talented local academy sides on excellent ovals, winning 3 matches and narrowly losing 4 others. Our best batsman on tour was Cam Tunks, who scored 217 runs @ 54.2 average (HS 73). Our most successful bowler in India was leg-spinner, Oliver Jennings, who took 9 wickets @ 10.4 average (BB 4/21). The top all-rounder was Spencer White who scored 195 runs @ 48.8 average and took 7 wickets. The other individual award winners were: Star Performance – Anthony Bartlett (two half-centuries); Fielding – Nick Hook (4 catches and a Run Out); Best Team Player – Avi Lath; and Best all-rounder (on & off the field) – Jack Nati. In total, seven of our batsmen made at least one half-century on tour.

On top of the experience of playing cricket in India, the touring party enjoyed lots of memorable off-the-field highlights, including attending two IPL T20 matches involving the Mumbai Indians (the eventual champions); visiting the Gateway of India in Mumbai; the majestic Taj Mahal in Agra; Hawa Mahal and Jantar Mantar in Jaipur; an elephant ride and tour of Amber Fort; shopping in the street markets in Jaipur (pink city); and Mother Teresa's Missionary of Charity in Agra.

The touring team witnessed first-hand what an amazing country India is with its contrasting culture, classes, opportunities and lifestyles. Everyone in our touring team had an amazing experience, both on and off the cricket field. India is a perfect destination for a cricket tour, as the locals are so passionate about the game, and so welcoming off the field.



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Back row: Bruce Wood (Manager), Anthony Bartlett, Jack Nati, Spencer White, Rod Hokin (Head Coach), Ryan Swain (Captain), Marcus Ridley, Will McFadden, Josh Miller (Treasurer / Assistant Coach),

Front row: Nick Hook, Cameron Tunks, Oliver Jennings, Abhi Singh, Felix Booth, Avi Lath, Alistair Weston

COACHES' ASSOCIATION / NORTHERN DISTRICT CC – U/15 CRICKET TOUR TO BARBADOS – JUNE / JULY 2017



Back row: Jayden Camp, Oscar Kirk, Jarod Baxter, Aidan Jackson, Corey Miller, Varun Ravindran, Jordan Fullagar, Cooper Davenport

Front row: Will Coffey, Charlie Rose, Bruce Wood (Manager), Lachlan Shaw (Capt), Rod Hokin (Head Coach), Joe Hiley (Capt), Josh Miller (Asst. Coach), Lachlan Fisher, Lachlan Roughley

COACHES' ASSOCIATION / NORTHERN DISTRICT CC – U/15 CRICKET TOUR TO SRI LANKA – JUNE / JULY 2015



Back row: Shivraj Rana, James Brown, Dhruva Thorat, Ryan McCoy, Henry Kirk, Liahm Williams, Sam Fanning, Henry Chapman, Connor Slater, Lachlan Shaw

Front row: Mike Langford (NDCC President), Bruce Wood (HKHDCCA President), Baxter Holt (Captain), Rod Hokin (Head Coach), Joel Foster (Captain), Will Fiedler (Treasurer), Jamie Shaw (Vice-Captain)

HK&HDCA's FIRST U/15 REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET TOUR TO INDIA – APRIL 2006

The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association (HK&HDCA) in Sydney sent an invitational U/15 representative team on a development tour to India from 16 – 30 April 2006. Bruce Wood was Head Coach on that tour and returned to India in 2019, 2023, 2024 and 2025 as Manager of the Coaches' Association's rep. teams.

The touring team in 2006 included some members of Hornsby's U/15 Weblin Shield 2005-06 premiership team. The Sydney team arrived in Bangalore and stayed at the National Cricket Academy, M. Chinnaswamy Test Stadium. Three matches were played against the Karnataka U/15 State team, which included three future Indian Test players, K. L. Rahul (highest Test score 199); Karun Nair (HTS 303 no); and Mayank Agarwal (HTS 243).

The Hornsby U/15 team was captained by Andrew Casey and included Liam Robertson, who captained Sydney University's First Grade team. The team travelled to Mumbai and played against the MIG Bandra Cricket Academy U/15 team, which included 16-year-old Ronan Tendulkar (Sachin's nephew), who scored 114 runs and took 3/31. The touring team travelled by coach to Pune and played against the Cadence Academy U/15 team and the Maharashtra U/15 State team, while staying at the beautiful Poona Cricket Club.

Our leading batsmen on that tour were Tom Gurka (264 runs @ 44.0 average), Liam Robertson (247 runs @ 35.3 ave.), and Daniel Wood (159 runs @ 26.5). Andrew Casey, Chris Aldersley and Alex Mihalyka also hit half-centuries on tour. Our bowling attack was led by Tom Gurka (13 wickets @ 15.1 ave.), off-spinner Taylor Paton (10 wickets @ 25.6), and Anuj Devalia (8 wickets @ 22.4, including a hat-trick). Dougal Robinson (w-k) had a great tour behind the stumps, snaring 18 dismissals (14 catches, 1 stumping & 3 run outs). Overall, this initial tour to India 17 years ago was a wonderful experience for all concerned, both on and off the cricket field.



Captains – Andrew Casey & KL Rahul (Bangalore 2006)



Back: Bruce Wood (Coach), Liam Robertson, Tom Gurka, Daniel Wood, Alex Mihalyka, Chris Aldersley (v-c), Dougal Robinson (w-k),
Front: Jarrod Rixon, Richard Nash, Taylor Paton, Andrew Casey (Captain), Dean Norris, Anuj Devalia, Bruce Rixon (Manager)



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