

Taranaki U12 South Boys **Tournament 15th – 18th January 2017 Napier**

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Day 1 - South Taranaki Under 12's versus Karori, Flaxmere Park, Hastings
Sunday 15th January - 40/40

Tough first outing for the South Team on day one. In hot, humid conditions Karori won the toss and chose to field. South lost early wickets and after 7 overs were 4 for 11. Cameron Quinnell and Mitchell Fleming were able to steady the innings through to the 20th over. South were all out in the 27th over for 80 runs. Top run scorers for South were Cameron Quinnell 17 and Mitchell Fleming 18.

In return Karori's opening batsmen Chatur Atula 23 and Guarav Navalka 15 made a steady start helping to steer Karori to a comfortable win scoring the 81 runs with the loss of 3 wickets to secure the victory in the 28th over.

Tomorrow South take on Easts Red in the morning and Collegians in the afternoon.

Match 1 Day 2 - South Taranaki Under 12's versus Easts Red

South Taranaki won the toss and chose to bowl first. Easts Red scored 100 runs in their 30 overs. Best of the South Bowlers was Corey Bailey 3-20 off 5 overs. Mitchell Fleming took 3 catches in the field. Dean Superfine bowled well taking 3 for 5 off 4 overs. South Taranaki secured the winning runs and their first win of the tournament in the 28th over. Best of the South batters were Mitchell Fleming 19 and Dean Superfine 20.

Match 2 Day 2 - South Taranaki versus Collegians

Collegians won the toss and elected to bat. South Taranaki took two early wickets and had Collegians 2-3 off 2 overs. However Collegians formed a good partnership with two of their players scoring 50 runs to post a target of 166 off their 30 overs.

Best of the South bowlers was Jackson Norgate 3-17 off 5 overs.

In return South Taranaki put a good fight but came up 27 runs short finishing on 140/9 off 30 overs. Standout batsmen were Aidan Young 56 not out and Dean Superfine 19.

Match 1 Day 3 - South Taranaki Under 12's versus Whakatane

Toss was won by Whakatane who sent South into bat. Openers Taene Nelley and Cohen Hurley got the team off to a good start seeing off the Whakatane opening bowlers and getting through to the 10th over before the first wicket fell. Scoring runs on the dry, unsettling wicket proved to be difficult but South managed to get through their 30 overs posting a score of 106/4. Best of the batsmen were Aidan Young 30 not out and Dean Superfine 21. Due to so tidy, tight bowling from South the run chase proved difficult for Whakatane who with 2 balls left in the match evened the score. A run off the last ball of the match secured the win for Whakatane in a fabulous match which had the players and spectators from both sides on their feet for the last few overs. Best of the South bowlers were Reeve Nelley 1 for 12 off 5 overs and Jackson Norgate 2 for 14 off 5 overs.

Match 2 Day 3 - South Taranaki versus Cambridge

After winning the toss South chose to bowl. Cambridge got off to a good start with the first wicket falling in the sixth over with the score on 33. South then took a few quick wickets which saw the run rate pulled back and the opposition put under pressure. Cambridge were all out in the 24th over for 95 runs. Best of the South team in the field were leg spin bowler Dean Superfine 3 wickets for 18 runs off 4 overs and wicket keeper Taene Nelley taking 3 catches.

In return Cambridge were unable to rattle the opening partnership of Nathan Robertson 26 not out and Lachlan Tong 38 not out who managed to secure the win without the loss of a wicket reaching their target with ease. South finishing on 97/0 off 21.5 overs. A convincing win for the South team.

Day 4 Match 1 - South Taranaki versus Onslow

Onslow won the toss and put South into bat first. South opening batsman Cameron Quinnell was able to score freely and along with Aidan Young formed a solid partnership helping the South team through to 153 runs at the end of 25 overs. Cameron retired 52 not out and Aidan 50 not out.

Onslow put up a fab fight and for the second time at tournament the match hung in the balance right until the end. Needing 4 runs to win off the last ball. The match ended with a run out from

Taene Nelley and South securing its 3rd win of the tournament by 4 runs.

The players and families have had a fabulous tournament and would like to sincerely thank their fantastic coach Ben Barrow for the huge effort and guidance he has invested in the boys this season.