

Taranaki U14 Development Boys **Tournament 9th -12th January 2017 Napier**

Match Reports by Mitch Graham

Taranaki played a 45 over match against Rotorua at Flaxmere Park today 09/01/17. Batting first we reached 178/6. Ben Olliver made 44. Jake Carr 50 not out. Rotorua were restricted to 128 all out. Opening bowler Max Brooke took 2 wickets for 5 runs. Spinners Jason McGrath took 2 for 35 and Sam Rankin 4 for 30.

Taranaki's 50 over match against Western BOP White team was played at Cornwall Park Hastings in hot conditions. Bowling first we had them all out for 147 runs after 46 overs. Sharing 2 wickets each were bowler's Max Brooke, Ethan Dower, Thomas Graham and Terry Norgate.

Batting second, Taranaki struggled to form any partnerships against a well organised fielding team. Thomas Graham batted well but was run out on 49. In the end we were all out for 122 at 42 overs, resulting in a loss.

11/01/17 match against Western BOP Blue at the Hawkes Bay year 9/10 Cricket tournament. Losing the toss at Hastings Frimley Park Taranaki were asked to bowl their 50 overs first. BOP reached 160 all out with one ball remaining. Thomas Graham took two wickets, but pick of our bowler's was Ben Olliver taking four wickets his figures were 10/3/23/4.

Batting second Taranaki batters weren't able to stay at the crease and we're all out for 125 runs after only 35.4 overs resulting in a loss by 35 runs.

Taranaki's vs Taradale CC at Park Island Cricket Ground Napier on the 12/01/17. Taradale cricket team won the toss and sent Taranaki to field first in their T20 match. Some quality batting from Taradale got them off to a good start and reach a total of 133/6. Ethan Dower bowled well to have 4 wickets for 24 runs. Ben Olliver took 2 wickets also.

Batting second our opening stand made 40 runs before the first wicket fell. Most Taranaki batters made good starts but didn't progress to high scores. Taranaki made 121/6, at the end losing by just 13 runs.

Taranaki U14 Development team played their second T20 of the Hawkes Bay tournament against Piako Knights at Marewa Park on Thursday afternoon.

Taranaki lost the toss and fielded first. Piako's openers made an impressive start with a partnership of 91. The team went on to score 147/5. Taranaki's Ethan Dower had the best figures of 4/0/22/2.

During Taranaki's innings they were looking to keep on track to reach the target, but towards the end couldn't keep pace and eventually ended at 118/5, losing by 29 runs.