

**Taranaki U15 Boys**  
**Tournament 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Levin**

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Taranaki made a winning start to the CD U15 tournament that is being held in Levin this week. Playing Manawatu, Taranaki lost the toss and were put in to field. Taranaki's opening bowlers made hard work of it in the early overs but came back strong in the middle session with Reece Trumper taking 6 catches behind the stumps to have Manawatu all out for 124. The Taranaki opening batsmen were put under early pressure by good tight bowling from Manawatu but with Taranaki's Luke Borrell hitting good form, set the platform and then pushing onto his maiden century soon took the game away from Manawatu. Borrell finishing the day 104 not out.

Taranaki U15's played Horowhenua Kapiti in day 2 of the CD tournament at Levin today. Put into the field, opening bowler Chris Logan tore the heart out of Horowhenua Kapiti's batting line up with 3 early wickets, Jonty Hughes and Jordan Gard also had a strong game with the ball sharing the wickets. Horowhenua Kapiti's batsmen struggled to deal with the sharp bowling and fielding attack that Taranaki displayed and were all out for 92. The strong batting line up of Taranaki was lead by Jonty Hughes with 36 runs and Jack Fowler with 25 runs and soon chased down the total.

Taranaki U15 travelled home yesterday undefeated from the CD tournament finishing 3rd in the tournament. The final two days of play like most of the season were plagued by the wet weather forcing nett run rate to determine the outcomes. The Taranaki boys played good positive and exciting cricket and should be proud of their accomplishments. Well done on a great week.