

## Taranaki U17 Boys Tournament 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Napier

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The Taranaki Under 17s made a successful start to the Central Districts Under 17 tournament with a comprehensive win over Wanganui on day 1 in Napier.

After losing the toss and being inserted on a green wicket, Taranaki recovered from a slow start to post 255-5 off 54 overs before declaring. There were a number of significant contributions through the lineup with Robson Chapman top scoring with a hard hit 65.

Wanganui made a solid start to the chase reaching 37 without loss before the Taranaki attack made inroads through relentless seam bowling backed up by good catching and fielding reducing Wanganui to 76 all out. Lachlan Drummond and Robson Chapman picked up 3 wickets each to back up their batting performances with Ben Frewin also impressive with 2-8 off 8.3 overs.

Big game tomorrow against the other unbeaten team in the pool Nelson.

The Taranaki under 17s made it 2 from 2 at the Central Districts under 17 tournament in Napier today with a hard fought 54 run win against Nelson.

Taranaki batted 1st and were put under pressure by some good bowling by Nelson falling to 106-7 before Matthew Allen 51 not out with the support of Ben Frewin and Troy Chilcott lower in the order grafted out crucial late innings runs to put on a more competitive 176/8.

Some accurate bowling and tight fielding kept Nelson in check but at 78/2 they were looking comfortable before spinners Caleb Frewin and Shaun Fowler picked up crucial wickets reducing Nelson to 122 all out, Caleb finishing with 4/27 off 15 and Shaun 2/36 off 10. All the bowlers did a good job backed up by a good team fielding performance. A gritty win to stay unbeaten and a win tomorrow will see Taranaki advance to the Final on Thursday.

The Taranaki under 17s made it 3 wins in a row today to go through pool play unbeaten and qualify for the Central Districts under 17 tournament final tomorrow which will be against a Hawkes Bay.

Taranaki won the toss and batted against Horowhenua Kapiti and reached 190 all out on a pitch that was getting slow and low after 3 days of cricket. The key contributors were Matt Allen who continued his good form top scoring with 43 and Oliver Burbidge who made 36.

Once again the bowling unit was accurate and disciplined throughout from early on and right through the middle stages to keep the Horo-Kapiti batsmen in check before they were eventually all out for 126, 64 runs short of Taranaki's total. Robson Chapman 3/12, Caleb Frewin 3/28 and Shaun Fowler 2/17 took the wickets, but it really was another team effort from the whole bowling unit.

The boys are all really excited to play in the Final tomorrow and appreciate all the support from home.

Taranaki U17's won the tournament.