

Ghosts Women Rd 1

Round 1 of the SCAWC kicked off on Sunday, with the Ghostettes 1st grade taking on Gordon at Chatswood oval. Batting first, Gordon scored a very impressive total of 5/271 with Celeste Raack taking 3 wickets and Lauren Cheatle and Belinda Vakawera bowling well on debut.

In reply the Ghostettes top order started well with Vanessa Picker (26) and Claire Koski (20) taking us to 1/60 after the first 16 overs. The fall of these two wickets was the start of a collapse that saw the Ghostettes crumble to be all out for 137 from only 25 overs. Only Naomi Stalenburg with a handy 35 showed any resistance in the middle order.

An under strength 2nd grade took on Uni's on Raby 1 and were sent in to bat on a pitch that had some early life. Some very impressive batting from Kelsey Miller (37) and Hannah Trethewy at the top of the order combined with a great captain's innings from Bec Miller (67) and some handy late order runs to Jessica MacFeters saw the girls post a competitive 9/172.

In reply Unis looked to have the game well in hand and appeared to be coasting to a win at 1/118. The game began to turn when Rebekah Mallitt (1/28 from 8 overs) and Jade McEwan (5 overs for 16) dried the runs up and this resulted in 2 key wickets falling. With the game in the balance at the 40th over mark, Jessica MacFeters came on for her 2nd spell to take 6 wickets for 15 runs in 5 overs to turn the game on its head. The last over of the match saw Uni's needing 5 runs to win with 3 wickets in hand and when Uni's scored a 4 off the 3rd ball of the over, the game appeared lost. The next 3 deliveries saw Jessica take a hat trick to see the game end in a tie leaving players and spectators speechless.

Third Grade played Bankstown at Graham Thomas oval for their first T/20 of the season. Batting first the Ghostettes posted a competitive 6/117, with Yardley Polsen & Jessica MacFeters both scoring 30 n.o. In reply Bankstown were never really in the hunt and struggled to a total of 6/86 as a result of some very accurate bowling and tight fielding. The pick of the Ghostettes bowlers were Tanika Sibal 1/6 off 3 overs and Rebekah Mallitt with an early wicket.

Brewer Shield opened their season with a T/20 double header against Penrith and Gordon. In the first game the Ghostettes scored 102 on the back of runs to Yardley Polsen (30*) and Sophie Heath (27). In reply Penrith never really challenged and fell well short of the target.

The 2nd game against Gordon saw the second tie of the day. Batting 1st the Ghostettes score a very handy 7/112 with Yardley Polsen again smashing a 30* and Hayley Hoffmeister scoring a handy late order 16. In reply Gordon started slow but kept wickets in hand and in the later overs were able to hit out to force a tie.