

AUCC PREMIER MATCH REPORT – SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

AUCC Premier Men v North Shore – Colin Maiden Park

AUCC were the only side in the whole of Auckland's Premier competition to secure first innings points on day one of the latest round of two-day matches against North Shore at Colin Maiden Park.

Our boys performance has not only given them a guaranteed six points over their closest rivals but Marc Ellison's side are also well placed to push for an outright on day two.

Once again Auckland A seamer Warren Barnes was the chief destroyer taking four wickets for the second week in a row to help dismiss Shore for a well under par total of 153. Barnes received tremendous support from Chris Dineen who bowled seven consecutive maidens to begin his spell before finishing with figures of 3/33 from 18 overs.

Varsity set out to overhaul the first innings target before the close of play as the top order took an aggressive approach. Ellison struck eight boundaries in a quick fire innings of 41 from 35 deliveries, which takes the skipper to 374 runs for the season to date – putting him second on the Premier grade's run scoring charts.

The captain shared a 60 run second wicket partnership with Barrington Rowland and the coach kicked on once Ellison departed. Rowland struck a six and 11 fours - with the final boundary taking University passed their target in the final over of the day.

Rowland will resume day two just 11 runs shy of a century and with five wickets still in the bank Varsity will be looking for a big first innings lead before switching their focus to bowling out Shore for a second time.

North Shore 153 (W Barnes 4/34, C Dineen 3/33, R Sillars 2/33) plays AUCC Premier Men 158/5 (B Rowland 89no, M Ellison 41) after day one.

Day Two – Saturday 30th November at Colin Maiden Park 11am start.

AUCC Premier Player's Representing Auckland 'A'

Last week Warren Barnes and Matt Ansell both competed in a three-day match for Auckland 'A' as they took on Northern Districts 'A' at Lloyd Elsmore Park.

Barnes made an immediate impact taking a wicket with his fourth delivery before claiming another wicket in his second spell. Auckland bowled ND out for 250 then Ansell opened the batting in reply and made 18 at the top of the order while Barnes struck 35 as Auckland reached 363/9 before the game ended in a draw.

Ansell and Barnes weren't the only players to receive representative honours last week. Vishi Jeet took part in two T20 warm up matches with the Aces squad while Marc Ellison was also selected for the 'A' game but was unable to play due to work commitments.