

MATCH REPORT
LNZCC vs HOLMESDALE CC
31 JULY 2022

Holmesdale won the toss and elected to bat first.

LNZCC travelled to the green hills of Sevenoaks on Sunday to play one of our newer fixtures against Holmesdale Cricket Club. With the line-up fed and fuelled LNZCC were asked to field first.

With the live stream running, the LNZCC opening bowling pair **Callum** and **Nick** hit superb lines and length making it challenging for the Holmesdale batsman to score freely.

After the first 10 overs no wickets had fallen, and Holmesdale were gliding towards 100 without challenge. **Nick Teulon** struck with the opener caught a long on by the remarkable **Dan Robinson** in the deep. This was the breakthrough LNZ needed.

As **Ryan Allen (Ryno)** and **Vaughan Robertson** were brought into the attack the game pendulum began to swing again. **Ryno** taking two wickets and **Vaughan** three. In between the flurry of wickets, Holmesdale batsman took a liking to the short boundaries with May muscling 44, until a one-handed catch stretching over the boundary by **Epps** dismissed him much to the team amazement.

Epps, **McClellan** and debutant **McCaw** each had short spells taking a wicket each, as Holmesdale's hitters continued. A fabulous caught and bowled by **McCaw** was signs of things to come for this new LNZCC player. Holmesdale finished 280 – all out in 39.2 overs.

LNZCC opened up with **Daniel Robinson** and **Tim Barringer**. The pair set a fantastic platform for the team, amounting 81 for the first wicket until **Barringer** was out done by the Holmesdale spinner. **Robinson** followed shortly afterwards bringing **Epps** and **Neal** to the crease. The pair took the score to 150. The game was in the balance with LNZCC needing to score at 8-9 an over to win. **Raumati** made a quick fire 28 and Neal fell short of his fifty on 46. LNZCC were in reach of the win, whilst requiring something amazing as they entered the final 4 overs. **McClellan** and **Askins** kept LNZCC in the game, until the final over. With 18 required off the last over, **Askins** smoked the Holmesdale off spinner for an incredible 20, including one of the biggest sixes ever seen.

A remarkable win and fabulous win for LNZCC.

The photos below are (another) of the victorious LNZCC side that played, and won, against Holmesdale Cricket Club (still plenty of smiling faces as expected!), the LNZCC captain **Mark Epps** showing us his fine form as a bowler, and **Shaun Raumati** doing the mahi in close.