

UTS North Sydney's place in the world's premier club cricket competition

The UTS North Sydney District Cricket Club ('The Bears') is one of the foundation clubs of the NSW Premier Cricket competition, which began in 1893.

The Bears field sides in each of the five senior grades, as well as a side in the Poidevin-Gray Shield (under 21) and AW Green Shield (under 16) competitions. The NSW Premier Cricket Competition is the primary feeder competition to Cricket NSW, which in turn is a major feeder to our national team. The Bears' role is to provide competition and talent to feed this cricket development pathway.

The club has achieved notable success in recent years. In 2019/20, the Bears won the fifth grade premiership and were runners-up in the Poidevin-Gray shield, while in 2018/19 we reached the first grade semi-finals and two players were runners-up for the O'Reilly Medal, the competition's award for best and fairest player.

In 2018/19, an exciting new chapter in the club's history commenced with the launch of the women's cricket program. The U18 Bears side made its debut in NSW Premier Cricket's Brewer Shield competition with a full grade program following, which started with a third grade team in 2019/20.

In addition to our senior cricket teams the Bears has a junior cricket program consisting of some 500 boys and girls participating in the North Shore Junior Cricket Association (NSJCA) age-group and Cricket Blast competitions. The NSJCA competitions are played across the North Shore with 10 clubs contributing approximately 2,000 participants.

To prepare our juniors for the NSJCA competition, UTS North Sydney run weekly squad sessions for 250 U9, U10 and U11 players at Bon Andrews and Northbridge Ovals. We also actively support the girls "Sixers League" programs through integrated coaching programs.



Why partner with the Bears?

An iconic club with an iconic home

The Bears call cricket's most picturesque venue, North Sydney Oval, home. Since the first cricket pitch was laid in St Leonards Park in 1867, North Sydney Oval has been synonymous with the game.

The Bears' distinctive red and black colours are instantly recognisable in the Australian sporting landscape while the club's roaring bear logo is equally well known. The club's apparel attracts the community's attention.

A rich and proud tradition in representative cricket

The Bears count amongst their alumni 21 former international (Test) cricketers who played for Australia whilst playing cricket for North Sydney and 66 former NSW representatives including famous cricketing identities such as Don Bradman, Bill (Tiger) O'Reilly, Stan McCabe and Sid Barnes.

UTS North Sydney has a number of players currently climbing the representative cricket ranks and our coaching staff boast international experience with Jason Krejza our Junior Development Manager and Michelle Goszko the Director of Women's Cricket.

Regular coverage in the media

The Bears receive regular coverage in the North Shore Times and Mosman Daily, with multiple images highlighting our playing partners last season. In 2019/20, the club also attracted widespread coverage of Rob Aitken breaking the all-time first grade appearances record, with an article in the Daily Telegraph, a video feature on news.com and several radio appearances.

The Bears have a strong social media presence with more than 2,100 followers on Facebook, and nearly 1,400 on each of Twitter Instagram. We also send a weekly email newsletter to supporters throughout the season.





Major Partner - \$22,000

Front of shirt sponsorship for Senior and Junior men's playing apparel and all training apparel

Club naming rights on all social and Bears-controlled media, including branding on all social media graphics

Teardrop banners at all Home Grounds on match day and clinics

Season launch naming rights

Advertising banner and dedicated page on club website

Dedicated advertising campaign on social media platforms

Detailed business and services article in three editions of our weekly in-season email newsletter

Branding displayed in every edition of our weekly in-season email newsletter

Complimentary table at end of season function

Player, coach or president to make an appearance at a function of your choice (subject to availability)

Community Partner - \$9,900

Secondary sponsorship position on playing apparel

Logo on all training apparel

Teardrop banner at Tunks Park or Bon Andrews on match day and clinics

Branding rights on a specific men's side, as well as the U16 and U21 sides, for all social and Bearscontrolled media

Advertising banner and dedicated page on club website

Dedicated advertising campaign on social media platforms

Detailed business and services article in two editions of our weekly in-season email newsletter

Branding displayed in every edition of our weekly in-season email newsletter

Complimentary table at end of season function

Women's Program Partner - \$8,800

Front of shirt sponsorship for women's playing apparel

Logo on training apparel

Naming rights on all women's cricket social and Bears-controlled media, including branding on all women's cricket-social media graphics

Teardrop banners on home match day and clinics

Complimentary table at end of season function

Advertising banner and dedicated page on club website

Dedicated advertising campaign on social media platforms

Detailed business and services article in two editions of our weekly in-season email newsletter

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Strategic Partner - \$5,500

Logo on training apparel

Teardrop banner at Tunks Park or Bon Andrews on match day

Branding rights on a specific men's side for all social and Bears-controlled media

Advertising banner and dedicated page on club website

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Complimentary pair of tickets to end of season function



Alexander the great's huge haul

Matt Alexander tore through the Bankstown order on the weekend but the Bears fell short by one

achieved the club's best bowling figures for UTS North Sydney against Bankstown, beating current 2nd Grade captain Glenn Aitken (7/66 in 2005-06). His 7/38 is the best limited overs figures in North Sydney club

On a cool but sunny morning, Bankstown won the toss and elected to bat on a dry Bankstown Oval pitch. After a tight start from James Campbell and Will Graham, Alexander was injected into the game snaring the 1st wicket to have Bankstown 1/57 off 14. Alexander claimed two further wickets before destroying the tail,

MATT Alexander has taking four wickets in 10 With four needed, the final balls in the 48th and 50th UTS North Sydney needed

> 228 runs for victory and the chase started well for the Bears with Max Bryant and Thomas Jagot putting on 66 for the first wicket. Justin Avendano top scored with 60. As the pitch got slower runs dried up and at 4/113, the Bears needed 115 from the final 15 overs. A quickfire 41 run partnership between Campbell and Max Papworth, who debuted for the club as cap no. 667, gave the bears a sniff. In the final opening bowlers Campbell and Graham required nine runs for victory.

on the off side, two runs were completed and Graham was run out attempting a third that was never there but would have tied the game. The Bears lose by an agonising 1 run.

Aitken (86*) and Broc Hardy (71) set up victory for second grade after a strong bowling performance at Tunks Park from the spinners Jack James (2/31), Sam Alexander (1/38) and Mac Jenkins (2/40). In fifth grade Aditya Nigul scored an unbeaten 60 chasing Bankstown's 149.

Next week the Bears take





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NSW SECOND XI SELECTIONS SI

We are delighted and proud to see three Bears named NSW for the Second XI fixture between NSW Metro and Country next week.

James Campbell will represent Metro and make his firs at this level since 2012, deserved reward for consisten performances over the last couple of seasons. Meanwh Avendano and Daniel Leerdam both line up for ACT/Cou second time this season.... See more



2nd XI: NSW METRO vs ACT/NSW COUNTRY

JAMES CAMPBELL, JUSTIN AVENDANO **AND DANIEL LEERDAM** Access





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This weekend UTS North Sydney District Cricket Club's Rob Aitken will break the record for the most appearances in Sydney first grade cricket history, in the process overtaking the man who took that honour from his dad.

via Steve Wilson



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