

## **Sutherland wins Final of Poidevin Gray Shield U/21 competition February 5.**

Sutherland defeated North Sydney in the Final of the Poidevin Gray Shield (U/21) competition on Sunday (February 5).

North Sydney won the toss and were all out for 184 runs. In reply Sutherland cruised to victory with 3/185. It was only the fourth time Sutherland has taken out the prestigious title (previous Shield wins occurred in 1988, 1989 & 1999).

Joel Brockley scored 109 of 123 balls to take the Shane Lee Medal (player of the match). His 175 run partnership with Shayne Smith (54 runs off 97 balls) secured the win.

It was a great victory (with 12 overs remaining) by the Sutherland team which contained 3 brothers - the Smith boys - Dylan, Shayne & Trent.

Dylan Smith (1-16) and Shayne Smith (1-32) were also wicket takers for Sutherland.



### **Family affair**

Talent runs in the family. Their father Darren Smith, is a level 3 coach & former grade player, who's boys are now current grade players.

Eldest son Dylan has already passed the Sutherland milestone of 1000 runs from 68 matches. Shayne passed the 2000 runs milestone for Sutherland (all grades 79 matches) and youngest son Trent was selected as vice-captain of the U/16 Sydney AW Green Shield First XII team this year. Trent is in his final junior season.

All three brothers played their junior cricket with St Patricks Sutherland Cricket Club and so it should come as no surprise that all three Smith boys are past winners of the St Pats Junior Cricketer of the Year award.

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