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**TOP PERFORMERS:** The Far North Coast Thunder team playing in the Lismore under-12 cricket carnival at Sam Trimble Oval, Bexhill.

Photo: Mitchell Craig

## THUNDER STRIKE

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FAR North Coast Thunder batsmen Kahn Johnson, Brayden Kernaghan and Rory McLean came out swinging on the first day of the Lismore under-12 cricket carnival.

They scored 30 runs each in a dominant 129-run win over North West Sydney at Mortimer Oval.

Thunder finished 5-172 in

### FNC team comes out strong at U12 cricket carnival

the 25-over game, with Thomas Batchelor and Kernaghan taking three wickets each with North West bowled all-out for 43 in reply.

"It was a really complete performance this morning and our batting was fantastic," Thunder coach Phil Dalli said.

"The bowlers were asked to bowl full and attack the

stumps, they did that well and we're pretty impressed with them.

"Some of the team have played a bit of rep cricket at school level but for a lot of them this will be their first carnival experience.

"They're a relaxed bunch of kids and they're enjoying each others company."

Thunder had a tougher task, chasing 100 against Penrith at Sam Trimble Oval, Bex Hill in its second game.

They finished 5-99 with Kai Dalli guiding them to a draw scoring 25 not out.

In other games yesterday, FNC Sixers faced the unenviable task of playing Newcastle first-up at Queen Elizabeth

Park, Casino.

Newcastle finished 5-157 after Jonah Roser top-scored with 33 while Lachlan Williams (30) and Thomas Cover (29) also contributed.

Sixers bowler Harlan Oliver took two wickets while Riley Weir top-scored with 16 runs and Zeke Mostert was unbeaten on 15 when they were bow-

led all out for 71.

Weir scored another 32 runs in their second game against Mid North Coast with Blake Perkins scoring 30.

Elsewhere, Hawkesbury's Arney Kadaganchi finished with 4-5 from his four overs in a seven-wicket win over Gold Coast at Blair Oval.

In games today, Thunder plays Newcastle President's X at Heaps Oval, while the Sixers play Penrith at Mortimer Oval.



**BIG EFFORT:** Brisbane North batsman Hayden O'Connor scored 108 not out against Lismore in the LJ Hooker League Under-13 carnival at Frripp Oval, Ballina.

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### Brisbane bat leads the way with a century

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BRISBANE North batsman Hayden O'Connor scored 108 not out against Lismore in the LJ Hooker League Under-13 carnival at Frripp Oval, Ballina.

It was a determined effort from O'Connor with most of his runs coming in a 120-run partnership with John Morrissey before he was dismissed for 60.

"It's a great effort, very rare-

ly in a 50-over game in this age division will you see a kid bat through and score a hundred," coach Aaron Mills said.

"He got to about 60 and it was like he hit a brick wall, but he found some more energy and finished things off really well.

"All the boys dream of doing something like that and that's given us a good chance of finishing at the top of our pool."

It is the second century for O'Connor after he scored his

first playing for Albany Creek just outside of Brisbane in his junior association in November.

He was at the crease for two-and-a-half-hours yesterday and hit 11 fours on his way to a hundred.

"I'm a bit tired now, I won't be able to bowl much," Hayden said. "I've been trying to improve my batting and I was coming off a duck yesterday so I'm really happy."

"Everyone that batted today

went well and I think we can have a good week."

Brisbane North finished 4-262 after 45 overs and Lismore came out fired up for the run chase with opening batsman Harrison Thompson scoring 59 runs.

Joseph McKenna was the pick of the Brisbane bowlers with a much-improved Lismore finishing 8-170.

In other games, North Shore batsman Hamish Reynolds scored 99 in a massive 209-run

win over North Coast at Saunders Oval.

Elsewhere, Ballina batsman Max Ingram scored 63 and Sam Harding scored 61 in a six-wicket loss against Hunter Valley at Williams Reserve, Lennox Head.

Tamworth batsman Tom Aitken scored 72 runs in an 88-run win over Newcastle President's at Kingsford Smith Park.

Hawkesbury won its second straight game with a three-wicket win over Bears.