

Edinburgh Cricket Club

Junior Season Report 2021-22

President's Season Report 2021-22

Dear players, parents, family members and other supporters,

Heartiest congratulations and thank-you for the cricket season we have experienced and enjoyed. In an environment unlike most of us have contemplated cricket for the last two seasons has been a vital opportunity for all our children. I hope they all take away many great memories and moments.

Making cricket happen has taken even more work than the normal enormous load and on behalf of the club and community, I'd like to express our appreciation for all those who played a part: team managers, coaches, scorers, helpers and even just Mum or Dad taking the time to get kids to training and games with everything happening.

Special mentions again must go to Cam MacDonald (Junior Coordinator), Louise Dichiera (Club Administrator) and the Age Level Coordinators. They all do a power of work that is often unseen but its absence would be quickly missed.

Congratulations to all the younger seniors and older juniors who took on coaching roles for either junior teams or Cricket Blast. It's often a great learning experience and will hold you in great stead. For other parents – this is something we strongly encourage and we'd love to hear from you and/or your child if there's any interest there.

This one feels like a broken record, but hopefully we're now looking forward to a smoother 2022. Best wishes for all your winter passions. Edinburgh looks forward to upping our game again in what we provide for you, your families and the community and would love any feedback you have.

Go Well,

Stuart Whiley

President Edinburgh Cricket Club

Junior Coordinator's Season Report 2021-22

Whilst we were hopeful coming into this season that COVID would not be as disruptive as it had been the year before, the first round was again delayed until early November as restrictions continued to limit public gatherings. And true to form Melbourne's spring weather turned it on with the first weekend washed out, but once the season was underway there was only one round cancelled due to COVID in the week prior to Christmas.

It has been a reasonably successful year for the club as we have reached the end of the season with six out of a possible 12 teams making the finals in the weekend competition, and at the time of writing three of those teams playing off in the grand final. In the girl's competition we had two of four teams making the finals and Stage 2 Gold making it through to the grand final. We fielded 24 teams in total this season; in the weekend competition we had six U10 teams, five U12, five U14, three U16 and one U18, with the girl's competition fielding four teams across the three stages.

We saw a return to representative cricket this season with 11 boys and 2 girls being selected to represent the Eastern Cricket Association. Six of our players were in winning teams; Jules Cameron and Seb Donellan in the U14's and Xavier DiScala, Finn Cleary, Connor Hastings and Sam Olsen in the U16's. Well done to all those who were selected in representative sides.

The season only happens because of the tireless work of the 60 people who take on the role of coach or team manager to coordinate training and match day each and every week. As always, they did a sterling job and as is often the case any initial self-doubts that they are capable of completing the role are soon put to bed. My sincere thanks to each and every one of you.

The Age Level Coordinators (ALCs) also play a significant support role for coaches, team managers, parents and players. To Jo Bradley (Girls), Matt Cleary (U16), Will Gordon (U14), Tim Dichiera (U12) and Andrew Walton (U10), a big thank you from me for taking on this important role. Louise Dichiera again did an amazing job as Club Administrator in helping parents navigate their way through the season, particularly those that are new to cricket and require direction and support which Louise does so very well.

Finally, thanks to the Club Executive for the support you have provided me; Stephen Connelly as my sounding board, Richard Hinds for ensuring grounds and equipment are available – and to quickly replenish items that invariably go missing - and President Stuart Whiley whose passion for cricket runs 24x7!

I hope all families enjoyed the season and look forward to welcoming everyone back to the club for the 2022-23 season.

Cameron MacDonald

Junior Coordinator

Girls Stage 1

What an exceptional team of girls we had the privilege of watching each week. The joy on their faces as they rushed to greet every teammate every week was a constant reminder of what cricket and sport is about (if not something that threw the coach's schedule out).

With their infectious attitudes, it is no surprise that the girls developed their cricket as phenomenally as they did. The girls played the first half of the year predominantly against girls their own age and performed well. So well in fact that the girls were asked to step up a grade after Christmas. What this meant was in the second half of the season the girls often played against other girls much older and often with much more cricket experience than them. Rather than being intimidated, the girls continued to work together, stretched each other at training and made significant steps forward.

Hopefully the girls have taken some enormous lessons from this around what they are capable of when focusing on themselves and teammates with an aspiration to get better together with smiles on their faces. I know it was a wonderful reminder for their coach.

Highlights were almost too many to mention, so I've tried to summarise by the girls below:

- Mae Bridges one of our great improvers. Mae always applied herself fully into training and her batting came along wonderfully scoring almost twice as many runs after Christmas as she did before. Mae's bowling followed a similar trend with a nice, evolving action emerging right at the end of the season.
- Annabelle Christie dominated before Christmas with 55 runs and 4 wickets from only 4 games. Most pleasingly, Annabelle's bowling action continued to improve out of sight post-Christmas with significantly greater control. Her batting continued to develop and was very solid against even the best of the stronger girls after Christmas.
- Maya De Silva went from strength to strength. Maya's batting was very consistent
 and particularly so against the bigger girls after Christmas with a particularly strong
 innings against West Ivanhoe. Maya's bowling came along excellently, often our
 most accurate bowler and almost too fast to get wickets.

GIRLS STAGE 1 SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Mae Bridges

Annabelle Christie

Maya De Silva

Della Fayers

Sanuthi Kaluhalamulla

Elsa Stanaway

Lola Whiley

COACHING/UMPIRING
Stuart Whiley

TEAM MANAGER
Matt Bridges

- **Della Fayers** another of our great improvers. Della went from being unsure of getting the ball to the other end, to regularly bowling well and providing one of my season's highlights: 2 wickets in 2 balls against the strong West Ivanhoe team. Beyond that Della's batting improved out of sight with an emerging pull shot that will get many runs.
- Sanuthi Kaluhalamulla one of our very talented players. Sanuthi's bowling often looked very promising, never more so than 3 overs for 4 runs against North Balwyn (including when their batter was hitting everything). Sanuthi's batting was improving and will continue to do so as she applies herself.
- Elsa Stanaway after joining us halfway through the season, it was great to see Elsa develop her cricket basics. Elsa would take everything on board and improved her batting and bowling remarkably in a short window. Elsa loved to take on the wicketkeeping and took a great catch against North Balwyn.
- Lola Whiley always busy between the wickets, Lola must've been great to bat with

 helping you and her make the most of opportunities for runs. Lola's own batting
 developed excellently, learning other shots around the ground that enabled her to
 score against the better girls post-Christmas. Lola's bowling continued to develop,
 including a late season fling with off-spin that led to a couple of rare at this level
 caught and bowled's.

Really looking forward to seeing how the girls continue to develop their cricket and as people over the next few years.

Stuart Whiley Coach

Girls Stage 2 Gold

Player Summaries

Lily Middleton: Lily is an absolute star with crazy potential. It's only her second season and she has improved astoundingly. She's improved in every aspect of the game so much but especially in her bowling and confidence in running between wickets. She never seems bothered by setbacks or issues in games.

Eliza Murdoch: Eliza was unable to attend most trainings, yet you wouldn't have guessed it watching her play. She got us plenty of wickets. She always puts pressure on the opposition with an attacking attitude that sets a great example for the rest of the team.

Evie Legge: Evie brings so much energy to every game and training, it's been amazing to see her only grow into this persona more from last season and as this season progressed. Her dedication to the ball and the game in general continues to impress me. She attacks the ball, a demon bowling, and has improved in her batting power and statistics too. I placed her as captain for the grand final and it was a great decision. She stood up immediately, having not known before the game her role. She was amazing support throughout the game despite the pressure.

Ellie Patterson: Ellie only attended a handful of games and trainings but when she came she gave everything her all and was incredibly attentive. She got us several wickets in the semi-final and without her we might not have made the grand final. She always reflects on her actions immediately, seeing how she can improve more, which can in turn mean she doesn't realise how great she's been playing; I hope this side will eventually lead to more self-confidence and pride in everything she does, even her failures.

GIRLS STAGE 2 GOLD SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Evie Legge

Lily Middleton

Eliza Murdoch

Ellie Patterson

Lucy Ryan

Holly Scammell

Bethany Waddell

Isla Wolstenholme

COACHING/UMPIRING

Anna Stephens

TEAM MANAGER

James Wolstenholme

Lucy Ryan: Lucy's bowling is impeccable and has been one of the best improvements within the team of this season. I think she may lack some self-confidence that I hope we can bring out more next season to truly harness her potential in both bowling and batting power.

Isla Wolstenholme: Isla truly feels like the centre of the team in my eyes. She brings so much energy, kindness and humour every week and it's that energy that got her runs, wickets, and helped maintaining pressure in the field. Her bowling continues to increase in accuracy and pace. She demonstrates the great balance we're looking for in women's cricket: having fun with friends whilst also working hard on something that pays off.

Holly Scammell: Holly is a little rascal but an amazing all-rounder. She brings so much attentiveness to the field, encouraging more runs out of every player. Her responsiveness behind the stumps as wickie keeper has helped us in keeping up pressure throughout our fielding. It was no surprise that she got the batting award. Her eye for the ball and

eagerness to smash is a blessing but sometimes can be a little too forward and earn us a couple of runouts; overall she's a blessing though.

Bethany Waddell: Bethany joined us in the middle of the season and instantly fit in. Her batting is outstanding for someone so new to competitive cricket and holds a lot of promise in this part. I can't wait to see how she grows and develops as a player and as part of the team

Awards

Batting Award

Holly Scammell, 240 runs, 120 average

Bowling Award

Eliza Murdoch, 5 wickets, 10.4 average

Coach's Award

Lily Middleton

Girls Stage 2 Maroon

After a very short Pre-season due to Covid and a large turnover of players from the previous season, The Mighty Maroon's were an unknown unit even to the coach. I am pleased to say that everyone improved throughout the season and I am most pleased that the girls that were involved in my team last year, passed on some knowledge to the newbies.

All the girls who made the jump from stage 1 contributed throughout the season and you all should be proud on what you have achieved, and you are now Stage 2 stars. The older group all dominated in games at some stage and this was also very pleasing.

A quick roundup of the season:

Rd 1 vs Canterbury(L)

This was an extremely close game where we lost by 5 runs. Siena D was the pick of the bowlers with 2/7, and Clara in her first stage 2 game also got 1/7. Unfortunately with the bat we couldn't chase down those runs with Siena D making 20no.

Rd2 vs Heathmont(W)

In the wet and wild conditions at Heathmont we pulled off the upset of the season against a much older group of girls. We batted first and had an even spread of runs compiling 1/44 off 16 overs. Our bowling was sensational with only 3 extra's and bowling Heathmont out for 22. We also got 2 run outs with some excellent fielding. Anika was the pick of the bowlers with 2/9.

Rd4 vs Richmond(W)

Away at Richmond is always a tough task. Batting first we compiled a solid 3/82 with Otto 24no and Siena 18no. Richmond got off to a solid start with our bowling being extremely tight. Maddy then came on to bowl and destroyed Richmond's hopes with the best spell of the year of 5/3 including a hat trick.

Rd 6 vs Clifton Hill(W)

The local derby was here and the importance of defeating Clifton Hill was emphasised in the pre-game coach's talk. Our batting and bowling were both solid, with a couple of our young guns getting the job done, with Clara getting 13no, and Clio 2/5. Overall good team effort.

Rd7 vs Camberwell(W)

This game was played at the smallest ground we play on so it was a great opportunity to score runs which we did. We compiled 3/90 with Sana 12no, Otto18no getting the job done.

GIRLS STAGE 2 MAROON SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Charlotte Delahunt

Madelyne Delahunt

Clara Dessi

Siena Dowsing

Clio Fayers

Anika Krishnapillai

Otto Silver

Sana Srivastava

COACHING/UMPIRING

Jules Delahunt

TEAM MANAGER

Lisa Dowsing

A fiery opening couple of overs from Maddy 2/6 got us off to a great start with Clara 2/16 and Charlotte 2/8 finishing the job. Very even performance by all team members.

Rd8 vs Canterbury (L)

Unfortunately, we couldn't get enough runs in this game although Clio 16 and Charlotte 11no tried to drag us over the line. Our bowling was solid but we couldn't get enough wickets either which makes it hard to get the points.

Rd9 vs Heathmont (L)

The oldest team in the competition had a big point to prove after their earlier defeat and came at us hard. To all the girls credit we stood right up to them and didn't take a backward step. Siena 27no batted fantastically and Maddy got 2/13. Everyone should be proud about how we took it up to them especially all the younger girls.

Rd10 vs Boroondara(W)

Last game of the year and what a great way to finish being able to defeat a team in the top four like we did, especially with all the young girls firing. Anika 2/9, Clara19no, Clio11, but a special mention to Charlotte as she batted throughout the innings to hold us together, well done Charlotte.

Obviously a disappointing just to miss out on finals however throughout the year everyone has improved in both their batting and bowling, and hopefully you all have learnt a bit about your own games on what parts you need to improve. Here are my thoughts on your improvements you have made this year and 1 thing you need to work on in the off season.

Charlotte Delahunt.

- 1. Hitting balls into gaps.
- 2. Running between wickets

Work on:

Bowling less waist high no balls.

Otto Silver.

- 1. Great to have you back batting again!
- 2. Great catching whilst wicket keeping.

Work on:

Leg side balls (footwork when keeping)

Siena Dowsing

- 1. Hitting leg side balls
- 2. Very consistent bowling. (full and outside off stump).

Work on:

Off side shots while batting.

Maddy Delahunt

- 1. Bowling Fast and straight.
- 2. Catching in the field.

Work on:

Playing the right shot for the right ball.

Clio Fayers

- 1. Hitting more balls into gaps.
- 2. Calling when running between wickets.

Work on:

Bowling Run up. (shorter)

Clara Dessi

- 1. Hitting every ball available.
- 2. Excellent fielder

Work on:

Bowling accuracy.

Sana Srivastava

- 1. Bowling accuracy
- 2. Hitting as many balls as possible.

Work on:

Getting body behind the ball while fielding.

Anika Krishnapillai

- 1. Bowling length.
- 2. Hitting as many balls as possible.

Work on:

Hitting the ball harder into gaps.

Lastly, it's been a pleasure to coach this group, they all listen and try to make improvements on their own games. The team spirit was always positive and upbeat and they all enjoy playing together. Thanks to all the parents for their support.

Thanks to Lisa and Jeff for being team managers and making my role as coach a breeze!

Hope to see all you back next year at the Mighty Burra!

Girls Stage 3

The stage 3 Burra junior girls had a really great season. All players had a positive attitude and remained committed to playing as a team and working together!

Team captain **Katie Shadbolt** was a great role model for the other players. With some beautiful batting and quality wicket keeping, her leadership was very inspiring.

Elinor Hastings also had a great season with her best bowling performance of 1-8. She had a smile on her face no matter the situation and was incredibly supportive to all her teammates.

We were also incredibly impressed by **Ada Ryan's** bowling this season. Not only did she have a best bowling performance of 2-13, but she turned up every week to both training and games with a committed attitude and willing to learn.

Meg Orr's season was amazing to watch. Making a total of 160 runs over the season, Meg was a determined and reliable team member. We also commend her for her best bowling performance of 4-6 and consistently good bowling all season long!

Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano: watching Bianca throughout the season was not short of entertaining, each week walking out to open the batting and showing a great presentation of technique but also creative batting, averaging 48.67 and a total of 146 runs. Bianca scored 52 runs off 42 balls against Holy Trinity which is a great milestone for her, she should feel extremely proud of her performance this season. Well done for all effort and time you put into your cricket.

GIRLS STAGE 3 SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano

Elinor Hastings

Megan Orr

Ada Ryan

Acacia Schipper

Katelyn Shadbolt

Jade Williams

Ruby Williams

COACHING/UMPIRING

Caitlin Jack / Mikaela Kennedy

TEAM MANAGER

Clint Schipper

Acacia Schipper: Acacia showed her confident and bubbly personality on the field and off the field. She stepped up into the captain role when she needed to and did a fantastic job of directing the girls. With consistent bowling and batting taking 7 wickets and making 119 runs any team would be glad to have her. Great job and hope to see you next season.

Jade and Ruby, the Williams twins. Although it took me a while to realise that Jade and Ruby were sisters it took me even longer for me to figure out that they were twins. They both always kept me on my toes not knowing what they would do next. Jade demonstrated great development in her batting throughout the season and started to show confidence

with the bat scoring a total of 47 runs for the season each week getting better and better. She is a calming person to have a chat with and always does everything with a huge smile. **Ruby** had a fantastic season with the ball in her hand taking a total of 5 wickets with an average of 18.8. Although Ruby did not like batting up the order my trusty wheel of fortune chose for her to open the batting alongside Acacia. I don't think she was very happy about opening but she gave it a crack and I think she learned that it's not that bad.

Thank you for the laughs girls, the season wouldn't have been the same without you.

U10 Yellow

A team of eight passionate cricket players came together at the start of the season to form the under 10 yellows. Seven in their first year of organised cricket were joined by "veteran" Connor Walsh for his second season. And after Christmas, James Horvarth joined the squad to manage a few holiday and COVID related absences.

The team progressed beautifully throughout the season, getting better with every week and playing the game with a strong and fair spirit. In all but one game they ended up on top, but the progress in all facets of the game was the main focus.

A big thanks to all the parents who helped out along the way, and in particular, Lachlan (and Jason) who took on the manager responsibilities and tackled the complexities of MyCricket app head on!

CONNOR WALSH: always provided a guide to the new players, and built well upon his previous season. 128 runs and 16 wickets including a wicket in his last u10s over and a straight six in his last innings. His mix of fast and bouncy pace and leg spinners will hold him in good stead in his cricket career.

FELIX WEBB: was responsible for the highlight of the year. When fielding in a game vs another Edinburgh team, the square leg umpire, parent from the other team, suggested he might like to walk in a few steps with the bowler to be ready to field. Felix pondered the advice. "Hey aren't you from the other team?" "Yes" replied the umpire. "No way then. This could be a trick!" And stationary he remained. Felix improved more than anyone this year - his left armers started taking wickets and he certainly started finding the middle of his new bat. 6 wickets and 48 runs.

U10 YELLOW

SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Alexander Chong

Rory Fraser

Lincoln Gaymer

Jack Hawken

James Horvath

Harrison Walker

Connor Walsh

Tobias Watson

Felix Webb

COACHING/UMPIRING

Simon Gaymer

TEAM MANAGER

Lachlan Walker / Jason Webb

TOBIAS WATSON: starred in many games with bat and ball. He was a sponge for advice, always wanting to learn about every facet of the game. Well and truly ready for u12s, he took 10 wickets with his sharp swinging pace bowling and hit 149 runs with his clean, straight hitting.

HARRISON WALKER: a creative thinker, frequently bowling six completely different balls in an over and always looking for an inventive shot with the bat. His batting technique progressed really well, with the flick of the legs becoming his signature shot. He ended the season with 4 wickets and 34 runs and will be ready to advance further in u10s next year.

RORY FRASER: with the Steve smith batting stance and a beautifully flighted off spinning bowling style, Rory's statistics often didn't show his true progress. In one game, facing the oppositions best bowler who had taken 6 wickets, he blocked out the rest of the over with perfect technique. He often hit pure shots into the field and floated the ball past the bat when bowling, he ended with 4 wickets and 35 runs.

LINCOLN GAYMER: the highlight of his year was actually his lovely flighted leg spinners, but if you ask him, it was the heaved sixes in successive weeks that was the stand out. Always active in the field, Lincoln really took to the higher level of cricket and is ready to launch into another year of u10s next year. 11 wickets and 96 runs.

ALEX CHONG: the highlight for me was a genuinely quick yorker to bowl an opposition batter after Christmas and an almost hat trick. Alex always ran in hard and threatened all batters. His 90 runs showed great promise and lots of clean hitting to go along with his 6 wickets. Played every game in such good spirit and was a real leader of the team.

JACK HAWKEN: powerful leg side hitting was in Jacks repertoire from the beginning, but the rest of his batting really matured and gained more technique as he went through the season. His bowling straightened up enormously as well, threatening all batters, and he is set for further improvement next season. 70 runs and 5 wickets.

JAMES HORVARTH: joined the team after Xmas and immediately challenged for the title of most cricket obsessed member of the squad. In his first game, bowled fast, slow, spin, a knuckle ball and a slower ball (and that was just his first over) and the switch hit was never far away with the bat. 45 runs and 4 wickets was a great first up effort in half a season.

All in all, fantastic to get almost a full season in despite weather and COVID19 challenges. Players and parents all appreciative. Well done under 10 yellow.

U10 Green

Thankfully we have been able to complete nearly a whole season with minimal disruption, ten matches played overall plus an impromptu game, in giving the players the best chance possible in returning to a happy, enjoyable, and safe place. Sport is now even more important to rebuild confidence and awareness.

Being able to thoroughly enjoy the moments and magic together with a group of unique and special characters, many of whom are taking their first steps into and with cricket, has provided incredible happiness. Thanks for the support and involvement from everybody with U10 Green.

For continuity from practice to match day, following methods in place from recent seasons that work rather well from observing and listening to feedback, being able to assess how we could find a balanced level of improving together, the focus has been for the players to be guided as follows:

- Movement patterns = feet & body position to handle ball, running between wickets, bowling run ups
- Decision making = confidence, inclusion, leadership, having a go, handling batting & bowling orders
- Happiness = sharing roles, practice drills around match sense in working together, sharing experiences

U10 GREEN SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Alice Franklyn			
Francesca Head			
Will Kerr			
Archie Loxley			
Oliver Rhodes			
Max Slattery			
Thomas Tehan			
Ethan Walton			

COACHING/UMPIRING

Andrew Walton

TEAM MANAGER

Tim Slattery

A summary of how each player has been observed in the development of their cricket skills and personal character in a team environment with Edinburgh U10 Green:

Player	Skill	Character
Alice	Improved confidence with bowling	Developed good sense of game
	from energy into the crease,	awareness, deep thinker, polite and
	determined when batting to protect	sensitive towards others
	the wicket from making contact	
Archie	Hitting power to leg side with good	Logical, energetic, supportive of
	bat control improved scoring	others, lively & attentive, calm, alert
	options, bowled with good control	
	creating wicket chances	
Ethan	Consistent quality of contact to leg	Cool in the situation, supports all with
	side building scoring momentum and	a smile, connects the group, applies
	finding boundary, created bowling	solid game strategy
	variations from experimenting	

Francesca	Opened the batting with great intent	Always steps up to the situation,	
	to score and run between wickets,	determined, enthusiastic, happy	
	bowling control with flight & spin	nature, positive approach	
	improved to a very good level		
Max	Expanded scoring zones and quality	Strong game sense, tactical	
	of contact, became more aware of	awareness, good understanding of	
	shot placement, bowled with good	role, encourages others	
	spirit, keeping helped handling skills		
Ollie	Hitting on both sides of wicket,	Confident in asking questions, great	
	finding ways to score built	enthusiasm, adapts to different roles	
	confidence, good bowling variations,		
	fielding quality with clean hands		
	impressive		
Tom	Agile in thinking to apply good	Incredible sense of compassion to all	
	strategy in match situation,	involved in the game, competitive,	
	confident striker with excellent	thoughtful, listens well, emotionally	
	quality of contact, thinks of	intelligent	
	variations with ball, high skill level in		
	field, throwing accuracy exceptional		
Will	Bat swing and contact enhanced	Cheerful, developed excellent sense	
	with straight scoring shots	of situation, good self-awareness and	
	improving, high level energy with run	supporting team	
	up, good control, confident in		
	movement		

With complete acceptance that at this age level having modified rules, the usual statistics and recordings in cricket do not necessarily apply. Yet the recognition of progress from the players from making reasonable contact with the bat to finding their first run, from bowling the full length of the wicket and then discovering accuracy that created chances, from moving in the field and then support the team in backing up to be part of a run out, please take a few moments to revisit the matches on MyCricket and reflect on those moments.

Collectively, thanks for being such a wonderful group of parents with many family extensions that evolved and continue to emerge over the year. The players all get such delight from you being present, supportive, and sharing the match day experience.

Thanks to all the families for helping with the scoring and operations on match day. Every moment where we can handle the logistics together, gives the players more time to enjoy the game and each other which creates such a good experience for all of us. The spontaneous smiles, cheering, laughter, pyramids, stacks on and occasional tears with so much energy are priceless.

Thanks to Ben, Fynn, George, Johnny, Luca, Liam and Will for being the extras at practice. They were so helpful to have around being incredibly important for the players in continually developing their learning skills of acceptance, competition, conflict, and fairness.

Special thanks to Tim for the faultless organisation across the group as everybody gave themselves selflessly when called upon. It might seem a small thing, yet the gentle encouragement to embrace technology available certainly helps us to give the players immediate and extra information they crave.

From a historic perspective, thanks for allowing your children in starting their cricket experience with Edinburgh Cricket Club, at what is truly an iconic and historic venue for Australian cricket being the home club of the immortal Neil Harvey. It may not seem much right now yet being able to enjoy the beautiful surrounds of Brunswick Street shall resonate with deep meaning in the future for their sport.

Personally, thanks deeply to Carolyn, who gives so much love and support for me to indulge a life passion with the game, a vital ingredient for life balance. ©

Please keep finding a way to love the game. It does in its own distinctive way, provide such a unique connection to people that is carried for life.

Andrew Walton

U10 Maroon

Congratulations to all the players from U10 Maroon for a committed, exciting and enjoyable cricket season! You should all be very proud of yourselves.

This team came together in late October with a number of returning players and several new faces; about half and half. The group gelled immediately and formed a formidable and exciting team from the outset.

The standard of the competition was strong and the team always gave their best. We had a couple of wins against Kew on a very tricky wicket and a memorable win against another Edinburgh team who had beaten us earlier in the season. This last win was all the more satisfying because it showed just how much we had improved across the year, in all areas of the game.

Key areas on which the team focussed this year were fielding (backing up, backing up the backer-upperer, throwing to the correct end), running between the wickets (calling, backing up, grounding the bat) and bowling (finding the right 'line', bowling to your field, developing a standard run-up). Chris also helped developed the batting techniques, working on correct stance and grip, footwork and hitting through the ball. It is testament to the hard work of the players that all these areas improved a great deal by season end, or they were just utterly tired of hearing the coaches go on about it, so they did it to shut us up. Either way, well done U10 Maroon on a fine season and we hope to see back to keep on improving next year.

A few words on our players....

Christopher 'Kit' Barrett started the season with one of our team highlights, casually taking a hat trick in his first (?) over! From then on Kit continued to develop his game, particularly his shots on the legside when batting and his running between wickets. Kit worked hard on his fielding and his catching in training improved noticeably throughout the season.

Kai O'Connor showed considerable continued improvement with the bat. Kai has worked hard on his batting and it is beginning to pay off. Kai has the makings of a really solid technique which allows him to get his foot forward and swing through the ball - something that helped him find the midwicket boundary on a few occasions across the season. Kai also provided us with what was probably the best catch we have seen in this group, standing stock still and balanced to hold on to rocket against Balwyn.

U10 MAROON SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Austin Balendran

Christopher Barrett

Nik de Silva

Axel Harrison

Grange MacDonald

Murphy Martin

Nico Muller

Kai O'Connor

Billy Pridmore

COACHING/UMPIRING
Ned Martin / Chris Muller

TEAM MANAGERDanielle Williamson

Murphy Martin has added leg spin to his game this season, along with the occasion change to medium pace mid-over if the conditions demanded it. Often opening the batting, Murphy was quick between the wickets and ran well with his batting partners to always keep the opposition fielders on their toes and the scoreboard ticking over. Sharp in the field, Murphy threw down the stumps a couple of times and was always more than ready to add in a slide across the grass for added impact.

Axel Harrison has an all-round game, based on good bowling and batting techniques and a keen eye. Axel always looks to improve his game and is willing to listening when advice is offered. In fact, Axel took the coaching advice to put pressure on the opposition fielders to an extreme new degree, with exciting, albeit a bit mixed, results for players and spectators alike. When not running for absolutely anything, Axel likes nothing more than thumping a ball through the leg side, and was rewarded with our teams first six!

Nik de Silva's bowling this season deserves mention. Nik has developed into an excellent 'line and length' bowler, rarely straying from the stumps and making it hard for batters to score against him. This straightforward, no-nonsense approach both kept the scoring down and helped Nik to a few wickets. Nik also continued to develop his batting, again with a really solid forward technique that helps him defend his stumps and open up scoring opportunities on the off-side.

Grange MacDonald came into the team this year as a bit of a pre-made all-rounder. Grange looks equally comfortable with bat or ball in hand and also has a good arm in the field, never shy of having a shot at the stumps or firing the ball back to the 'keeper. Grange had a number of good performances this year and was also very keen and occasionally vocal member of the team.

Nico Muller is another up and coming all-rounder. Nico was an excellent contributor to the team and the overall team culture this season. Consistently enthusiastic at training and on match days and ready to help teammates warm up and take part in drills, Nico always gave his all on the ground and had some very good performances with bat, ball and in the field, including at least one very nice catch.

Billy Pridmore worked really hard on his bowling during the second half of the season and showed a marked improvement, with several good balls beating the batters but just bouncing over the stumps! Billy also developed his fielding skills, never more so than when keeping wicket, which he did was considerable enthusiasm and ability when the opportunity came along.

Austin Balendran came in to team already armed with a really nice balance and stance at the crease. Austin is a very good listener and impressed us with his ability to take on advice and put it to work immediately in the game or at practice. Austin was another who displayed some great work behind the stumps and worked hard on his bowling towards the end of the season.

10th **Man Benny Muller** was an ever-present fixture at training and on matchday. Benny represents the development arm of the Edinburgh Cricket Club Under 10 Maroon and will

be well and truly ready to take his place on the field when the time comes. As it was, eventually the selectors took notice and Benny forced his way into the side for the final game. Well done Benny on your debut and thank you for assistance across the season.

Finally, a special thanks to all our supporters. A crack team of parents, carers and siblings who were up early each Saturday, working together to get us to the games on time, cheering from the sidelines, providing fantastic support and managing the scoring, umpiring and set-up. This came together week after week thanks to the calm and diligent organisation and team management skills of Danielle. Thank you Danielle!

It has been a pleasure coaching such a fantastic group this season and watching everyone develop as players and as teammates. Go Burra!!!

U10 White

As a coach, my key objectives were to make cricket a fun and inclusive game for the boys and to develop their skills along the way.

Together we certainly achieved this.

My team all go to the same school and the reports coming back to me are that most of the boys are playing cricket before school, at recess and at lunch time. So, I guess they must be enjoying the game.

For eight of our nine players, the 2021-22 season was their first time on the field as a member of a cricket team.

We may have had a slow start to the season - the boys had to learn to celebrate a wicket, run on a bye and be at the stumps when someone throws a ball - but from the outset all were enthusiastic, passionate and proud 'Burras.

The team only had two wins for the season but finished every game feeling like winners. Almost every game has an achievement or a 'first' for a member of the team. They are a group full of sportsmanship and scores were (almost) irrelevant against the fun of playing the game.

As for the skill development, I have seen tremendous improvement from every player in the team, which has been really pleasing to see.

Finn Clear – has made tremendous strides in all facets of the game, but in particular his bowling was one of the most consistent in the team, taking 5 wickets for the season. He was

able to pitch the ball up, keep a good line and length and then managed to take a couple of caught-and-bowled chances. Well done Finn on a great season.

Louis Stammers – was a joy to coach, he was so enthusiastic all season and really helped to get the other boys focused on the game. His stats, which I know he tracks closely were very impressive – a stunning 16 wickets and best score of 26. But, more importantly he has really honed and developed his bowling technique to the point where many opposition players were scared to face him. Well done on a great season Louis.

U10 WHITE SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Magnus Bailey

Finn Clear

Campbell Eddy

Hugo Gibson

Tom Newman

Jack Poy

Hugh Sharp

Louis Stammers

George Wright-Smith

COACHING/UMPIRING

Jeremy Gibson

TEAM MANAGER

Cathy Riley / Jacqui Harrington

Hugo Gibson – has improved consistently throughout the year in batting, bowling and fielding. His bowling started really coming together with work on having a nice rhythm on the run-up and follow-through, taking 5 wickets. He started finding the boundary towards the second half of the season with his batting, which he greatly enjoyed. He took a great catch in the 2nd last game on the boundary, which was another highlight for him. Well done Hugo.

Jack Poy – had a fantastic season, with strong contributions across all facets of the game whether it was batting, keeping or bowling. He was probably the most enthusiastic in the field and with his backing-up when batting, with a best score of 13. Jack won the award for best gallery, with both parents and grandparents coming to watch him most weeks.

Magnus Bailey – rivalled Jack with most enthusiastic in the field. Always very keen to be involved. Whilst he did very well with the bat (best score of 18) and wicket keeping, it was his bowling that really stood out. Whatever he did on his beach holiday it worked, because he came back in the second half of the season with such a nice rhythm to his bowling run up that made bowling look easy and even managed to start swinging the ball.

George Wright-Smith – was a real big match player. Always saving his best bowling for the crucial part of matches. He took several wickets at key moments for us (5 for the season) and always liked to celebrate them with the team. His batting really came along and he looked very much like Will Pucovski with the flowing blonde locks and powerful shots. Well done George!

Hughie Sharp – had a great first cricket season and really shone with the bat and in the field. He hit some lusty blows particularly straight down the ground and square of the wicket. Hughie's bowling really came good in the last match of the season so will be ready to hit the ground running next year. Well done Hughie!

Tom Newman – was a pleasure to coach, he was a great listener and a very enthusiastic team player. His batting really came along in the second half of the season with some powerful boundaries hit square of the wicket. And he showed very good leadership skills with a great speech after one of the games. Well done Tom!

Campbell Eddy – was a real all-rounder and keen to be involved in batting, bowling and keeping. His batting was particularly strong and he handled the faster bowlers with ease with a solid defence and some strong attacking strokes. His bowling and wicket keeping were also a real asset to the side.

Well done all of you boys, you should all be really proud of yourselves!

Now, I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for all your support this year, it made it such a fun experience for me and all the boys. And a very special thanks to team manager dynamos Cathy and Jacqui for all your help, thank you so much. Lastly a big

thanks to Louise for her central coordination, and to Cam and Andrew for guiding us through the season, I know you both put in a lot of work that many people here won't realise, so thank you to both of you.

Coach - Jeremy Gibson

U10 Gold

It was great to see all the boys return for their second season of cricket, full of enthusiasm and dedication. While mostly the same team as last year, we also welcomed a rookie who made an instant impact and was able to fit in with the team really well. Early in the season training was fantastic and it was clear that all of the boys had continued to develop their games with marked improvement across all areas. The development as a team was also very strong and it was particularly pleasing to see the team rules were not only remembered and becoming automatic in the way the team went about the matches.

With the team operating smoothly though our training and game routines, it was great to be able to focus more on individual skill development and bring in some more of the technical aspects of the game. Again, the boys responded positively to this feedback and development and were able to implement the suggestions into their game immediately. This made coaching this group a pleasure and I am proud of their attitudes, application and commitment to developing their game.

• Team – while team rules dictated that we don't talk about wins and losses....... for the team to go through the season undefeated and rarely challenged was an amazing feat and testimony to the boy's commitment and effort to develop their games - as a team and individually. I could not have asked for more at training and in the games, especially with the boys sticking to the 'one-percenters' throughout (backing-up throws, running between the wickets, technique refinement, etc).

U10 GOLD SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Leon Barrot

Ben Green

Neel Gudivada

Samuel Rooke

Elliot Savage

Banjo Watson

Arden Watson-Cropley

Manning Willis

COACHING/UMPIRING

Matt Green

TEAM MANAGER

Stephen Rooke

- The Wall a great second year from Sam whose skills improved significantly and continues to be 'coachable' and very committed to the game. Of particular note was the development in his batting with a new range of strokes and power that led to some great scores and nearly 150 runs over the season. Sam also bowled really well and was unlucky in many games not to take more wickets. I can't wait to follow Sam's continued development as a cricketer.
- The Professor hard to go past the numerous theories on the game from The
 Professor. The favourite this year was the 45-degree back foot while batting –
 couldn't bring myself to try to coach him out of that one! Not all theories though –
 Elliot implemented a lot of technical changes in his game and improved in all areas -

with his bowling speed, accuracy and wicket taking notable. Elliot also continued to bring energy to the team that helped create a fantastic team-first environment.

- Golden Arm Leon continued his development with the bat and with the gloves and
 contributed significantly in these areas all year. His range of strokes and run scoring
 ability improved a lot and with a technical tweak with his front foot, the progress in
 his accuracy and effectiveness with the ball was great to watch. Leon is also a great
 team member, constantly supporting others and sharing their success and
 celebrating team milestones. Leon will bring a lot to all teams he is involved with in
 the future.
- The Rookie game one, on debut, bomb the team's first ever 6 on the way to a score of 25 what a way to introduce yourself! **Banjo** joined the team for his first year of competitive cricket and never looked like a rookie quickly adapting to the team environment. Banjo was a significant contributor throughout the year with bat, ball and in the field and should be really proud of his first season.
- Marnus enormous improvement from Manny this year. The consistency of his leggies, and the increase in his range and power of his shots were a real stand out. This led to a great season of scoring and wicket taking. Manny also embodied the team focus of having fun and regularly entertained with his impressions of his (nick)namesake. The team also loved the blue hair!
- Mr Cricket with his love of the game obvious, Neel had a very good season and ended up near the top of the charts for both runs and wickets. Stats aside, I was really impressed that Neel embraced a big change to his batting set up with a straighter back-lift providing a much greater range of strokes later in the season including some awesome straight drives. Neel's leggies also became a lot more dangerous although I think he may have gotten sick of the coaches' constant 'run in faster'! Great season again Neel.
- AWC it would be really difficult for anyone to take the 'Most Improved' mantle from Arden this year. While there were many good performances, the 3 wickets against STC (the 2nd best side in the comp) was a real season highlight and a great reward for effort. Arden's batting also improved a lot, reaching double figures for the first time and consistently demonstrating a sound technique.
- Hurricane Ben continues to work really hard on his game which went to a very high level this season. Ben's increased pace earned him his nickname from his teammates, probably based on the fear on the faces of opposition batters every time he bowled. Ben also used his strong batting technique to increase his scoring power and output. With over 170 runs, 17 wickets and his consistent contributions to the team environment, it was a fantastic season. Really proud of you mate.

What an awesome group of kids – I am sure their families are very proud of them. I thank the boys for the season – it was (again) and absolute privilege to coach them.

I would also like to sincerely thank the parent group for their support and encouragement again this season. The team had really fantastic support from the side-lines and I am sure the boys appreciate all you do for them to be able to play cricket.

A big thanks to Steve for all his work as TM – some early nerves given the big shoes he had to fill - but settled into the role beautifully and did a great job. Also, a big thanks go to Dean for taking on the scoring all year which was a mammoth effort.

An amazing year from a great team of outstanding young men and I look forward to following the boys as they progress on their cricket journey.

Matt Green

Coach

U10 Red

Burra' Red had a great season. We experienced the joys of winning, the fun of playing in a team, developing friendships and working towards a common goal. There were some wonderful individual moments including sixes, team hattricks, run outs, wickets and catches. It was wonderful to see the boys learning the art of cricket and improving each week.

The kids were lucky to be supported by a band of loyal, hardworking parents and from a first-time coach's perspective, I couldn't have wished for better company and help on Saturday mornings.

A special mention to Karen the teams' manager extraordinaire, super organised in marshalling the troops and to Jimmy Gordon, an excellent assistant coach, wise beyond his years and able to wrangle 8 and 9 year olds far better than the adults!

Jeremy Pasricha

Jeremy had a strong all round season. His ability to score freely on the off-side and the leg side made him a handful for most bowling sides to manage. Always keen to be teamed up with his brother Jeevan, the pair made a strong impact whether opening or coming in as the last pair. His bowling improved steadily over the season, developing increasing speed as the season progressed and he has developed into a strong medium pace bowler with great accuracy.

U10 RED

SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Miles Davey

Finn Darvall

Sammy Gordon

Nicholas Harris

Iggy Jones

Jeevan Pasricha

Jeremy Pasricha

Harrison Rosevear

Tasman Schofield

COACHING/UMPIRING

Nicola Schofield / Sam Rosevear

TEAM MANAGER

Karen Trapani

Jeevan Pasricha

Jeevan hit our first six of the summer, which was super exciting for Jeev and all us supporters. He batted consistently throughout the season and formed a formidable partnership with his brother. He just pipped his brother to be our second highest run scorer. Jeev was one of most consistent bowlers. His slinging action bamboozled lots of the opposition and his focus to bowl full and straight was a joy to watch. Jeev was also our keenest wicketkeeper. He was a safe pair of hands behind the stumps, with great reflexes.

Nick Harris

Nick had a strong performance with both the bat and the ball this season. His batting came along really nicely and in the last few games he was hitting balls strongly on both sides of the wicket and pushing hard for runs. Nick is a really promising bowler with good speed. He took a number of wickets in the season, with great accuracy. When Nick had the

opportunity to wicket keep he demonstrated quick reflexes behind the stumps stopping a number of balls and assisting in some great team run outs. A keen fielder running to backup and a good throw to boot. Definite highlights were his double wicket over and maiden over in the last match.

Harry Rosevear

Harry played some excellent all round cricket this season. He was our other player to score a six during the season, he took a number of wickets bowling and was a gun fielder including getting two direct hit run outs in our last game. Harry was always looking to attack when batting, backing up strongly and always keen to push for a second, third, fourth or even fifth run! He topped scored a number of our games and was the top run maker for our team. Well done Harry! He bowled consistently through-out the season, with good speed, accuracy and enjoyed getting a number of wickets and always demonstrated his love of the game.

Tasman Schofield

Tas played some great cricket this season. He batted well, always backing up and pushing through for singles and sliding his bat. He played some nice cricket shots on the offside and onside and played the high ball with some good skill. The highlight of Tas' season was a caught and bowled. A good reward to back up some bowling that improved consistently over the season.

Finn Darvall

Finn's bowling came along leaps and bounds this season and he reaped the rewards taking a number of wickets with great accuracy. Finn was also one of our most consistent fielders. He managed to save a number of runs with great reflexes and strong accurate throws. Finn was great at backing up in the field and demonstrated a strong cricketing brain. Finn's played some great cricketing shots during the season on both sides of the wicket.

Miles Davey

Miles played a number of great cricketing shots on the offside, with strong foot movement and good follow through. He displayed good skill when wicket keeping with quick reflexes stopping a number of fast balls. The most impressive part of Miles season has been the development in his bowling. Since Christmas, Miles has bowled with strong accuracy and each game his line and length improves. He should be proud of his season.

Sammy Gordon

Sammy was our speed machine with the new ball. Although his run up (that sometimes reached as far as the boundary) had to be questioned at times, his speed and accuracy could not. He bowled some beautiful deliveries and was unlucky on a number of occasions not to get more wickets. In a number of games, Sammy took consecutive wickets and it was great to watch from behind the stumps. Sammy was the top wicket taker for our team. Sammy is also a strong technical batter with great foot movement allowing him to hit some great shots on both sides of the wicket. He always had great energy in the field, with strong accurate throws and consistently backing up, enjoying a number of run outs using a good cricketing brain.

Iggy Jones

Iggy displayed great all round ability this season. Always keen to be our last man standing, he batted well, with strong shots on the offside and onside, with good defensive shots when required. He was a gun-fielder especially in the outfield with a strong arm and our best technical catcher. He bowled with good pace and his accuracy improved markedly over the season. Another safe pair of hands behind the stumps, his wicket-keeping was reliable and consistent.

Thanks for a great season boys!

U12A

At the time of writing, our under 12A team is preparing for a Grand Final this weekend. Win, lose or draw this will represent the culmination of a highly enjoyable season, characterised by strong levels of enthusiasm, resilience and commitment from all. The rapid rate of improvement that the boys demonstrated over the journey was something they should be proud of.

In a fixture that could best be described as 'eclectic' (we faced one team three times and another not at all!), our boys played consistently good-quality cricket over a number of weeks to win all our regular season games, bar Kew (who we then, very pleasingly, got over in a tense semi) and Koonung in a close one (who we now play in the Grand Final).

Aside from the results, the boys presented twice a week with a smile, a positive attitude and a willingness to learn, which was fantastic (and really helped us improve our cricket over the course of the season).

I'd like to add a particular thanks to Tim Berry for his excellent team management, to Louise and Tim Dichiera for all their work at the club and, not least, to all the parents for their support and assistance throughout the year. We had a great spirit around the team and a lot of fun.

Charles Baker

Charles had a fantastic season with bat and was very handy with the ball. His hard-hitting 42 n.o. in the semi was an absolute highlight.

Tom Barker

Tom brought a smile and enthusiasm to the team each week and had a good all 'round season. 36 n.o. versus Clifton Hill was a highlight.

Nick Berry

Nick bowled consistent, high-quality leg spin and had a strong season with the bat (including a stylish 17 n.o at better than a run-a-ball in round one). As always, a pleasure to have in the team.

Harry Dichiera

Harry was our leading run-scorer and batted and bowled to a consistently high standard all season. A very mature 50 n.o. in the semi was brilliant effort.

U12A

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TEAM MEMBERS

Charles Baker

Tom Barker

Nicholas Berry

Harry Dichiera

Matthew Dimovski

Charlie Kitt

Theo Nikolich

Xavier McIntosh

Harry Talbot

William Tehan

Liam Walsh

Tom Wilkinson

COACHING/UMPIRING

Ash Barker

TEAM MANAGER

Tim Berry

Matthew Dimovski

Matthew's enthusiasm and application was fantastic all year and took an absolute clutch wicket in the semi (which really turned the game).

Charlie Kitt

Charlie had a great season and contributed very strongly with the ball in particular. A fantastic run-out in the semi to close out the game was a moment to celebrate.

Xavier McIntosh

Xav was our regular 'keeper, outstanding all season and a real differentiator in the competition. Xav has a great attitude and was regularly singled out for recognition from opposition coaches.

Theo Nikolich

Theo was our leading wicket taker (13 at 6 runs a-piece) with his high quality leg-spin and great attitude. Strong and stylish with the bat too. Theo will go a long way with his cricket.

Harry Talbot

Harry had a consistent season with the bat (including a great knock against the Super Kings), bowled with good pace and also took a couple of genuinely outstanding catches. Well done Harry!

William Tehan

Will was our regular opening bowler who performed to a consistently high standard with his lovely flowing action. 3 for 16 off 6 overs in the semi was pivotal.

Liam Walsh

Liam was our regular opening batsmen plus a highly dependable fast bowler. Liam is a fantastic clubman and someone you'd want in any team. 16 n.o against Kew was a highlight.

Tom Wilkinson

Tom had a great season as a hard-hitting lower order batsman and genuinely fast bowler. Great stuff Tom!

U12B Green

The U12B Green had a great season!

At the start of the season we set ourselves 3 objectives:

- · To play well as a team: All year the team demonstrated fantastic spirit. Everyone was always encouraging and supportive of each other. The players enjoyed each other's success. They were a pleasure to coach and be around.
- To improve: Every player improved significantly over the season. Each of our players worked hard at their games, were resilient, listened to their coaches and enjoyed success.
- To have fun: We had lots of fun win, lose or draw. The spirit of our team was infectious. I know that I had a ball!

We won three games - all after the holiday break – against Surrey Hills, Blackburn and Boroondara. We won bragging rights by beating the other Edinburgh U12B team in a 2 day training scratch match. We also ran a few other sides really close, including giving the top sides Ashburton and Canterbury a real fright. We ended up on the bottom even though we won more or the same number of games - and/or played fewer games - than the 3 sides above us. We must be the best performed bottom team in U12 ECC history!

It gives me great pleasure to say something about each of our players.

Antony Joseph: Antony was a pleasure to coach. He was always the first to training and happy to do whatever was asked of him. Antony is a classy top order bat, and a handy medium pacer/spinner. Antony is a magnificent fielder who set the standard for us. His and Patrick's combination run out

U12B GREEN SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Patrick Filby

Antony Joseph

Henry Macvean

Joseph Macvean

Daniel McAlpine

Max Munro

Jack Newman

Ziggy Read

Holly Scammell

Luke Scammell

Tom Sebastian

Sam Shortt

COACHING/UMPIRING

Ken McAlpine / Tony Macvean

TEAM MANAGER

Chris Munro / Raj Sebastian

in the last game was maybe the season highlight for me – the complete cricket play. Antony contributed in many games, and was near the top of our batting and bowling and came second in the champion player.

Daniel McAlpine: Daniel is a fine young cricketer, and was one of the best performed players in our team. He made the second most runs, and took the third most wickets, notwithstanding missing a few games. His hand of 21 against Surrey Hills set us up for our first win – including our only 6 for the year! Dan also made important top order runs

against teams including Ashburton. It was apparent how much we missed Dan when he came back for our last game and starred with runs at the top of the order and taking 2-9. Dan will get even better as he matures and grows into his body. I really encourage him to work hard at his game.

Henry Macvean: Henry had an excellent season. Henry always looked dangerous with the ball, and ended up with the second most wickets. After a shaky first part of the season with the bat, Henry benefitted from beach cricket over the summer and was a different player after the break. His late order batting played a big role in us getting over the line against Surrey Hills and Blackburn, with the crunch partnership with Max against Surrey Hills a highlight. Unfortunately, Henry was run out in his last three innings, so he didn't have the chance to build on this form. Henry made a great contribution to the team.

Holly Scammell: After being asked to fill in for a couple of games, Holly became a core, and much loved, member of our team. Holly is a really good young cricketer. She shows great courage and persistence. Her fielding in the rain on the Fairlea East paddock against Boroondara was magnificent. It was fitting that Holly snared the last wicket to get us over the line.

Jack Newman: Jack made a terrific contribution to the team — with bat, ball and in the field. Jack is solid top order batter, who made some useful runs for us. His hand opening against Blackburn set us up for a great run chase and win. Jack is also a fine bowler, and easily could have taken more wickets. Jack is a livewire in the field and always in the game. He was great to coach and I think will be a really good player.

Joe Macvean: I love Joe's enthusiasm, determination and resilience. After a promising start to the year with runs against Ashburton, Joe lost some confidence with the bat. It was a credit to Joe that he stayed positive and kept working at his game, and batted through in our win against Boroondara. I think that Joe will be a good player and have a better year with the bat next year. Joe is a reliable bowler and took some handy wickets. Joe was fantastic in the field, always talking and encouraging his team mates.

Luke Scammell: Luke is an absolute character, and was a vital member of the team. Off the long run, with the "Broady" bandanna, Luke is a dangerous fast-medium bowler who took some important wickets for us. Luke's batting really improved over the year, and he made important runs against teams including Canterbury. Luke was always involved in the game and up for a laugh and a wisecrack.

Max Munro: Max is an outstanding young cricketer who had a fantastic season. The stats tell a significant part of the story – Max was our leading batter and bowler by some way (as well as being our equal leading fielder). Especially with the bat, Max really held us together. However, there were other aspects of Max's season that impressed me more. Max's enthusiasm for training and always improving sets a wonderful example to all of the players in the team. Whilst Max has some natural ability, I think it is the fact that he practises more and better than most others that makes him stand out. Max is a great team player – always keen and encouraging, and never critical or disheartened. Max listens, and is really coachable. Befitting his capability, I often spoke to Max about taking on a

leadership role and showing the other players the way. The game against Blackburn, where Max batted in a partnership with Patrick, is a great example of him doing this.

Patrick Filby: Patrick developed tremendously as a player this year. As a former 'keeper, I was delighted by the enthusiasm that Patrick and Tom showed for learning and improving their glovework. By the end of the season, Patrick was a solid performer behind the stumps – as always, prepared to put his body on the line. Patrick has an excellent eye and is bloody determined, and really developed his batting this year. He was a fixture in the top of our order by season end. His match winning hand against Blackburn, followed by excellent knocks against Boroondara and Camberwell, were highlights.

Sam Shortt: Sam is another player who showed great development and had an excellent season. Sam works hard at his batting, and has some lovely shots. Seeing him bat through against the might of Ashburton was a real highlight. I really like Sam's slow bowling. He is prepared to toss them up, and I think will do even better as he grows and can put more purchase on the ball (as well as being able to better rely on his fielders!). Sam's 2 giant killing wickets against Camberwell were richly deserved.

Tom Sebastian: Tom is another player who improved greatly this year. Tom really worked hard at his 'keeping. He has lovely hands and real agility, and I think shows tremendous promise. Tom is a lovely boy who is terrific to coach. His runs against Trinity Willison were very handy. Tom might also be the unluckiest player in our team – unfortunately missing all of our three wins (although not the Edinburgh practice game win where he made a super contribution). When the win comes it will be all the sweeter!

Ziggy Read: Ziggy's development was one of my highlights of the year. At the start of the year we were not sure how Ziggy would go with the step up in grade. Not only did he step up – he excelled and became one of our best performed players. Ziggy's batting really developed – built (like all good batters) around an impenetrable defence and steely resolve. His brilliant 23 against Camberwell, and batting through against Boroondara, were highlights. Ziggy has really developed his bowling, and has become a lovely left arm finger spinner. He and Sam were formidable "spin twins". Ziggy is a delightful, easy going lad, and always impeccably attired. He had a great season, and perhaps was the most improved player in our team.

Max Munro deservedly won our batting and bowling awards, with 217 runs (at 72.33) and 11 wickets (at 8.82).

I would have gladly awarded each of our players a coach's award. In the end, I have awarded it to **Antony Joseph** for being a brilliant team player and excellent contributor.

I have loved coaching this team, and miss it already. I appreciate the support and contribution of everyone involved. Special shout outs to my co-coach Ken McAlpine, team managers Chris Munro and Raj Sebastian, a brilliant group of parents and supporters (including my folks who still never miss a game!) and everyone at the club including Cam McDonald, Louise Dichiera, Tim Dichiera and the committee.

Tony Macvean
U12B Green coach

U12B Gold

Well what an experience we've had as a team this year... and we made the Grand Final!

Regardless of the outcome of the Grand Final you are all winners because of the way you have played the game- with fun, friendship and ferocity. As one of you said to me at training the other week "I think we are playing better now that we know each other" and Randolph, Craig and I could not agree more.

What has got you to the final is not your individual abilities but how you have come together as a team. We hope that this season you have taken away some new cricketing skills and more importantly found some new mates.

So here is the season in review for each player:

U12B GOLD

SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Mitchell Eddy
Dougal Fraser
Daniel Giles
Liam Head
Harry Hall
Daniel Houlihan
Albert Hubbard
Levent Kovac
Xavier Millar
Raife Patel

COACHING/UMPIRING

Rakesh Patel / Randolph Head

TEAM MANAGER

Craig Millar

Louis Spencer

Fin Wright-Smith

Player	Memorable	Skill	Character
	Moment		
Liam	Really tight bowling against some of best batting teams-Clifton Hill (4 overs 5 runs)	 Top glovework- especially to the spinners Bowling variations Work on: looking for gaps when batting 	 A true competitor Always looking to make a contribution to the team
Mitch	Catch after catch after catch a run of 7 without a miss.	 Safe pair of hands whether with gloves or in 	 Mr Cricket- cool, confident and thinks of the team first (eg

	Topped off by a	his specialist short mid	sacrificed his wicket a
	Classic Catch contender in the semi-final against Canterbury	 wicket position Plays with balance in the V- always looking for a single Work on: pacing his innings 	couple of times to get scoreboard moving)
Daniel	Captain of a semifinal winning team & 2-6 against Burwood R7	 Bowling variations- Spin bowling flight and deadly accurate with medium pace Solid technique Work on: increasing range of scoring shots 	 Calm under pressure encouraging others, open to coaching
Albert	Classic Catch contender and aggressive batting 17 of 22 against Clifton Hill in R10	 Power hitting under pressure Clean glovework Work on: consistency of bowling action, getting body behind the ball when keeping 	DeterminationAsks great questions
Dan	Twice on a hat-trick (against Nth Alphington R9 and CH R12)	 Ability to bowl a wicket taking ball Work on: Consistency of bowling technique and getting behind the ball when batting 	EnthusiasticOpen to coaching
Raife	Classic Catch contender against CH R10 and at the death batting (25 off 25) against Burwood R11	 Natural eye- innovative shot play Bowling good channels Work on: getting body in line with ball & leg side scoring shots 	PassionateVocal and supportive in the field
Louis	Match winning performance (29 off 63) with the bat against Burwood R7	 Ball striking ability Uses height well to get good bounce and turn Work on: Bowling better lengths 	Competitiveness
Harry	Match winning performance (20 off 60) with the bat against Burwood R7	 Defensive technique Speed of overall improvement in first season Work on: consistency of bowling technique 	Always smilingDelivers under pressure
Levent	Loved bowling against Burwood- 6	 Good eye- looks for scoring shots 	Willingness to learnA cool head

	overs 3 wickets 12 runs	 Getting the ball to swing more consistently Work on: playing with a straighter bat to avoid being bowled 	
Fin	Bowling Award winner with 10 wickets at 9.7 including 4 for 13 against Burwood R12 (nearly hat- trick)	 improvement/consistency of bowling Able to lift scoring rate Work on: calling and running 	 Not to be underestimated Enjoys the game Always supportive and vocal- a real team player
Dougal	Batting Award winner with 122 runs at a better than Bradman average of 122	 Classic batting technique- has scoring shots around the ground Great use of flight Work on: bowling better lengths 	 Unflappable Team player- gave up an over so Fin had a chance to go for 5 wickets
Xavier	Coaches Award winner for overall contribution to the team- with bat, ball and most importantly with the spirit he plays the game. 2 wickets in an innings 3 times	 Speed & accuracy of bowling Scores runs quickly- has shots around the ground Work on: smoother run up and adding some variations to your bowling 	 Vocal and encouraging Game sense- ability to analyse the situation Fierce competitorwants to do his best and improve for the team

Thanks to the parents for helping with the scoring, umpiring and general advice. We all know how much of a commitment and logistical feat it is to get players to training and games... we hope that we've bought some joy to your Saturday mornings.

Thanks and go 'Burra for the Grand Final!

Rakesh, Randolph and Craig

U12C Black

For the first time in a few years, the season of 2021-2022 went (for the most part) smoothly, whilst highlighting how keen the boys were to play cricket each week. There was not a week, whether on a Saturday at the match or at training on a Monday, when I didn't see a level of enjoyment amongst the team that could be described as anything but pure excitement.

Even though it was the first time for a few of the boys playing together, they all played really well together as a team, but also gelled together away from the field. Each and every member of the team contributed during each match, whether with the technical skills or through some encouragement or assistance to help make someone feel great about what they had achieved.

On the field, there were great performances from every single player, many of the boys reaching some personal goals they had set for themselves and discussed with me early on in the season. It was a pleasure to help the boys develop not only their cricket skills during the season, but I have also seen how they have grown as individuals. I have very much enjoyed being part of the U12C Black's journey this season and look forward to seeing them all again next year.

Thank you to all the parents and other family members who came along to watch, score, umpire each week on match-day and at training. I very much appreciate the effort you put in to make sure things keep moving forward and for allowing me to be part of your son's cricket development. I want to make a special mention as well to our Team Manager, Peter Corrie, for keeping the team on course throughout the season, things would not have run so smoothly without you.

Some of the personal highlights for each of the boys included:

Max Barton: If I were to ask Max what his personal highlight was for the season, it might be dismissing one of his teammates when he was filling in for the opposition. From my perspective, this

relates to my highlight that showed Max was more than willing to help out to make sure that a good game of cricket was played by everyone.

Leo Bosidis: The highlight for Leo this season was his development as a more patient cricketer, particularly his batting. Leo seemed to cop the other side of all the 50/50 calls this year but by the end of the season he was able to understand how batting sometimes doesn't go your way and push through to complete some great innings.

U12C BLACK SEASON 2020-21

TEAM MEMBERS

Max Barton

Leo Bosidis

Toby Cook

Oscar Corrie

Liam Cowie

Matthew Donnelly

Oscar Gaymer

Nathanael Haunung

Jem Lavercombe

Jonty Lethbridge-Ford

Samuel Moston

Tom Munro

COACHING/UMPIRING

Will Vickery

TEAM MANAGER

Peter Corrie

Toby Cook: For Toby, the highlight has to be his all bowled hat-trick against Kew White in round 7. During the year Toby showed us just how accurate he is with his swing bowling, and quite often scaring the opposition with his pace.

Oscar Corrie: Although Oscar was a late starter this year due to injury, he certainly made up for lost time on the field by immersing himself into each game whether with bat, ball, or in the field. What was most impressive though was his effort as a team player when not able to play and still showing up and engaging with and encouraging his team.

Liam Cowie: Liam had a really good season with bat and ball, but he will be remembered this season mostly for his chat in the field. Always asking questions of the umpire and searching for the next wicket. He was the constant voice in the field, always encouraging his teammates.

Matthew Donnelly: The most memorable catch for the season has to be Matt's (against who I can't remember) but was a screamer. He easily held onto a ball slogged through the on-side at mid-wicket around waist height that was on him in less than a blink of an eye.

Oscar Gaymer: Oscar had a really consistent season, displaying his ability as a true all-rounder with some great batting innings and bowling spells. Oscar's highlight happened on a Monday afternoon though with the effort he made at each training session, always involved in developing each aspect of his game and knowing the importance of practice.

Nathanael Haunung: Nathanael showed some great all-round ability throughout the season, highlighted by his tight bowling spells, dotted with a lot of balls that somehow missed the edge of the bat, as well as solid batting, only getting dismissed once all season.

Jem Lavercombe: This was Jem's first season and he achieved both goals he set out to. With a rock solid defence, he wasn't dismissed all year, retiring every innings he batted. He also took his first wicket, something he was very excited about. Jem had a great introduction to cricket.

Jonty Lethbridge-Ford: Throughout the season Jonty improved and showed a lot of determination in developing his batting and bowling, highlighted with his highest batting score since beginning his cricket career. Always playing with a smile on his face, Jonty always seemed to be enjoying his time on and off the field.

Samuel Moston: Sam had a great season, really dominating with the bat, particularly towards the end of the season. As the season progressed, he became much more confident with his batting, realising his strength at the top of the order and hitting a hard ball.

Tom Munro: Tom was another who wasn't able to be dismissed by the opposition this year. He displayed a combination of solid defence and attacking play, highlighted by some picturesque cover drives. Also, one of a few who always wanted to show off his wicket keeping skills.

U12C Maroon

The U12C Maroons were formed from a variety of U10 teams from the prior season. From the very first training session in November it was clear that this was going to be a very good year for the Maroons. Although the boys came in from different U10 teams and different schools they bonded well quickly. This was evident in their on-ground support of each other. The skills they brought from the very start of the season is evident in the season result of 100% win rate – undefeated.

I met **Fynn**, a fierce competitor, fast bowler that would score many runs throughout the season and scare many batsmen with his exceptionally quick and accurate bowling. His bowling economy of 1.67 is exceptional. He is such a lover of cricket that nothing will stop him on the field, he would even run out his own team mate in the last match of the season.

I met **Joe**, an entertaining character that contributed to the number of wides bowled in the team early in the season, but by February his bowling was on fire and took 2 wickets in the 1 over. I'm sure Joe has forgiven Fynn for running him out 2 weeks ago and they are best buds again.

Leroy showed us what cricket passion really is with a consistent display of enthusiastic on-field communication, straight bat — batting and in his words "I'm more of a defensive batsman Nick". Despite this conservative comment, Leroy scored a season high of 23 runs against the Pythons in Jan. Leroy bowled consistently well throughout the season and is also a great wicketkeeper.

Mikkel has been a quiet achiever this year, honing his skills on and off the pitch. Mikkel scored a high 10 runs against Balwyn in February. And best bowling figures of 1/8 this season. Mikkel has been a pleasure to coach and I look forward to watching his progress as a cricketer over the coming years.

Johnny has been a consistent hard worker at training and dedicated to his team at every match. During one bowling session at training where we were hopping over some cones, Johnny actually started bowling off the wrong foot. But it didn't matter, he kept trying and trying until he got it right. Johnny took 6 wickets for the season, which is a fantastic result.

U12C MAROON SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Joseph Bridges

Johnny Franklyn

Leroy Fratto

Mikkel Hoffman-Axthelm

George Kerr

Edward O'Connor

Charlie Pettitt

Oscar Sharp

Jarvis Tyrell

Orlando Vaughan

Fynn Walton

Callum Winkett

COACHING/UMPIRING

Nick Sharp

TEAM MANAGER

Francisca Hoffmann / Richard Winkett

Callum came into the team brimming with confidence ready for another season with ECC. Callum scored runs off the bat straight away, with plenty of the leg side as he is very confident in pulling the ball. A solid performer with the ball, Callum bowls very few wides and his consistency with the ball shows in the maiden overs he can bowl. Callum scored 17 runs as his high score for the season against the Pythons.

Charlie has been a steady force and solid contributor to the Maroons this season. Charlie's best bowling figures were 2/1 against Balwyn in Feb and his high score was 14 against Clifton Hill. Charlie will be jumping up to U14s next season and I wish him further success at U14 level.

Orlando is ranked in the team 2nd on batting average and 2nd on bowling average which is exceptional consistency. Orlando scored 42 runs in his last innings on 5th March – a team high score. You don't need me to tell you his statistics to know that he is an attacking batter that smashed loads of boundaries and super quick bowler that had many an opposition shaking in their shoes this season.

Oscar stepped up to U12 this year and scored a career best of 19* against Boroondara in December. Wicketless for the season, except for the last ball of his last over, Oscar redeemed himself with a quick straight ball that took the bails off. Looking forward to watching Oscar develop as a player in 2023.

Jarvis flexed his muscles again this season scoring a respectable total of 106 runs, pairing nicely with George to smash the opposition around the ground. He scored a season high of 24 runs against Kew, took 2 wickets for the season and I'm sure there will be more to come next season.

Ned batted consistently well all season scoring over 10 runs 7 times this season with 129 runs in total. I've watched Ned grow in confidence this season in the field and watched his bowling improve from last year. Ned is a great all-round player I'm sure will be looking forward to some stronger opposition in 2023.

George 'The Smasher' Kerr came out swinging from the very first match, unfortunately this first innings resulted in a duck. But I wasn't worried, we all knew George would come out swinging again which he did scoring 31 runs in match 2. George established a pattern of big hitting down the ground and pretty much everywhere to finish with a total of 220 runs for the season.

As I wrap up and sign off as coach for 2022 I will be looking forward eagerly to see how each and every one of grow as a player and also from boys into young adults.

Nick Sharp Coach

U14A

In the home and away season the under 14A team won 5 games, had 3 end in called off draws for various reasons and lost 2. Overall I thought we had a very good season as a team with all players skills improving in all aspects of the game, in addition to that we also made finals which is not an easy thing to do.

One of the highlights of our season was the round 2 win against Boroondara where we set a very good score in day one of the game but the pitch was too wet so day 2 was moved to Brunswick Street Oval which meant we had to play a fresh one day game. Boroondara batted first and got a good score on the board but we were able to chase it down and win in the second last over in what was an even contribution by all the boys.

Another highlight of our season was the nail biting win we had against Camberwell Magpies in round 4, we got a very score on the board after batting first but they batted well too and we managed to sneak a one run win. Our season wasn't without bad luck though, we had a very close loss to Canterbury in round 8.

A big thanks to all the parents this season that helped with the scoring, ground setup and pack up. Also thank you for the effort you all put in to bring the players to and from training and games all season long.

Lachie Green: Lachie was one of our co captains this season and I thought he did a great job all season long. He is also a very good opening bowler, this season he took 7 wickets which was equal most in our team at an average of 20.7. His best bowling figures were against Canterbury in round 8 where he took 3/11 of his 4 overs. Lachie also had a great year with the bat, he made the 2nd most runs for us with 145 at an average of 29, his top score came in round 1 against Canterbury where he made a very well compiled 50*.

U14A

SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Jules Cameron

Jack Chianta

Leo Daffey

Joel Dichiera

Seb Donnellan

Lachlan Green

Zac Henderson

Zac Kurzbock

Oliver Phegan

Luca Rhodes

Thomas Wavish

COACHING/UMPIRING

Lucien John

TEAM MANAGER

Joe Phegan

Zak Kurzbock: Zak was our other main opening bowler this season and was always very reliable when given the ball. Zak picked up the 4 wickets this season at a very good economy of 3.6 throughout. His best figures came in round 10 against Kew where he picked up 2/21 after his 4 over spell. His second best bowling performance of the season funnily enough was against Kew as well, in round 3 he picked up 1/18 off 7 overs including 2 maidens.

Jules Cameron: Jules is a very destructive batter and a solid left arm pace bowler. Jules' top score for the season was in round 7 against Trinity Willison where he blasted 50* off 22 balls and took the game away from the opposition. With the ball Jules took 6 wickets at an average of 21. He took 3 two wicket hauls, with his best figures coming in round 2 against Boroondara where he took 2/8 off 2 overs.

Tom Wavish: Tom bowled really good leg spin this season and also made a couple of really solid contributions with the bat. He also opened the bowling for us a couple of times and always did a great job. His best figures came in round 1 against Canterbury where he took 1/3 off 2 overs including a maiden. His top score was in round 7 against Trinity Willison where he made 17* off 13 balls to finish off our innings and get us to a very good 1st innings score.

Joel Dichiera: Joel is a very accurate right arm pace bowler and a good batter. He took 4 wickets this season at an average of 20 and had a season economy of 4 which is great going considering the games we played were predominantly one dayers. Joel's best bowling figures came in round 9 against Boroondara where he picked up 2/12 off 3 overs. Joel was also great in the field, he took 3 catches this season.

Luca Rhodes: Luca is a left arm pace bowler who we used mainly as our 1st or 2nd change bowler. Luca took 3 wickets this season at an average of 25 and bowling economy of 4.2 which was really impressive. His best bowling figures were in round 8 against Canterbury where he took 1/5 off 3 overs including a maiden which is always hard to do in a one day game. Luca was also able to contribute some handy runs in the lower order this season.

Leo Daffey: Leo had a good all-round season for the team in terms of batting, bowling and fielding. With the bat his top score was 29* which was against Camberwell Magpies in round 4, that day he was involved in a crucial partnership to get us to a very good total. With the ball he had a knack of getting wickets, picking up 6 at an average of 13. His best figures were 2/8 off 3 overs against Kew in round 3. Leo also took a team high 5 catches this season.

Jack Chianta: Jack bowls right arm pace and bats very well too. His top score of 10 came in round 1 against Canterbury. He also played a couple of very handy shots with the bat to get us over the line when chasing a big score against Boroondara in round 2. With the ball Jack always bowled a quick heavy ball, constantly keeping opposition batters on their toes as well as his team mates when bowling to them at training.

Seb Donnellan: Seb was our other co-captain this season and had a great year with bat and ball. He wins our batting award this season, making 259 runs at an average of 86 including two 50s. His top score came in round 2 against Boroondara where he made 52* and guided the team to victory. Seb also wins our bowling award this season, he took 7 wickets at an average of 20.3. His best performance with the ball was when he took 2/10 off 4 overs against Trinity Willison in round 7.

Oliver Phegan: Ollie was our keeper this season and also contributed well with bat in hand. With the gloves I thought he had a very good year in what can be a tough job at times. Batting wise he made a couple of crucial knocks for the team. His top score with the bat was

19* in round 8 against Canterbury. He also made a very handy 18 to get us off to a good start when opening the batting against Trinity Willison in round 7.

Zac Henderson: Zac bats left handed and bowls right arm pace. Zac batted in a few different positions this season and always adapted well. He made 86 runs this season at an average of 17. His top score was against Camberwell Magpies in round 4 where he made 49*, he batted very well that day to make sure we got a good score on the board. With the ball he picked up the 3 wickets with his best performance coming against Canterbury in round 1 where he took 2/5 off 2 overs.

U14B Black

This team really gained momentum as the season progressed. Each player started to believe more in their abilities and skills and this greater confidence showed in their aggressive batting and spirited bowling and fielding. With a coach eager to let his players play their natural game, we saw some fantastic cricket played and we unlucky not to win more matches... Here are the individual player descriptions:

Lucas Gillingham: An imposing quick, Lucas scared the hell out of most opening batsmen and gave Harvey, our keeper, a challenge behind the stumps too. Always jovial and willing to support his teammates, Lucas is a great team player. You could say he didn't score as many runs as he's capable of as he came in to bat a few times when fast runs were needed...

Frankie Wright-Smith: There's only one Frankie.....no one is ever left wondering what Frankie is thinking or feeling....when he's bowling well he can be quite a handful and his batting at times was sublime. Areas for improvement could be calling between wickets and fielding. Even when he runs you out, you can't stay mad at him for long....

Samuel Francis: Big Sam really blossomed as the season progressed. He started a bit tentatively with bat and ball but found his mojo against Edinburgh Burgundy where he top scored with 30 runs in quick time. He has the potential to be an all-rounder like Mitch Marsh, hopefully without the injuries...

Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano: Bianca adds much-needed stability to this team. Her batting and bowling is rock-solid, showing great technique. Her style is probably better suited to longer-format cricket where she has more time to wear down the bowlers and graft an innings. It's a pity this season was mostly 20-20 style matches so we didn't get to see Bianca's true gifts. Her opening partnership with Cic in the very first game of the season was memorable as she dominated a very strong Kew attack.

U14B BLACK SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano

Fred Burton

Elliott Cook

Samuel Francis

Lucas Gillingham

Jimmy Gordon

Hamish Gunthorpe

Harvey Harris

Benjamin Head

Kes Nair

Francesco Nikolich

Drew von Ess

Frankie Wright-Smith

COACHING/UMPIRING

James Fear

TEAM MANAGER

Mark Nikolich

Ben Head: Ben loves the new ball in his hand and bowls damn quick. He's what I imagine Craig McDermott was like at that age...Ben takes his cricket seriously and plays with passion. His cricket improved a lot during the season, no doubt from hard work and lots of training. In particular, his batting matured a lot. He hardly ever got himself out, instead having been run-out 3 or 4 times trying to score fast runs late in the innings for the team.

Kes Nair: Kes really just does everything well. Kes keeps it tight with his bowling, challenges the stumps and adds real depth to this team's bowling prowess. His batting is sound, even dashing at times. He doesn't give his wicket away and knows how the accelerate the scoring when required. His fielding is solid, dependable and you'd back him to take a high catch in front of a crowd with no fuss at all.

Cic Nikolich: Every team needs a Stoinis-type player who just loves smashing the ball as hard as he can. With the short boundaries square of the wicket at Alfred Crescent, no one was safe at times when Cic had his eye in. His concentration in the field sometimes let him down but he managed to play some quite memorable cricket this season.

Alfred Burton: Fred really developed into a seriously capable cricketer after the Christmas break. Often coming in to bat in the middle order, Fred's stand-out innings was against Boroondara where he slayed 31 runs in just 20 balls and was unluckily given out LBW by a young umpire who should've known better... His bowling is pretty dangerous too and he was unlucky not to take a few more wickets.

Harvey Harris: Harvey impressed behind the stumps this season with some unbelievable glovework and saved the team countless runs when the bowling strayed. We were lucky to have him as no one else looked like a keeping candidate! His batting got better as the season progressed and so too did his confidence. He was able to keep the scoreboard ticking over and punished the bad balls when the occasion presented.

Drew von Ess: Poor Drew missed a bit of cricket this season due to illness but managed to have some quite impactful innings in a couple of matches, scoring 26 and 24 respectively. His bowling was also quite handy, snaring 6 wickets in just 4 matches! Who knows how many he would've got if he played a few more matches! Nice to see Drew has continued his trademark jumper-wearing even in balmy conditions.

Elliott Cook: Elliott is blessed with some technically exquisite strokeplay and consistently played the role required of him. He demands high standards from those around him and thinks deeply about the game. He supplied much-needed variety in the bowling attack and his offies bamboozled many opposition batters. One of the few this year to have a hat-trick opportunity!

Hamish Gunthorpe: After trying unsuccessfully to apply the nickname "Hammer", it was soon apparent that Hamish is a no-nonsense kind of cricketer. He quickly takes on feedback (PITCH IT UP!!!!) and nearly managed to bag a hat-trick late in the season. He showed more aggression in his batting as the season progressed too.

Jimmy Gordon: Jimmy is by far the best team supporter out in the field and encourages his teammates like no other. His voice can be heard from distant postcodes. And if there was a "most improved" award, it would belong to Jimmy. It was noted that Jimmy scored more runs in his first 10 mins at the crease this year than the whole of last season. And the way he scored the runs was impressive too. He showed utter contempt for most bowlers, dealing mostly in boundaries. His bowling was just as impressive, just a pity that most batters weren't good enough to get an edge to his blistering, hooping balls.

U14B Burgundy

Well what a season for 14B Burgundy. I was fortunate enough to be able to sit back and reflect whilst I umpired our last game, as Ruby Kaye had captained us to an inspired victory and there was nothing left for me to do. I looked around and thought "Wow, this has actually been a very successful year". Maybe not in wins, but in the fact that every kid in the team had improved in an area they needed to, every kid in the team was having fun and every kid had found new friends. We'd become a team and when you strip back everything from kid's sport, you remember, that's really why we play the games.

Our team spirit was no more evident than in the fact that when it became apparent that most teams were playing to win by not bowling everyone and sticking with the same batting order week in week out, I offered our kids the opportunity to do the same. The options were to stream or to give everyone a fair go. Every kid without exception chose "give everyone a fair go".

So 14B Burgundy, hold that Moral Premiership Cup aloft and celebrate what has been a great year and what great character you all have. Wickets, catches and runs may still pop into the occasional dreams of old men like me, but it's the friends you make along the way that will mean more than anything else. So thank you friends, and well done.

Of course, I'd like to congratulate a few individuals;

- Michael Wong for becoming a batsman
- Ollie Tyrell for being our 4th best bowler, stats don't lie in cricket
- Joe Melzak Parr for finding the confidence in his wristy batting
- Thurston Walch for keeping us in more games than anyone else whether with runs or clutch wickets
- Jay Christie for hitting the biggest six I've seen in junior cricket
- Fred Ballard for taking the hard jobs every time I gave them to him

U14B BURGUNDY

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TEAM MEMBERS

Fred Ballard

Noah Boeckmann

Jay Christie

Will Chamberlain

Angus Davis

Ruby Kaye

Joe Melzak Parr

Tommy Mortimer

Oliver Tyrell

Thurston Walch

Oscar Warne

Michael Wong

COACHING/UMPIRING

Nick Parr / Glen Chamberlain

TEAM MANAGER

Belinda Pagliaro / Adriana Mammarella

- **Tommy Mortimer** for the hair, the sledging from the slips and the 2 of the best knocks of the season in the last 2 games
- Oscar Warne for becoming the best allrounder in the competition, not to mention the best junior leg spinner I've seen (I'm not allowed to count myself)
- Will Chamberlain for being the premier keeper and sledger
- Noah Boeckmann for growing as a batsman to the point of opening
- Ruby Kaye for growing into the leader I know she'll become and bowling like a laser guided missile
- **Angus Davis** for being the cherry on the top of a great team, bringing humour and team spirit which brought us home in the second half of the season.

Thanks for a great year Burgundy and all the parents and helpers, you stay classy!!

U14C Yellow

U14C Yellow was a terrific team made up of U14 first & second season players. The team gelled well together, and all contributed and supported each other, resulting in a successful and sporting team. The team made the top four and the final's series, the first time for all the players. Well done everyone.

It has been inspiring to watch the players grow in confidence and fun to be part of it. I would like to do it again.

Thanks to all the 'stand-in' players, specifically those that have played more than once and became part of our team; Jack Newman, Dougal Fraser, Max Munro, Tom Munro & Daniel McAlpine. Thanks to all the parents that helped at all our games, and those that supported me in our Thursday coaching sessions. Special thanks to Mark Archer & Jane for covering the team manager role.

Season highlights:

- Restricting Burwood Yellow to 84 runs in our opening game, result decided in the final over.
- Almost bowling North Balwyn out (9 wickets in 20 overs).
- First win for the team at Kew Blue.
- Nearly bowling out Canterbury 2 (9 wickets), and only losing 1 wicket.
- Run rate over 8 against Boroondara Taipans.
- A six at Trinity Willison Red.
- Highest score,180 against Wycliff.
- Not losing a wicket and beating Canterbury 2's score in 11 overs, plus a hattrick moment.
- All our bowlers took a wicket in the season.
- All our captains led by example with personal best performances.
- Three bowlers were in the top 10 bowlers in our ladder.
- Three batters were in the top 10 batters in our ladder.
- Great team effort in semi-final against Burwood Yellow, with even unavailable players providing inspiring prematch messages or joining as a substitute fielder.

U14C YELLOW SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Oscar Albone

Ivo Archer

Taj Cairns

Daniel Hodgson

Sam Fratto

Ari Patel

James Pieterse

Holly Scammell

Luke Scammell

Hamish Waddell

Liam Walsh

COACHING/UMPIRING

David Scammell

TEAM MANAGER

Jane Scammell / Mark Archer

Oscar Albone – new to U14s cricket. Oscar was unable to play many matches due to injury in the first half of the season. I hope to see Oscar back playing cricket next year. Well done Oscar on being part of our successful and sporting team.

Ivo Archer - new to U14s cricket. Ivo is full of confidence and has taken this year in his stride, and they are big strides. Ivo likes a long run up when bowling, which must work for

him as batters find it difficult to make many runs off him, and he took a wicket with the second ball of a match. Although not a textbook fielder Ivo picks up the ball well and throws it in accurately. I have enjoyed having Ivo on our team as he is always asking probing questions that keeps me on my toes. Maybe Ivo would like DRS (Decision Review System) available in Junior cricket? Well done Ivo on being part of our successful and sporting team.

Samuel Fratto - new to U14s cricket. Samuel has quietly grown in confidence throughout the season, volunteering to be opening batter, taking the first ball, and captaining the team in latter half of the season. Samuel sees the ball well when batting and strikes the ball along the ground, he has only been bowled once and has never been caught. Samuel runs between the wickets well and scores most of his runs that way, achieving his highest ever score, 15 not out. I know Samuel will score even more runs next season. Samuel has made the fine leg fielding position his, no ball has got passed Sam there and the ball is soon launched back to the wicketkeeper with pace and accuracy. Has Sam been having private coaching from Glenn Maxwell? Well done Samuel on being part of our successful and sporting team.

Daniel Hodgson - second season of U14 cricket. Daniel is enthusiastic about his and our team's cricket. Even when the passage of play isn't going to plan, Daniel encourages the whole team with his smile and shouts of support. This season Daniel has batted well, losing his wicket only twice, and he achieved his highest ever score, 26 not out. Daniel puts everything into his bowling, taking several wickets this season, and he was noticeably faster against North Alphington when wickets were needed. A safe pair of hands in the field, Daniel made 3 catches. Daniel showed natural leadership, which led me to ask him to be captain for the upcoming final series. Daniel grabbed the chance, with a serious but lighthearted approach, even bringing his own warm-up drills to the match. Was Ricky Ponting was watching over our team? For his enthusiasm, encouragement and leadership of our team, Daniel is the recipient of the Coaches award. Well done Daniel on being part of our successful and sporting team.

James Pieterse - second season of U14 cricket. James has increased in confidence this season, from being uncertain about batting he now goes into bat with belief and 'the bit between his teeth', achieving his highest ever score 20 against a top 4 side. Our only left-hand bowler James loves to bowl, taking 6 wickets and delivering his best ever figures 2/1. James enjoys being the innings 'death' bowler, is Jhye Richardson James' bowling role model? A happy young man he took the captaincy role in his stride leading the team by example making runs, taking wickets and instigating a runout. James loves to field around the boundary and can accurately shy the stumps from that distance. Well done James on being part of our successful and sporting team.

Holly Scammell - new to U14s cricket. Holly is our team's only left-hand batter and scores many fours with her favourite sweep shot. This came to Daniel's attention during the team's first training session, leading him to comment 'I think we are going to do well this year'. As well as hitting boundaries, Holly runs well between wickets, scoring a total of 78 runs. Holly has picked up several wickets bowling, and when fielding puts her body in front of the ball fearlessly. Has Ash Gardner been providing Holly with some cricketing tips? As captain, Holly took charge of the bowling order such that the opposition batters were on a back foot

(receiving 'a thumbs up' from Taj!). Well done Holly on being part of our successful and sporting team.

Ari Patel - new to U14s cricket. I think Ari has taken note of exciting batting wicketkeepers that have played for Australia, Josh Philippe (or Adam Gilchrist) comes to mind. Ari has been wicket keeper at every game he has played, two as the single keeper, it was difficult not to give Ari the position as he uses the gloves so well, taking 5 catches. Not only does Ari have very safe hands, but he also likes to put willow to ball, 'tonking' it all around the ground scoring 92 runs, achieving his highest ever score 32 not out. Ari's batting nearly rescued our team at North Balwyn, even the North Balwyn parents were entertained (and were cheering inside!!). Well done Ari on being part of our successful and sporting team.

Liam Walsh - new to U14s cricket. By the smile on Liam's face everyone knows Liam loves playing cricket, which he does with confidence. Liam has made opening the batting his go to position and complements his opening partner; taking the first ball, rotating the strike and making boundaries when on offer with a range of strokes, scoring 123 runs and achieving his highest ever score of 34 not out. Liam has been a capable wicketkeeper at a couple of matches, and a competent fielder. Of course!! Liam can bowl too, taking wickets with accuracy and low economy. I know Liam has kiwi blood, but he is not living there, so maybe Ben Stokes is Liam's role model? Well done Liam on being part of our successful and sporting team.

Luke Scammell - new to U14s cricket. Another one of our talented bowlers, that was a reluctant batter at the start of the season who has grown in confidence to enjoy and want to bat. No longer, as Luke joked, do the initials L.S. mean Low Score, no it is now Large Score!! achieving his highest ever score 26 not out. Luke wore the wicketkeeper gloves well once and is a dynamic fielder on the boundary who can throw accurately to either stump. With ball in hand, Luke transforms into 'Stuey' (Broad) wearing his white headband, taking 8 wickets for the season and achieving his best bowling figures of 3/11, plus providing the team with an exciting hattrick moment against Canterbury 2. Well done Luke on being part of our successful and sporting team.

Taj Cairns - second season of U14 cricket. Another cricketer that always has a smile on his face, that lets everyone know Taj loves playing the game, which he does with confidence but with much humility. Taj is always quick to volunteer and lead the team by example, providing solid support to the whole team in the field. Taj has safe hands, taking 5 catches in the field and as one of our weekly wicketkeepers. Preferring to bowl less, Taj has persevered and achieved his best ever figures 2/2. Taj has been a successful opening batter for our team this year; playing great shots all around the ground and scoring at great pace achieving his highest ever score 42 not out. It has been hard to asking him to bat elsewhere, with Liam did we have our Justin Langer & Matthew Hayden opening pair? With 149 runs, the most for our team, Taj is the recipient of Batting Award. Well done Taj on being part of our successful and sporting team.

Hamish Waddell - Second season of U14 cricket, but first season for the Burra. Hamish is a strong allrounder that loves his cricket, so much so he even cycles to our matches to make sure he can play. Hamish is our team's Shane Watson, delivering runs quickly around the

ground, including 1 six, scoring 147 runs and achieving his highest ever score 34 not out. Hamish helps guide the team in the field and has taken 6 catches, the most for our team. Hamish is a fast and accurate bowler, great to have in our opening bowling pair, drying up runs and taking wickets with best ever figures 3/11. With 8 wickets, the most for our team, Hamish is the recipient of the Bowling award. Well done Hamish on being part of our successful and sporting team.

U14C Green

Under 14C Green featured some seasoned U12 campaigners stepping up an age group from last year some U14 players returning, and three new players playing in their first year of competition cricket.

Our focus during the year was on the basics – aggressive running between wickets (aiming to score over a run a ball), applying pressure in the field to slow the scoring and create wickets, and bowling straight and full. Week by week the team improved in these areas and we earnt a semi-final spot, a great reward for their application.

Most importantly though, our team played the game in the right spirit, both in the way they encouraged each other, and the respect shown for the opposition and officials. Edinburgh prides itself on its' culture and this team absolutely lived that on and off the ground.

To get the kids on the ground each week it needs a support crew, so thanks to all parents and family members who contributed to making the games run smoothly – the pressure of square leg umpiring, the dreaded scoring, ground set ups, the mastering of QR Codes in the COVID Officer gig, and the positive encouragement offered from the sidelines was very much appreciated by myself and the players.

Finally, a very special thanks to Peter Healy for his excellent Team Managing and support throughout the year, both at the game and training. It allowed me to focus on the coaching and not the game's logistics, and I think that's the ultimate compliment that a Team Manager has the job nailed!

Go Edinburgh!

Here's the individual player's report cards:

James

This was James' first season of comp cricket, and he excelled with the bat, ball and in the field. James was given some bowling challenges to bowl to the best of the opposition batters, which he did with great application and was unlucky not to take more wickets during the season. James scores quickly and attacks the bowling, playing some great innings, His partnership with Sam to steal a victory off the final ball against Mont Albert one of his highlights, plus his clean hitting against Boroondara in the semi-final, where he cleared the

U14C GREEN SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Teo Aucar

Ash Denmead

Sam Healy

James Hall

Jack Hill-Smith

Lucien Ihle

Elliott James

Harvey MacDonald

Tom Opray

Noah Prendergast

Isaac Thirwell

Finlay Wolstenholme

COACHING/UMPIRING

Stewart Denmead

TEAM MANAGER

Peter Healy

boundary for the team's first six. James has a good arm in the field and got a couple of run outs during the season with direct hits.

Teo

Teo joined the team mid-season and quickly settled into our line-up. Teo has a relaxed approach to his game, and scores quickly with the bat. He really got our scoring rate going in the games against Richmond and North Alphington late in the season. Teo bowls a tidy line and length and picked up some handy wickets during the year.

Isaac

Isaac works hard on his skills at training and developed a handy pull shot over the season, which he showed off in his attacking innings against Richmond. Isaac owned the cover point region at Cox Oval, with a great high catch and side-on direct hit run out in our games.

Noah

Noah gave his game great thought and is always trying new things to improve his game. His batting developed throughout the season, and he played two handy innings in the last two games — his cover drive for four in the semi-final was one of the best shots played all season. Noah's left arm deliveries cause plenty of batter's concern, and with a bit more luck he could have had a bag of wickets for the season. I expect next season he will be a challenge for opposition batters.

Harvey

Harvey was one of our go-to wicket keepers in the season, and it wouldn't be a training session if Harvey didn't cop a knock from an errant throw or rogue bounce in our fielding drills! But he is made of tough stuff and always soldiered on. Harvey was another player who worked hard on his skills and sought out advice from the coach on how to improve. His bowling became more accurate throughout the season and he tightened up his batting defence and worked on developing his attacking shots.

Jack Hill-Smith

Jack joined in the year and was another player new to competition cricket. Jack's first runs for ECC came via a pull shot for four, and he aimed to score quickly at the crease. Jack worked hard at training on all three skills. His fielding really improved in a short time, and his confidence in his bowling grew game to game. Jack showed resilience after getting a nasty knock on the hand batting against North Alphington to take the field and save some runs at fine leg.

Fin

Fin developed his batting this season with some hard-struck shots, evidenced with his highest score against Richmond containing mostly boundaries. All played with a broken toe! Fin worked hard on his bowling in the nets and developed a handy inswinger (or is that a "Finswinger") over the year. Fin has a great rocket arm in the field and played a leadership role in the team.

Lucien

Lucien thinks about his cricket, especially his bowling, trying off spinners in the last half of the season which added to the variety of our attack and picked up some handy wickets. With the bat Lucien is a great judge of a run and put pressure on opposition fielders, rotating the strike and keeping the scoreboard moving. He preserved his wicket in our first win which gave Sam and James the opportunity to chase down the target. Lucien is an active leader in the field, and hustles to the ball to stop runs. Took a great catch in the semi-final to get our first wicket.

Sam

This was Sam's second year of competitive cricket and he really advanced his skills. His batting came along with the addition of more shots, and his partnership with James against Mont Albert was instrumental in securing our first win of the season. He also had the confidence to develop his leg spin bowling, getting rewards in the last two games with two wickets in each, including the semi-final. Sam is a good leader in the field and took a couple of excellent high catches.

Elliott

Elliott batted in many positions during the year and always made an impact on the scoreboard. He played a couple of great knocks late in the season to help us set winning targets. Elliott was another player the coach gave challenges to, whether it be to preserve his wicket, get on with the scoring or bowl a tight over when we needed it at the end of an innings. Elliott took a great overhead catch against Clifton Hill and another high catch against North Alphington and would be one of the best catchers in the competition. Elliott took out this season's coaching award for his application to training and games.

Ash

Ash gets on with his batting and won't let the bowlers dictate to him. He got some middle order runs when we needed to accelerate our scoring and helped set up some winning targets for the team. Ash's bowling accuracy got better week on week, and took most of his wickets bowled, picking up six wickets for the season to take our bowling award.

Tom

Tom was a worthy recipient of the batting award, mixing defence and aggression depending on the game scenario. He showed his defensive skill with defiant over against Richmond's speedster, then the following week took the long handle to North Alphington's bowlers. Tom loves wicket keeping, but also has energy and skill in the field, taking a great catch against North Alphington on the boundary to seal our win.

U16A

The U/16A's experienced an interrupted season of cricket across the summer of 2021/22. The constant threat of COVID related absences made it a juggling act to ensure we had 11 players on the park every week. The matches in which we were unable to field 11 players saw the endeavour and skills of this group come to the forefront to ensure we remained competitive and only finished a game and a half out of a finals campaign.

Whilst the win/loss ratio was not reflective of the talent in this squad, there was some great displays across the season, particularly the outright win against Surrey Hills in Round 2. A testament to this talent in this squad was the fact there were 6 players selected to play Representative Cricket across the season. Further to this, it was fantastic to see 9 players take the field for an Edinburgh CC Senior XI.

A special thanks must go to the Team Manger Kyle Mortimer and Age Group Co-Ordinator Matt Cleary for all their hard work behind the scenes to make this season happen. Finally, a thank you to the parent group for all of their efforts in transporting the players to training and across the Eastern Suburbs every Friday Night whilst taking on the key roles of scoring, square leg and ground set up/pack up.

Finn Cleary:

Finn took a up role in the top 6 for the majority of this season and added some impressive strike rotation to his powerful boundary hitting as the season progressed. He was able to score 159 runs at 31.80 to fall agonisingly short of taking home the Batting Aggregate. The highlight of Finn's season came in Round 1 with his 54* in a 103 run unbroken opening stand with Connor against Northcote United-Dennis. As the season progressed Finn took up the gloves and managed to take 7 catches and a run out with the gloves on.

U16A

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TEAM MEMBERS

Finn Cleary

Xavier DiScala

Connor Hastings

Leroy Hinds

Louis Hodder

Daniel King

Harley Mileto

Mitchell Money

Jack Mortimer

Sam Olsen

James Shadbolt

COACHING/UMPIRING

Callum McIlveen

TEAM MANAGER

Kyle Mortimer

Xavier Di Scala:

Xavier took up the role of Captain for Season 21/22 and led the team well. Xavier finished as out 4th highest run scorer with 89 runs. Xavier led from the front against North Balwyn in Round 6 with a well-compiled 35 against a well-credentialed bowling attack. Xavier also managed to take 3 wickets with his medium pace and took 2 catches. I look forward to seeing Xavier progress though the Senior XI's at Edinburgh into the future.

Connor Hastings:

Connor was the Vice-Captain for this season and was able to impart some great experience onto his teammates from his first full season playing in the senior First XI. Connor managed to take out the Batting Aggregate with 163 runs at 81.50. His knock of 60* against Trinity Willison in Round 7 was integral to leading us to our highest score of the year. Connor also managed to take out the Bowling Aggregate with 10 wickets at 14.4. His 5 wicket match against Surrey Hills in Round 2 key to allowing us to take the full 10 points in an Outright Win.

Leroy Hinds:

Leroy was able to lead the way with the ball across this season with some excellent execution of middle to later overs bowling. He managed to take the 2nd most wickets for the team with 8 wickets at the best average of 9.75. Leroy's best performance with the ball came against Surrey Hills in Round 2, talking 2/0 to lead us to an Outright Win. Leroy was only dismissed once for the season with the bat finishing with an average of 33. His 11* against Trinity Willison was integral in helping us reach our season high score of 143.

Louis Hodder:

Louis was a key bowling contributor in the middle overs throughout the first half of the season, however, a troublesome hamstring injury limited his bowling impact In the second half of the season. Louis best figures of 1/17 came against a strong Kew batting line up in Round 3. Louis was not dismissed across the season with his best innings of 8* coming against Balwyn Tigers in Round 4. Louis was able to translate his batting skills across to the Sunday XI for Edinburgh and managed to score two scores of 50+.

Daniel King:

Dan took the new ball for the majority of this season. He bowled with good pace and was able to take the breakthrough wicket in multiple games. Dan took 7 wickets across the season with his best bowling performance coming against Kew in Round 10 in which he able to beat the bat on multiple occasions before getting two of Kew's batsman caught behind. Dan was only dismissed once for the season, finishing with a batting average of 32.

Harley Mileto:

Harley was the only player that managed to play all 9 games across Season 21/22. His middle overs bowling and towards the end of the season middle order hitting were both valuable to the team. Harley's best bowling performance of 2/9 was integral to our Outright Win over Surrey Hills in Round 2. Harley managed to get a couple of starts with the bat and his run a ball 10* against North Balwyn in Round 6 enabled us to set a competitive total for our opposition to chase.

Mitchell Money:

Mitch was able to make a strong contribution with his middle overs bowling throughout the season. This was exemplified by his 2/12 in Round 3 against a very strong batting opponent in Kew. Mitch managed to take 4 wickets at an average of 20. Across the season Mitch worked hard at training and in the Senior XI's on his batting, which culminated in an impressive 24 against Kew in Round 10 in which he bludgeoned several boundaries to all parts of Victoria Park. Mitch also managed to take 2 catches in the field.

Jack Mortimer:

Jack was often taking the new ball in partnership with Dan when he wasn't bowling through the middle overs. He managed to take 6 wickets at an average of 18. Jack's best performance of the season came in Round 10 against Kew, in which he took 2/12. Jack wasn't dismissed with the bat across the season and his 13* against Kew in Round 9 was highlight of the innings. Jack also contributed in the field with 2 catches.

Samuel Olsen:

Sam was able to contribute across the roles of a Top Order Bar, Wicketkeeper and later into the season as a Leg Spin Bowler and as such extended the definition of an All-Rounder. He was the 3rd highest run scorer with 140 runs at an average of 20. Sam top scored for the team 3 times across the season and his contribution of 38 was key to our victory over Northcote United-Dennis in Round 8. Sam was unlucky with the ball in hand and finished with best figures of 1/21 for the season. His glovework was exemplary with 7 catches, a stumping and a run out.

James Shadbolt:

James undertook an All-Rounders roll across Season 21/22 with his batting and fielding complimented by his Left Arm Orthodox and Medium Pace Bowling. James took 6 wickets at an average of 15. His best performance came against Surrey Hills in Round 2, with 2/2 in the First Innings followed by 2/7 in the second innings as we were able to gain the full 10 points. James was able to get multiple starts with the bat and his best performance was 17* against North Balwyn in Round 6 to deliver us to a competitive total. James took 3 catches in the field and was regularly the best fielder on the ground for us.

U16C Gold

Under 16C's - congratulations on a great season of fun and improvement. The start of the season got off slowly and the boys lacked slightly a bit of confidence in their abilities. Throughout the year the confidence as a team and individually slowly grew ball by ball. First win of the season in an amazing game of cricket came against North Balwyn at home.

As the season went by the boys went closer and closer to winning and by the last two games we had 3 wins for the season. Showed the improvement in standard of cricket and confidence and was a sweet taste to the end of the season.

Just like past two years, the season was affected by Covid with several victims including myself and Mark. I would like to thank the hard work of all parents helping out during game days, dropping their boys off and especially to Joanna and Cameron for taking on team manager roles throughout the season. Look forward to seeing all the boys faces again next season Go 'Burra!

Joseph Barnard:

A fantastic young boy who we have had the privilege to coach for 2 seasons now. A talented all rounder who bats well in different game scenarios and has matured in his game of cricket learning when to attack and defend. Our batting award went to Joey with an average of 21.67 and a high score of 38. Joey also had scores of 22 and 29! Congratulations on a great season and see you next year!

William Doyle:

The enthusiastic Will Doyle his love of cricket I have seen grow over 2 seasons now and his confidence within himself to bat higher and take bowlers on is fantastic. Our trusty keeper who took great catches and got a fantastic one handed deflected run out v box hill! Would also like to say well done in emerging onto the senior playing list as well. These games in senior grades will

develop your game even further than juniors and your cricket will be better for it!

Henry Nicholls:

A cheerful young boy who had a great end of season back from a broken hand. Henry has become a lot stronger since two years ago in his batting and bowling. Last game of the season a 31 v North Balwyn was the highlight of the season putting us firmly into a comfortable winning position. Henry finished the season with a batting average of 13 and

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TEAM MEMBERS

Joseph Barnard

Luca Conduit

Angus Corrie

William Doyle

Austin Ioannou

Finbar Kennedy

Henry Nicholls

Oscar Slizys

Tommy Vergers

Henry Wallace

Thomas Worn

COACHING/UMPIRING

Jon Graham Perez / Mark Foster

TEAM MANAGER

Joanna Cary / Cameron Conduit / John Barnard

would like to thank him for the season. Hope you develop even further at Xavier and back at the 'Burra next season

Angus Corrie:

The left arm bowling weapon Angus. A young lad who started quietly in the background but was at every training session and worked hard on keep his head up when bowling. As the season went on like many others he came out of his shell sharing ideas of how to win and ways he can dismiss batsmen. Taking out our bowling award with 8 wickets at 20.88! This shows the effort he put in throughout the season. Hope to see you next season and keep the head high on release and you will take many more wickets! Congratulations!

Austin Ioannou:

The James Faulkner of the team. Every time we needed him to win us a game with the bat he did it. Winning 2 games off his own bat and partnership was amazing to see. A great young boy to coach who has big potential as an all rounder and hopefully this season can push his cricketing confidence along. A batting average of 19.50 and scores of 24 and 32 is fantastic. Also had a bowling average of 18 and best figures of 1-7. Congratulations!

Tom Worn:

Tom spent most of the batting near the top of order helping to provide vital partnerships and facing some of the best bowlers in the league while seeing off the new ball. Tom had one of the best pairs of hands in the while only taking one catch for the season everything that went near him in the field managed to stick. Tom finished the season with a top score of 24 playing some shots we could all be proud of. Well done Tom!

Henry Wallace:

Henry was one of our most energic players in the team with his running between which helped us to victory against North Balwyn in a thrilling finish. You were always able to here Henry's loud voice in the field encouraging his teammates. Always putting in 100% in the field stopping key boundaries. It was unfortunate that he missed a couple weeks right when he was running into some form. Henry's high score for the year in the last game of the season again helping the team win against North Balwyn. There must be something about North Balwyn. Well done Henry!

Tommy Vergers:

Tommy was a key part of our front line bowling attack having so many batsmen playing and missing frequently. While he was unlucky with wickets this year he showed his ability having multiple games keeping the runs down to absolute minimum with figures like 0/4 off 2, 1/7 off 3 and 1/6 off 2 and showing his class with the bowl. Well done Tommy!

Luca Conduit:

Luca was another member of the fast bowling cartel that was so unlucky with batsmen just not being able to do anything with his bowling. Luca had 7 games where the opposition were unable to more than 8 runs off his bowling and notably against Bulleen took 2/7 off 3 overs. It was good to see Luca really enjoying his cricket, always coming to games and trainings with a smile on his face. I hope you see you next year, well done Luca!

Oscar Slizys:

Oscar was a smiling face in the team, with his amazing fielding and slotting into the middle order. Oscar was another player who always tried his hardest and finally getting his reward making 26 not out against Box Hill. Although some weeks him seemed to not want a bowl he managed to take 3 wickets during the season. Great effort, congratulations Oscar!

Finbar Kennedy:

Finbar was our captain this year, and doing an amazing job of supporting the boys and setting fields throughout the year. It is clear that all the boys really respect him. Finn's highlights of the season came all while he had a fracture in his foot. Taking catch of the season, a one handed screamer in cover. He then followed that up with taking 2 wickets in 2 balls with 2 wrong'uns and being on a hattrick. Fin also reached with high score for the season twice getting to 26 two games in a row. Finbar was an honour to coach this year and I hope he continues to play his cricket. Well done Fin!

U16C Maroon

The under 16C Maroon boys had a big step up from U14s last year with 3 players leaving the team but another 3 new players eagerly awaiting. Freddy Marmo moved to our team and two new recruits from Dennis Cricket Club; Archie Johnston & Harry Gruenert.

With Covid restrictions easing it was full steam ahead to begin the 21/22 season mid November. Having 12 players in our team became vital to our participation, as many players throughout the year either had Covid or needed to isolate as close contacts.

The season's format changed this year to 21 overs a side so our boys had to quickly adjust to big bash mode!

Unfortunately, our first game was washed out against our other Edinburgh C Gold team so it gave us an extra week to fine-tune our big hitting in the nets.

Playing Burwood in our first official game at home on McCutcheon oval, we batted first and posted a respectable score of 9 for 103 off 21 overs with notable innings from Chris Oliver 32 off 26, new recruit Archie Johnston 22 off 24 and Duncan McKie 24 of 19. Showing great line and length and tight fielding the boys managed to restrict Burwood to 5 for 92 off 21. Tight bowling from Zac Bennett 1 for 2 off 2 overs. A great win to start the season.

The next 2 games were tough. Playing Box Hill, they managed 4 for 104 off 21. A total the boys seemed confident in chasing down but tight bowling by Box Hill and close and superb fielding saw us fall well short with 4 for 77.

Round 4 saw us play Ivanhoe on Fairlea Oval, a ground with very short boundaries. After being hit early on our boys did a wonderful job in the field with tight bowling from Freddy Marmo 2 for 6 off 2 overs. Ivanhoe could only manage 5 for 85 off 21 but unfortunately we could not get going with the bat. Quick

and tight bowling from Ivanhoe resulted in our boys limping to 9 for 65 off 21 overs.

Round 5 saw us draw Box Hill again and with the possibility of losing 3 games in a row the boys were determined to turn things around. Such a stark contrast from the first time they met Box Hill. An outstanding team effort with the ball they bowled them out for only 67 with 8 individual wicket takers. Focused and determined was the only way to describe our batting efforts. Reaching the target early we continued batting and made 4 for 119 off 21.

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TEAM MEMBERS

Zac Bennett
Samuel Evans
Harry Gruenert
Archie Johnston
Toby Littlejohn-Sims
Freddy Marmo
Duncan McKie
Henry Nelson
Chris Oliver

COACHING/UMPIRING

Dennis Ukovic

Oliver Orr

Jack Smith

Liam Ukovic

TEAM MANAGER

Kellie Evans

Outstanding efforts from Toby Little-John 32, Liam Ukovic 29 (retired not out) and Samuel Evans 21 (retired not out).

Unfortunately that was the end of our 2021 cricket year, cut short due to more Covid restrictions. The boys had a lengthy break, finally returning for their first game of 2022 on Friday 4th of February.

Again drawing Box Hill (and yes there were other teams in our competition) the boys were eager and raring to go. This game resulted in the closest ever victory I have been associated with as a coach, the boys snatching a magnificent win off the last ball off the day! Box Hill posted a healthy 5 for 105 off 21 overs. A tough but not impossible task. Off to a solid start we quickly lost a few wickets but consolidated with an important 38 run partnership from Archie Johnston 27 off 24 and Liam Ukovic in the middle order. It came down to the wire with Samuel Evans running a bye off the last ball to win 9 for 106.

Round 9 saw us finally draw our other Edinburgh Gold team. With a lot of banter during the week in the nets the boys had to back that up out in the field on Friday night. With the Gold team batting first we knew they had some big hitters so we were wary of them. Enter Ollie Orr bowling to Joey Barnard. I think in his 2nd or 3rd ball he seamed the ball right past Joey to take leg stump! Although we only took 4 wickets we restricted the Gold team to 82 with some amazing tight bowling and fielding. Still with a healthy target to chase the boys went on their business with a ruthless display of batting. Chris Oliver 43 retired not out, Henry Nelson 21 and Samuel Evans 29 retired not out to win, finishing 1 for 141.

Next round saw the boys full of confidence, well and truly in the hunt for a finals berth. We faced Ivanhoe and batted first. A solid opening partnership of 52, Chris Oliver 41 off 28 retired not out and Henry Nelson 15 we made 6 for 105. A score the boys were confident in defending. In control for most of the game with tight bowling from Freddy Marmo, Ollie Orr, Zac Bennett, Toby Littlejohn and 2 important wickets from Jack Smith. Unfortunately we lost in the last over, but the boys deserved the win.

Round 11 was against Bulleen and even though they hadn't won many games we couldn't take them for granted. With Bulleen batting first, our boys went about asserting their wonderful bowling and fielding skills restricting Bulleen to 5 for 62 with all 10 bowlers showing amazing line and length. Stand out was Jack Smith with his sliding spinners taking 2 for 12. Chasing down the target was no easy feat. With the turf wicket staying low our batters found it tough going. 3 for 38 off the first 12 overs runs were hard to come by. A solid partnership between Harry Gruenert 18 and Duncan McKie 27 saw us win without losing another wicket finishing 3 for 95. Special mention to Ollie Orr who made 25 off 25 balls.

Round 12 was the last match before finals. We were quietly confident we were going to play finals but first we needed to end the season on a win to be assured a higher position on the ladder. Playing Burwood, we bowled first and again showed our proficient bowling, fielding and catching abilities. Burwood managing 8 for 98 after 21 overs with Harry Gruenert bamboozling the batters with 3 for 3 off 3 overs. In fading light and slight rain Edinburgh never looked in doubt with Ollie Orr again shining with 26, Duncan McKie 47 off 28 balls

with 2 memorable sixes in a row over mid wicket and Archie Johnston smashing 24 off 18. Total 5 for 132 off 18 overs with light and rain finishing the night.

Semi Final Friday 11th of March saw us go in as underdogs against the much taller and older 2nd year U16 Canterbury side. Bowling first on a small ground we protected the outfield to perfection. Runs flowed early for Canterbury but with some great spin bowling early from Freddie Marmo and Henry Nelson the boys gained hope by slowing the runs. That seemed to give our remaining bowlers extra incentive and they sure delivered. Toby Little-John bowling one of Canterbury's set batters and Duncan McKie slowing the run rate with tight bowling of 2 for 9 off 3 overs toward the end of the innings with Canterbury posting a modest 6 for 119 after 21 overs. This was a total the boys could achieve but in finals the pressure was mounting.

A solid but tentative start we knew we could bat all the way down the order so we went with all out attack! Ollie Orr didn't disappoint with his finest innings for the year scoring 40 (rtno) to get us off to the best possible start. Losing 2 quick wickets early the middle order batsman in Chris Oliver 36 and Duncan McKie 12 went about consolidating the run chase, but the game wasn't won yet without a twist. 4 quick wickets had Canterbury's players chirping again and so it was down to 10 runs off 12 balls cool heads were needed. Liam Ukovic scored 7 runs off the 2nd last over and with 3 runs needed off the last it was certainly tense. Facing the last over was Harry Gruenert who hit an amazing shot for 4 to win the game through backward point. So proud of the boys' effort and belief to secure a Grand Final berth against Ashburton Willows Skermer.

Yet another fantastic season by this close group of friends who relished the step up to U16s and the one-day (21 over a side) format. Finishing 3rd with 6 wins 3 losses and 3 no results 45 pts %1.21.

A huge thanks to team manager Kellie Evans week in week out sending out emails, delegating tasks to all the parents made my job as a coach so much easier and enjoyable. Also thanks to all the parents who helped out throughout the season, appreciated it immensely.

ZAC BENNETT

Found great rhythm this year with his bowling and was rewarded with taking 6 wickets for the year with an average of 11.50. Zac's out swinger almost being unplayable at times. Always encouraging his teammates on and off the field.

SAMUEL EVANS

Another outstanding year as wicketkeeper. Kept up the talk behind the stumps and always encouraged our blowers and fielders. Had two great innings with a 21 not out and a 29 rtno.

HARRY GRUENERT

New to Edinburgh Harry slotted into the team well. Very capable with both bat and ball. Contributed with 53 runs with the bat at an average of 17.67 and had best bowling of 3 for 3. Has an amazing in swinger and slower ball.

ARCHIE JOHNSTON

New to the club Archie was well suited to the 21 over format. A power hitter he showed his strength with 106 runs with an average of 35.33. Enjoyed hitting boundaries over midwicket. Great fielder with a huge throw.

TOBY LITTLEJOHN-SIMS

Another solid performance this year by Toby. A great all rounder who scored a memorable 32 runs vs Box Hill and constantly bowled a great line and length and was difficult to score off.

FREDDY MARMO

Also new to this team Freddy brought a wealth of experience from playing A grade cricket. And it showed with his constant talk and encouragement in the field. A great technical batter who didn't have much luck but made up for it with his bowling. Used as an opening bowler to great effect taking 6 wickets 14.50 average.

DUNCAN MCKIE

Another strong performance with the bat Duncan single handily tore teams apart with masterstroke play. Through the field and over the field he possesses all the shots. An impressive 47 rtno with 2 massive sixes in a row vs Burwood a stand out. With a batting average of 47.33

HENRY NELSON

Had to change his defensive batting last year to big bash mode this year and to great effect. Scored 78 runs with an average of 13. Was also effective with the ball taking 7 wickets with his loopy leg spin.

CHRIS OLIVER

Took to the 21 over game with gusto! Amassing a total of 221 runs with an average of 31.57. Scoring at will Chris was extremely difficult to dismiss and frustrated opposition teams with his sensible batting. Used as a close in fielder to great effect taking 6 catches.

OLIVER ORR

After a slow start with the bat Ollie certainly got his mojo back later in the season with devastating results! Leaving his best to last in the semi final with 40 rtno. No doubt a 21 over format specialist batter. Bowled a great line and length all year and batsman found it difficult to score off him.

JACK SMITH

This season Jack decided to concentrate on his leg spin and it paid wonders. An unassuming bowler, batsman thought they could take to Jack but they were wrong.

With an assortment of various balls he mastered the flipper, which resulted in 7 wickets in total with an average of 11.71 almost unplayable on turf.

LIAM UKOVIC

A solid year with both bat and ball. Scored an impressive 29 rtno vs Box Hill with some big hitting all over the ground. Bowled extremely well throughout the year with great line and length. And was used throughout the year as a deep mid-wicket often stopping certain 4s.

U18

21/22 was an in between season for the U18s with some amazing wins, punctuated by a few really disappointing losses. Our strength was in bowling and fielding but there were some exceptional batting days as well. The team played with tremendous spirit, improved significantly and seemed to enjoy themselves.

The team was ably led by **Max Daphne** and **Noah Dekker**. Noah's leg spin bowling on some days was simply too good for the opposition. Noah's concentration on his bowling reduced his opportunities to bat but he is a really good batter who will reap future rewards from the work done on developing his attacking stroke play during the season. Max led the bowling with 11 wickets using three modes, express pace, slower balls and some occasional off spin. On the days Max bowled well, the team performed well. Max's power hitting was also a crucial factor in several games, his grandest feat was at East Doncaster where in an exceptional display he dispatched 6 balls in a row over the mid-wicket boundary for 6.

The coaches' award was won by **Tom Romano**. Tom is a very hard-hitting batter, a steady medium pace bowler and a very safe fielder whose season was cut short by a couple of injuries. When we were struggling for numbers after Christmas, Tom showed tremendous commitment by playing a fair degree of discomfort without planning to bat or bowl so that we would have enough players to field a competitive team.

The batting aggregate was won by **Josh Norsetter**. Josh mixed very correct technique with flair and power, a highlight was his reverse sweep six during a big win at East Doncaster. Josh also bowled quickly, fielded brilliantly and kept occasionally. As a bonus Josh's dad, Howard, a former baseballer and current talent scout, coached the team in some of the basic skills of ground fielding and throwing to great effect.

Close behind Josh in terms of runs scored was **Michael Daffey**, who had a breakout season in both U18 and senior ranks. Michael is an incredibly composed batter who keeps out the good balls and

punishes the bad ones, particularly square of the wicket. He set up many of our teams best scores. Michael also took some great catches, bowled well and kept in one game.

Jack Oldfield had an excellent season in both batting and bowling. Jack bowled fast, batted both carefully and forcefully depending on the teams needs and took some fantastic catcher. Jack also made an impressive start to his senior career in the 7ths and just seemed to get better and better with more cricket.

U18

SEASON 2021-22

TEAM MEMBERS

Asher Baade

Luke Campbell

Michael Daffey

Max Daphne

Noah Dekker

Giacomo (Jack) Esposito

Tom Graham

Joseph Martin

Dylan Murphy

Joshua Norsetter

Jack Oldfield

Thomas Romano

Dashiell Spencer-White

James Wickett

COACH/UMPIRING

Jon Graham

TEAM MANAGER

Bronwyn Wickett

Dylan Murphy made great strides in his cricket this season. His wicketkeeping was outstanding and when given the chance his outfield catching even more impressive. He only knows one way with the bat and he made very aggressive contributions whenever he batted.

Bowling was our strength. Rounding out our pace allrounders were: **Luke Campbell, Joe Martin** and **Jack Esposito**. Joe bowled fast, full and straight and used his slower ball to great effect. He was very reliable in the field and has a tremendously powerful throw. Joe's batting opportunities were reduced by his bowling prowess this season but he has real batting potential and it is likely that his batting could overtake his bowling as he gets more opportunities. Jack's output was limited by injury, including opening the batting in one game when he could barely run. He bowled some important middle overs games and made some key runs in a couple of our victories. Jack is a really clean hitter of the ball and gets surprising pace and good outswing from a pretty relaxed approach to the wicket. Luke Campbell was the smiling destroyer. Luke always looked relaxed and but bowled with real venom and swung the ball late. He bowled overs early and late in several of our best performances and broke the game open at East Doncaster with an attacking cameo at number 3.

Alongside Noah the other spinning allrounders were **James Wickett** and **Tom Graham**. James excelled this season with his offspin bowling. Pace off the ball was very effective for us in the middle overs and James bowled extremely accurately at a time when our opponents were looking for pace to accelerate the run rate. He missed out batting a few times in the quest for fast runs, his batting will be better suited to the longer format games next season and in the senior grades. Tom Graham developed his leg breaks and his fielding this season but his strength was in batting. Tom and Michael Daffey opened together on a few occasions and set up our innings with solid stands. The season personal highlight for Tom was in the second last game of the season when he had a hundred partnership with Josh Norsetter in a big win against Northcote United.

We also had cameo appearances from **Dash Spencer-White and Asher Baade** who both have had long junior careers at the Burra but this season had other commitments on most Friday nights. It was great to have them involved with the group and we look forward to them playing some more cricket with the club in the future when time is a bit easier.

I would also like to thank the parents of the players for getting them to the games on the Friday nights, supplying afternoon tea, scoring and supporting the boys. It was tremendous to meet and get to know you all. I would especially like to acknowledge the hard work of **Bron Wickett**, the team manager and **Dave Scowen** who both contributed many hours doing whatever was required to keep the boys playing and the game going. Thanks to all.

It was a privilege to get the opportunity to coach such an impressive group of young men. For a few this was their last season of underage cricket, a couple of others have indicated that studies and other commitments will rule them out next season. To all of you many thanks for what you have contributed to the club, you its people make it strong, and it will be here to welcome you next year and into the future.

Outstanding Individual Achievements

50+ runs in an innings

Player	Runs	Round	Team	Opponent
Finn Cleary	54*	1	U16A	Northcote United - Dennis
Michael Daffey	51	8	U18	Burwood
Sebastian Donnellan	50*	9	U14A	Boroondara
Lachlan Green	50*	1	U14A	Canterbury
Jules Cameron	50*	7	U14A	Trinity Willison
Sebastian Donnellan	52*	2	U14A	Boroondara
Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano	52*	2	Girls 3	Holy Trinity
Holly Scammell	54*	5	Girls 2 Gold	Richmond Union
Connor Hastings	60*	7	U16A	Trinity Willison
Joshua Norsetter	61*	11	U18	Northcote United
Harry Dichiera	50*	SF	U12A	Kew

5+ wickets in an innings

Player	Round	Team	Opponent
Madelyne Delahunt	4	Girls 2 Maroon	Richmond Union Molineux

Hat trick

Player	Round	Team	Opponent
Madelyne Delahunt	4	Girls 2 Maroon	Richmond Union Molineux
Toby Cook	7	U12C Black	Kew White
Christopher Barrett	2	U10 Maroon	Edinburgh Red

Selected in representative teams 2021-22

Girls

Cricket Victoria Youth Premier League U15

Acacia Shipper - Northern Falcons Meg Orr - Inner SE Scorpions

VMCU Carnival ECA

U17

Acacia Shipper Meg Orr

Boys

Premier Cricket Dowling Shield U17

Sam Olsen - Camberwell Magpies James Shadbolt - Northcote Dragons

Cricket Victoria Youth Premier League U16

James Shadbolt - Northern Falcons

VSDCA JG Craig Shield

Leroy Hinds - Brunswick (winners)
James Shadbolt - Preston CC

VMCU Carnival ECA

U16

Sam Olsen Connor Hastings Xavier Di Scala Finn Cleary

U14

Lachlan Green
Jules Cameron (captain)
Seb Donnellan

U12

Jimmy Gordon Xavier McIntosh Harry Dichiera