



# Edinburgh Cricket Club

Junior Season Report 2017 - 2018

## ***President's Season Report 2017-18***

Dear Players, Parents and Stakeholders,

Congratulations on a wonderful season and thank-you for each of your efforts in contributing to another momentous year for Edinburgh. This report is a great summary of the season for the players and a big thank-you to Louise and Stephen for their efforts both in bringing this together and for organising our growing junior program.

Our club takes enormous pride and joy in the opportunities and the enjoyment we provide our juniors each week and this is only possible with the cumulative help of everyone from player to parent to team manager to coach and beyond. Please accept our enormous appreciation.

I would like to thank all our coaches. Quality coaching is critical to what we offer our members and pleasingly again, we increased our investment in junior coaching. We had more young seniors coaching teams than ever before and the feedback has been very positive.

A special huge shout out to our 3 imports: Laura, Hannah and Jack who I am sure every junior has encountered. All 3 coached every day of the week and are a special part of what the club does every week. Our ability to continue this is predicated on our ability to house them, so we are enormously grateful to the Heywood Family and Jenny Cocks who hosted this year. We need more help next year, so please let me know if you are open to exploring it.

Having celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, Edinburgh is approaching an incredibly exciting future with ongoing growth in:

- Junior numbers (boys and girls);
- Numbers of juniors playing seniors; and
- Numbers being selected in representative teams.

Our aim is that this is continued, along, most critically, with the ongoing enjoyment and skill development for all our members.

With regards our future, I am incredibly excited that Edinburgh has made a significant commitment with State Government support to convert Brunswick St Oval to turf. Turf is where the best cricket is played and I am a passionate believer that this opportunity within the club is something that will benefit our current and future junior members for decades to come. This can only happen with your support, so for those who can please donate what you can.

I can assure you all that the club will not sit on its laurels and we will continue to challenge ourselves to improve what we offer every member. I look forward to receiving your feedback and ideas in this regard and welcome any offers to assist.

**Stuart Whiley**  
**President**

## ***Junior Coordinator Season Report 2017 – 2018***

24 junior teams - 7 x U10s playing the new format, 7 x U12 teams, 4 x U14, 2 x U16, 1 x U18 and 3 girls teams – meant season 2017/18 was our biggest ever, in an exciting period of growth for the club that also brings challenges. The club seeks to balance participation and cricket for everyone with development of player skills and competing in the challenging A grades at each age level of the competition. Five current or former junior players were included in our coaching ranks this season, plus three young players from the UK, and we will seek to grow our junior players' exposure to more young and talented cricketers in our program as coaches and mentors. The very popular *Sundays with Syke* continued and our summer cricket camp enrolled 39 players, our largest group so far. We fielded our first Sunday junior team this season (U10), and will need to add more in coming seasons as player and team numbers grow and access to grounds remains tight. And just this last weekend the third of our junior premierships was won by the 12A team, adding to honours claimed by the Anna Lanning Stage 2 Girls team and 12C Burgundy. Congratulations to all concerned. At the time of writing two senior teams remain in premiership contention with junior players among their ranks.

The off-field season highlight was the club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and the announcement that the Brunswick Street Oval will be returned to turf pitches, while also retaining a synthetic pitch as part of the centre wicket area. The return to turf is important for the club not only because of the opportunities it will provide older junior teams to play on turf, but also because of the club's desire to play cricket at the highest levels and bring current junior players through as the future senior players and leaders of the club. The link between the junior and senior teams at the club is strong and growing stronger – junior players turned out for five of the six senior teams this season, making valuable contributions and developing their cricket skills and knowledge at the same time.

Once again the club appointed age level coordinators (ALCs) to help manage the volume of work associated with supporting coaches, team managers, parents and players across the club. To Dean Campbell, Tim O'Meara, Callum McIlveen, Richard Hinds and Jack Hendy, a big thank you from me for taking on the ALC roles. Louise Dichiera has done a stellar job in her first year as Club Administrator, and Julia Cole did a power of work on the team manager handbook at the start of the season, which was greatly appreciated.

The importance of the roles of coaches and team managers would be obvious to everyone involved in any of our junior teams, and the club could not function without these positions being filled each year by enthusiastic volunteer parents. This season's crew continued the excellent work of previous years for which the club is extremely grateful. In our planning for next season we will focus on more briefings for coaches and team managers in the lead up to the season to assist newcomers to the roles as well as highlighting new issues that surface each year that we need as a club to manage. Next season that will include the continued roll out of

the new cricket format for U10 and possibly 12C teams, and managing ground access while the turf pitches are installed at BSO.

Next season we will need more parental involvement in roles such as age level coordinators, coaches and team managers, as well as a range of off-field roles assisting with events, additional training and skill development programs and other activities. Please consider how you could contribute to ensuring the club environment is as good as we can make it for our junior players.

Finally, the club executive led by President Stuart Whiley continues its excellent work supporting and growing the junior program and linking the junior and senior programs in ways that will secure the club's future. The rest of this report is devoted to our most important club members – our junior players. I hope you and your families enjoyed the season, and look forward to welcoming you back to the club in 2018-19.

**Stephen Connelly**  
**Junior Coordinator**

## ***Under 10 Burgundy Report 2017 – 2018***

The 2017/18 cricket season for the Under 10 Burgundy was one to be remembered. With the team being filled of enthusiastic and competitive young cricketers, we witnessed a very promising bunch of juniors develop and find great success in their cricket as a team and on individual levels.

In the first half of the season, a somewhat unfamiliar group of boys adapted and supported each other on and off the field and they were all duly rewarded. The team recorded 3 wins on the trot to kick the season off before losing a couple and even tying a game on the last ball. Individually, noticeable improvements were made across the board with everyone contributing for the team with wickets, run outs and lots of hard earned runs.

The team trained with good focus for the most part, but have a lot to learn in their cricketing careers. Following the Christmas break, the team went undefeated and our team scores dramatically increased with most players scoring high scores.

In terms of season highlights, I think that the team's performance in the last game of the season should be acknowledged. The team sealed a 46-run victory and some solid, technical batting ensured that the other team weren't given a sniff. An individual highlight from the game must go to Leo Cooper, who took 4/6 off his allotted overs, made 20 not out and took a direct hit run out. The teams bowling and fielding skills dramatically improved throughout the season and opposition coaches, players and parents were handing out praise left, right and centre.

It has been a pleasure coaching these boys and I wish them all the best of luck as they begin their long and promising careers.

**Freddy Cole:** Freddy or "Freddylina" as he likes to refer to himself was a key character of the team this season, providing laughs and one liners, making training entertaining. However, Freddy did his best work on the field, top scoring for the team twice including game saving 14 not out in round 7. Speaking of game saving efforts, Freddy's "trip" over the ball while fielding for the opposition in round 2, is definitely one of the moments of the season. He also did very well with the ball, like in round 6 when he took 3-20, bowling great lines and lengths which are a menace to the batsman.

### **UNDER 10 BURGUNDY SEASON 2017-18**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Elliott Cook

Leo Cooper

Elliott James

Riley Pfisterer

Frederick Cole

Jimmy Gordon

Benjamin Head

Luca Rhodes

Harvey MacDonald

#### **COACHING/UMPIRING**

Felix Sharkey/Jerome  
Heywood

#### **MANAGER**

Cam MacDonald

**Elliot Cook:** “Mr Cricket”. Elliot had a great season with bat, ball and gloves. Showed nerves of steel in the first game of the season by hitting the winning runs with six required off the final over, despite his dad giving him no chance. A master of the defensive stroke, Elliot never threw his wicket away and could always be called upon to steady an innings. A bowling effort of 3-5 round 11 is a reflection of his skill with the ball. He mixed up his accurate bowling with some top-quality spinners later in the season and was an excellent keeper, as shown by his stumping off Riley’s hat trick ball.

**Leo Cooper:** The master of the pull shot, Leo is a commanding batsman. In the five games after the Christmas break, he hit a whopping 87 runs and only got out once. Another of our reliable wicketkeepers, Leo also took many classic catches and runouts in the field. Highlights of the season include: his game saving last over against Glen Iris Ravens in round 11 where, with Glen Iris leading by a run, he took 2 wickets off his first 2 balls to lead the Burra to a come from behind victory. Leo’s best game would have to be in the last round, he dominated the game, taking 4-6 with the ball, making 20 not out with the bat and forcing a run out in the field.

**Jimmy Gordon:** Jimmy “reg” is one of those menacing long haired fast bowlers who batsmen hate to face. Jimmy was a constant wicket taker, he bowled the first wicket -maiden of the season against Glen Iris as well and achieved multiple wickets in a game three times. His stand and deliver approach with the bat paid off for him this season too. A standout performance coming in round 11 when, after copping a nasty blow in the ribs, he showed his toughness by not only batting on but smashing 16 off the next 8 balls. He also donned the gloves to join our group of elite keepers and performed very well, hardly ever letting anything get past him.

**Benjamin Head:** Has improved out of sight this year. Always plays the game with an enthusiasm and love of the game which will hold him in good stead for the next years of his cricketing development. From claiming runouts as wickets to celebrating being given not out Ben never fails to put a smile on your face. Ben got better and better every game and this improvement translate into some stellar performances like in round 11 where he took 2-3 as we, as well as in the 2<sup>nd</sup> last round where he took to the Richmond Union bowling attack, clobbering 4’s to all parts of the field on his way to an impressive 17.

**Elliot James:** EJ the DJ was such a good bowler that members of our team went out of their way not to face him at training. His combination of right arm lighting quick bowling and left arm batting had him always making solid scores and taking plenty of wickets – that is when he isn’t hitting opponents in the ribs with lethal bouncers! Regularly took multiple wickets in a game such as his 2-4 against Glen Iris Wizards. Always backed up in the field and walked in with the bowler, small things that saved plenty of runs throughout the season.

**Harvey MacDonald:** Possessing cricket smarts and game knowledge beyond his years, Harvey was a key figure of the squad this season. Taking an amazing 2-3 (including a wicket maiden) and 3-5 in rounds 8 and 9, showing what he can achieve when he puts that front arm up and keeps that arm tall in his bowling run through. A very established keeper, Harvey took 2 stunning catches this season, a rarity in under 10's. A very handy batsman, he added key runs at key times, proving a hard man to get out and reaching double figures in the 2<sup>nd</sup> last round against Richmond.

**Riley Pfisterer:** Was a key figure of the best bowling team in the league (us of course). Highlight of the season was without a doubt his hat trick in round 6 against Booroondara, an achievement many players will never complete during their whole career. He bowled so well that day his figures ended up at 6-20, which without knowing the stats would have to be up there with the best bowling figures u10's has ever seen. Riley was also a very capable batsman, his well hit lofted drives earning him lots of runs throughout the season.

**Luca Rhodes:** A pacey leftie who got the ball to swing a mile, Luca's bowling was always a pleasure to witness. In our last game, he took 2-4 as well as taking a wicket in almost every game this season. He also smashed a season team high 25 runs in an innings in round 3 against Canterbury, smashing the ball to all corners of Edinburgh Gardens. He regularly reached double figures and was a boundary specialist, smashing anything in his hitting zone.

## Under 10 Gold Report 2017 – 2018

Edinburgh Gold completed a terrific season characterised by strong levels of enthusiasm, resilience and commitment. The rapid rate of improvement, both individually and collectively, that the boys demonstrated over the journey was something they should be very proud of.

Missed games or training sessions were extraordinarily rare and the boys presented twice a week with a smile, a positive attitude and a willingness to learn which was fantastic and really helped us to improve our cricket over the course of the season.

Victories were rare but there were clear highlights – particularly the final match of the season against Mont Albert where the boys put together their most accomplished performance to record a nail-biting, final-ball victory. Some gracious and mature post-match speeches (regardless of the result) by our weekly captains were also noteworthy.

**Jay Christie:** demonstrated genuine flair with both bat and ball – proving a particular handful for the opposition on our ‘new’ (somewhat more responsive) junior turf wickets at BSO.

**Tom Giles:** was a great team player who contributed strongly with bat, ball (his bowling improved fantastically) and in the field – well done Tom!

**Archie Barker:** had a terrific season including some very accurate bowling, consistent batting and supportive chat in the field.

**Michael Wong:** showed real ability - watching the ball closely (and striking cleanly) with the bat and bowling with excellent pace throughout the year.

**Rowan Hiatt:** improved out of sight over the season and him putting some “cherry on the bails” ranked highly on our highlight reel.

**Jack Chianta:** returned from the Christmas break transformed – now a genuine, flowing fast bowler (at times absolutely unplayable) and a hard-hitting batsman.

**Harvey Scarborough:** had a great all round year with his final innings being his best, with some great striking and aggressive running between the wickets critical in getting us over the line.

### UNDER 10 GOLD SEASON 2017-18

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Jay Christie

Tom Giles

Harvey Scarborough

Michael Wong

Archie Barker

Frankie Wright-Smith

Gabriel Spencer-White

Jack Chianta

Rowan Hiatt

#### COACHING/UMPIRING Ashley Barker

#### MANAGER Nick Scarborough

**Frankie Wright-Smith:** had a great season – excelling as wicket-keeper on many occasions and batting with real maturity and effect.

**Gabe Spencer-White:** brought a fantastic attitude and some genuinely stylish cricket to the Golds - a pleasure to have in the team

I'd add a particular thanks to Nick Scarborough for his excellent team management and to all the parents for their support and assistance throughout the year - we had a lot of fun.

## Under 10 Green Report 2017 – 2018

Team Green had a terrific season of cricket this summer. We were incredibly lucky to have English import Jack Hendy as our coach for Thursday trainings and a rotation of willing parents to take on the Saturday on-field umpiring and scoring duties. The new playing format for Under 10's was adopted with much enthusiasm by players and parents who felt that each individual was given the opportunity to make a greater contribution to the overall team effort, compared to the previous format.

Overall, we had a very successful season. We only had two losses, one to a determined Clifton Hill team – who we beat in the re-match - and the other to Trinity Willison Blue by the narrowest of margins. Our opposition teams consistently commented on the tightness of our fielding, our commitment to throwing in to the wicket and constantly backing each other up.

Each player in the team improved their bowling accuracy and technique over the season resulting in some very impressive stats. In several games, it was the number of wickets taken - and the consequent four run penalties that won the match for us. In two matches this season we took 12 wickets - a terrific team effort.

With many hours of batting practice in the nets under Jack's tutelage, our batting certainly improved. It was very entertaining to see so many fours and sixes being scored all over the ground. I must give many thanks to our fantastically supportive group of parents who shared the on and off field duties and who I can say have now been 'up-skilled' in the way of the new playing format and who I can vouch would be an asset to any future team.

**Tom Wavish:** Terrific all-rounder, scored many elegant fours and a six in the final match - and inventing the teams' 'Sixer- Dance'. Very enthusiastic and reliable wicket keeper and a highly focused and dangerous bowler.

**Oscar Warne:** Incredibly, this tidy bowler took 3 wickets in a maiden over not once but *twice* in the season. Oscar mixed up his bowls making amazing stats for a 9-year old. Very supportive of his team mates on and off the field.

**Angus Davis:** Angus had a very impressive year. He also took 3 wickets in a maiden over with his signature long run up and fast pace. Speedy fielding, solid batting and some terrific catches made him a great asset to the team.

### UNDER 10 GREEN SEASON 2017-18

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Tom Wavish
Misha Tsoi
Jeremy Thorpe
Angus Davis
Oscar Warne
Charlie Chesna
Joshua Solomon
Sam Roberts
Ash Denmead

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Jack Hendy

#### MANAGER

Georgia Thorpe

**Misha Tsoi:** Another reliable and unswerving all-rounder. Misha always kept his cool and was steadfast with the bat and ball. A determined wicket keeper, Misha was always supportive of his team mates.

**Charlie Chesna:** Charlie earned a bowling hat trick to the thrill of his team mates and remains our only bowler to achieve that honour this season. Charlie's batting greatly improved.

**Josh Solomon:** Josh was our great improver this season scoring a boundary in the last match and delivering some terrific bowling.

**Ash Denmead:** Ash was another rousing player with the bat and the ball. Ash could be relied upon each week to take a wicket or two with his highly accurate bowling.

**Sam Roberts:** Sam was our youngest player and in his first year of cricket did very well to keep pace with the rest of the team. His enthusiasm for the game was evident in his improved batting and bowling.

**Jeremy Thorpe:** Jeremy was our highest scoring batsman each week (bar one), exciting his team mates with fours and sixes. He was a motivating team leader on the field and was reliable in catching any balls that came near.

## *Under 10 Maroon Report 2017 – 2018*

The Maroon team has had a fantastic season! We've won, lost and almost drawn, playing lots of exciting cricket! We've had games in which we've gotten no wickets at all, contrasting with games where we've got 17 wickets. In some games, most of us didn't get out at all, and in others, where we've put some risky tactics to the test, some players have gotten out up to 3 times! We've had games where we've scored an average of 5 runs a player, and had some players score more than 36 runs! Lots and lots of fours throughout the season, and even a few sixes.

Our nine team members have consistently demonstrated a passion for the sport, each bringing something special to the team.

**Reuben Teague:** Reuben's bowling improved so much, he was bowling up to 3 overs with barely an extra given away. Always enthusiastic and respectful to his team members, Reuben was always friendly and kind to his team mates.

**Anderson White:** Andersen's passion for learning was demonstrated by the extensive number of questions asked. Some of which the coaching team could answer, and some of which we could not!! For a first season of Club Cricket, Andersen demonstrated a great level of skill across all aspects of the game.

**William Saunders:** Will's first season with Edinburgh saw some great games, and an awesome contribution across all areas. Always a respectful and thoughtful team member, Will came to every training session keen to listen and learn, which he certainly did! A most memorable game for Will (and the team) was our last game of 2017, where in a partnership with Henry, Will batted beautifully, hitting a couple of boundaries, and backing up, calling and running on every ball, getting the team the last few runs we needed to win the game!

**Lucas Gillingham:** Lucas, a natural all rounder cricketer, with a strength in bowling, had a number of hat trick opportunities. A fast and accurate bowler, Lucas kept the opposition's runs down, and the number of wickets up. Lucas should also be commended on his massive improvement at training, and also for the constant provision of cheeky comments, that kept us all laughing (including when his Dad is square leg umpire, "You can't trust him, he has bad eyes!").

### **UNDER 10 MAROON SEASON 2017-18**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano
Samuel Francis
Lucas Gillingham
Juniper Kelly
William Saunders
Reuben Teague
Henry Wallace
Andersen White
Toby Wickett

#### **COACHING/UMPIRING** Bronwyn Wickett

#### **MANAGER** Melanie Ryan

**Henry Wallace:** Henry joined the club this year, and brought with him speed, strength and a natural ability to connect the bat with the ball! Getting lots of wickets, and a number of great catches, Henry hit the team's highest number of boundaries.

**Samuel Francis:** Sam, another all rounder! The season provided Sam with lots of highlights. When he was on a roll, he was *really* on a roll. From batting, to bowling, to bowling and catching the same ball, to wicket keeping, Sam demonstrated excellent skills. Sam's most memorable game was our second last – 6 wickets in his last 2 overs, and a run out!

**Toby Wickett:** In his 3<sup>rd</sup> season of club cricket, Toby was a solid contributor across all aspects of the game. With a reputation for risky runs and skidding across the crease, Toby brought an extra level of excitement for the spectators. Lots of improvement in the accuracy of his bowling, Toby got a solid number of wickets, and demonstrated a high level of skill as a wicket keeper, nothing much got past him!

**Juniper Kelly:** Juniper brought with him a natural skill for accurate bowling, and some awesome hand-eye co-ordination! Within a few games, Juniper was hitting balls all over the ground, often able to find the gap and run two or more runs. The last game of the season saw Juniper catch a fast-paced ball on its way to the boundary, to take our 8<sup>th</sup> wicket of the game.

**Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano:** After missing the first few games to netball, we were very glad to have Bianca back on the team! From a skills point of view, Bianca has shown a great improvement on last season, particularly with her batting. Showing the ability to know when to defend, or swing hard, Bianca scored lots of very valuable runs for the team.

Overall, Edinburgh Maroon has had a very successful season! The new developmental format ensured every team member was able to improve extensively. As the coach, I've had great fun! Every game and training session saw lots of fun and lots of learning. Our Team Manager, Melanie Ryan did a fantastic job at keeping us all organised. Thanks to the entire parent group as well, for lots of great scoring, assistant coaching, set ups, pack ups, morning teas and sideline encouragement!

## Under 10 Yellow Report 2017 – 2018

The Yellow team was a team of mostly first year players, the majority of whom will still be young enough to play at under 10 level next year. With this in mind, it was understandable that the team sometimes struggled when they encountered teams of older more experienced players, and did have to endure a couple of heavy defeats. However, the team didn't seem to get too discouraged, and we did manage two wins during the season.

The team can be very pleased with the amount of improvement that they made during the season both in terms of their individual skills and their ability to play as a team. Whilst progression was perhaps not always evident week on week, it is very apparent when comparing some of the performances at the end of the season with those at the start.

**Batting:** There was scarcely a boundary hit in the first few games of the season, and virtually no running between the wickets and certainly very little calling. As the season progressed boundaries were hit more frequently by a number of players, and whilst running between the wickets could sometimes be comical for spectators, all of the team were calling and trying to judge singles.

**Bowling:** At the start of the season, it sometimes seemed a surprise when a wide or no-ball was not being called. By the end of the season a number of the team were producing consistently accurate bowling, and whilst extras always remained a significant scorer they were much reduced.

**Fielding:** It was particularly pleasing for the coach that as the season proceeded that the team evolved from a group of silent statues, to a group who started to behave like a team. Giving each other direction in the field, offering positive encouragement, starting to back each other up and get to the stumps to try and effect run outs.

**Joshua Anagnostou:** Josh gave us one of the memorable moments of the season when he hit a four and our first six of the season late in the innings to top score and help set up our second win of the season. By the end of the season his bowling and particularly batting were starting to show good improvement.

**Elias Driscoll:** Eli often belied his laid-back appearance to take a fine catch or make a good piece of fielding. He worked hard on his batting and bowling and by the end of the season was starting to see the rewards.

### UNDER 10 YELLOW SEASON 2017-18

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Joshua Anagnostou
Elias Driscoll
Harvey Harris
Oliver Raso
Tom Barker
Fin Wright-Smith
Francis van Loon
William Long
Drew von Ess

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Richard Long

#### MANAGER

Simone Stevenson

**Harvey Harris:** Remarkably Harvey has only been out once in two seasons of cricket. When he was finally dismissed he was so shocked he didn't know what to do (a problem that many of us wish we could better empathise with). He had an excellent season with bat and ball.

**Tom Barker:** Tom's consistent cheerful enthusiasm was an asset to the team. He made a lot of improvement during the season and as a 7-year old he has a couple more seasons at this level. He was one of the strongest contributors across the season and formed a great batting partnership with Harvey.

**Francis van Loon:** Francis made plenty of improvement during the season. In particular, his quite rapid bowling was often difficult for batsmen to score off. His batting is close to a similar progression and with a little more practice more improvement will come.

**Oliver Raso:** Oli developed into a good all round cricketer who could be relied upon to bowl his overs accurately, field well and score useful runs. He was also an enthusiastic trainer who often wanted to continue practicing after the end of the session.

**Fin Wright-Smith:** Fin was a late starter due to breaking his arm on the eve of season, so had some ground to make up – we did start to see some good improvement in the few games he had. No tree-climbing next year please.

**William Long:** William's focus whether in training or in the games was consistently excellent. He started to see the rewards in the second half of the season, when he frequently scored runs and bowled well.

**Drew von Ess:** Drew has a very solid batting technique, and as the season progressed he learned to extract better value for his shots. His bowling and fielding were also consistently very good. A strong all round season.

## ***Under 10 Black Report 2017 – 2018***

The Under 10 Black team consisted of six second-year players and four first-year players. The boys were all at school together, at Merri Creek, which enabled them to gel quickly as a team. They started the season strongly, and improved with every match.

All batting, bowling, keeping and fielding duties were shared equally, giving every player the opportunity to enhance his game. The level of teamwork was exceptional, featuring sharp running between the wickets and vigilance in the field. While the inexperience of the first-year players was evident in the early matches, those players progressed quickly. By the final few games, one of them had become a strike bowler of startling speed and accuracy, suggesting a promising career ahead.

The boys played with a rare spirit, encouraging each other at every turn. The parents enjoyed themselves on the boundary, and drew great pride from their boys' performances. Jennie Hutton and her assistant, Mel Cameron, managed the team with cheer and charm. All involved will remember the season with great fondness for years to come.

**Isaiah Barton** proved himself a highly motivated and capable young player; always eager to do the best for his team. His willingness to take quick singles made sure the score ticked along. By the end of the season, his muscular bowling was clearly unsettling rival batsmen.

**Frank Burton** was a superb general. Early in the season, his decisive calling of runs set the pattern for the team. His tactical mind was apparent with his variations in bowling, and he showed an ability to marshal his teammates when he wore the keeper's gloves.

**Fred Burton** often set the tone at the top of the batting order, where his excellent hitting and calling of runs provided the foundation for the innings. Fred has a rocket arm. No batsman who was out of his ground was safe when Fred was about to field the ball.

**Jules Cameron** proved himself a wonderful talent. His brilliant eye enabled him to hit a mountain of boundaries. His ability to think his way through his overs troubled every batsman. In the field, Jules set the example with his willingness to back up behind the stumps.

### **UNDER 10 BLACK SEASON 2017-18**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Isaiah Barton
Fred Burton
Frank Burton
Jules Cameron
Evan Crone
Leo Daffey
Cormac Spencer
Rocky Donnini
Spencer Kinsey
Miles Parfitt

#### **COACHING/UMPIRING** Paul Daffey

#### **MANAGER** Jennie Hutton

**Evan Crone** often provided just the right note with his ability to move the score along or take a vital wicket. Evan showed a distinct ability hit the ball high and handsome over mid-on. When bowling, his fluid action enabled him to cut the ball in to great effect.

**Leo Daffey** had a superb season. His sound batting technique enabled him to dig out yorkers as well as clobber the ball off the square. When bowling, he was able to hustle the ball through the batsmen's defence. His bustling play gave the team energy and purpose.

**Rocky Donnini** was exemplary in his determination to improve. He batted with grit and bowled with the singular aim of landing the ball on a good line and length. His smile when he took his first wicket was an understated highlight of the season.

**Spencer Kinsey** proved himself a player of rare athleticism. The scoring rate soared when he got on a run with the bat, and the wickets tumbled when he was in form with the ball. Spencer will improve in leaps and bounds in the years to come through a natural increase in consistency.

**Miles Parfitt** showed a marked determination to succeed. He learnt to get his arm high when bowling, and he learnt to strike the ball cleanly when batting. Miles took on all tasks with enthusiasm. There were few happier batsmen in Melbourne when he hit his first boundary.

**Cormac Spencer** improved to an astonishing degree. Through consistent effort, he learnt to hit boundaries and he learnt to bowl straight, albeit with a twist. Late in the season, Cormac's idiosyncratic flick of the wrist on delivery earned him several wickets by bowling batsmen through the gate.

In the final few games, Cormac's quest to take a wicket caught and bowled was another highlight for the season, albeit unfulfilled. It was one of the Under 10 Blacks' few unfulfilled ambitions. We had a remarkable season by any other measure.

## Under 10 White Report 2017 – 2018

It was a great season for the mighty U10 White team. The boys had lots of fun, played the game in the right spirit, and improved greatly over the year.

At least three times during the season I declared 'that was the best game of the year' – including the last game! A good sign of improvement – which was very pleasing to see.

Having coached many of the same boys last year the development in their games was significant. Less wides and no balls, more runs off the bat, catches taken and even calling and running between the wickets got better. On this issue, I will say that backing up at the non-striker's end took a backward step after the boys first experience of a 'mancad'. Once that was explained and put behind us, running between the wickets went from strength to strength.

The coach was also pleased with the increased encouragement from team mates on the sidelines over the year. Finishing off the season well, the boys won 5 of the last 6 games – putting many of them in good stead – for those who are making the step up to U12's next season.

**Taj Cairns:** Very popular team player. A keen and competent wicketkeeper, he took more catches behind the stumps than anyone. Accurate bowler too – his best was 2/10.

**Patrick Crawford:** Hard hitting left hander. Highest score was 20 in round 4. Bowling highlight was in the last game where he took a fantastic caught and bowled chance.

**Joel Dichiera:** Well organised batsman who topped the batting this year. His top score was 27. But he also picked up 16 wickets, including a wicket with the first ball of the season. Very keen cricketer.

**Zac Kurzbock:** Enjoyed terrorising lots of batsmen this year with his raw pace and thundering approach to the crease. Got many of them out too – 20 wickets for the season, including his best of 5/3. And that wasn't the day where he asked the coach if he could 'pick' the seam.

**Luke Scammell:** In his first year in U10, Luke showed lots of natural ability – especially with his bowling – getting 2/- on two occasions. Next year we will work on getting his run-up to start from inside the boundary.

**Tommy Mortimer:** An allrounder, getting runs (top score 14) and wickets – best was a 3/3 where he was on a hattrick. Has also enjoyed his wicketkeeping over the year.

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#### TEAM MEMBERS

Taj Cairns

Patrick Crawford

Joel Dichiera

Daniel Hodgson

Lucien Ihle

Zac Kurzbock

Tommy Mortimer

Luke Scammell

Liam Walsh

#### COACHING/UMPIRING Tim Dichiera

#### MANAGER Sarah Mulroy

**Liam Walsh:** Another first year player. 36 runs and 8 wickets for the season was a great start. Liam's fielding was also a standout – especially when he had a direct hit runout in round 10, unfortunately it was while he was subbing in for the opposition!

**Lucien Ihle:** Quiet achiever who got better and better with his accuracy over the year. Got wickets and runs in what was his first season of cricket. In quite the debut, got a wicket in his first over of his first game!

**Daniel Hodgson:** Great team player who was always encouraging his mates. Top score of 13 and best bowling was 2/5 (when he also was on a hattrick).

And to the unofficial team members:

**Harry Dichiera:** Super keen cricketer. After full season of training sessions with the group, was lucky enough to play in the last two games. Highlight was hitting a boundary in both innings.

**Aidan Ihle:** Like Harry, another younger brother who committed to full season of training. Kept the older boys honest with some very good bowling and batting on Thursday nights.

Thanks to all the parents for their help and support during the year – be it scoring, preparing batsmen, or more importantly preparing morning tea. The biggest thank you goes to team manager, Sarah Mulroy. Now an expert in scoring, the season would not have run as smoothly without you.

## Under 12A Report 2017 – 2018

### Round 1 - 1 dayer

Round 1 always throws up a few surprises!

I expected Nth Balwyn to be a closely matched side to The Burra U12A's, and with limited training under our belt, who knows what the boys would bring...

One day matches can often be a lottery, and after Nth Balwyn skipped out to 29 off the first 3 overs, we were looking down the barrel. Dropped catches and misfields on the boundary can prove costly, and rough count of 5(?) catches hitting the grass is not unexpected at this stage of the year, but something we will be constantly aiming to remove from our game. We still held 4, so not all bad. Fielding is the area of the game we can make big inroads, and at training this week we did plenty!

The bowling was in the main pretty good, but as explained to the boys pre-match, short pitch bowling often gets punished, and so it did. Extras were within a range we can deal with - 2 no balls and 13 wides, but an area we'll focus on also. Special mention to Sam Olsen, ZERO byes on the sheet! Awesome - means we didn't need the old fine leg/backstop!

The batting innings was excellent!

With 121 to chase at a shade under 5 runs an over, we paced ourselves perfectly, pushing 2's and hitting boundaries at regular intervals, the top order performed admirably. Anchored by Will and Connor, and finished off by Sammy O and Xavier with a few balls to spare and only 3 wickets down.

If we were playing a 2 day match, a huge score was on the cards with a very strong batting line up to come.

One day matches are tricky to share the love, so we'll shuffle the batting order in the upcoming 2-dayer and ensure everyone has their chance to spend some time in the middle. Same goes for bowling...

All in all, a great start to the season and looking forward to first two day match against last years powerhouse - Canterbury.

There has also been a change to the fixture, now only 9 teams in the grade, and with 9 rounds, there is a BYE round - but not for us... so extra cricket, (Yay), but no free points (Boo) Also unusually (for now at least) it seems we don't meet Kew (VERY

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SEASON 2017-18

### TEAM MEMBERS

Finn Cleary
Xavier DiScala
Tyler Drew
Connor Hastings
Louis Hodder
William Kaye
Daniel King
Stanley Nicholson
Samuel Olsen
Sascha Pereira
James Shadbolt
Samuel Ward

### COACHING/UMPIRING

Matt Drew

### MANAGER

Anna Peters

good side), but play Boroondara (also a very good side) twice - Huh?? this may change, but let's go with it as listed!

## **Round 2 - W1**

We headed out to Canterbury - the scene of last round 2016/17, one of the best matches from U12a against last season's powerhouse - almost taking the points... Memories of Round 1 last year when they amassed 266 to our 127 still seared into our memory! But taught us some valuable lessons.

What initially seemed like a good morning to bowl, turned out to be a great morning to bat!

Setting the goal of as many not-outs as possible, the opening pair of Louis and Sammy O got us off to the perfect start - a wicketless run-a-ball 10 over stint set the tone for the morning...

James and Will kept the scoreboard ticking, and Sam W raced into the 20's and we were on for a big score..

A flurry of 3 quick wickets - Dan and Sascha, bowled in consecutive balls, soon followed by Tyler, following a good spell of bowling showed us how effective straight bowling can be. (and the need to wait for the bad ball) But once the bowling change happened, the shackles were off and the run rate accelerated. Finn and Connor got the scorers pulses racing, then Xavier played one of the best innings you'll see - especially since he was batting at No.11!, supported well by Stanley at No.12 also securing a not-out.

Teams change personnel significantly from season to season, as has our side, but so too has Canterbury, with only one player remaining from last season.

A year as predominately bottom age, really helps and given our boys are (aside from James) all top aged, should give us an experience advantage over most sides we come up against in the early rounds - young kids will naturally take a little longer to adjust to the level.

What's really pleasing is the way our boys have gelled really quickly as a team. All happy to adjust the batting order to share the responsibilities of different positions, as well as helping each other with throw downs and warm ups. Seeing the boys cheer off their team mates, or console a dismissal were great to see. Co-captains Connor and Xavier showing maturity and leading the way.

I'll encourage the boys to make hay, as it won't always be like Saturday - but the confidence gained from making a few runs can't be underestimated.

Bowling this week will be about consistency, concentration and minimising lapses. Hopefully weather won't play a part in the results, so we'll be pushing hard for early wickets as chasing down a massive 287 will be a daunting task for a young side, and I expect they'll be hoping to bat for time - or for rain...

## Round 2 – W2

With a huge total on the board heading into our bowling innings we could afford to be quite attacking with our field settings and push hard for early wickets.

We practised similar at training and was it was very pleasing the boys bowled well to all an offside field.

Wickets falling at regular intervals from the second over due to some good catching and excellent pressure also created a couple of run outs.

Making good time through the overs, we had taken 6/67 from 25 at morning tea and were racing through the overs with minimal extras.

Making the runs wouldn't have been Canterbury's priority - more so hoping to bat through the full 45 overs

To their credit they came out after drinks with intent to take us on and push the runs along, allowing a couple of batsmen to settle in. A fine innings of 50no. by their No.3 bat and a slashing 25no by their No.9 put on 2/76 in the remaining 20 overs and they managed to bat through the full quota.

A good lesson for us that despite a very strong first session, stamina and concentration to make it through the second session is difficult to maintain. Our bowling got a bit loose, we dropped a few (tough) catches and had a few lapses in the field. We gave them 30 extras incl 19 wides - aiming to bring the total extras to under 20 for a 45 over match.

Despite a strong fight back, we held the upper hand due to the performance in the first session in the field and our fabulous batting innings. The key was the first 10 overs... 0/59 set a great launch pad for the match.

Should be noted that our 287 is the equal 3rd highest score for an Edinburgh Junior side, and highest U12 score!

There is still plenty of room for improvement with both bat and ball and the boys are relishing the chance to perform well, training hard, have bonded well as a team and clearly enjoying their cricket so far!

We'll continue to rotate the batting order and shuffle the bowlers to maximise opportunities for all throughout the early rounds. As we move deeper into the season, we will try to settle the line-ups so the boys can work in batting and bowling partnerships.

Great effort by the boys!

### Round 3 - W1

After winning the toss and sending Glen Iris in to bat, we got off to a good start with wickets to Louis, Xavier and Tyler, had them 3/22 and had them on the back foot, but from then on, they settled in and built some big partnerships. A series of retirements, 100 runs, and it wasn't until 122 runs were on the board when the next wicket fell. A run out to Xavier and a Wicket to Will was it for the day. Probably not our best bowling, but a total we felt was in range - 3.3 runs an over would be achievable if we batted sensibly.

### Round 3 – W2

Chasing a modest 138, there was a '*vibe*' from the boys that this would be a walk in the park prior to the start of play - I did remind them that they needed to make the runs before they start celebrating and to focus on the task at hand.

We were off to a good start...

Openers Sammy O and Stan chipped away and got through a dozen overs 0/25 - both rtno.

Getting to morning tea at 2/75 we were well placed to chase the remaining 63 off the last 20 overs with plenty of wickets in hand.

This is where the cricket lesson in value of runs on the board began...

Losing 3 in one over after tea and conceding 8/29 in a collapse of biblical proportions - all out for 104 with 8 overs remaining was not what we had in mind at the start of the day.

Pick of the bats Connor 24 and Tyler 17.

Perhaps the loss we had to have?

Lessons from this one:

- value your wicket
- respect the bowler and wait for the bad balls - they will come.
- runs on the board are what counts

Back on the horse this week lads.

At training on a hot Monday evening we kept it pretty light - had a Big Bash match (to get it out of their system...) and followed up with icy poles in the shade thanks to Glenn.

We also welcomed Leroy Hinds (with U12B's) to the fold for this match, I'm sure he won't tell the others how the U12A's training went!

## **Round 4 - W1**

U12A's back to their best week 1 v Camberwell.

Winning the toss and opting to bowl, and wasn't long before the boys found a length - and Camberwell found we came to play...

Wickets evenly spread, Sam W 2/8, Louis 2/19, James 2/4 and Sammy O 2/4 (incl 3 catches as WK) were outstanding, great economy and exceptional catching from the Team. 9 for the morning! Spell of the morning was Daniel and James just prior to drinks, putting the brakes on the scoring and the pressure on the batsmen, showing it's not all just about taking wickets..

Having them 6/82 of the first 25 overs we were in a strong position. At morning tea the challenge to bowl them out for under 100 was set, and we did just that!

Dismissing the magpies for 97 in the 35th over incl a measly 13 sundries was a fantastic performance in the field.

With Dan and Sascha away next week, we sent them both in to open the batting with the mission of staying in and preserving their wicket for 8 overs. Currently 0/15 and primed for next week's chase. At a little over 2/over required, surely the only thing standing in our way is the Weather... Cross everything the predicted showers steer clear of the eastern suburbs!

Highlight of the morning was the co captains Connor and Xavier's mid pitch discussion to recall Camberwell's best bat when an uncertain catch at 1st slip may or may not have been a bump ball.

Classy, mature and the right thing to do for a bunch of U12's showing real character and confidence in their game. Very proud Coach.

## **Round 4 – W2**

Resuming at 0/15 needing a further 83 runs off 37 overs, Xavier and Louis exploded out of the gates to get the run rate moving. Despite a few mid order wickets, all batsmen looked comfortable needing some great catching to remove them.

Steadied by a fantastic long stint at the crease by Jimmy and Sammy O, and rounded out with with a slashing innings from Sam W - finishing 5/201 from the full 45 overs.

Camberwell took the option to receive a final 9 overs and their 2nd innings wrapped at 3/20, wickets to Xavier and A grade debutante Leroy, plus a direct hit run out to Sam O.

Well done lads - the extra wickets may really help with percentage later in the season as the competition for finals tightens up.

Superstar English import player/coach Hanna Mansell came down to help with training on Monday and was very impressed with the enthusiasm and skill level of the boys, and the way they approached their training! A bowling contest focusing on line and length, with bonus points for wickets and saw Stanley take top spot with

some great leggies. Very few loose, short balls bowled from all shows they are steadily improving.

Next game at home v Booroondara will be a tough, closely matched contest. The boys will need to be at the top of their game!

### **Round 5 – 1 dayer**

This one shaped up as the traditional 12 point match - the winner moving up, the loser moving down... Reduced to a 1 dayer after a week 1 wash out, there was little margin for error.

And Booroondara turned up all business... looking to dot the i's and cross the t's

We had a solid plan. Bowl well, keep the runs under control and chase them down.

Winning the toss and electing to bowl meant we could shape our batting around whatever runs Booroondara had on the board. That was the idea anyway!

The bowling was indeed tight, not many extras (14 in all) and ZERO byes - great effort by Finn behind the stumps throwing everything behind the ball. Aside from a few sleepy heads and a couple of misfields, our catching was again a huge highlight! Some of the best you'll see at any age, let alone U12's. Sam W steady under a high one, Xavier with another screamer at slip, Stanly clean as a whistle at point, Connor at full stretch at short cover and Louis straight onto the ground with a ridiculous one hander at the deep square leg boundary!

Restricting them to 99 from their 25 overs - leaving 100 runs at 4/over for victory. A manageable total in the conditions.

Finn and Sam O got us off to a steady start. They bowled well, maybe even better than us, and we were behind on the run rate at half way. Crucially though, only one wicket down meant we could unleash the big guns - and the partnership of Connor and Xavier saw us gain the ascendancy. Xavier accelerated and got us back above the worm. Leaving Sam W to come and play the James Faulkner "*finisher*" role. Passing their total with an over to spare only 2 wickets down showed we had plenty in the tank. And really highlights the strength of our team. A long format match would have potentially seen a big total coming our way with plenty of quality batting to come.

At training we talked about pacing through a one day match and the need to push the runs as much as we can. Going for quick singles, getting bat to ball and manufacturing runs when the bowling is tight as it was on Saturday. And also re-enforcing the importance of EVERY run saved in the field and reducing the extras even further. Our goal is under 10 for a 1 day match.

Before the match I discussed with the boys the importance of the Boroondara match in the context of the season and how we'd approach the morning. Leading into another 1 day match against Mont Albert we'll ensure that the boys that didn't bat will be up the order in this weekend's match and they were all happy to roll with that.

### **Round 6 - 1 dayer**

Another great performance from the boys against Mont Albert, plenty of contributions from the whole team over the past two 1 days. Depth to burn!

Highlights of this one...

Jim Shadbolt - 3 wickets in one over, incl 2 clean bowled off the last 2 balls, putting him on a hat trick for the next over. Running short of time, (due to some interesting 'coaching' from the oppo) running back to the mark so he didn't miss the chance. First ball next over - He let rip an absolute peach, batsman swung - ball through to the keeper - peanut gallery on the boundary called for DRS... regrettably nothing on snicko. Next ball a sharp one grassed at point - Still, 3fa in a withering spell! Others involved Tyler 1/3, Sascha 1/5, Stan 1/8 all excellent. The boys took 4 hot catches and a run-out - top effort in the field again.

Chasing a low total, Stan\* and Will\* got us off and running. Louis\*, Tyler\*, Jim, Daniel\* and Sascha\* also chipping in with runs - making them easy only 1 down. Helped by Old mate Ex Tras equal top score on 17.

Heading into the xmas break at 5W 1L, well placed in 2nd spot by the skinniest margin 0.006% or translated to 2 runs! Close at the top end of the table. Rest up lads, a BIG back end of the season ahead!

### **We made it to Christmas in one piece!**

It's always a bit an unknown how a team will gel before the season begins, but even before the first ball was bowled, it was apparent these boys love their cricket and really enjoy playing together!

Playing in a high grade presents its challenges, but the boys have really stepped it up and have put their stamp on the competition thus far. The boys have all continued to develop as the season has progressed, and embraced the roles they have been given week to week.

Highlights for me are the sportsmanship shown on a number of occasions with recalling a couple of batsmen after the Umpire (*may have*) erred. Playing hard but fair, and the improvement in the field, particularly catching. Some absolute top shelf stuff over the past few matches. Special mention to Skippers Xavier and Connor, leading by example every match.

Still a ways to go, but with the depth in our side, I feel something special is brewing for the back end of the season. We have a one day match, followed by 2x 2-dayers and looking hopeful for a few extra weekends after that - all going well! Keep Sunday's in mid-March free - just in case!

We'll be having a few kids fill in when Daniel, Sam W, Xavier and Finn pick up Saturday morning school sports, and I know we'll make them feel welcome to the team.

### **Round 7 - 1 dayer**

One Day matches are notorious for throwing up a curve ball and small things are amplified in the short format games.

Returning from Xmas holidays is tricky converting a summer of beach Cricket into form on the park.

Looking to turn the tables on Glen Iris Scalzo after they had the better of us earlier in the season, we batted first and got off to a tentative start. With some tight bowling, and losing a couple of early wickets, we needed a big partnership. Co captains Xavier (41rtno) and Connor (33rtno) at the crease we got to work steadying the ship. The boys batted cautiously and got the scoreboard ticking over. We did leave a few runs out there however, and a few ones could possibly have become twos. Following Xavier's retirement, Louis (16) played a great cameo taking us through to 3/116 from our allotted 25 overs. With only 3 wickets down, probably could have taken a few more risks in hindsight...

We needed early wickets to put them on the back foot and came sooo close, a sharp edge off Louis in the first over (to their No.1 bat - went on to make 40rtno) didn't stick, but James (2/7) picked up wickets, and then Louis got 1 and we were looking good. But then Glen Iris wrestled back control and began taking a few chances and played some good shots. Despite bowling very few extras, (only 6) we dropped the ball short too often and gave them chances to hit boundaries. A bit of sloppy fielding and a couple of extra 4's snuck through allowing them to make the runs with an over to spare.

They maximised their chances on the day, but not all bad news, as in our preferred 2-day format we would have been well placed. But 1-dayers require a greater sense of urgency and a few risks to get the chocolates.

### **Round 8 – W1**

Heading into the Round 8 re-match with old foe Mont Albert, we had a couple of new faces making their debut in U12A grade - interestingly giving us possibly the world's first 4-pronged leg spin bowling attack!

One un-named leg spinning parent commented we were still 3-4 short of the ideal number of leggies...

We duly lost the toss and were soon out in the field on a damp morning week one.

The dew must have made the ball slippery as the boys had a bit of trouble getting good purchase and the extras began to mount. Added to a couple of dropped catches it was not the start we had hoped for.

They took advantage and got off to a good start, flying to 1/50 off 10 overs with the only wicket from a run out off a no ball.

Once the ground dried we began to gain control of the ball with a series of maiden overs. The next 10 conceded only 14 runs and we were back in the game.

Wickets then fell at regular intervals - 6 wickets to the leggies, incl 3/8 from Stanley got us back on track, along with some great economy from Connor, Leroy and Will, and we dismissed them for 121. Top score was E.X.Tras with 48... too many for that guy! But a total we could chase down.

Training was focussed on ensuring we batted with intent to make runs, not just tip over the line.

## **Round 8 – W2**

The chase began with Stan and Will getting the runs moving. Going at 5/over for the first five was great, until a couple of skied shots from loose balls and we were suddenly 3/28 and needed a saviour...

Enter Louis and A grade debutant Lachie to the crease. The boys batted magnificently and squeezed every available run out there. A direct hit run out was the only way the partnership was going to be broken.

Tyler (34) was next in, and he and Louis (53rtno) quickly settled into a run-a-ball rhythm. Boundaries began to flow as their clean hitting was enjoyed from the sidelines. In a flash the score had escalated and we were flying. Louis even gave a mini Dave Warner jump as he strode off to the applause of the team.

David, in for his first hit in the grade, was Glenn Maxwellesque not waiting to get a feel for the bowling, clubbing 4's at will, racing to 29no. Bringing us home was Connor, blasting 32rtno of about 20 balls incl a huge 6 over the scorer's table at the back of the innings, and we'd managed to compile 236 runs.

An amazing result and healthy percentage boost. If the next match goes our way, we could possibly host a home final and from there, who knows!!!

## **Round 9 – W1**

As we headed into the last round, we felt (some might say foolishly) comfortable that we had that elusive finals spot in hand.

Playing their first matches with us for the season, Will M, Jack and Freddy joined Leroy in filling out the squad for the match against Glen Iris Rojko. Dorothy Laver reserve is the scene of some of our greatest triumphs over the past few seasons, and we felt confident that we could take care of business.

Week one and it was a pretty damp morning, so upon winning the toss, we decided to bat and avoid the slippery ball in the field.

Unfortunately we had a hiccup! Opening the batting, Connor was runout for the rarest of birds, the diamond duck! From there we were on the back foot... Glen Iris were up and about, and their opening bowlers were doing their job. Wickets fell at regular intervals and we were in real strife! Sascha and James then dug in and steadied the ship. Adding valuable runs, we chipped away and kept the score board ticking. Sascha retired and had a rest after morning tea. Just as well, as he was required to come back in and play a rear-guard role with Will M. the pair putting on almost 30 runs for the last wicket and most importantly saw out the full 45 overs. Sascha setting his personal best of 23 no. Fortunately for us we also received 45 extras in our modest total of 121.

## **Round 9 – W2**

Training was 100% focused on minimising extras and keeping our bowling tight. A narrow pitch and small total would be a real test for the boys. Striking twice in the first 2 overs including their best batsman for a first ball duck had the boys bouncing and the energy in the field was high. As expected they had to try to hit out and make the runs, but also was a risk as our boys fielded well, and saved their tightest bowling for this match. Catches (mostly) stuck, a stumping and a couple of runs outs, added to the miserly total of 8 extras, saw us dismiss them for 65 in the 28th over. Great economy from all bowlers, Louis the pick with 3/8 off 4 overs.

A great performance, showing value of good bowling and highlighted the determination we have seen from the team throughout the season. A finals spot - well earned! Anything can happen from here...

## **Semi Final**

Meeting old foe Nth Balwyn in a semifinal would be a huge challenge. Playing in their first 40 over per side one day match would also be a big test too. Having the home ground advantage was a bonus as the boys knew the bouncy pitch well.

Sent into bat, Xavier and Sammy O (25 each) got us off to a fantastic start, moving to 0/57 from 12 overs.

Just when we felt in a strong position, Nth Balwyn struck back and took 4/3 in 3 overs before drinks and we were in for a fight. Enter Will K and time to dig in.

The run rate dropped as the boys worked hard to right the ship. Needing to bat out the overs, a conservative approach was taken. When no.8 Stanley joined Will, in the 26th over with 85 on the board, any runs north of 120 would be a bonus. Will and Stan have batted together a lot over their short careers - often as opening partners - and settled into a good rhythm. Great running between the wickets, patience waiting for a loose ball and sending a few to the boundary kept the scoreboard moving. If not for one of the best outfield catches you'll see hard on the fine leg boundary, Stan (25) was on for a big score.

Anchored superbly by birthday boy Will (39no) and supported by Sam W and Jimmy late in the innings, we managed to scramble to 147. A very defendable total.

Lunch break was time to remind the boys of the importance of keeping the extras under control and taking their chances when they came.

Nth Balwyn's top 3 are all guns (their no. 3 had only been dismissed once all season at an average of 282... can play!) and removing them as cheaply as possible would be crucial in the scheme of things and tight bowling early would build the pressure.

Opening bowlers Connor and Louis restricting them to 8 runs in the first 5 overs, and first change, Sascha and James put the clamps on and only gave up 10 in the next 5 including removing both opening batsmen to outstanding catches.

The next wicket of their no.3 star, runout brilliantly by Louis for 2 was a pivotal moment in the game.

On the back foot, and to their credit, Nth Balwyn built a big partnership (70 runs) and they clawed their way back into the match. After drinks and chat, the boys re-focused and after a catch and what is possibly the first LBW in under 12's, we had a double breakthrough to Louis and a quick runout to Sam W later, the pendulum swung back in our favour. Next bat in started swinging and the runs were flowing again... the run rate was 6/over and still not out of reach. Until Connor scooped up the ball at deep cover, turned and fired to the strikers end, direct hit runout and the crowd went wild... one last runout to Louis to finish it off and we'd bowled them out for 124. Louis with 3 wickets was great, as were plenty of others too...

A grand final against our bogey side Glen Iris awaits but if the boys play like they did in the semi, should be feeling confident our best is a match for anyone.

### **Grand Final!!!!**

The week leading up to the Grand Final and we all turned into amateur meteorologists. Initially a concern the match may be cancelled due to heat, then after a change, possible thunderstorms. We wanted a chance to extract some revenge for two losses during the season at the hands of Glen Iris.

Training twice during the week, the boys gave it everything and the Friday session at BSO followed by Fish and Chips was a great way to set ourselves for the big day.

Several checks of the BOM radar overnight and still not confident the rain would hold out, we all arrived at the nominated time, nice and early and game faces on. Finn was so keen, he was there warming up as the sun was only just rising!

Ground set up, our boys warming up in the nets, rain holding off, we were primed and ready to rumble. Glen Iris (perhaps sensing the thunder about to come – although not from the sky) were late arrivals and seemed all a bit casual for the occasion.

We won the toss and wisely elected to bat. Storm clouds brewed and a cold wind change made the toss even more important. Time to get the game underway!

Opening pair Sammy O and Xavier got to work and pushed the runs, went for their shots and in a flash we were off and running. Batting beautifully, the pair pushed on at 4/over and the bowlers had no answers. 0/78 at drinks, we had a fantastic platform to pile on a big score.

Xavier (50no) retiring first to the cheers of the adoring crowd, and next ball, Sam O (51no) to more cheers and hi-5's all round.

Connor (20) picked up the scoring duties as not to be outdone, Glen Iris' spin twins took 3 quick wickets but with the first wicket not falling till 137 were on the board, we would continue to push the runs. Finn playing an important cameo (15 off 15) and we'd amassed 177 and were in the box seat.

Defending a big score is something we have done well all season, and restricting runs early would build the pressure on the batsmen to take risks. Connor and Louis had the clamps on, the fielding was tight and at barely a run/over we were on track. Louis got the first breakthrough. James and Sascha continued the trend and only 10 runs of the next 6 overs, the required run rate had already climbed to over 5 runs and over.

Daniel and Sam W both took the ball and gave us some good variation. Stanley also joined in the fun and was next to break through with a couple of wickets in quick succession to two great catches. Their best bat caught by Tyler off a swirling skied ball at mid off, and next to an ankle high reflex catch to Louis in at short cover.

Glen Iris showed why they had made the Grand Final and continued to fight hard building a solid partnership of around 60 runs. James getting the breakthrough after another top quality catch to Sascha at square leg.

Daniel returned to the attack and after a couple of tight overs and mounting pressure, managed to skilfully deflect a straight hit ball onto the stumps and run out the non striker. From that point their luck had also well and truly run out!

A double wicket maiden each to Xavier and Sammy O with catches to Jim, Louis and Xavier and they'd crumbled to lost the last 5 wickets for zero runs in 13 balls! All out for 125

What a season and capped off with a premiership! So proud of this bunch of boys.

Well done the boys - all contributed to the results all season long. They continued to improve and develop all the way through the season and special mention to Co-Captains Connor and Xavier for leading the team so well in the finals. As much as the results are amazing, the fact these kids just loved playing and training together is something that will be remembered from all that were a part of it.

Go Burra!!!

Matt Drew

Coach U12A 2017/18

### Batting

	PLAYER	MAT	INN	NO	100S	50S	0S	4S	6S	MIN	HS	☐ RUNS	AVE.
1	DiScala, Xavier	9	8	5	0	2	1				52*	238	79.33
2	Hastings, Connor	11	10	5	0	0	1				40*	220	44.00
3	Olsen, Samuel	11	8	6	0	1	0				51*	196	98.00

### Bowling

	PLAYER	MAT	O	M	R	☐ W	5WI	10WM	BBI	AVE.	STR.	ECN.
1	Nicholson, Stanley	9	24	1	84	9	0	0	3/8	9.33	16.00	3.50
2	Shadbolt, James	9	27	6	74	8	0	0	3/4	9.25	20.25	2.74
3	Hodder, Louis	9	28	6	89	7	0	0	3/8	12.71	24.00	3.18

### Fielding

	PLAYER	MAT	☐ CATCHES NON WK	CATCHES WK	STUMPINGS	RUNOUTS ASSISTED	RUNOUTS UNASSISTED
1	Kaye, William	11	6	3	1	3	1

Coach's award: Sascha Pereira

Batting 50 runs - Average 50.0 Bowling 4 Wickets Economy 2.8 3 Catches

# Edinburgh Cricket Club

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RND	DATES	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	VENUE
1	14 Oct 17	Edinburgh <b>3/129</b> C Hastings 40* W Kaye 29 S Olsen 20*	North Balwyn def <b>6/121</b> J Shepherd 41* LJ McNeill 33 C Hastings 3/13	Alfred Crescent Oval
2	21 Oct 17 28 Oct 17	Canterbury <b>8/143(cc)</b> W Spratt 50* j halliday 25* S Ward 2/23	Edinburgh def <b>5/287(cc)</b> X DiScala 52* L Hodder 35* C Hastings 31* S Olsen 30* F Cleary by 26 S Ward 25* S Nicholson 23* J Walker 2/11	Hartwell Sportsground (East)
3	4 Nov 17 11 Nov 17	Edinburgh <b>104</b> C Hastings 24 T Crowe 3/8	def Glen Iris Scalzo by <b>5/138(cc)</b> X Tapsell 35* MJ Carroll 23*	Alfred Crescent Oval
4	18 Nov 17 25 Nov 17	Camberwell Magpies <b>97</b> L Best 39 S Olsen 2/4 J Shadbolt 2/4 S Ward 2/8 L Hodder 2/19 and <b>3/30</b>	Edinburgh def <b>5/201(cc)</b> S Olsen 33* X DiScala by 31* S Ward 27* L Hodder 23*	Lynden Park No 3 (Upper)
5	2 Dec 17 9 Dec 17	Edinburgh <b>2/100</b> C Hastings 28* X DiScala 27	def Boroondara Wickham <b>6/99(cc)</b> O Chambers 40* W Kaye 2/7	Alfred Crescent Oval
6	16 Dec 17	Mont Albert Cricket Club <b>7/61(cc)</b> J Bateman 25* J Shadbolt 3/4	def Edinburgh by <b>1/99(cc)</b>	Elgar Park South East Oval
7	3 Feb 18	Edinburgh <b>3/116(cc)</b> X DiScala 41* C Hastings 33*	def Glen Iris Scalzo by <b>7/118</b> X Tapsell 40* L Yole 29* T Scalzo 26 J Shadbolt 2/7 C Hastings 2/7	Alfred Crescent Oval
8	10 Feb 18 17 Feb 18	Edinburgh <b>6/236</b> L Hodder 53* T Drew 34 C Hastings 32* D Oliver 29* N Woods 2/7 C Baddon 2/14	Mont Albert Cricket Club def <b>121</b> L Cariss-Brett 31 S Nicholson 3/8 S Olsen 2/10	Alfred Crescent Oval
9	24 Feb 18 3 Mar 18	Glen Iris Rojko <b>67</b> M King 21 L Hodder 3/8	def Edinburgh by <b>9/121(cc)</b> S Pereira 23*	Dorothy Laver East
SF	11 Mar 18	Edinburgh <b>8/147(cc)</b> W Kaye 38* X DiScala 26 S Olsen 25 S Nicholson 25 J de Stefanis 2/26	North Balwyn def <b>124</b> P Thilakaratne 39 K De Silva 25 L Hodder 3/17	Alfred Crescent Oval
GF	18 Mar 18	Edinburgh <b>5/177(cc)</b> S Olsen 51* X DiScala 50* C Hastings 20 X Tapsell 3/24	Glen Iris Scalzo def <b>125</b> MJ Carroll 47 T Scalzo 22 S Nicholson 3/18 S Olsen 2/0 X DiScala 2/0	Myrtle Park No 2 (East)

## ***Under 12B Green Report 2017 – 2018***

A mix of U12B veterans and hot-shot first year players fresh from the U10s were picked to represent Edinburgh in the ECA Under 12B G Male division for season 2017-18. Expectations were high for a competitive season.

Our season began with a close loss at Ashwood in a one day match. They were the top team from last seasons' U12 B2 competition so they provided a good benchmark for our team's future prospects. With the bat, Will and Sebastian made double figures but overall our batters were pinned down by their accurate bowling. In reply Josh and Roman picked up wickets but our first innings total of 64 was never going to be enough.

Our next game was at home against Canterbury B1 and our batters had a day out, amassing 260 off 45 overs (our highest score of the season). Roman, Sebastian, Kai, Jack, Josh and Francis all scored over 20 runs. In reply we restricted Canterbury to 9/190 with Lachlan picking up a brace of wickets. We conceded 55 extras in those 45 overs, a weakness which would plague us for the remainder of the season.

Away to Richmond Union the following week we were four players short. Thankfully the U12Cs had a bye week so we could call up a few players from other teams to make up the numbers. Batting first on wet and cool morning, we had a horrible start and after a couple of run-outs we crashed to 4/39 off the first 15 overs. Thankfully Leroy Hinds and Lachlan Haydon (both from U12Cs) hung around and scored 26\* and 24 respectively to drag us back to 104 all out in the 44<sup>th</sup> over. That total was never enough and despite Roman taking two wickets in the 12<sup>th</sup> over (and just missing his hat-trick) they made 5/193 in reply.

We hosted Burwood Uniting Canterbury for Round Four. Their team featured a few U12 ECA representative players who all retired for 40\*. Kai bagged 3/16 (the team's best bowling figures of the season) but it wasn't enough to stop our opponents making 8/195. In reply we once again made a horrible start with a couple of silly run-outs, slumping to 5/36 off 21 overs. Thankfully a strong rearguard action from Jack, Roman, Lucas and Leroy Dunn (another U12C fill-in) helped turn a potentially crushing defeat into an honourable loss. Holding their ground against some fearsome representative fast bowlers they helped us reach 8/139.

After the first week of round five was washed out, we faced Burwood away for a rescheduled one-day fixture. We started fantastically in the field to have them 3/7 after three overs. Josh starred with ball taking 2/8. They got away from us towards the end of the innings scoring 98 off their 25 overs, of which 30 were extras. In reply

### **UNDER 12B Green SEASON 2017-18**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Francis Cameron
Sebastian Donnellan
Lucas Gregory
Lachlan Green
Christian McKenzie
Will Moore
Jack Moston
Roman Moxon
Joshua Murray
Kai Sanders

#### **COACHING/UMPIRING** Ben Sanders

#### **MANAGER** Paul Gregory

we started well, but suffered a middle-order collapse. Christian and Josh combined well to keep us on target, however we subsequently got bogged down between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> overs. Despite the best efforts of Christian and Roman (who both scored 20) we fell short, scoring 83.

Our last game for the year was a one-day fixture at home against Ashburton, who until that point had only lost one game. At training beforehand, we had worked on our running between the wickets, working the ball into the gaps and rotating the strike. We also talked about battling our fear and doubts as cricketers, as the last few losses had dented our confidence. The free-scoring and fearless play we had seen during pre-season training and the opening matches had gone missing. It was important to remind the players that they had all been selected to play in a B-grade competition, and even if they had lost some belief, the coaching staff hadn't lost faith in every player's capacity to contribute to the team. Batting first against an accurate bowling attack we put our practise into action scoring 75. Christian top scored with 19 while Will blasted 14\* in the last few overs to give us a fighting chance. In reply we put in a great performance with the ball and in the field. The highlights were many: conceding only nine extras, executing three run-outs (twice running out the opposition going for a second run) and Jack completing a stumping off Francis (who finished with 2/8 and just missed his hat-trick). We restricted them to 9/72 off 23.5 overs, their innings closing with their number four batter having to retire on 26\*. Having knocked off one of the top teams helped restore the players' confidence and belief that they had what it took to compete at this level.

Our first game of 2018 was a one-day fixture at home to Burwood and we were eager to avenge our close loss from earlier in the season. We batted first with Roman and Jack getting us off to a good start. After a mid-innings slump some positive running from Francis and Seb helped kick-start a recovery that saw us make 98 off our 25 overs. In reply Kai was the only bowler to take a wicket, but our fantastic fielding (including three run-outs) managed to keep us in the game. Several times our players kept cool under pressure and made the right decision to complete the run-out. Josh stepped up to bowl the last over with Burwood needing eight runs to win but he kept a cool head to bowl accurately as we ran out winners by four runs.

Our next game was away to Trinity Willison Green, the top team in the competition. Unfortunately, we chose the wrong time to put on our worst bowling display of the year. Their batting line-up contained several left-right combinations which scrambled the radars of our bowlers and we conceded 7/262 runs off 45 overs, of which 42 were extras. It could have been worse as they were 2/116 off 20 at morning tea. Thankfully our team spirit held together and even though we were down, we didn't capitulate and managed to take wickets regularly in the second session. Jack grabbed 2/17 with the ball and two stumpings with the gloves in a great fighting display.

In reply we struggled against their tight spinning attack, slumping to 5/57. A late rear-guard action from Will (who top scored with 24\*), Jack, Lachlan and Lucas helped us recover some pride and we batted out our 45 overs, making 8/120. We hosted Balwyn, the divisions' bottom side for the last game of the season. Although they had only won game they had made some big scores and were competitive in most of their games. We had a mixed day in the field, missing some easy catches and run-outs, yet taking some blinding catches and getting two run-outs with direct-hits. They scored 8/174 including 44 extras while Sebastian grabbed a brace of wickets. We knew that we could chase down that target if we kept to our game plan of being patient, keeping the scoreboard ticking over and waiting for the right ball to hit. With only nine players on the day we knew we had to keep wickets in hand. Roman and Francis got off us to a cracking start. Lachlan chose right day to make his career high score, hitting many boundaries and scoring 24. Lucas, Kai and Elias (another U12C fill-in) all kept the score ticking over with positive cricket, keeping us on target. Needing 25 off the last six overs, Roman (40\*), Francis (30\*) and Sebastian (25\*) finished off the game in some style, winning in the second last over. Sebastian in particular managed to recapture the confidence and belief that he showed at the beginning of the season. It was a measured and professional run-chase that was a pleasure to watch. The players stayed patient, gave few chances and kept us on target all through the innings.

Overall, we finished with four wins and five losses, which was probably a fair reflection of our standard. Most of our opposition teams were the top U12 side in their clubs, and a few of our opponents contained U12 ECA representative players. We also struggled with injuries and absences during the season and often only fielded 10 players in a game. Feedback from the players and parents of players who did play A-grade during the year suggested that the skill gap between our B-division and the ECA A-grade wasn't as large as previously thought. This should give great encouragement to our squad who showed that they could all compete and contribute at a very high level. The younger members of our team should expect to make big waves in A-grade next season, while all the older members can all be confident of successfully making the jump to U14s.

Cricket is the most individual of all team sports and it can be hard teacher at times. The players overall dealt with disappointment well and stayed positive during lean periods. All athletes, even Australian cricket captains (and air-conditioner salesmen) and Olympic swimmers lose form and belief in themselves at times. The players should remember the old cliché that while form is temporary, class is permanent and they should never doubt that they all have enough cricketing talent to enjoy the game for many years to come. Like all sports of skill, cricket is played mostly in the mind and most of the problems they faced during the season were fabrications of their own perceptions. As I often said to the players "you don't need a coach, you need a psychologist".

A big thank you to all the parents who helped pitch in during the year. As the team manager and assistant coach, your assistance in scoring, umpiring, coaching, catering, keeping the kids motivated during form slumps, handing out cuddles, giving

shoulders to cry on and helping to set up the ground each week was greatly appreciated. At a club with an over-extended junior program it is only due to the efforts of the parents that we manage to get a team of young boys onto the field and playing in a competitive fashion.

To Matt Green (last year's coach of our U10 superstars) I hope I kept their development on track. Thanks again to the U12C players who put their hand up to play for the B's. You all did a super job and made important contributions. Thanks to Richard Hinds for helping to cover player shortages and dealing with my often frustrated and exasperated manner at training. Thanks to John Swanson for his wisdom and advice. A big thank-you to Ben Sanders who stepped up to take the reigns as match day coach under challenging circumstances, while also sharing the load of the often chaotic and ill-disciplined training sessions.

**Francis Cameron:** I've had the pleasure of watching Francis Cameron play for the past three seasons, and coaching him for the past two. Francis still has the best eye of any junior batter I've ever seen, and when on song he is capable of some remarkable shots (such as his great 'tennis smash' in the last game). Francis has the looks, talent and swagger of a young Shane Warne with an attitude to match. During this season, Francis reached the limits of what his considerable raw talent could take him. He was often caught while hitting the ball on the up, playing off a straight front leg. In the last few games he managed to wait for the ball to come to him, playing with a bent front knee and even managing to pull out a few cut-shots. His talents playing 'baseball' are well known, but by the end of the season he was scoring with great cricket shots as well. With the ball, the big turning leggies from last season were sacrificed for off-spinners as Francis found it difficult to grip the leather ball as well as last season's plastic one. Francis still bowled effectively for us over the season but it would be a shame for himself (and cricket in general) if he gave away his prodigious leg-spinning talents. He also kept well for us in a few games, while his positive running between the wickets in the last few games was also a highlight, especially for a boy who waddles like a duck with pads on. The lowlights for the season were continually fighting with teammates during training, getting kicked out of training early one night and bringing one of the English coaches close to tears of frustration. Hopefully Francis learns the difference between positive and negative attention seeking in his future cricketing endeavours.

**Sebastian Donnellan:** Watching 'Seb' whip balls off his pads and play late cuts during pre-season training and during the first few games, I was convinced he was going to be superstar this season. Seb suffered a run of outs during the middle of the season which affected his confidence and running between wickets. His bowling also tended to be quite short and often expensive. After the summer break his length with the ball improved markedly and he picked up some deserved wickets and improved his economy. His effort with the bat in the final game encapsulated his season. Coming in at number five he was low on confidence and struggled to keep the runs ticking over. After being retired early, he came back in the later overs having to chance his arm to keep us on the game. Throwing caution to the wind, the Seb of old returned with a mixture of great shots and slogs which helped win the game for us in style. In the field, he was always fantastic with a great accurate throw,

a safe pair of hands and a courageous attack on the ball. His effort at third man in the final over at home to Burwood, when he attacked a top edge slash off a cut-shot, grabbing the ball cleanly on the first bounce was called by the opposition scorer as 'the play that won the game'. A softly spoken, quiet boy he was an absolute pleasure to coach. You've always been a superstar Seb, it's just that sometimes you forgot it.

**Lucas Gregory:** Lucas started this season with the ball as he left off, bowling outswingers with great line and length. Unfortunately, he soon developed some problems with his run-up and conceded a few front-foot no balls. Problems with his front arm also affected his accuracy. With the bat, his fortunes went in the opposite direction. He started poorly and only scored 10 runs in his first three innings. Taking advice from my kung-fu master who said 'you never train your own kids' I subcontracted club coach 'Syke' to help shore up his defences. Lucas went on to score another 39 runs at 19.5 for the rest of season; proof that Syke's coaching is worth its weight in gold, and also that Lucas sufficiently applied himself to put the practise into action. A few times this season he showed the capacity to bat for long periods and score all around the wicket with a great technique. He still occasionally suffered from the yips with balls into the body, but some good words of encouragement from Ben Sanders after the summer break helped keep him on track. Lucas always worked hard at training and would often ignore the trolling of his other teammates to bowl long sessions in the nets to the batters. Looking forward, Lucas should remember the advice to keep his shape when bowling, trust his eyes to get behind the shorter balls and work on his throwing and catching to improve his all-round game.

**Lachlan Green:** The youngest player in our side, Lachlan played with a great courage with the bat, never taking backward step against his older and larger competitors. Lachlan made several handy scores during the season but never pushed on to get the runs his technique and application deserved, often due to unfortunate mix-ups between the wickets. It all came together in the final game where he hit 24 (with four boundaries) in a great innings which helped keep the run-chase on target. With the ball, he developed into one of our most effective bowlers, often opening the attack with his accurate outswingers. He also showed great energy in the field and took a handful of catches. Lachlan improved his batting by not lunging or pushing at the ball fuller, but he needs to work on his calling between the wickets to try and prevent more unfortunate run-outs in his future batting career. His attitude at training was generally good, although his behaviour to one of the visiting English coaches at training was less the stellar.

**Christian McKenzie:** Another player who I've had the pleasure of watching for the past three years, Christian was one of our most consistent batters who often made key contributions. Although he loves to lean back, lift his head and wind up his tree trunk of a bat in search of big boundaries, he's often at his best when he keeps his head down and strokes the ball through the covers with great timing and style. Although he missed out with the bat in the last two games, he shouldn't let that detract from another strong season (84 runs at 14.0). With the ball, he continued to develop his off-spinners, often bowling with great loop and control and bamboozling

the opposition batters. When keeping he needs to remember to stay low and keep his feet moving to cover balls down the legside. Some of his hustle in the field tapered off during the end of the season. At training Christian constantly demanded my attention and often engaged in hi-jinks with Francis, his partner in crime. As much as I enjoyed our conversations over the season Christian, I would have also appreciated the occasional silences as well.

**Will Moore:** I saw Will play for the first time in a practice game the Monday before our first game. After watching him hit lofted off and on-drives off consecutive deliveries, I knew he had talent to burn. Will was the oldest and most mature player in the team and kept to himself, often cutting a solitary figure amongst the immature mayhem and madness that often enveloped the other players. Will almost gave the game away after not being selected for the A's, thankfully for him and our team his father told him to stop being silly and play cricket. Will often lost confidence during the season, trying to tell me that 'he couldn't play'. I of course wouldn't have a bar of it. Will always batted with the team in mind, sometimes sacrificing his wicket while scoring quick runs or digging in to help stave off a catastrophic defeat. His cameo of 14\* blasted off the last few overs against Ashwood helped set up a great victory, while his 24\* against the top team of the competition showed his true class. Always a great player off the front foot with either a straight bat or a 'baseball' slog, his development of his cut shot over the summer break helped round off his game. When called up to the A's he scored 11\* (3<sup>rd</sup> top score) to put on valuable match-winning runs for the last wicket, hopefully putting to bed any doubts in his mind that he can't play at a high level. Will bowled some good spells over the season and was dynamite in the field, taking the best outfield catch of the season (which unfortunately was a no-ball). Continuing to work on his back-foot play will reap dividends in the future.

**Jack Moston:** Another one of Matt Green's U10 superstars, Jack came with a reputation as being a talented sportsman and he delivered in spades. As a batter, Jack has all the shots and patience to make big scores. Other teams found it hard to dislodge him and often the only way he got out was trying forcing the pace, attempting to hit balls that weren't quite in the slot. With the ball, Jack bowls with good pace and control. But it is behind the stumps that Jack gave the biggest value to the team. Jack is probably the best junior wicket keeper I've ever seen, quite a feat considering that he never owned a set of gloves until this season. Jack made three stumpings during the season and I cannot recall him conceding more than a handful of byes. Despite all his talent, Jack is a quiet and unassuming player who probably isn't aware of his true potential. A pleasure to coach, Jack took on an unofficial leadership position in the team, taking time to give encouragement to other players battling their own confidence problems. In time, I'm sure his confidence will grow along with his realisation of his true capabilities. I'm not sure how far Jack's cricketing career will go, but I hope he remembers the little people who helped him along the way.

**Roman Moxon:** His short stature hid a powerhouse of talent. Roman routinely feasted on balls outside off stump all season, stepping onto the front foot and

smashing balls through the covers. He improved his backfoot play over the summer, and watching him rock onto the back foot to crunch boundaries against Balwyn was a pleasure to watch. One of his highlights for me occurred at centre-wicket training; when facing outswinging throw-downs, he propped onto his front foot and whipped a ball from off-stump past the square leg boundary, looking every inch a ten-year-old Viv Richards. Ben and I just looked at each other and smiled. Like Viv, Roman bats with no fear and enjoys dominating bowling with a certain swagger. Roman took wickets regularly with the ball during the season but was quite expensive early on, often committing the cardinal sin of bowling no-balls which bounced in his half of the pitch. After the summer break his length improved considerably and he became one of our most economical bowlers. He was a superstar in the field with a great sliding pick-up and rocket throw and a great pair of hands. Although his puppy-dog enthusiasm and continual questions and second-guessing the coaches could become irritating at times, I always took them with good grace as I knew they were coming from a good place. Roman would do well to ignore the temptation to troll his teammates during training. Continuing to work on his backfoot play to develop a more reliable cut and pull shot will help him make even more runs next season.

**Joshua Murray:** First impressions of Josh were of a young boy who kept bowling simple. Like all bowling greats, Josh does the simple things well; line and length with unwavering control and a hint of away movement. Josh was our stand-out bowler for the season, taking six wickets at 15.8, with by far the best economy rate of 2.68. Usually opening the bowling, we often kept him in reserve to close out the final overs, a job he did to perfection in our tight win against Burwood. With the bat, he plays in a swashbuckling style of a young Adam Gilchrist, enjoying smashing the ball through point with square drives and cut shots while also enjoying latching onto pull-shots. His batting would improve by working on defending and hitting the ball straighter 'in the Vee' and also working on driving or glancing fuller balls angled into his pads. Like Roman, Josh was a dynamic fielder with a great sliding pick up and an accurate throw, achieving three run-outs during the season. A pleasure to coach, he always worked hard at training and could be counted on to bowl accurately in the nets all session, long after some of his teammates had lost concentration and began goofing off.

**Kai Sanders:** Last season Kai showed a lot of potential with the ball but his erratic run-up often led to accuracy problems. After I watched him bowl his first ball of the pre-season it seemed that he had conquered this problem over the winter. And so it proved to be, as Kai enjoyed a great season with the ball, becoming one of our most effective bowlers, taking five wickets at 23.8 with an economy rate of 3.72. With the bat, Kai's defense sometimes let him down but when he did get going he could always be relied on to keep the scoreboard ticking over with a good array of shots and aggressive running between the wickets. Kai could learn to be more confident with his calling, especially with his 'no' calls as his polite nature sometimes resulted in him being run-out. Kai was another handy fielder with a strong powerful arm. Kai would do well to continue to listen to his father's advice to defend balls on the stumps with soft hands. Improving his defence will give him more opportunities to play his shots in the future.

## Under 12B Yellow Report 2017 – 2018

The U12B Yellow side enjoyed a successful season and after slow start to the season, flew home to win the last 4 games.

The team should be proud of the way they conducted themselves and the number of times opposition coaches commented on the quality of play and sportsmanship. A highlight coming in round 8 where during the final over of the day an opposition player ramped one of our quicks for 4, which received yahoos and high fives from the entire Edinburgh team, the next ball saw 8 slips line up, to close out the game.

With only the 11 players on occasions we were short, however the boys rallied to put in a competitive effort on all occasions.

The U12 Yellow should be congratulated on their excellent running between the wickets, punishment of loose balls and taking byes at every opportunity, which was often commended by the opposition coaches.

Throughout the season every player made a great contribution to the team with some outstanding performances.

**Tom Alexander:** Had another exceptional season scoring 117 runs at an average of 11.7, with a top score of 43\* in game 9. He was also terrific in the field, a natural leader. In all Tom took 7 for 50 off 22 overs, with his best performance being 3/7.

**Luca Conduit:** Continued to develop his accurate fast bowling conceding only 56 runs from 22 overs with 3 wickets. A very accurate bowler, with surprising speed. Often scoring some handy runs, contributing 41 runs over the season.

**Ari Lynden-Bell:** Continued to improve this season in all aspects of his game. Possessing the best forward defence in the team, Ari was difficult to remove. Again, Ari saved the best for last, cleaning up the tail with 2 wickets in the final over of the season.

**Fred Culham:** A genuine team all-round cricketer. One of the most consistent, Fred was often asked to open the batting and blunt the attack with a top score of 15\*. An attacking and accurate fielder with the strongest arm in the team, Fred certainly saved a number of runs and then did some great work with the ball taking 3 wickets for 100 off 25 overs. A keen cricketer with a great work ethic at training.

**Jack Mortimer:** Another great all round performance this season. A consistent performer with the ball Jack took 4 wickets for 101 off 28 overs. A big lift this season

### UNDER 12B Yellow SEASON 2017-18

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Tom Alexander
Jamieson Cohen
Luca Conduit
Fred Culham
Ari Lynden-Bell
Declan McMullen
Jack Mortimer
Henry Nicholls
Harry Paterson
Joseph Schickerling
Liam Watt

#### COACHING/UMPIRING Cam Conduit

#### MANAGER Kyle Mortimer

with the bat scoring team high total of 132 runs at an average of 33, including a highest score of 40\* in game 9.

**Harry Paterson:** Stamped his authority on the wicket keeping position, including stumpings, caught behinds and completing numerous runouts. Late in the season Harry emerged as an accurate opening bowler taking 3 for 58 off 13 overs.

**Joe Schickerling:** Continued to lead on the field , always offering an encouraging few words for his team mates. Joe's bowling continued to improve this year, taking 4 for 87 off 27 overs. Joe protected his wicket with rock solid batting and lead by example with strong calling and running between the wickets, backing up to the point where in one game he was controversially mankaded and scoring 40 runs for the season.

**Jamieson Cohen:** Jamieson emerged as a genuine run scorer, scoring a total of 78 runs and a highest score of 34\*. His bowling steadily increased in speed throughout the summer, although interrupted with a brief stint of off spin bowling. A highlight of the season was Jamieson's 5 catches in one game at slip, unbelievable.

**Henry Nicholls:** Built on his form from 2016/17. Scoring regularly Henry finished with 72 runs for the season at an average of 14.4 had a highest score of 25. He scored a devastating 14 off 1 over including 2 consecutive 4's followed by the only 6 for the season. His bowling again showed consistency taking 6 for 96 off 28 overs with a steady increase in pace, to become the teams genuine quick.

**Liam Watt:** The most improved player this season, scoring regularly including the teams first 40\* in round 9, scoring 102 runs for the season. The leg spin continued to improve finishing the season with the fantastic numbers and teams best of 8 wickets for 67 off 27 overs. Full of energy, Liam is a live wire in the field a great team man.

**Declan McMullen:** built from his first season, scoring a total of 54 runs and contributing with 3 for 115 of 23 overs. A fantastic close in fielder, with some great sharp catches. Late in the season Declan emerged as an accurate off spin bowler.

A big congratulations and thank you to Cameron who put in a fantastic effort all season, extracting the best out of each of the players. Clearly establishing the expectations and culture for the season, before setting the team a challenge of managing their own batting line up and field positions for the last 3 games, a challenge they meet with enthusiasm and success.

Kyle (it's Cam chipping in here), once again stepped up to manage the team like clockwork. Did a fantastic job in every aspect - from game day strategy, to rule clarification, managing rotations, upholding the team values, and ensuring the scores were locked in every week. Excellent to work with, and his efforts were greatly appreciated by all involved. Back to Kyle.....

Also thanks to all the parents for their support and rotating the match day duties in providing morning tea and scoring.

Highlight reel from Cameron's weekly wrap – The Good the Bad and the Ugly

**Liam 'The Screw' Watt...** Turned things around. Scored the team's first 40 at a vital time, with some brilliant stroke play. Bowled brilliantly, and threw a direct-hit run out from the car park.

**Jack 'Eveready' Mortimer...** Another we had to drag off the ground in his forties. Great knock. Fantastic energy in all parts of the game. Good support for **'Golden Gloves' Paterson.**

**Ari 'Lights Out' Lynden-Bell...** Clearly had somewhere else he needed to be at over 42... went bang... kapow... nighty night. Steadfast with the bat on day one.

**Jamieson 'Michelle' Cohen...** Fivefa... with the mitts, if you don't mind.\* If he hadn't washed his hands after morning tea, may have found enough sticky fingers to make it 6. Congrats on winning the pink bat!

**Tom 'The Elevator' Alexander....** Lifts everyone around him. Another all round game with bat, ball, and on-field leadership.

**Declan 'Trenches' McMullen...** Like the way this soldier goes about it. Team-focussed. Accumulated with the bat and built partnerships. In the field, involved himself by backing up and chasing.

**Henry 'One Wood' Nicholls...** Hit a magnificent six. Please keep Henry in mind when parking your vehicle on match days. Snagged 2 for 3 off 4 overs. Crook guts but shrugged off the trainers.

**Fred 'Mr Sheen' Culham...** Polished performance... Shows maturity beyond his years at training and on the field. Added dashing stroke play to his rock solid defence. Left the medium-pace in the locker room, and bowled a frighteningly good first over. Took a step up.

**Liam 'The Wolf' Watt...** We can turn to him when we've got a problem... Bamboozled the other mob with his spin. Solid again with the bat and formed great partnerships.

**Harry 'The Bartender' Paterson...** Spilled nothing... In the thick of a caught-marsh-bowled-lillee-like dismissal. If there is any better feeling in cricket, please tell me.

**Fred 'The Finisher' Culham...** When the game was in the balance, his rock solid batting got the team across the line. Awesome.

**Henry 'Korean Kim' Nicholls...** Unpredictably launched a few... carefully surveyed the outfield conditions and decided the best way through the lawn clippings was over the top. Fantastic stroke play.

**Harry 'The Mailman' Paterson...** Popped in with some special deliveries. Two big wickets at the top of the innings, before swaggering down to the other end for a typically polished display behind the stumps.

**Ari 'Bitcoin' Lynden-Bell...** Rises in value every week... what can't he do? Stood firm with the bat, took a sharp catch, dished out a death-rattler and celebrated with a fierce double fist-pump. Ripper.

**Jamieson 'Ricciardo' Cohen...** has been working his way into top gear this season, and decided it was time to put the foot down. Magnificent top score innings full of great stroke play and concentration.

**Joe 'Cyrus' Schickerling...** came in with a wrecking ball... used the new pill to maximum effect with a vital early wicket, then produced another pearler in his second spell. Achy breakie stumps.

**Liam 'HHR' Watt ...** the human highlight reel was up to his old tricks again. Diving to save a boundary, a great catch, and punishing two consecutive leg side deliveries with identical pull shots, just in case we missed the first one. Ridiculous.

**Jack 'Trifecta' Mortimer...** A complete batting, bowling and fielding performance. Brilliant catch + it took two burly scorekeepers to drag him off on 26 n.o. + a double wicket-taker with the ball.

**Harry 'Fort' Paterson and Jamieson 'Knox' Cohen...** Let nothing through... just one bye between them! No overthrows that I recall. Outstanding keeping.

**Ari 'Aerogard' Lynden-Bell...** Repelled some very nasty attackers. Held a masterclass in how to keep out fast, straight bowling with a front foot lunge and full face of the bat.

**Liam 'What the!' Watt...** Highly competitive, yet quickly accepted a Barry Crocker of a stumping decision. Honestly signalled 4 runs to the opposition when fielding on the boundary. Played in precisely the right spirit. Good karma coming his way next week.

**Luca 'Michelangelo' Conduit...** Carved out some great figures... some very tight bowling, and into double-figures with the bat. Good captain's game.

## Under 12C Black Report 2017 – 2018

Season 2017-18 for the Burra Under 12C Black team brought new challenges and quite a step up from the Under 10s where most had played last season. We saw big hitting, stylish stroke play; a great variety of bowling from “coming in off the fence” pace to lovely “chinamen”; and some spectacular catches. Fair to say we struggled early in the season against strong opposition but as the team grew and developed we had some great results and a strong team bond emerged.

The players ....

**Joey Barnard** had a great season with the bat, hitting 177 runs at an impressive average of 35. Joey likes to hit sixes, especially over square leg and did so with regularity throughout the season. In the match against Glen Iris Joey hit a six off his final ball to make the maximum possible score of 25, before retiring.

**Freddy Marmo** is an accomplished and stylish left-handed batsman, with a lovely cover drive. He scored 147 runs for the season at 29.4. Freddy was a rock in our batting lineup, often rebuilding our innings after an early batting collapse. Freddy’s left arm leg spin “chinamen” are coming along nicely and his fielding was exceptional with many diving catches throughout the season.

**Ollie Adams** had an excellent season with the bat, making 118 runs at 17. Ollie loves to bat aggressively but found another side to his game this season, playing some measured and well-paced innings throughout the season. Against Glen Iris he batted with great poise to guide the team to victory. Oliver probably vies with Dylan for the worlds’ longest bowling run up and was consistently our most intimidating bowler.

**Dylan Colyer** had a season of 2 halves, making runs before Christmas and taking wickets after the mid-season break to become our top wicket taker with 11 wickets at 9.6. Dylan bowled with fire and vigour and when he bowled straight and full was our most dangerous bowler, knocking the stumps over many times.

**Marco Holmes** was probably our biggest improver for the season with his bowling improving out of sight over the season. Marco clearly did the “homework” I set the team over the break (to watch Test and BBL cricket and play in the back yard and at the beach) and worked on his bowling to the point where we was full and straight and taking wickets - 9 of them at 14.2

### UNDER 12C Black SEASON 2017-18

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Oliver Adams
Joseph Barnard
Leeroy Cocco
Dylan Colyer
Henry Gangoiti
Patrick Gillian
Marco Holmes
Freddy Marmo
Matthew Solomon
Rafael Pintos-Lopez

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Randall Nodin

#### MANAGER

Richard Colyer

**Leeroy Cocco** was a terrific all-round performer this season, making 111 runs at 12.3, taking 6 wickets at 13 and had reliable hands in the field. His bowling was particularly good, with consistent line and length throughout the season which with a bit of luck would have yielded many more wickets.

**Henry Gangoiti** saved his best for last this season. Henry struggled with his bowling until the last game when I saw him bowling nice leg spin in the nets. Stepping to the crease he asked what he should bowl? Bowl your leggies I said. He then proceeded to turn the ball square, had the opposition batters in all sorts. A dropped catch and several that landed between fielders denied him but he has found his strength for next season and beyond

**Rafael Pintos-Lopez** was new to cricket this season. He is very coachable and quickly found his feet with both bat and ball. His defence with the bat was solid and he dug in many times even as wickets fell at the other end. With the ball he quickly found a good line and length and was unlucky not to take more wickets, even so he finished with 6 wickets at 16.

**Patrick Gillian** was ill for part of the season but contributed greatly with the ball when he was fit, bowling with an unerring line and length and managing to swing the ball even in dry conditions. He took 5 wickets at an impressive average of 9. Patrick also was a reliable batter with a surprisingly strong drive.

**Matthew Solomon** did a lot of the wicket keeping for us this season and was instrumental in many a dismissal. While great with the gloves on, Matthew had success with the ball in hand as well, taking best bowling figures of 3/4, and a total of 5 for the season at an impressive average of 13.

#### **Batting**

1. Joey Barnard 177 runs at 35.4
2. Freddy Marmo 147 runs at 29.4
3. Oliver Adams 118 runs at 16.86

#### **Bowling**

1. Dylan Colyer 11 wickets at 9.64
2. Marco Holmes 9 wickets at 14.2
3. Leeroy Cocco 6 wickets at 13

**Fielding award:** Matthew Solomon

**Coaches award:** Rafael Pintos-Lopez

Finally, much thanks to all those who made the delicious teas and to those who did the scoring throughout the season. Special thanks to Richard Colyer for once again managing a Burra team which he carried out with aplomb.

## Under 12C Burgundy Report 2017 – 2018

Season 2017/18 saw the boys take the trophy!! It was a great season from a team that ran deep with talent, where we regularly bowled opposition teams out on low scores and scored over 100 runs in most games. The boys were always active in the field limiting scores through pressure and run outs. But more importantly than the wins, I really valued the way the team formed over the year and ended with a close group working for each other. I noticed individual performances become less of a focus for the boys and instead the conversations shifted to what the team needed to win. This approach will serve them well in future competitive sport. And above all I saw the boys, and me, have fun every week – which is what we're all here for.

To the players:

**Asher Carter:** Had a solid year with a highest score of 11no with the bat and saved his best bowling for the last game where he played a big role in saving the match and ensuring the premiership. When in control, Asher can make runs quickly and bowl with real pace. Asher's batting technique developed during the season and he was always dangerous in the field. Asher's best game was Round 14, when after making 4 with the bat (and placing huge pressure on himself), he came through with 1/3 off three overs.

**Elias Demant-Rundgren:** Elias had a great season, consistently being in our top run scorers and bowling his left arm heat. The only thing that stopped Elias taking large bags of wickets was accuracy, which will come with more time playing. Our main 6 hitter, Elias was a crowd favourite with some big hitting this year. Always alert in the field, Elias was involved in several run-outs throughout the season.

**Fynn Donovan:** After a slow start in the first few games Finn bust onto the scene with 2/5 in round 5, and when accurate, took wickets for the rest of the season. Finn's batting progressed from looking pretty nervous in the middle to being able to hold up an end with solid defence.

**Darcy Dunn:** Darcy has had a great season, with some great innings and really consistent bowling. As the season progressed the runs started to flow, with regular scores in the teens. Darcy has developed some great off side shots and looked very comfortable at the crease later in the season. Darcy's bowling was accurate all year, and always looked dangerous – even unlucky. Best figures were 2/5 in round 9, and when not bowling took some great catches and was always alert in the field.

### UNDER 12C Burgundy SEASON 2017-18

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Asher Carter
Elias Demant Rundgren
Fynn Donovan
Darcy Dunn
Leroy Dunn
Asher Dunning
Pablo Gooi
Lachlan Haydon
Leroy Hinds
Darcy Hornsby
Sam Mellody
Harley Mileto
David Oliver
Thomas Worn

#### COACHING/UMPIRING Marcus Worn

#### MANAGER Julie Oliver

**Leroy Dunn:** We lost Leroy for a few games to the As/Bs but when playing he was a great contributor. With the ball in hand he was always a chance for a wicket, bowling good medium/fast off and leg cutters. Leroy's bowling was always economical and like his brother was a little unlucky not to take more wickets. Leroy is one of our big hitters and scored consistently throughout the year with regular not outs in the teens and a top score of 19 not out. Leroy's biggest asset is that he thinks about his cricket and how the game is being played.

**Asher Dunning:** One of the hardest workers in the team Asher has progressed his batting and bowling enormously this season. After a couple of early season net sessions Asher transformed his bowling technique into one of our regular wicket takers, bowling accurate medium pace that troubled most oppositions. Asher developed the ability to adjust line and length if batsmen were starting to hit him, showing real maturity in his sport. Similar to his bowling Asher developed his batting from moving away from the ball to regular not outs with some nice strokes. In the field Asher took lots of catches – that win matches!!

**Pablo Gooi:** Pabs has had a great year, developing confidence in his cricket. Technique has never been an issue for Pabs with elegant off side batting and a solid bowling action. As his confidence grew so did his batting, saving his best innings for Round 14 (19no) where we saw some great cover drives, square drives and cut shots – an exhibition. Pabs was a very economical bowler and almost got us over the line in our only loss with 2/17 off three overs under real pressure. Always a volunteer for keeping Pabs kept the spirit up in the field with good support (and advice) for his team mates.

**Lauchie Haydon:** Lauchie started the season bowling medium pace and after an early switch to leg spin never looked back. He had some great success with 2/5 against Richmond and troubled most batsmen that faced him. Lauchie had a great year with the bat, always dependable he made valuable runs in almost every innings. Lauchie fell just short of his first 20no in round 14, but based on this year's performance there will be lots of runs in future seasons.

**Leroy Hinds:** Leroy spend the majority of the season in the As, but when playing scored heavily with the bat, bowled accurately and produced consistent movement. Opposition teams were genuinely troubled by Leroy's bowling, with his best figures being 2/8 and 22no. We missed Leroy's voice in the field and his ability to think through scenarios.

**Darcy Hornsby:** After missing the first couple of games Darcy put together some great innings for the team and was a regular retiree. His best score of 21no in Round 11 was a demonstration of his shot play, where he was able to score on both sides of the wicket. Darcy's bowling was always dangerous, with his consistent line, swing and pace taking a wicket in most games and never being scored heavily against. Darcy was always active in the field and was involved in numerous run-outs and boundary saves.

**Sam Mellody:** Sam was a great contributor to the team this year with great performances with bat, ball and behind the stumps. As our regular keeper Sammy caught nearly everything including lots down the leg side. Sam's economical batting style produced consistent runs in most games and once he appreciated defence he was very hard to dismiss with several not outs in the teens. Sam's off-spin was a highlight of the year and so much fun to watch I often forgot to umpire. After he developed a straight ball and wrong-un. Sam was unstoppable with best figures of 3/2 off two overs. Above individual performance, Sam always tried to keep the team together and was a constant voice on the field.

**Harvey Mileto:** Harley is our best contributor at training – which means above natural ability, size and shape he will develop his cricket the fastest. It was a great year for Harley with both bat and ball. Harley's batting developed through the season with regular not outs and a solid technique. He was dependable for holding an end when needed and didn't let pressure get to him. Every opposition team was troubled by Harley's bowling, which was always accurate. Although he took wickets in most games his best figures were 0/3 off three overs, where he stopped the opposition scoring and kept us in a game when we were defending 69.

**David Oliver:** Dave's leg spin was lethal when he was confident. The early games saw some big contributions to the extras, but Dave worked through that, didn't give away spin and started to produce some tight and effective overs that took wickets and limited the oppositions scoring. He saved his best bowling for that last game with 2/8 (and his batting 18no). Dave was our quiet accumulator with the bat with good scores all year over 100 runs for the season. Dave worked hard on his cricket which showed through his batting where he produced some great late season cover drives and poll shots.

**Tom Worn:** Tom had a great year where he was always dependable with the ball and developed his scoring shots with the bat. Tom's consistent medium pace swing and movement led to a really tight season with the ball, never being hit heavily and taking consistent wickets. Tom's best figures were 1/3 off three overs in Round 12 when he closed out the game with a wicket. Tom's batting defence has never been in question, but he developed some great off side shot play through the season and was a regular run contributor.

### **The parents**

Yes, all are players, and thanks for the support and your contribution throughout the season.

### **Best spread**

Finn (Shaun) Donovan

## Under 12C Gold Report 2017 – 2018

Edinburgh Under 12 Gold; what a talented, enthusiastic and inspiring group of guys this team is. Throughout the course of the season Meg and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the boys to build their skills, confidence and sportsmanship across all aspects of the game. But we haven't done it alone. Jack, Hannah, Laura and Nick have all put in so much time and effort at training which has had a huge influence on the boys developing a positive & healthy attitude towards cricket. We've also had tremendous support from the parents too – so thanks guys!

It's been so rewarding to see such a vast improvement in skill level since our first game. The boys have learnt fundamental bowling techniques such as swinging and spinning a leather ball. Their batting skills have also come a long way; making more use of their feet, playing through the ball, calling shots and looking for quick singles.

There were some terrific contests throughout the season and we managed to notch up some well-deserved wins (and very close ones too). Our last game against Kew Black was a true reflection of the team's persistence & endeavour – pulling off a thrilling victory in the 23<sup>rd</sup> over.

All in all, it has been great seeing how much fun the boys have had together and the lasting friendships they've forged along the way. Well done guys – you should be very proud of yourselves!

**Zac Bennett:** The Bennettator – a gun batsman, seen sporting midnight black wrap-around shades during his last game. When asked if he'll be playing again next season, he replied: "I'll be back".

**Ronan Clancy:** With some fancy Clancy footwork during his debut season, this rogue warrior of the willow managed to conquer north, south, east and west of the field with a swift blade in hand.

**Frankie Donnini:** Don't be mistaken by this quiet achiever, he has the loudest grunting noise when delivering each ball with an "URLGH!" – most likely due to his record-breaking boundary length run-up.

**Will Doyle:** The team veteran and oracle of all things Xbox – this guy was often seen dancing up the pitch with axe in hand and dancing in the outfield doing "The Floss".

### UNDER 12 C Gold SEASON 2017-18

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Zac Bennett
Ronan Clancy
Francesco Donnini
William Doyle
Samuel Evans
Henry Harrison
Charlie Hooper
Angus Kossatz
Henry Nelson
Oliver Orr
Hugo Roselt
Alec Somers
Liam Ukovic

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Sam Hooper/Jack Hendy

#### MANAGER

Meg Kossatz

**Samuel Evans:** Spring-loaded Sammy E – the weapon with a wind-up batting stroke bigger than a Dutch windmill and a sling shot bowling arm full of guts, determination and deadly accuracy.

**Henry Harrison:** Hurricane Harrison, famous for his mind-blowing left arm delivery and more cherries on his bat than Christmas day – he's got the hook shot all wrapped up.

**Charlie Hooper:** He swings it this way. He swings it that way. Whichever way he swings his long hair during his run up, it certainly works for his bowling stats.

**Gus Kossatz:** A contender for KFC classic catches and one of the fastest finger lick'n bowlers in town, this guy can also swing the stick so quick it makes David Warner look like a chicken nugget.

**Henry Nelson:** With his famous rain-maker deliveries and lightning fast batting strokes, HG Nelson is an all-weather cricketer with a bright future ahead of him.

**Oliver Orr:** An orrsome throw from any angle and any distance, this super-charged hurler of the ball also knows how to hurl a bat around to boost the run rate when the pressure's on.

**Alec Somers:** A master of the gloves behind the wicket and fine player of the textbook pull shot, the Magnificent Mr Somers has a batting technique that's well ahead of his years.

**Hugo Roselt:** This rising star realised a hidden talent for bowling around the wicket late in the season, tying his batsmen up in knots with balls cutting and turning in all directions.

**Liam Ukovic:** Lethal Liam, with more maidens than an English county, he also proved to have plenty of tricks up his sleeve with the willow during his debut season.

## Under 12C Maroon Report 2017 – 2018

The players and parents of the Edinburgh Under 12C Maroon team acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the lands upon which we practiced, played and enjoyed our cricket throughout 2017/18.

It has been an enormous privilege to have coached the seventeen outstanding young cricketers who have made up this team throughout the course of the season. With lots of hard fought and close matches that saw the coach and many parents needing resuscitating on the sidelines, we finished the season equal second on the ladder with 10 wins and 3 losses. This is a great effort given the number of players who made their debut in the Under 12 age level this year.

As we celebrate a successful season on the field, the thing I am most proud of as coach is not where we finished on the ladder, rather, the way we approached our cricket and the spirit in which we played every game.

As a mixed gender team comprised of players with diverse skills and abilities, I believe that Maroon Under 12C is a role model team for junior cricket everywhere. No matter the result, we always took pride in our accomplishments, we encouraged and supported each other, we looked for ways to improve, and we showed empathy and respect toward everyone involved in the game. Consistently throughout the season I was approached by parents and coaches from other clubs who commended this team not only on its fantastic cricket skills, but for its organisation, team work, the way it fostered a sense inclusion for every player, and above all, its outstanding sportsmanship.

I would like to thank every player for your patience, for placing your trust in me as your coach, and above all, for displaying respect. You listened and you learned. You worked hard. You taught me new things. You made me laugh. One of you broke my thumb. I hope the memories of this season and the friendships that you have forged as a playing group will last a lifetime.

I would like to acknowledge the support of parents, siblings, grandparents, friends and four-legged family members who cheered us on every Saturday. Thank you especially to parents for your encouragement and feedback which improved my coaching. Thank you also for the morning teas, for scoring and umpiring, for providing help during games and for washing our whites. Your child's interest and participation was made stronger by your enthusiasm and active engagement throughout the season.

### UNDER 12C Maroon SEASON 2017-18

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Otis Craven
Phaidon Dickinson
Keira Grover
Alex Hyatt
Alexander O'Keefe
Filippos Tsironis
Iason Tsironis
Angus Corrie
Zac Henderson
Austin Ioannou
Edward Saunders
Tommy Vergers
Finbar Kennedy
Orlan Denton
Keira Grover
Max Kelaher
Madeleine Hennessy

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Julia Cole

#### MANAGER

Joanna Cary

A massive thank you to Anna Stephens who stepped in to the role of Assistant Coach. Anna volunteered every Monday and provided incredible support to the team at training sessions. It is largely due to Anna's efforts that we were able to work in small groups and focus on individual player skills, which resulted in a large number of personal bests achieved by players this season.

Behind every great team is a great Team Manager. And we were fortunate to have an amazing Team Manager in Joanna Cary. The hardest part of running any sporting team is the organisation and administration that goes on behind the scenes. Jo approached the role with good humour and made sure that we were well prepared for every game. If you think coaching seventeen kids is hard, you should try wrangling twice as many parents!

**Angus Corrie:** A stylish left arm bowler, Angus proved that when he lands the ball on the right spot he is very difficult to play. The second half of the year saw Angus produce his best batting performances and play a number of important innings to help steer the team to victory. It will be great to see him take this form into next season. The scorers are going to miss you the most Angus. (*13 matches - 52 runs; 7 wickets*)

**Otis Craven:** At the end of last season Otis was on a mission to improve his batting, and all we can say is: Mission Accomplished. He was determined to lower the coach's bank balance by ensuring that \$200 was donated to charities with two big sixes. Otis thoroughly deserves 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the team batting awards and will pick up more wickets in the future as he gets more accurate with his bowling. (*10 matches - 118 runs; 5 wickets*)

**Orlan Denton:** Orlan's hard work on bowling line and length ensured that he was one of the most successful wicket takers in the season, and he is thoroughly deserving of 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the team bowling awards. With good cricket awareness and a great range of batting strokes, especially a solid defence, confidence is all Orlan needs to score more runs. (*13 matches - 36 runs; 12 wickets*)

**Phaidon Dickinson:** Phaidon was born in pads and a helmet. His first words were "reverse sweep". He sleeps in his kit bag. The most enthusiastic cricketer to ever put on whites, Phaidon's energetic bowling and resolute batting are greatly valued by the team. It was fitting that Phaidon hit the winning runs with a 4 in the last game of the season. (*11 matches - 17 runs; 7 wickets*)

**Keira Grover:** Keira featured in a number of key batting partnerships throughout the year and showed that she is a composed and talented batter who rarely lost her wicket in the season. With great pace when bowling it will be great to see Keira gain more control of her ball release. The team's go to wicket keeper, Keira earned the Fielding Award for 2017/18 with some great work behind the stumps. Apparently the only thing messier than Keira's bedroom is her kit bag. (*10 matches - 49 runs; 5 wickets*)

**Zac Henderson:** The Maroon Pocket Rocket blew away the opposition with his incredible speed both in the field and with his running between wickets. Zac is a strong

batter who plays stunning cricket shots to all parts of the ground. His intelligent bowling, including changing to around the wicket and immediately bowling an opposition batter despite his coach's advice (Pfff. Whatever) was rewarded by achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the team bowling awards. (*12 matches - 81 runs; 7 wickets*)

**Madeleine Hennessy:** After joining the team in 2018, Madeleine showed that she is a talented leg spin bowler who can turn the ball a mile, and was very unlucky not to pick up more wickets in her 5 games with the team. Madeleine has one of the best looking cover drives in the history of cricket and is destined to score more runs as she starts to play her shots with confidence and power. It was always lovely to see Madeline doing cricket homework her phone on the sidelines. (*5 matches – 20 runs; 3 wickets*)

**Alex Hyatt:** Alex is a true all-rounder who made the most of his half season with the team by scoring runs in every game and picking up wickets with his accurate and economical bowling. His dynamic fielding and safe pair of hands also consistently saved the team runs. Alex should be very proud of the thoughtful and mature manner in which he approaches his cricket. Our loss is Wesley's gain. (*8 matches - 54 runs; 5 wickets*)

**Max Kelaher:** Max joined the team after Christmas and picked up exactly where he left off at the end of last season – with courage and determination. Max's batting was again a highlight and he again proved how difficult it is to get him out. Max will continue to improve in leaps and bounds with more experience and match practice – so make up your mind to play cricket a bit earlier next year Maxi! (*4 matches - 3 runs; 0 wickets*)

**Finbar Kennedy:** A talented cricketer with outstanding awareness, technique and skills, Finbar is to be congratulated on the way he approaches his own game, constantly looks to improve and encourages his team mates. He is thoroughly deserving of 1<sup>st</sup> place in the team batting award, and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the team bowling award. Finbar is the only player to have an opposition cheer squad set up in his honour. (*13 matches – 141 runs; 18 wickets*)

**Austin laonnou:** Austin has a great range of attacking batting shots and is not afraid to use his feet to get to the ball, which was demonstrated by his ability to hit powerful shots back past the bowler. Austin also gets good speed and variation when bowling, and by focussing more on the off stump, he will pick up more wickets in the future. Austin's secret cricket power is the ability to simultaneously speak three different languages during morning tea – hot cross bun, cake and biscuit. (*13 matches – 53 runs; 4 wickets*)

**Alexander O'Keefe:** For a player who once said that he can't bat, Alexander wielded the bat like a T20 professional and had a number of superb innings in his best batting season of club cricket. An extremely accurate fast bowler, Alexander conceded only two runs an over in the 7 games he played with Edinburgh Maroon before taking his swashbuckling style of play to Wesley. (*7 matches – 39 runs; 4 wickets*)

**Edward Saunders:** Ed's hard work at training and his willingness to apply everything he learns to his own game saw him improve immensely. He showed how focussed he is with 8 retired not outs for the year, a personal best high score and a double wicket over in the season. As a player who always puts the needs of team before his own, Ed is very deserving of the Coach's Award for 2017/18. Sssh. Don't tell anyone Ed, but you're my favou.....(13 matches – 35 runs; 4 wickets)

**Iason Tsironis:** It was great to see Bash Brother Number 1 return for a second impressive season. Iason scored runs in every game, and his attacking batting and confidence to take quick singles ensured the team always had a healthy run rate. Iason made the opposition work very hard by conceding very few runs off his bowling, and he picked up wickets in vital stages of games. (7 matches – 41 runs; 3 wickets)

**Filippos Tsironis:** Bash Brother Number 2 also made a comeback in 2017/18 and led by example by accepting every challenge with energy and enthusiasm. He saved his best for his last couple of games where he scored the most of his runs and bowled some unplayable spin deliveries. A strength of Filip's game is his untiring efforts in the field, characterised by taking 3 outstanding catches in the course of the season. (7 matches - 17 runs, 2 wickets)

**Oliver Phegan:** Despite only playing four games after returning from injury, Oliver fitted straight into the team and had an immediate impact with both the bat and ball. He was not out in most of his innings, and made handy contributions with his accurate bowling and quick reflexes in the field. It will be great to see Oliver play a full season of cricket next year. Spend the winter in bubble wrap Ollie! (4 matches – 29 runs; 4 wickets)

**Tommy Vergers:** As Tommy found focus and commitment, his all round game improved immensely in the second part of the season, and he established himself as one of the team's most reliable bowlers by bowling at the off stump and regularly picking up wickets. It was great to see Tommy finish off the year with a couple of well-paced and intelligent batting performances which saw him win the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team batting award. Two hands for beginners Tommy. (13 matches – 82 runs; 7 wickets)

## Under 14A Report 2017 – 2018

A rollercoaster year would best describe season 2017/18 for the Mighty U14A's. A mixture of exhilarating wins coupled with a few lopsided results meant excitement was never far away. Our Win/Loss record in which we missed finals by a singular game does not define the successful season we had. We had three of our squad involved in representative cricket, 8 of our squad playing senior cricket throughout the year and our fielding as a group improving beyond sight. So many of the boys playing senior cricket being the biggest success as the U14 coaching department had set to increase the number of these players at the start of the year. Our club cannot continue to be successful without our juniors plying their trade in the senior ranks and all U14's that have stepped up this season and played in the seniors should be immensely proud of themselves

Many thanks must go my left-hand woman in team manager Meg Marsh. Meg has been an enormous help in my first year as coach and a go to with any question or query I had. Other thanks must go to Chris Spencer-White for his assistance with all things U14 and Duncan McKenzie for his many days at square leg. Thanks must also go to the junior co-ordinator Stephen Connolly and President Stuart Whiley for their ongoing support to both myself and the whole junior program, tremendous effort to get 250+ junior cricketers on the park each week. However, the biggest thanks must go out to all the parents of my team, who have made my first year as coach very smooth and the great bunch of lads I have coached this year are a great reflection on all of you.

**Ben Donnellan:** Appointed captain, Ben took on the role with gusto and handled the job admirably. Ben led the group with great leadership, cricketing knowledge and exerted exceptional cricketing prowess. The later exemplified by his captains knock of 57 vs North Balwyn. Ben's 215 runs at an average of 30.71 place him 4th in the ECA U14 Aggregate. Ben's glove work was sensational with a crisp stumping and a hand in two runouts across the season. Ben also enjoyed an impressive stint in the Senior Men's 3rd XI, working on his rotation of the strike as an opening batsman will add another impressive string to his bow. Ben was attentive to feedback and his field settings in the second half of the season were a credit to the way he absorbed feedback. I'm looking forward to seeing Ben push through the grades at Edinburgh and beyond.

**Tom Mileto:** Appointed as VC for the season, Tom let his onfield performance do the talking as he amassed an impressive 240 at an average of 34.29 to finish second in the ECA U14 Aggregate including a fantastic knock of 57 against North Balwyn. Tom's improvement over the season was evident as he secured in his place in the Senior

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### TEAM MEMBERS

Dante Colosimo
Ben Donnellan
Miles Fricke
Ethan McKenzie
Tom Mileto
Massimo Nodin
Jules Pellegrino
Dashiell Spencer-White
Archie Taylor
Kirin York
Billy Daffern
Oscar Allen

### COACHING/UMPIRING

Callum McIlveen

### MANAGER

Meg Marsh

Men's Second XI, with his enthusiastic attitude and willingness to take on advice given being a feature of his season. Tom even managed take 6 wickets with left arm 'chinaman' which should be a focus for further improvement as they are a real point of difference and something batsman find hard to play. Tom can also work on his fielding and running between wickets as he pushes towards playing First XI cricket both at school and at Edinburgh.

**Miles Fricke:** The leader of the fast bowling cartel, Miles was an integral part of the bowling unit for this season. Taking the new ball in devastating style with 11 wickets at 11.73 including 4/17 against an all-star Canterbury outfit. His wickets tally placing him in the top 10 for the ECA U/14 wickets aggregate. In addition to his exploits with the ball, Miles' batting in the middle to lower middle order was always important for our total. His 33 against Kew set the tone from the season outset and was impressive for the remainder. His rotation of the strike in the middle of the innings is impressive and if he can continue to practice putting the bad ball away his batting will be outstanding. Miles' impressive skills and improvement noted with his selection in the ECA U14 Rep side and later in the season selected in the Senior Men's Second XI. Miles fielding has been first-class this season and working on his outside off stump line when bowling will net him even more wickets into the future

**Oscar Allen:** A late call up to the U14A's, Oscar was the surprise packet of the second half of the season. Whilst only playing 5 games in the A's, Oscar impressed by returning 85 runs at 21.25 including a classy 33 against Surrey Hills. His patience and shot selection a hallmark of his innings' although Oscar can continue to work on keeping his head and feet in line with the ball while driving. With the ball Oscar, took 5 wickets at an average of 7 including a career best 4/8 in the close win over STC South Camberwell. Oscar's willingness to learn and take on a challenge were obvious even from his short time in the team. In the future, I'd love to see Oscar continue to work on ensuring he doesn't bowl too straight at the stumps and start playing some senior cricket for Edinburgh when school cricket commitments allow as I feel he has an enormous potential.

**Ethan McKenzie:** Ethan's second year in the U14A's meant he was one of the leaders in the group. Ethan was an enthusiastic and competitive member of the group. His economic away swing became a trademark in the middle overs of our bowling. Ethan's 2/5 against Boroondara was integral to us winning a tight game. Ethan can continue to work on ensuring he pushes through the crease. While at times Ethan showed his batting potential he struggled to get consistency which can be hard when batting in the lower-middle order, however, he did string a few not outs together towards the end of the season. One improvement to be noted for Ethan is to ensure he finds a way to rotate the strike when he accumulates some dot balls and makes sure he doesn't turn blind when running between the wickets. It was fantastic to see Ethan play some senior cricket and I look forward to seeing more of him in the senior ranks in the years to come.

**Billy Daffern:** One of the most popular players in the team, Billy gave his best efforts each week this season. Being a top age player, Billy's energy in the field was unrivaled as he ensured that as a group we maintained some buzz in the outfield, even if the game slipped away from us. Billy's first class fielding resulted in him creating many run out chances, executing with his dead-eye arm especially with a clutch dismissal against Boroondara. Billy's batting was always exciting and he managed to hit the largest six for the season against North Balwyn as he launched their leg-spinner over deep mid-wicket. Billy's bowling was sometimes inconsistent, however found the mark against North Balwyn snagging 2/1. Going forward Billy needs to continue to work on the basics of defensive shots while batting and to use some of the bowling drills I have shown him to ensure his is consistent enough to start to have longer bowling spells.

**Kirin York:** Kirin's promising start to the season was devastatingly cut short by injury with his broken finger. However, in the pre-Christmas set of games his medium pace bowling was an important part of our attack with his line and length causing issues for batsman, especially on our home ground at McCutcheon. Whilst Kirin is only bottom aged he produced some great spells of bowling, including against top team Glen Iris when he took 2/16. Going forward to next season I see Kirin taking a bigger role in the bowling attack as he will be a senior player in the A's. His work with Mluleki Nkala is paying dividends and his improvement saw him debut in the senior ranks playing in the LOC team.

**Jules Pellegrino:** One of the youngest players in the team, Jules had a great season as a bottom-aged player. Assuming a role as an all-rounder, Jules constantly chipped in with the bat with handy contribution such as his 16 not out against finalist Canterbury in Round Two. His handy mediums were effective when required finishing with 6 wickets for the season, including 2/9 in our tight win against Boroondara. Jules worked hard at training and was always willing to take on advice. His running between wickets was impressive and he took an amazing one handed catch against North Balwyn. Going forward I would like to see Jules work on rotating the strike and making sure he gets the ball full to the batsman to allow his natural swing and variation to take full effect. Jules was also another player that excelled in the senior ranks, playing games in the 4th and 5th XI.

**Dante Colosimo:** The barometer of the group, Dante proved to be an important part of the fast bowling cartel for this season. His fast-medium paced bowling proved too good for many players including against Surrey Hills when he beat the bat constantly. While he never took more than a singular wicket in an innings he was consistent throughout the season when he bowled full and got the ball moving away from the bat. Dante's batting started a little slowly, however, his cleanly hit 21 against North Balwyn was the difference in the game as he teamed up with his skipper for a 50 run stand to pull us over the line. Dante's fielding was the highlight of the season, his diving saves and catches were a level above the rest of the competition. I would love to see Dante continue on with his cricket and keep working as he does have some amazing raw potential.

**Dashiell Spencer-White:** Dash moved up from the U14B's and was thrown into the deep end opening the batting. His secure defence and technique was impressive early on in the season although he found himself unluckily dismissed a few times just as he was getting himself in. While early in the season Dash did not get reward for effort, his brilliant 19 in the middle order against Surrey Hills was a just reward. Dash worked hard when he was at training on his batting and fielding, especially at the many senior sessions he attended, a credit to him. Dash can improve by continuing to learn ways of rotating the strike. Dash's off-spin has also improved considerably this season as he picked up wickets in big games against Glen Iris and Surrey Hills, continuing to push through the crease in delivery stride and using his body to pivot will provide an increase in revolutions to ensure the ball turns, this will create many more chances. However, Dash's dedication to be at both senior and junior training has seen a rapid improvement in his fielding, so much so that he has taken the most catches and taken out the fielding award. Every session Dash worked hard on his fielding and everyone could observe how much improvement there has been. This has been recognized with Dash playing the Senior Men's 4th XI throughout the year.

**Massimo Nodin:** The second of the opening bowlers and another important part of the fast bowling cartel. Massimo enjoyed a fairly successful season opening the bowling. His wickets came at important times in games including a devastating spell against Surrey Hills in which he took the first two wickets to leaving them reeling at 2/7. Massimo's best spelling of 5 overs 3 maidens 2/12 was a spectacle to watch as he continued to beat the ball on the outside of the bat and was unjustly rewarded with only two wickets. When Mass got his length right he was near unplayable, however on occasion he tended to drop his length short which is an area for improvement for him to bowl prolonged spells. While Mass wasn't presented with many batting opportunities due to our strong top-order and washouts he worked hard at training and can continue to work on shot selection and playing through the line of the ball. Another player that appeared in the senior ranks, Mass played for the LOC team and even scored his highest score of the season. I look forward to seeing Mass continue to come through the senior ranks in years to come.

**Archie Taylor:** One of the most effective bowlers in the middle overs of our games, Archie enjoyed a year in which he came second in our teams bowling. Claiming 6 wickets including an impressive 3/24 against STC South Camberwell. His bowling was most effective when got the ball very full, however his tendency to slide down leg restricted him from bowling longer spells which is something for Archie to continue to work on. Archie's batting started slowly but once moved into the opening position he began to look more comfortable and anchored the top of the innings with Oscar and Ben in the final few games. Going forward I would to see Archie involved in the senior teams at Edinburgh and for him to keep working on rotating the strike, running between wickets and keeping the good ball out as he does hit the ball sweetly.

Finally, a thanks must go out to the U12's that have stepped up and helped us throughout the year. **James Shadbolt**, **Samuel Olsen** and **Seb Donnellan** have all played pivotal roles when required by our team.

On a parting note I ask the boys to keep challenging themselves to better standards on the cricket field and keep enjoying this great game!

Those who are moving up to U16's enjoy the challenge and for all others I'll see you next year!

Go Burra!!

## Under 14B Green Report 2017 – 2018

Edinburgh Under 14B Green had an inconsistent 2017/18 season, but there were some brilliant individual performances that should hold the team in good stead should they stay together next season. Our bowling line up was strong; we felt we might have needed one more top order batsman to make us a more level and competitive team. Having said that, once we settled our batting line-up in the second half of the season the results came our way.

It was a fun, fulfilling, slightly frustrating year. It took the boys a few matches to gel but under the excellent leadership of our coach, Jack Hendy, they grew in confidence and were able to finish off the season with some impressive wins. Thanks to all the parents & friends for their support this year. Many thanks to Jack for his patience, availability & guidance.

**Finn Andrew Frazer:** Coming in for his first year of cricket ever, Finn made a terrific contribution to the team with his positive attitude and team focus. His commitment to training, learning and developing his skills has been brilliant and he has been rewarded with some hard-fought runs and wickets.

**A lot of potential. He will be good for the gallop.**

**Rudy Baker:** Rudy continued on his merry way to be our number one wicket taker for the season. His ability to remove the dangerous opposition batsman and bowl tight and sometimes unplayable deliveries has been the backbone of our bowling attack.

**Laconic lad but white line fever hits when handed the ball.**

**Michael Daffey:** A joy to watch with some elegant strokeplay and lovely timing, Michael made two half centuries this season and also did neat, impressive work behind the stumps for the better part of the year. Number one run getter for the season. Terrific work.

**Always smiling and up for the battle. One to keep your eye on.**

**Max Daphne:** In a full season as captain, Max's leadership skills developed and flourished. He has shown a smart head when setting fields and has kept the team fun but focussed. His bowling has been terrific all season, second to Rudy in wickets taken.

**Has matured and grown with responsibility. Watch with interest.**

**Quinn Doherty:** Quinn always gives 100% and it's why he's so admired among his teammates. This year Quinn's bowling has been a highlight seeing him finish third in wickets taken for the year; developing more consistency has seen the results flow.

**Universally loved but don't be fooled by the nice guy image...the boy can play.**

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#### TEAM MEMBERS

Rudy Baker
Michael Daffey
Max Daphne
Quinn Doherty
Matthew Federico
Lachlan Gill
Alexander Nikolajuk
Jack Pekin
William Sweeting
Eamon Pereira
Finn Andrew Frazer

#### COACHING/UMPIRING Jack Hendy

#### MANAGER Lou Sweeney

**Matthew Federico:** If there was an award for passion and pride in performance, Matty would take it every day of the week. His encouragement and support of his teammates in the field is brilliant and both his batting and bowling is powerful and productive.

**Every team needs a Matty. Forthright and individual. A unique, talented one.**

**Lachlan Gill:** The art of the slow bowler was never better exemplified than by Lachie's work this season. Multiple wickets with some spells the batsmen could not take a run off. His final round 23 with the bat was also fantastic to watch.

**The quiet assassin. Gets the job done, one wicket at a time.**

**Ander Nikolajuk:** A hand/eye coordination maestro, everyone waits for Ander to tonk the big one, but it has been terrific to see his defensive side develop this year. As ever Ander's magnificent throwing arm has been brilliant in the field.

**Left of centre and always with something different to offer.**

**Jack Pekin:** The Jack of all trades added keeping to his repertoire this season with terrific results for someone who had not done it before. Jack's natural athletic ability coming to the fore most prominently in our last game where he scored a commanding 32.

**Lots of talent and natural leadership. Can only improve from here.**

**Eamon Pereira:** Another stylist with the bat, Eamon stepped into the opener's slot and performed with grace and power to become our second highest run scorer. His slow bowling developed markedly too and his easy nature made him a valued teammate.

**Cool, collected and mostly calm! Great to watch.**

**Will Sweeting:** Somewhere in the middle of the season Will's demon pace picked up and the batsmen had no answer. His spell against Canterbury was mesmerising. Will's steady, reliable batting also got us out of plenty of trouble this year & made him third highest run getter.

**Just out there, doing his thing. Doing it very well.**

## Under 14B Yellow Report 2017 – 2018

This season the 14s Edinburgh yellow team won 4 games and lost 4 games in what was a very successful season as a whole. One of those losses came in round 1 and was against a team that ended up being promoted up a division. Overall, I saw great improvement in everyone's skills – including batting, bowling, fielding and keeping. Edinburgh Cricket Club as a whole would be proud of the way they played and in the spirit in which they played the game.

Across the season, I saw some really good team performances as well as some important individual performances right up to the last game of the season where we would have made finals if we had won. Sadly, we lost but everyone fought it out right to the last ball which I was very proud of. A big thanks to all parents who helped out with the scoring, making the teas and setting/packing up the ground, also for bringing the players to and from training and games.

**Xavier Di Scala:** Xavier had an outstanding season with both bat and bowl. Consistently given the important role of opening the batting, he did so in a very calm and positive manner. He wins our 1<sup>st</sup> batting award with 177 runs at an excellent average of 59. He made his top score this season of 50\* against Surrey Hills in round 4. He also wins the 2<sup>nd</sup> bowling award which is a very good achievement considering most of the time he bowled at the death. He took 7 wickets this season at an average of 10.43. His best bowling figures came against North Balwyn where he claimed 4 wickets for 5 runs off just 3 overs.

**Rory Kennedy:** Rory had a very good year mainly as a batsman but also bowling some handy overs also. He wins our 3<sup>rd</sup> batting award with 95 runs at a super average of 31.67. Rory saved his best innings till the last round, making a well compiled 35\* including hitting only the 2<sup>nd</sup> six our team hit all year off the last ball of the innings to ensure we got a competitive total on the board. He also bowled quite well throughout the year, taking a handy 3 wickets throughout the season at a brilliant economy of 3.15.

**Joseph Anderson:** Joseph was easily the quickest bowler we had in our team this year. He probably didn't take as many wickets or make as many as he would have liked this season but both his batting and bowling developed heaps this year. He took 2 wickets for the season, the main reason being that the opposition batters couldn't hit him because he bowled too quick. We saw how far his batting has come this season when he opened the batting in the last game and made a quick fire 23, in this innings I particularly like how he came down the track and used his feet to the best spinner in the comp. Joseph is the recipient of the fielding award, he led the

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#### TEAM MEMBERS

Elliott Harris
Rory Kennedy
Mikaela Kennedy
Sam Moulday
Thomas Romano
Joseph Anderson
Asher Baade
Xavier DiScala
Finn Cleary
Daniel King
Samuel Ward
Hamish Harvey

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Lucien John

#### MANAGER

Paul Moulday

team with 3 catches. What I liked about Joseph's fielding was wherever I put him he did his best, whether that be at short cover or at fine leg.

**Sam Moulday:** As well as playing in this team Sam also played his first game in the seniors this season which is a big achievement. Sam is a very destructive batsman and great left arm pace bowler when he is switched on. His best bowling figures came against Surrey Hills where he claimed 2/19 off 3 overs. Sam made some very handy runs against Glen Iris in round 6 where he made 18 including hitting a huge six and in the last round against Boroondara. He came in when we were in trouble and was involved in a very good partnership to ensure we reached a defendable total, that day he made 22. Also, a shout out to Sam's outstanding fielding effort against Trinity Willison. He was fielding at shortish fine leg, the ball was hit to him and he had to dive to save it, while lying on the ground he threw the stumps down for a direct hit run out - the batsman was out by a mile and the umpire gave it.

**Thomas Romano:** Tom is a great all round cricketer. He can bat, bowl and field. He won our 3<sup>rd</sup> bowling award with 4 wickets at an average of 22.75. His best bowling figures came in the last round against Boroondara where he took 2/23 off 8 overs. He was also able to make some very handy runs in the middle order. This is highlighted by his top score of 23 for the year against Burwood in round 3. He came in when we were in trouble and was involved in a very important and exciting partnership. Tom also fields very well. What I particularly like about Tom's fielding is that he never gives up when he is chasing the ball to the boundary which is a very good characteristic to have on the cricket field.

**Samuel Ward:** Was our opening bowler, who swung the ball consistently in when he took the new ball. He was the winner of our 1<sup>st</sup> bowling award. He took 8 wickets at an average of 15.5 and with an impressive economy of 3.54. His best bowling performance of the year was against Trinity Willison in round 2 where he took 3/13 off 5 overs. Sam is also a handy batsman down the order and a brilliant fielder, he was involved in 3 run outs for the season which is a great achievement.

**Mikaela Kennedy:** Was our other opening bowler, she is a great bowler who consistently bowls the right line and length when taking the new ball. Her standout bowling performance was against Surrey Hills where she took 2/17 off 4 overs including the winning wicket which she got 10 minutes before torrential rain set in. As well as playing with the Edinburgh Yellow 14s team she has been playing in the Edinburgh Cricket Club youth Girls team mid-week and the Edinburgh Cricket Club senior Women's team on a Saturday. She also played for Metropolitan Inner South East in the Cricket Victoria State Championships where she had a magnificent carnival with the ball.

**Daniel King:** Consistently bowled as our first change bowler and did a great job. He swings the ball both ways and bowls a great line and length. This was shown through his season bowling economy which was 3.79 which is outstanding. His best bowling performance was against Trinity Willison in round 2 where he bowled 4 overs and picked up 1/11. He is also a very good batsman who puts a huge price on his wicket, he was only dismissed twice while batting and averaged 17.5.

**Elliot Harris:** He did everything this season. Batted, bowled, fielded and even kept. His best two innings with the bat this year was when he made 20\* against Surrey Hills in round 4 and 18\* against Trinity Willison in round 2. He has all the shots. He also bowls very handy leg spin, and being our only spinner in the team it was great to have his variety. His standout bowling performance was when he got 1/1 off 2 overs against Glen Iris in round 6.

**Hamish Harvey:** Joined the team after the first few rounds and he fitted in perfectly. I thought his bowling was the standout. He bowls very good medium pace and consistently lands the ball in the same area on the right line and length. His best bowling performance came in round 5 where he picked up 1/11 off 2 overs. He is also a very handy batsman and good fielder with a great arm.

**Asher Baade:** Asher was our most destructive batsman this season, he batted middle order in the 2 day games and opened in the 1 day games. His highlight with the bat this year was when he made 40\* against North Balwyn in round 5, he smashed their bowlers to all parts of the ground to ensure we chased their score down. He is a religious trainer and will always try 100% whether that be with his batting, bowling or fielding. Asher also made his seniors cricket debut this season with is a very good achievement.

**Finn Cleary:** Is the winner of our 2<sup>nd</sup> batting award. He has all the shots in his locker. He had a great year with the bat making 106 runs at an average of 17.67. His highlight with the bat this year was when he made a brilliant 44 against Surrey Hills in round 4 (funnily enough Xavier robbed him of his first ever fifty by taking a great catch for the other team while he was sub fielding). Finn was also our keeper which he did a great job at and made huge improvements in this department if we compare the start to the end of the season.

## Under 14C Report 2017 – 2018

After an initial bye and slow start to the season, the boys didn't take long to kick into gear. Team Coach Hannah Mansell and Assistant Coach Richard Hinds worked diligently on developing the boy's skills in all three aspects of the game and by Round #4 the results began to show. Probably the most pleasing aspect of the season for everyone involved was the marked improvement in the standard of cricket being played by every team member and even more importantly, the fantastic spirit in which the boys played each and every game. They continually encouraged each other and their self-belief grew with every match. Above all, whether they were winning or losing, they demonstrated impeccable sportsmanship and always looked like they were having a great time!

Sitting on equal second with one round to go had the boys placed well but precariously. They brought their trademark enthusiasm to the contest but unfortunately were shaded by Clifton Hill on the day and were just squeezed out of the finals. Overall four wins and four losses - a great season so well done boys!

Below is a small but well-earned tribute to each of the boys in the team. The scorebook shows this is not a team of two or three stars. Each week somebody different stepped up and demonstrated how far they had come this year. The depth of the team and their enthusiasm to work as a unit were and are its greatest strengths. Also, the achievements of this team should not be underestimated considering most of the boys were in their first year of U14's. They represent a formidable talent pool for the Edinburgh Cricket Club to draw upon in future years!

Finally, a huge thanks needs to go to Hannah and Richard, they have been fantastic role models for the boys and have selflessly given up their time to help the boys grow not only as cricketers but also as young men. A big shout too to the parents who turned up in numbers every week (regardless of location), all of whom were unwaveringly supportive and encouraging while always spectating in the right spirit.

Hannah's tribute to each player:

**Luke Campbell:** Luke is one of the most economical bowlers in the side and is able to vary his bowling in several ways. The biggest improvement for Luke is his batting. His technique is looking better than ever and has proved this several times during the season. Luke is always eager to learn more about the game and develop his personal game. He has been very easy to work with and coach!

### UNDER 14C SEASON 2017-18

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Luke Campbell
Flynn Colyer
Noah Dekker
Oliver Gay
Tom Graham
Tom Ladson
Dylan Murphy
Patrick Schickerling
Tom Ward
Jack Esposito
Matthew Stephens
Joe Martin
Leroy Hinds

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Hannah Mansell/  
Richard Hinds

#### MANAGER

Jan Dekker

**Flynn Colyer:** Flynn's bowling has improved during the course of the season. He gets real nice shape when he bowls and causes problems for batters. His batting has also improved this summer and it shows in games when he's able to get the ball away with ease. A delight to coach and watch play!

**Noah Dekker:** During the season Noah has consistently been enthusiastic and determined. Always wanting to improve every game. His bowling is always on point and his batting never fails to impress. Noah has been a pleasure to work with this season.

**Jack Esposito:** Jack has been our highest run scorer this season and has often brought us back into games when we have been struggling. His efforts with the ball are outstanding and his knowledge of where the batsmen's weaknesses are is incredible. Has been a delight to coach this year.

**Oliver Gay:** Ollie has been working hard this season to improve every aspect of his game and he is always eager to learn more and develop. His batting has come on in leaps and bounds and he's now comfortable when batting, scoring shots and backing up the wicket. With the ball, Ollie has proved himself by bowling good lines and lengths throughout the season. A delight to coach!

**Tom Graham:** Having only played half the season, Tom's progression has been great to watch. A very capable batter and can score all around the ground when in. Tom has also changed his bowling action this season which has been a great improvement. He creates chances and pressure when bowling. Very easy to coach and work with.

**Leroy Hinds:** Being the youngest in the team Leroy has proved time and time again that he is definitely not out of his depth. His bowling causes infinite problems for batters and they have struggled to score from him. His batting is exceptional for someone so young and he has put us back in games when we have been in trouble. He's been a pleasure to work with this season!

**Tom Ladson:** Tom has come on dramatically this season, from having little confidence with the bat to being one of the best hitters of the ball. With the ball Tom is quick, accurate and loves to try variations in games. His game has matured massively this season and he's always willing to work on and off the field. Brilliant to coach and watch play.

**Joe Martin:** Joe is one of the batters that has routinely been in the top order. This is due to his skill and ability with the bat and his determination to not get out and to score runs. With the ball, Joe is accurate and bowls good lines and lengths. Always willing to work on his game. Joe is a great asset to the team and a delight to coach.

**Dylan Murphy:** Our team voice on the field has a very big impact when fielding and always keeps the team fired up! His batting and bowling have improved over the season and he's always willing to work on his skills. He's able to play shots and find gaps on the field easily making him a very handy batter. Great to work with!

**Patrick Schickerling:** Ahhh Pat! His ability with the ball is great to watch. Bowling consistent lines and lengths, and took a flurry of wickets early in the season! His batting has improved from the first game and he shows good concentration when at the crease. He's been a joy to work with this season.

**Matt Stephens:** His batting has been great to watch as he can score on all parts of the ground making it tough for opposition to bowl to him. He's always up for the game and willing to put the effort in at training. His bowling is also a very good part of his game as he gets the ball to move slightly causing trouble for batters. A great asset to the team!

**Tom Ward:** Our star keeper this season has done his job behind the stumps incredibly well! His encouragement towards the bowlers is lovely to hear. With the bat, he is able to push the ball into gaps with ease and score runs anywhere on the ground. A star to coach and watch play.

## Under 16B Report 2017 – 2018

The U16B team enjoyed a very successful season with bat and ball as we finished up second on the ladder.

Winning was not our soul focus at the beginning of the season as forming a team was looking very unlikely, until pamphlets were sent around Melbourne Grammar school allowing us to get on the park with 90% of our team being filled with MGS boys.

The quality and skill in which the boys had played their cricket was extremely impressive, and the results have showed this throughout the year with our only two loses going down to the wire as luck was not on our side. I look forward to watching and hearing how these boys go in the upcoming years as their cricketing further develops.

A special thank you to all parents who helped out this year as it made my job a lot easier, especially to our team manager Gray Barton who put in a lot of work for this team. Lastly thank you to all parents who put on the spreads week in week out as they were amazing!

**Thomas Clark:** Clarke, the rock of our top order. Clarke played a huge role with both bat and ball in this successful 16's team. To seeing off the new rock or taking big poles for our team, we could rely on him. Clarke showed to have a solid defence to see out the good balls early on and the ability to hit any loose deliveries that were served up, these qualities are the fundamental basics of any good batsmen. With ball in hand Clarke also showed he could produce a consistent line and length which made it extremely easy for both captains to set fields. Overall I look forward to seeing what this young boy does in the future.

**Harrison Thompson:** The improvement of Harro's cricket this year has been unbelievable. Early on Harro showed he had all the basics, but it was yet to click. This year we have seen the best of his cricketing and I'm extremely excited to see his future. Harro's batting has shown to have been the biggest improvement as we saw with his highest score and his first 50 this year. With ball in hand, we saw a lot more control and consistency which as a leg spinner is very difficult, along with all the tricks in the book! Harrison is a very crafty cricketer and can't wait for his future.

**Josh Ward:** Josh was unsure whether he was going to play for us this year as his AFL career is around the corner, but we are extremely glad he did. Josh has shown a raw ball striking talent as hitting boundaries was an easy task, with this Josh controlled our middle order ensuring we ended well. Looking forward to seeing Josh on telly kicking a pig skin around though and hopefully for the Pies!

### UNDER 16B SEASON 2017-18

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Louis Barton
Thomas Clark
James Connolly
James Fear
Tom Harper
Will Harper
Hugo O'Callaghan
Charles Rivett
Xavier Robertson
Harrison Thompson
Joshua Ward
Harry Attiwill

#### COACHING/UMPIRING Chris Campbell

#### MANAGER Gray Barton

**James Fear:** Our highest run scorer and the leader of our team, James has shown to have played a huge role with bat and ball this year showing us he was a class above in this grade of cricket. Both power hitting and class was evident in Fear's batting this year, the only way teams could get him out were bowling a full toss at his head :). We are all looking forward to seeing where James ends up with his cricket!

**Charlie Rivett:** With an average of 24 with the bat, Charlie played his part in our middle order. Highlight of Charlie's year was against Bulleen Templestowe as he second top scored with 54, being his first 50 of the year.

**Louis Barton:** Throughout the season Louis showed glimpses of what he could do with bat in hand, without having any luck until the very last game of the year. Louis came in when we were five down for not many runs on the board, he then powered away to his highest score of the year of 44 to get us to a respectable score to defend, this being the highlight of our year.

**Will Harper:** Will showed good energy and voice both on and off the field, encouraging his teammates when required. I thought Will bowled well all year but without luck, until the last game finishing with 2/13. Will played a huge role in scaring any opposition teams with the aggressive glasses, sandals and bucket hat combination.

**Hugo O'Callaghan:** In my eyes Hugo was one of the best keepers out of all the teams we played against, very clean behind the stumps rarely making a mistake. Hugo had 6 catches and a stumping behind the wicket for the year. Hugo earned a spot opening the batting for us with his solid technique, a smart shot selection knowing when to leave the ball or play at it, which as an opener is very important. I'm looking forward to seeing where Hugo's cricket ends up.

**Tom Harper:** Tommy had a great year with the ball as he averaged 17 with 7 wickets, the wickets were brought upon by consistent bowling boring out he batsman and forcing a false shot leading to his wickets. Also, along with his brother Will, Tom showed great energy in the field by encouraging his team mates.

**James Connelly:** Along with James Fear, James Connelly was one of our leaders in the team. James took the new rock nearly every game, playing a huge role for us getting early wickets and restricting runs. James's natural out swinger had shown to cause havoc for opposition opening bats, highlight of James's year was hitting the winning runs against Bulleen with a boundary in the last over of the game.

**Xavier Robertson:** Robbo opened up from the other end and was just effective, bowling consistent lines and lengths with good pace throughout the year making it difficult for batsmen. Robbo ended up with an average of 19.50 with 6 wickets.

**Harry Attiwill:** Harry was a late inclusion in our team helping out to filling in when we were short, we thank Harry for helping out!

## Under 16C Report 2017 – 2018

The U16C's have had a character building season this year. Getting a full 11 on the ground was a challenge, however the core group that trained every week without fail were able to put out some outstanding performances.

The team finished the season in 7<sup>th</sup> place with 4 wins out of the 9 games. we had a few close losses along the way and with a bit more luck we may have made finals, but that's just cricket. The maturity and commitment of the group this year was commendable, and the positivity and eagerness to learn was very impressive.

Led by captain Ned O'Leary, the group worked very well as a unit and continued to support each other throughout the season. Every player had a good understanding of the game and full support was given to all decisions made by the captain and on field leaders. The versatility of each and every player allowed the captain to share overs equally every game. The constant changing of the batting order is testament to all members' ability to understand and adapt to all scenarios.

The improvement shown by the boys has been the highlight of the season due to everyone turning up to training and being willing to work on their game. They are constantly asking questions about how to improve and it's been such a joy to coach a great group of players.

**Rohan Anderson:** did it all this year, from opening the batting, wicket-keeping to bowling. Being big-hitting right hander he played his role in multiple cameos this year, the highlight being an undefeated 48\* in round 8. Rohan's temperament at the crease has improved out of sight. His new understanding of his own game, knowing his strike zones and when to play shots will stand him in good stead going forward.

**Hayden Bant:** was a mainstay at the top of the order all season. His ability to concentrate for long periods of time, and his eagerness to learn and improve has been incredibly impressive. Hayden's consistent line and length was admirable, and his economy of a tick over 3 runs per over is a testament to this. Always fun to talk to, never a dull moment, and constantly bringing positivity to the group.

**Sam Doyle:** is a very strong team player. He was always invested in the performance of the team and wanted the best result for all. Every training session, Sam was asking about and taking on advice about how to improve his game. His grit and determination says a lot about his character, saw his season finish well and his bowling become a key part of the team's success.

### UNDER 16C SEASON 2017-18

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Rohan Anderson
Hayden Bant
Samuel Doyle
Raphael Glaspole
Lachlan McAlpine
Hayden Nunn
Ned O'Leary
Oliver Panozzo
Nico Glas

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Laura Jackson/Harry Hopkins

#### MANAGER

Ian Nunn

**Nico Glas:** had a solid start to his season but missed games before and after the break due to injury. He finished the last few rounds as one of our strongest bowlers. He is a jack of all trades, one of our fastest bowlers, a handy off spinner and is a very talented leg spinner. Nico took on all advice given and is definitely one to watch.

**Raph Glaspole:** was one of our most improved bowlers for the year. He flourished in the latter end of the year with his pace improving out of sight. The elation shown each time he took a wicket was a joy to see, and there are no doubts he will continue to hone his skills and become a very good player. Raph lead our fielding with 5 catches for the year, and was very committed in the field.

**Lachie McAlpine:** was an integral member of the team. He lead from the front with both at and ball, and his eagerness to understand his own game was very nice to see. Lachie's 9 wickets this season was highlighted by his 3/19 in a tight 15 run win in round 3. His control and variations were impressive and they keep getting better. Lachie also made his senior debut for Edinburgh this year and, from what he has shown this year, will be an incredibly valuable member of the club in years to come.

**Hayden Nunn:** is a very hard hitting, right arm quick and arguably one of our best fielders. He showed incredible leadership in the field, and has a game awareness beyond his years. His ability to bowl immaculate line and length at pace is an ability very rarely seen someone so young, and his season economy of 2.32 reflects this. Hayden also hits the fence regularly and his career best of 51\* in round 3 made him one of the key members of the team.

**Ned O'Leary:** is a natural born leader, and one of the reasons the team worked so well together. His ability to learn and adapt was impressive, highlighted by his seasons best 28 in round 9. All advice and tips given throughout the season all came together and his ability to pick gaps and find the rope gave all watching a glimpse of his talent. Ned is always up for a chat and has a maturity beyond his years. Coaching Ned was a joy, and his constant improvement was wonderful to see.

**Ollie Panozzo:** was the silent assassin accumulating runs at an incredible average of 47.75. He is a genuine allrounder, with amazing technique and skill. When Ollie was at the crease he never looked like getting out and by round 5 has an inhuman batting average of 155. He passed 50 twice this season in round 3 and 4. The highlight of his season was round 4 where retired on 52\* and backed it up the next week with a career best 4/4 from 5 overs including a hat trick, all of which were bowled.

Once again, a massive thank you to the players for their efforts and continual improvement and positivity through this season. A thank you to each and every parent for their ongoing support, making sure their children make it to the various grounds across Victoria and remembering to supply the food and drink each week.

Finally, to our amazing team manager, Ian Nunn, thank you for making sure everything is running as it should, for getting everyone (including coaches) to the games before 5:15 and for always having a rule book handy for all the questionable scenarios that have played out this year.

## Under 18 Report 2017 – 2018

**Harvey Daffern:** A point fieldsman with plenty of chirp, one of the most improved cricketers in the team throughout the season with shining moments with the bat with his 16 against Box Hill to keep us from collapsing. The biggest highlight though was his change from mediums to offies earning him a 1/0 v Northcote United and some great bowling against Box Hill in the last game with some light offies over the wicket. Wish you all the best for next season and hopefully you can win one game. Cheers for a great season.

**Jackson Ellingworth:** A handy pick up by the Burra who performed very well throughout the season when he played. Total of 4 innings scoring 107 runs, with a special 47 off 40 balls v Northcote United and a consistent bowler with best figures of 1/7 off 6 overs against Donvale. A shame that 1<sup>st</sup> cricket was a commitment on a Friday as we would have loved to have him for the whole season. Cheers for a great season.

**Matthew Dean:** Deano another handy pick up who played the first few early games and performed well but was unlucky with brilliant fielding from the opposition, through commitments of 1<sup>st</sup> cricket and trips overseas he played only a few games, which was a shame as we would have loved to have him for a few more games. Cheers for a great season.

**Felix Sharkey:** Sharkey is a consistent cricketer in the early stages of the season with a great highlight of 4/59 off 10 overs on a small ground v Bulleen, but an injury to his ankle during the season limited his skills as a bowler. Instead he found some form with the bat scoring a 27 v Northcote United and 29 v Box Hill helping the team to a so called defendable score. With his junior cricket career finished Felix has been a great performer for Edinburgh Cricket Club and we thank him for his contribution to the club and under 18 season. Cheers for a great season.

**Mark Foster:** Fossil started his season off with great style with a very nice 68\* against Donvale. He didn't play as many games as he wanted, which was a big loss for us as a team with no rock solid opening batsmen with a very good average for the season of 38.33. Hope you are able to have a great season next year and at least win one game. Cheers for a great season.

**Harry Syson:** Another player who we missed due to 1<sup>st</sup> commitments but when he was able to play he performed very well. A bowler that was challenging to face on turf and synthetic wickets and an athlete in the field. Next season hopefully you are able to win a game, Good Luck!! Cheers for a great season.

### UNDER 18

SEASON 2017-18

### TEAM MEMBERS

Rory Buggle
Harvey Daffern
Matthew Dean
Jackson Ellingworth
Simon Foley
Cooper Forssman
Mark Foster
Jon Graham-Perez
Jerome Heywood
Matthew O'Meara
Liam Proe-Carter
Felix Sharkey
Henry Sweeney
Harry Syson
Josh Ward

### MANAGER

Matt Forssman

**Cooper Forssman:** The Forss a handy cricketer for the under 18 team making handy runs and taking polls. Cox Oval vs Box Hill a 22 from Cooper was very handy and held us from a collapse and hit us to a comfortable total to defend. A very good bowling spell vs Bulleen taking 2/55 off 12 overs on a small ground. A player that loved just being out there with friends and playing cricket which shows his passion towards the game we all love. Next season you last junior season hopefully you are able to win one game and go further. Good luck!

**Liam Proe-Carter:** Another player that did not play as many games as we would have liked him to but when he was able to play he was very good to have. With his great fielding on the boundary taking a lot of catches and running and diving efforts with the long lush hair following behind him. Hopefully you play next season and get a few wins on the board. Cheers for a great season and good luck!!

**Matthew O'Meara:** The most focused cricketer in the team that just loved being out there and enjoying his cricket even during tough times. A great fielder with long lush hair, who was very handy to have in the team as he was one of the most important batsmen in the team. For the middle part of the season batting first drop one of toughest positions in cricket, but was always wanting to take the challenge on and we had a lot of faith in him. Shining lights of 19 v Northcote United showing a great variety of shots. You had a great season and I wish you all the best for next year. Good Luck!!

**Joshua Ward:** Wardy what a season by you. The most enthusiastic cricketer I have ever met and with your second year at the mighty Burra you were one of the biggest highlights. The game against Northcote will be the game we will always remember. No cricket pants and Xavier footy shorts you took a catch and a caught and bowled that we will always remember vs Northcote United. Your love for the game is something very special and with your junior cricket ending you have been someone we all loved to have around in the dressing room. When you came to the last game of the season vs Box Hill to see how we went after your cricket game as Xavier was very special and shows your love towards the Mighty Under 18 Burra boys. Cheers for a great season.

**Rory Buggle:** A bloke that bowled 180km/h full toss rockets with the odd actually landing on the pitch you were a pleasure to have in the team. You missed a few games throughout the season and the chirp was missed. The biggest highlight for you was the game against Bulleen collecting a poll in and following it up by making 5\* off a good 8 overs to draw the game. An innings showing great patience even though you were dropped trying to hit a six off a full toss and fight that you showed was of Burra standards. Your last season of junior cricket was not the sweetest but hopefully it was one you enjoyed. Cheers for a great season.

**Henry Sweeney:** A player that loved a bit of chirp in the field and our consistent keeper. A tough fort out 7 vs Box Hill was very good as we were under a bit of pressure and you were able to hold yourself to fight back for the Burra. This innings representing your commitment and love towards the Burra. Your keeping skills were

very clean as well assisting in catches and letting through very minimal byes. You missed a few games which was a shame for the team but next season hopefully you are able to get a win. Cheers for a good season, Good Luck!!

**Simon Foley:** A cricketer that was not able to bowl for a lot of the season due to injury. A highlight of Simons was his fighting stand of 0\* against Bulleen on a night filled with controversial events and a synthetic wicket that was flooded. Your 0 off 5 overs shows you character and you love for Burra was shown through a tough fought out effort earning the Burra a draw. Hopefully next season you are back to full fitness and hopefully you are able to get a win. Cheers for a good season, good luck!!

**Jerome Heywood:** A player who didn't play many games due to 1<sup>st</sup> cricket commitments but when he was available he played well. 53 vs Donvale was a highlight this season as we chased down a very big total he put a very good 50 and with handy runs here and there like 19\* vs Trinity Wilson in a T20 he was an important player. We would have loved to have him for the whole season as he was an all rounder with good bowling skills and batting but also a good fielder. Our last season of junior cricket wasn't the most successful but hopefully you enjoyed it when you played. Cheers for a great season.

**Jon Graham-Perez:** The esteemed captain of the U18's who, in the end, was the guy who led from the front. This was no more evident than by Jon taking out both the batting and bowling awards for the team. He was also possibly the only player for the club to take 5 wickets in an innings this season which he did so against Northcote United taking 5 for 31 from 9 overs. Not such a great season for the team as far as wins & losses go but certainly a season where the team had fun and played as a team and this was in part due to Jono's wonderful captaincy.

## Edinburgh Girls 1 Report 2017 – 2018

2017/18 could be the year that “The force awakened”. At the professional level, women's cricket participation and attendance records have increased both on and off the field. At the grass roots, the awakening was even bigger...the U12 Burra 1, Girls arrived. In a team of eight committed individuals, there were seven players who had never picked up a cricket bat before. It is now up to the cricketing community of the ECC to ensure that every player in this group fronts up next year and that the grass roots growth of women's cricket continues.

In this respect, I think we can add to the words of Richie Benaud, “it's the players that make cricket great”. “A cricket ground is just a flat bit of dirt with buildings around it... [and without women playing the game, it can never be a true community].”

Even though the season was a bit lean on the scoreboard, the U12 Burra 1 team owned it in terms of the fun and the enjoyment of the team sport of cricket. Thank you to Liv, who was an exceptional captain for the team, your enthusiasm and leadership from the front was the heart on soul of the Stage 1- Burra 1 team. Thank you to the player's parents. It certainly helps to have a great bunch of support staff around you, all of whom were willing to have a bit of fun and not take life too seriously.

Finally, the warmest thanks and gratitude to the team coach Ms Laura Jackson. Laura has been an outstanding mentor and role model for the team. The club could not deliver more in respect of its women's cricket coaching program and the commitment shown by Laura. Thank you Laura, and all the best for your future cricket career and personal endeavours.

Now some words of encouragement and advice for this season and the next from our coach:

**Elinor Hastings:** Was the last to join the team but was very excited to start playing cricket. I've seen a massive improvement through the season in her bowling. I can really rely on Elinor with the bowling to get it on the pitch, her smile is very contagious when she gets that perfect ball. Elinor is a steady bat and I know she won't get out, making sure we can get as many runs as we can as a team. I also love Elinor in the field as she takes everything I have said and puts it into practise, great backing up!

**Georgie Kozka:** Always having a laugh at cricket which is the important thing and improved during the season which is all I could ask for. Georgie got down and dirty when it came to the fielding and was not afraid to fall in front of the ball for her team.

### GIRLS 1

SEASON 2017-18

### TEAM MEMBERS

Elinor Hastings
Georgie Kozka
Lucy Lilleyman
Gabrielle McCue
Hannah Olsen
Liv Robertson
Madeleine Reid
Charlotte Silver

### COACHING/UMPIRING

Laura Jackson

### MANAGER

Tim McCue

**Lucy Lilleyman:** A massive improvement from Lucy since she started which makes me very excited to see what is to come. Her bowling has improved in leaps and bounds since she very first started and knows exactly what she needs to do. With the bat, every ball Lucy is looking to rotate the strike and is always looking for that run. Lucy also showed an interest with the gloves and halfway through the season she gave it a go and what an excellent keeper she is.

**Gabby McCue:** Was an excellent opening bat for the team. Over the season, she improved massively and was looking to hit every ball and knew when to run every time. Gabby's bowling got better as the season went on after sorting her run-up and knowing what she needed to do to get it on the spot.

**Hannah Olsen:** A massive joy to be around, always listening and wanting to perform. Hannah is an all-rounder, I could always count on her to bowl at death with her consistency and bat at the end to get a couple of boundaries at the end. Great start to her cricketing career. Amazing to see the Olsen legacy continue at Edinburgh, and I am very glad to have played a part.

**Liv Robertson (C):** Stepped up this year to be our captain and what an excellent job she did. Liv always listened, always wanted to improve. As Liv was our only player who has played cricket before she took it upon herself to help her teammates and was constantly trying to help the team improve. Her bowling was outstanding, opening every week, the opposition had no-idea. Then with the bat, she was always running and always had good partnerships with whoever she was batting with. Such a pleasure to coach.

**Maddie Reid:** Started off the season as quite a shy character, but by the season's finish her personality had flourished and had a good laugh with her everyone. Maddie took on everything on board regarding how she could improve. She was excellent with the ball and hit the same spot every time which is all I could ask for. Again, with the bat, she knew her shots and waited for the right balls to score.

**Charlotte Silver:** Such a pleasure to coach. Charlotte always listened and asked me questions about what she needed to do. She has such a great batting technique and can play a lovely cover drive which stands her in good stead to open the batting every week. Her bowling is also great and looks very confident. Charlotte was also one of our keepers and without fail would do an amazing job every week. Such a great allrounder cricketer.

I am immensely proud of this team and where they have finished up. I have never worked with a team before who have improved this much over such a short space of time. Everyone turned up to training every week without fail because they loved the sport so much, wanted to improve and work as a team. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching this team and can't wait to see all of them in many years' time playing for the senior women! Also, a massive thank you to Sammy Olsen who scored all season

making it much easier for everyone. Thank you all for being part of such a memorable season.

Parents, let's work hard as a community to keep the team together. With this year under their belt, and some practice over the winter, it will be a joy to see how much the team all develop as players and personalities.

Enjoy the winter – Go Burra.

## Edinburgh Girls 2 Report 2017 – 2018

Season 2017-2018 brought all the girls back together with a new level of enthusiasm and enough girls to have two teams. Edinburgh 2 was formed and we were looking forward to playing some exciting cricket. Laura coached all the girls on a Tuesday night and what Laura has been able to achieve with these girls is amazing. I can't thank her enough because all of the girls look up to her as she is a fantastic role model to them all and they have all improved so much since the start of the year.

We had a great mix of older and younger girls who all got along extremely well and most teams could not believe how much our girls encouraged each other in the field. In fact, our second last round the opposition were fielding for us and they couldn't believe that our girls went out of their way to find out their names to encourage them. However, the Melbourne weather did its best to upset most girls every couple of weeks with five games being cancelled. I know trying to explain to a 9-year old that we can't play in the rain or heat and that I don't make the rules didn't really cut it with them.

There were many highlights for the season with all the girls beating or equalling their previous best scores and most wickets in an innings. Although it did take a while to adjust to the rule change of losing runs when out, after a few games all the girls really put a value on their wicket and worked hard, even on the running between the wickets! There were plenty of fours hit and it was a truly great effort especially against some teams who stretched the rules on age/ability.

It was a great pleasure coaching all the girls and look forward to watching them progress up the Burra path to higher teams in the future. I would personally like to thank Paul Moulday and Jason Kaye who were at all the games and always offered to score and help out.

**Eloise Bisley:** Eloise showed great leadership as one of the older girls this season. Her bowling went to another level with her pace and control improving every week. She also batted very responsibly and was the best runner between the wickets.

**Maya Thompson:** Maya's bowling became reliable and her last couple of games had no extra's which she should be very proud of. She opened the batting and compiled 42 runs for the year and only went out 3 times, great effort Maya.

**Ruby Kaye:** Ruby is our youngest and smallest player, but that didn't stop her. Ruby had a fantastic season with bat and ball. Ruby is a genuine all rounder with 71 runs and 10 wickets this season and this is against girls 3 or 4 years older and twice as big.

### GIRLS 2

SEASON 2017-18

### TEAM MEMBERS

Eloise Bisley

Maya Thompson

Ruby Kaye

Abby Moulday

Charlotte Delahunt

Madelyne Delahunt

Keira Grover

### COACHING/UMPIRING

Julian Delahunt

Ruby always listens and is a pleasure to coach and there is a big future for you in cricket.

**Abby Moulday:** Abby was our enforcer this year with bat and ball. Abby bowled as quick as anyone in the competition and is really starting to control a swinging ball. Her batting was much the same in that Abby loves to hit fours and did so very often. My favourite two highlights for the year were both in the last game with a perfect out swinger hitting the top of off stump and her one-handed catch off her own bowling.

**Charlotte Delahunt:** Charlotte was our main wicketkeeper for the year and did a great job behind the stumps. Charlotte is always talking and encouraging her fellow team members and always stayed positive. Her batting improved a great deal from the season before and she managed to get over 100 runs for the year, great effort Charlotte.

**Madelyne Delahunt:** Maddy had a fantastic year with the ball bowling leg spin. She got 12 wickets to really lead our attack. Maddy is a real competitor who doesn't like losing you can see the disappointment in her face when she goes out. Maddy improved her batting and learnt to hit the ball along the ground instead of up in the air. Her best score for the year was in the last game with 19.

**Keira Grover:** Keira only played a couple of games with us this season but always contributes with bat and ball and is always a welcomed addition to our team. Her highest score was 27 in the last game with some lovely leg glances for four.

## Edinburgh Girls 4 Report 2017 – 2018

The year started with the ECA forming a new competition, the IEGC, to support the growth of girls' cricket between the ECA and Box Hill Reporter competitions. Edinburgh also saw a surge in player registrations with our aim at the start of the year to form 4 girls teams. This caused a bit of disruption early as we attempted to get enough girls for 4 teams but unfortunately after round 4 we had to settle for 3 teams to get some continuity across the group and to ensure team cohesion for the rest of the season.

On the playing front, the 2017/18 season was a great one for the Edinburgh 4 team. Bringing in a new coach to the fold was you would expect going to be challenging for the players and the new coach Hannah but the transition could not have been smoother. Hannah brought her own coaching style and player management from England and it has worked out a treat. She demanded and earned respect from the team resulting in the team going into the finals undefeated for the season. If not for the 4 games that were called off due to heat or rain the gap between Edinburgh4 and the rest of the competition would have been larger. We finished on top with the second team on the same amount of points even though we beat them twice during the season. It is a funny game cricket.

The all-round cricket skills on display during the season have been something to watch and I couldn't be happier then to see how these girls have developed over this season and since most of them started a few years back. It takes a team to achieve these results and it has been the overall output from all players that has been so pleasing this year. Everyone has played their part in the teams' success and have at some point during the season played really well, be that by bowling well, making runs with the bat, taking catches or fielding well or by just being encouraging to their teammates.

The game highlight of the year was when the team played Bulleen Templestowe away in very oppressive heat. It was very close to also being called off but to the teams credit they got out there and played while us parents sat under the shade for the entire duration, we are a very hardy bunch! Bulleen Templestowe batted first and made 4/74 which maybe they thought was enough but the team came out and made their highest score of the year in 2/149 which in 20 overs is an amazing achievement and a game where everyone contributed which pretty much was the story of the season.

And finally, it just would not be possible to put a team on the field without the wonderful support of the parenting group, who get the team to training, to the games and provide much needed support on match day. The constant evolution of

### GIRLS 4

SEASON 2017-18

### TEAM MEMBERS

Charlie Young
Ella Smallacombe
Claire Oliver
Madeleine Hennessy
Katelyn Shadbolt
Mikaela Kennedy
Anna Stephens
Phoebe Nelson
Caitlin Jack
Sarah Campbell
Keira Grover

### COACHING/UMPIRING

Hannah Mansell

### MANAGER

Paul Grover

girls' cricket has meant we have had to be agile with constant changing of the rules and the way game is scored but you have all handled this well. Also, a big thank you to the Edinburgh Junior committee who have been right behind girls' cricket from the get go and have been fantastic allies to ours and the other girls teams.

Also late to Press is the amazing news that the team remained undefeated for the season winning both the semi-final and grand-finals in convincing manner. All the players continued on with their great form shown during the year and contributed in some shape and form in both of the games, resulting in a fantastic result for the club after 3 seasons of trying. It is also worth noting that 7 of the team also played in the first ever junior girls game some 3 seasons earlier which is a great result not only for their ongoing commitment and love for the sport but also in repays the faith Edinburgh has shown by investing in some quality coaching. Good luck next year team!!!

Go Burra!

**Anna Stephens:** Anna has had a very good season with the bat and is a very consistent fielder, who attacks the ball at all times and always puts in 100%. Her attitude towards the game is always positive and she is a good role model for the youngsters in the side.

**Ella Smallacombe:** Ella is probably one of the strongest batters in our team being the only one to have hit multiple sixes and do it with ease! Her fielding is incredible to watch and she's a delight to work with on and off the field.

**Claire Oliver:** Claire is a very easy going cricketer with heaps of talent. With the gloves, Claire is able to create pressure and opportunities from the smallest of chances. With the bat, Claire holds her own and has improved massively throughout the season. Her on field leadership a standout.

**Katelyn Shadbolt:** Being another youngster of the team Katelyn constantly proves she's not out of her depth in every aspect of the game. Her aggressive batting style has worked extremely well during this season taking chances to run that not everyone would take. Her bowling has taken a massive step up within the last couple games as she has been opening the bowling and taking wickets whilst doing so.

**Caitlin Jack:** Caitlin is one of the best bowlers in the team and bowls very consistent lines and lengths. Caitlin is able to move the ball with her natural action which gets her wickets regularly. Her batting has come on leaps and bounds since the start of the season and will continue to do so if she keeps working.

**Sarah Campbell:** Having opened the bowling at the start of the season Sarah showed great skill and ability with the ball. With the bat her technique is solid and can score anywhere around the ground. Her fielding is strong and stops runs easily in any position she fields in.

**Mikaela Kennedy:** Quick opening bowler Mikaela has consistently bowled great lines and lengths and she is always willing to work on progressing her game. Mikaela has been unlucky with the bat this seasons with some of the most bizarre dismissals I've ever seen. However, there is absolutely no doubt that Mikaela can bat extremely well.

**Keira Grover:** Being one of the youngest in the side Kiera has done a fantastic job this year in all aspects of her game. With the ball, she has massively improved and batting has gained more confidence with her technique and ability.

**Madeleine Hennessy:** By far one of the best young spin bowlers the club has to offer. Madeleine shows great determination on and off the field and is always willing to try new things and variations with the ball. With the bat, Madeleine technique is solid and has proved so time and time again this season.

**Charlie Young:** Charlie is the best batter in our team without a shadow of a doubt. Scoring runs all over the ground comes natural to her. A delight to work with and is always wanting to learn more about her own personal game. Contributes very well with the ball in pressure situations.

**Phoebe Nelson:** Phoebe is a very talented all rounder. Her ability with the ball and to vary her pace and angles is great. Throughout the season, Phoebe's talent with the bat has only improved and will continue to do so. With the fielding, Phoebe always puts in 100% and creates chances in every position she fields in.

***Outstanding Individual Achievements*****50 runs in an innings**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Against</b>
Ben Donnellan	57	8	Edinburgh U14A	North Balwyn
Ben Donnellan	52*	6	Edinburgh U14A	STC South Camberwell Cricket Club
Charles Rivett	54*	8	Edinburgh U16B	Bulleen Templestowe
Harrison Thompson	54	3	Edinburgh U16B	Trinity Willison
Hayden Nunn	51*	3	Edinburgh U16C	Camberwell Magpies
James Fear	80*	3	Edinburgh U16B	Trinity Willison
James Fear	75	4	Edinburgh U16B	STC South Camberwell
James Fear	71	2	Edinburgh U16B	Bulleen
James Fear	55*	SF	Edinburgh U16B	Richmond Union Wilson
James Fear	51*	1	Edinburgh U16B	Richmond Union Wilson
Jerome Heywood	53	2	Edinburgh U18	Donvale
Jon Graham-Perez	72*	3	Edinburgh U18	Box Hill
Joshua Ward	67	8	Edinburgh U16B	Bulleen Templestowe
Lachlan McAlpine	52*	3	Edinburgh U16C	Camberwell Magpies
Louis Hodder	53*	8	Edinburgh U12A	Mont Albert Cricket Club
Mark Foster	68*	2	Edinburgh U18	Donvale
Michael Daffey	50*	3	Edinburgh U14B Green	Clifton Hill Cricket Club
Michael Daffey	50	9	Edinburgh U14B Green	Glen Iris McCormack
Oliver Panozzo	52*	4	Edinburgh U16C	Glen Iris
Oliver Panozzo	50*	3	Edinburgh U16C	Camberwell Magpies
Samuel Olsen	51*	GF	Edinburgh U12A	Glen Iris Scalzo
Thomas Clark	61	SF	Edinburgh U16B	Richmond Union Wilson
Thomas Clark	51*	1	Edinburgh U16B	Richmond Union Wilson
Tom Mileto	58*	3	Edinburgh U14A	North Balwyn
Tom Mileto	51*	5	Edinburgh U14A	Boroondara
Xavier DiScala	52*	2	Edinburgh U12A	Canterbury
Xavier DiScala	50*	GF	Edinburgh U12A	Glen Iris Scalzo
Xavier DiScala	50*	4	Edinburgh U14B Yellow	Surrey Hills

## 5 wickets in an innings

Name	Score	Round	Team	Against
Zac Kurzbock	5/3	11	U10 White	Kew Junior Black
Jon Graham-Perez	5/31	8	U18	Northcote United Gold
Riley Pfisterer	6/20 (*including hat trick)	6	U10 Burgundy	Boorondara Cobras

## Selected in representative teams

### U18

Jackson Ellingworth	Emus CV State Championships
Mark Foster	ECA VMCU

### U16

James Fear	ECA VMCU
Tom Clark	ECA VMCU
Harrison Thompson	Preston JG Craig Shield
James Connelly	Preston JG Craig Shield
Xavier Robertson	Leongatha & District JCW
Oliver Panozzo	Ivanhoe JG Craig Shield

### U14

Tom Mileto	Falcons CV State Championships
Ben Donnellan	Scorpions CV State Championships
Miles Fricke	ECA VMCU

### U12

Xavier Di Scala	ECA VMCU
Connor Hastings	ECA VMCU

### Girls U16

Sarah Campbell	Falcons CV State Championships
Mikaela Kennedy	Scorpions CV State Championships
Ella Smallacombe	Scorpions CV State Championships

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**Girls U14**

Katelyn Shadbolt  
Madeleine Hennessy  
Kiera Grover  
Caitlin Jack

Falcons CV State Championships  
Scorpions CV State Championships  
Scorpions CV State Championships  
ECA VMCU

**Girls U12**

Madeleine Hennessy  
Kiera Grover

ECA VMCU  
Scorpions ECA VMCU