

Junior Season Report 2016 - 2017

FITZROY, FITZROY NORTH & CLIFTON HILL

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Located in the inner North, the suburbs of Fitzroy, Fitzroy North and Clifton Hill are known for their Victorian terraces, public gardens and vibrant communities. Many of Melbourne's most contemporary art exhibitions, cafes and bars find a home in these inner city suburbs.



APARTMENTS

Median Apartment Sale Price (2016-17): \$598,500 Median Apartment Indoor Area (2016-17): 63 m2 Median Apartment Outdoor Area (2016-17): 7.7 m2

Since 2010, apartment prices have grown on average between 4 and 5 percent, only dipping slightly below 4 percent on 2016. So far in 2017, apartment growth has been off to a slow start, only managing to grow by 0.4% (1.76% when annualised) during the first quarter of the year. These figures are based on resales of the same properties over time, which makes them more accurate than simply comparing average prices in each period.

On average, apartments in all three suburbs are similarly priced around \$9,000 per square metre, and average indoor size between 60 and 70 square metres.

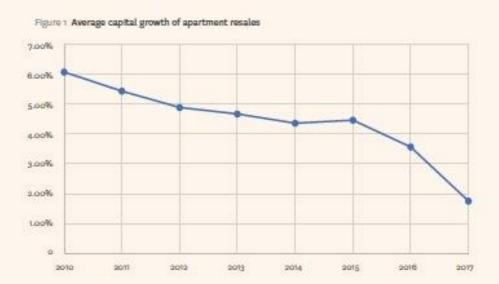


Table 1 Average Indoor space (m2) and price per square metre (\$/m2) of apartments

SUBURB	AVERAGE INDOOR Mg	AVERAGE \$/M2
CLIFTON HILL	65.2	\$8,810
FITZROY NORTH	60.2	\$8,754
FITZROY	70.9	\$9.987

HOUSES & TOWNHOUSES

Median House Sale Price (2016-17): \$1,250,000 Median Townhouse Sale Price (2016-17): \$915,000

Houses and townhouses in the three suburbs have been growing at a tremendous rate over the past 7 years, hovering around 7 percent per annum between 2010 – 2013. More recently, average capital growth has increased to nearly 9 percent, with properties growing 2.14% (8.85% when annualised) over Q1 of 2017.

Per square metre of Indoor space, terraces are by far the most expensive property type in all three suburbs. While average indoor space is about the same in all suburbs, average prices are around \$14,000 per square metre in Fitzroy and Fitzroy North, and slightly lower in Clifton Hill at around \$13,000 per square metre.

Townhouses offer slightly more indoor space on average than terraces, but are priced similarly to apartments: around \$9,000 per square metre in Fitzroy and Fitzroy North, and slightly lower in Clifton Hill (just below \$8,000).

Figure a Average capital growth of house and townhouse resales

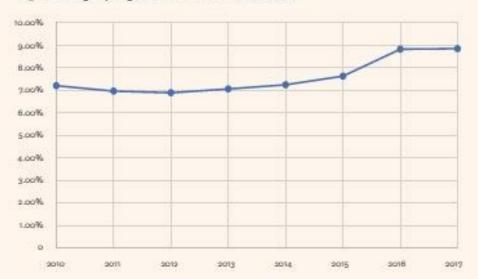


Table 2 Average Indoor space (m2) and price per square metre (\$/m2) of terraces

SUBURB	AVERAGE INDOOR M2	AVERAGE \$/M2
CLIFTON HILL	106.5	\$12,889
HTZROY NORTH	105.2	\$14,044
HIZROY	105.5	\$13,979

Table 3 Average Indoor space (m2) and price per square metre (\$/m2) of townhouses

SUBURB	AVERAGE INDOOR M2	AVERAGE \$/M2
CLIFTON HILL	124.7	\$7,736
FITZROY NORTH	106.4	\$8,758
FITZROY	113.7	\$8,971



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Season 2016-17 was always going to be a big one, with 21 junior teams, including 5 x U10s, 7 x U12s and 2 girls teams, and around 250 players. To manage the large numbers of players and teams, the club innovated with the introduction of age level coordinators (ALCs), which was an enormous help to me in my first season as junior coordinator. To Dean Campbell, Randall Nodin, Eamon Drew, Kris Marshall, Richard Hinds and Cara Evans, a big thank you from me for taking on the ALC roles. A further innovation this season was the introduction of a coaching curriculum, brought to life through the tireless efforts of Richard Blanche, and providing guiding structures and resources for age specific training sessions and season-long training programs. As Richard says, this is a living body of work that needs constant updating and review, importantly through the use and feedback of coaches. It will continue to be a major focus of club leadership as we continue to implement and develop a program that balances fun and enjoyment of cricket with skills development and achieving on-field success. The final key element in getting through the season with sanity and MyCricket intact was Club Administrator Pauline Ioannou, whose efforts have been first class.

Coaches and team managers across the club have thrown themselves into their roles, and their efforts are greatly appreciated. On most weeknights the BSO nets were full, with players on the oval and across at Alfred as well – a great atmosphere that conveyed the strong impression of a growing and lively club. Saturday mornings at BSO, usually with 2 games in progress plus Milo cricket, were a sight to behold, and although the roll out pitches were not everyone's favourite, parents mucked in to roll them out and pack them away each week. Playing venues

A LOOK BACK AT SEASON 2016 - 2017

will continue to be a challenge for us, and across the Eastern Cricket Association, and we remain committed to identifying the best pitch and ground options for our teams each week so players can enjoy their cricket.

Two junior teams made grand finals this year, the U13 girls and U16B teams, both falling just short of premierships. Like players throughout the club, the members of these two teams represented Edinburgh CC magnificently, and they deserve our congratulations not only at how far they progressed in their respective competitions, but for the manner in which they did so.

Looking forward, the club strives to offer cricket for everyone, an environment in which there's a place for boys and girls to enjoy their cricket and develop their skills, as well as a place in which talented junior cricketers can be tested against the best and strive to achieve success. The challenge of that balancing act becomes more evident to parents as their children progress through the age levels. The club aims to field A grade teams in U12s, U14s and U16s each year, numbers and talent permitting, while ensuring that a range of cricketing abilities can be catered for in those age groups. We need more parental involvement in off-field support roles to assist age level coordinators, coaches and team managers in their direct support of teams and players. Equipment and events in particular need dedicated volunteers to ensure the club environment is a good as we can make it for our junior players.

Finally, the leadership of the club has been very supportive (and tolerant) of me in this role, for which I am greatly appreciative. Importantly, the club has one leadership structure across seniors and juniors – recognition of the fact that the future success and viability of the senior teams is a direct consequence of the ongoing health and vibrancy of the junior program. Further integration of juniors and seniors is a key objective, through representation in senior teams of up and coming junior players, and through the involvement of senior players in coaching and assistant roles with junior teams.

The rest of this report is devoted to our most important club members – our junior players. Coaches are justifiably and obviously proud of their players' progress and achievements, and I am sure parents are too. I hope you and your families enjoyed the season, and look forward to welcoming you back to the club in 2017-18.

Stephen Connelly

Junior Coordinator

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The 2016/17 season was a great one for the U10 Burgundy team. While we spent very little time as a team talking about wins and losses, the team went through the year un-defeated and was rarely challenged by the opposition. This is a testament to the significant growth and improvement that the boys showed individually and as a team over the last two seasons.

In particular the boys should be proud of the genuine team effort that delivered these results – every player in the team contributed and they played as a unit throughout the year. Every player made runs and took wickets and all of the boys had games where they made significant contributions.

In terms of season highlights, the last game of the season was the best game for the boys against strong opposition in a very high standard game of cricket. Scoring 2/165 and restricting Kew to 6/127 was a great team effort and the game I was most encouraged by. I am confident the boys go up to U12 very well prepared for the increase in standard.

Burgundy's highest score for the year was an amazing 3/187 (from only 25 overs) and that was one of 12 times for the year where the team passed 100 runs (out of 14 games). The team were also regularly praised by opposition coaches noting their match skills – the running between the wickets, backing up in the field, wicketkeeping and catching were of a very high standard.

UNDER 10 BURGUNDY

SEASON 2016 - 17

TEAM MEMBERS

Alex Vocisano

Dylan Colyer

Freddy Marmo

Frederick Cole

Henry Gangoiti

Jack Moston

Joseph Barnard

Joshua Murray

Lachlan Green

Leeroy Cocco

Marco Holmes

Oliver Adams

Roman Moxon

Sebastian Donnellan

COACHING/UMPIRING

Matt Green

MANAGER

Richard Colyer

Ollie Adams had a very good year with both bat and ball but in particular his batting average of 41 (82 total runs) for the season is amazing. The coach has spent the last two years trying to convince Ollie that 'blocking the straight ones' was a good idea but when you only get out twice in a year averaging 41 you can bat however you like Ollie!!

Joey Barnard improved significantly with both bat and ball and had a couple of games where he was really dominant with the bat including his PB of 13*. Joey also took 2/1 in one game and

bowled straight consistent lines all year. Joey also greatly improved his catching this year and should be very happy with his contribution to the team.

Leeroy Cocco played his first season for Edinburgh this year and quickly settled in with the team. Leeroy made 71 runs for the season at an average of 10.14 and bowled fast and straight for 4 wickets at less than a run per over. Leeroy also contributed lots of stories at training and during the games about his girlfriend to the amusement of the coach.

Freddie Cole improved out of sight this year – in particular with his batting and bowling techniques. Freddie's front foot defence has become very strong to the point where he was only dismissed three times for the year from 12 hits (19 runs at 6.33). Freddie also bowled straight all year in only conceding 24 runs from his 23 overs (with 2 wickets).

Dylan Colyer found his 4-hitting range with the bat this year and was very pumped up in scoring 17 in one game and averaging over 14 for the year (57 total runs). Dylan also terrified the opposition with his continued 'DK' style run up for his left-arm rockets taking 3 wickets at 15.

Seb Donellan's improvement this year has been very significant in contributing 103 runs (average 20.6) and 9 wickets (at 4.67 apiece) to the team. While not the loudest in the team Seb kept getting the job done and often set the standard with running between the wickets. While his older brother is also a very good Edinburgh player, I think Seb has earned some family bragging rights after a very good year.

Henry Gangoiti scored an impressive 56 runs for the year at an average of 18.67 with a highest score of 15. Henry also took 4 wickets at 6 with best bowling of 1/1. Henry's enthusiasm for the game is never in doubt and he continues to improve his skills and game sense.

Lachie Green continued his very strong development this year – in particular developing his ability to put the bad ball away to the boundary (including two 6s in one game - which his Dad heard a lot about). Lachie scored 70 runs at 11.67 with a highest score of 17 and took 5 wickets at 5.8 in a very good season for the team.

Marco Holmes was another to improve significantly through the year. Marco worked very hard on his bowling and got some good rewards with 4 wickets at 9 apiece – including 2 wickets against Koonung. Marco's batting technique also improved greatly and recorded his highest score of 4*. I think the words 'fast arm, follow through' will be burned in Marco's mind forever – sorry Taco.

Freddy Marmo's leg spin was something to watch this year. Freddy developed incredible control with his left arm 'chinamen' and opposition batsmen were rarely able to play any sort of shot against him (6 wickets at 5.33). Freddy also batted very well for 80 runs at 13.33 in a very fine season. Stick to those leggies Freddy!

Jack Moston had another very good year with both bat and ball and on many occasions was a dominant player in the game. Jack made 125 runs at 20.83 and took 6 wickets at 4.17. Jack led the way in the field with catching, runs outs and wicket keeping and I look forward to seeing Jack's continued development as a cricketer over the coming years.

Roman Moxon had a fantastic all-round season – in particular his batting was dominant in making 137 runs at 19.57 with a highest score of 17*. Roman was ever enthusiastic in the field and was unlucky to take only 3 wickets for the year given the accuracy and quality of his bowling. It was pleasing to see Roman develop his batting technique (even if he was not always convinced it was the best way to go) including some great straight drives.

Josh Murray had an incredible year with the ball – his season figures of 23 overs, 10 wickets for 13 runs (average 1.3) are almost unbelievable and he could easily have taken twice that many wickets given how accurately he bowled. Josh also contributed very well with the bat to compile 63 runs at 10.5 with a highest score of 14.

Alex Vocisano joined us this year for his first game and brought a great technique to the table with both bat and his leggies. Alex developed his game a lot through the year and expanded his scoring range with the bat to accumulate 78 runs at 13 – a great return for his first year. Alex also took 5 wickets at 11.6 and was a great contributor to the team.

I would like to again thank the parents for their support throughout the season – and also for the scoring, square-leg umpiring, morning teas and assistance in setting up on game day.

I would particularly like to thank Richard for his very hard work as Team Manager – sending out emails and coordinating all the logistics behind the scenes (and trust me there is a lot of it!).

I was really proud of the improvement all of the boys showed in their games this year and the way they played the game – I wish them all the best as they (almost all) move up to play U12 cricket next season.

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The U10 gold team finished the season in style with a big win and a great all round performance.

For Andrew and I it was pleasing to see the development in the boys from their first game to their last. They did Edinburgh proud with their sportsmanship to the opposition and support and true friendship to those in the team.

The roll out pitches helped prepare our cricketers for those tough Indian conditions, and certainly kept the coaches, physios and possibly orthopaedic surgeons in business.

A who's who of our team of future Baggy Green wearers are:

Frankie Donnini – the late comer and quiet achiever, outstanding in the field and the receiver of no nepotism from his dad in his first game – given run out by the old man.

Darcy Dunn – every bit the consummate cricketer – wrists of rubber when batting and the future Flemming of swing bowling.

Henry Nelson – with his dad watching eagerly, we saw the development of a fine future cricketer. An absolute whippet between the wickets, we now know what Usain Bolt would have been like if he had stuck with cricket. Ever the watchful and elegant batsman, he quite often produced some hand partnerships.

UNDER 10 GOLD SEASON 2016 - 17

TEAM MEMBERS

Angus Kossatz

Charlie Hooper

Darcy Dunn

Francesco Donnini

Henry Harrison

Henry Nelson

Huxley Forge

Matthew Solomon

Oliver Orr

Patrick Gillian

Samuel Evans

Ted Smith

Zac Bennett

COACHING/UMPIRING

Brad Forge & Andrew Nelson

MANAGER

Kate Dunn

Zac "Tangles" Bennett – by the end of the season, was the stand out for mastering the straight lofted drives. An absolute champion team man, had great talk and encouragement in the field.

Patrick Gillian – The cleanest striker to enter a cricket field since David Warner, hitting our only 6

for the season, and bowling some handy pace, certainly gave us the entertainment.

Huxley Forge – Truly developing his all round game, one of the younger members of the team held his own against the older kids. A leftie with the bat that reminds me of young Matthew Haydenwhat's that? He's the coaches son....

Ted "Big Bird" Smith – Talk about the heart of a lion, showed real ticker all season, and certainly knows how to celebrate the wicket. So at place with the bigger boys that he would comfortably ask Curtly Ambrose to remove his sweat bands.....

Charlie Hooper – Up there in the most improved category of the season, whilst his left arm medium pacers caused plenty of issues for the batsmen, his batting at the end of the season belied his slow start to the point that he was smacking them all over the park

Henry Harrison – the left arm terror of our pace attack, had a great season with the ball, Starc like in his accuracy a champion of the future

Mathew Solomon – a beautiful and well balanced batting technique and leg spinner come extreme pace bowler, could this be the man to replace Mitch Marsh.............

Gus Kossatz – took the absolute screamer of the season with a caught and bowled sailing back over his head. If TV cameras were there that day, John Dyson would no longer be considered to have taken the best catch ever. A player that has come on in leaps and bounds and has genuine pace with the ball, and a free swinger with the bat.

Samuel Evans – With the eye and accuracy of Michael Diamond, batsmen dared not take the quick single on this guys arm, Sam is the other contender for most improved with some great bowling and fast as lightning between the stumps.

Oliver Orr – Ollie summoned the base ball skills of his Canadian heritage and transferred them to the cricket field with aplomb. The guy is Brett Lee's long lost relative with the pace and accuracy of the boling. Also handy with he bat capable of some big shots.

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The U10 Green Edinburgh team was a team of cricket beginners who all enjoyed a year involving much learning and development. Coach Marcus set the team some early personal objectives to focus on and it was pleasing to see the boys surpass these in bounds by mid season and continue to grow in their love and skills as cricketers and a cricketing team. In particular the season rapidly changed as the boys learnt to win the runs off their bat through solid hitting and also smart running between the wicket. However, as a bowling and fielding team our group say very impressive improvement – managing to bowl out teams much older and more experienced than them before the 25 overs on a number of occasions. U10 Green most of all were a happy and enthusiastic group who celebrated their team achievements and those of their team mates with equal joy and excitement. Well done boys – we hope to see you all again next year!

Archie Barker – Archie joined us later in the year but immediately had an impact scoring a run and a wicket in his first game! Well done Archie and we look forward to seeing you again.

Charlie Chesna – Charlie is a quiet yet determined cricketer, concentrating hard on all forms of his game. He twice took wickets in the match against Edinburgh with figures of 1 for 3 and 1 for 4 in each of those outings. He also was a very tidy fielder participating in a few run outs to help the team dismiss the opposition before their allotted overs were completed.

UNDER 10 GREEN SEASON 2016 - 17

TEAM MEMBERS

Angus Davis

Archie Barker

Charlie Chesna

Drew von Ess

Frankie Wright-smith Gabriel Spencer-White

Harvey Harris

Jeremy Thorpe

Joshua Solomon

Misha Tsoi

Oliver Raso

Oscar Warne

Thomas Worn

Tom Wavish

COACHING/UMPIRING

Marcus Worn

MANAGER

Christiana McCudden

Angus Davis – Angus managed to break his thumb and miss the first few matches of the season but came back with gusto! His bowling and free hitting were both fun to watch. He often batted with flair including a wonderful 12 in the match against Richmond when the team won its first game. His bowling was also good – especially absorbing the pressure of the last over against

Richmond when they only needed to score two runs off the last few deliveries but Angus held them at bay to help the team win its first game.

Harvey Harris – Harvey was our youngest cricketer but arrived with great technique and a serious cricketing brain. Fearless in his defence against the fast bowlers he proved very hard to dismiss. Harvey also played many elegant shots including a memorable boundary past slips and third man. He also did well as a bowler in particular with an amazing caught and bowled against

Oliver Raso – Ollie had a year of big improvement in particular his hard work with his bowling saw him bamboozle many batsman and deliver many tidy overs when they were needed. Ollie took two wickets and also scored runs from the bat. He also proved a bit of a surprise ticket behind the wickets turning in some great games as keeper.

Josh Solomon – Josh also worked really hard on all aspects of his game this year, and proved himself to be one of the keenest to listen and learn. In the second half of the season Josh was showing off the skills he was developing scoring against Mont Albert and also taking a hard earned wicket against an accomplished and much older Kew team.

Gabriel Spencer-White – Gabriel brought much fun and enthusiasm to the team entertaining many with some great performances. He had a big hitting game against the Edinburgh Yellow team with some tall stories saying he missed a six by only inches. Gabe managed his first bowling wicket early in the season and worked hard on his bowling. He also had a great direct hit run out against Mont Albert.

Jeremy Thorpe – Jeremy proved to have a natural flair for big hitting and pushing the score along. He hit many wonderful shots – finding the ropes often and twice overtaking the compulsory retirement score of 15. Jeremy was also a reliable bowler and took some great catches in the field.

Misha Tsoi – Misha proved one of our most reliable strike bowlers, turning in tidy overs in many games. He took wickets in five matches, which is a great effort. Misha also worked hard on his batting with just rewards in our final game seeing out the game not out on a classy five in hot conditions.

Drew Von Ess – Drew showed lots of signs of being a great all rounder. He has a great bowling style taking wickets and being hard to get away. Also as a batsman Drew showed determination and poise, scoring when he could but also only being dismissed four times in the season – with one being an unlucky run out. Drew had some neat direct hits from his spot saving the keeper at third man.

Oscar Warne – Oscar was a bit of a secret weapon in our bowling team. He had an unassuming run up but could send some lightning quick deliveries down the pitch! He caught many a batsman by surprise taking three wickets and being very measly in his run rates and sundries. Oscar also worked hard over the Christmas break – coming back to score in all but one of the games when batting and proving a very reliable fielder as well.

Tom Wavish – Tom Wavish took the U 10 cricketing world by the throat from day one, taking a wicket and hitting a four in his first game against Richmond. He went on to take two or more wickets in four games with best figures of 3 for four twice! Tom was a wonderful fielder and had some important batting innings too scoring 11 not out against Canterbury.

Tom Worn – Another of our all rounders Tom Worn proved very reliable. He scored runs off the bat in every game he played which is a terrific effort. Tom also took wickets in many games, with best figures of 2 for 9 and a catch in the same match.

Frankie Wright-Smith – Frankie had a great year of improvement with his cricket. He worked so hard on his bowling and was rewarded with a wicket in the second last game against the fancied Kew team. Frankie also played some important batting innings including digging out to the end in the close match against Edinburgh that went down to the wire.

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It was the first year of competitive cricket for all 16 boys in the mighty Under-10 Maroon team. And what they lacked in experience they certainly made up for with enthusiasm and passion.

They all played the game in the right spirit and energy! The OTT celebrations when claiming a wicket was something the boys worked out quickly. There were more wickets, more runs, and fewer no balls as the season went on. The skills got better and the run-ups got longer. And the coach needs to spend more time on running between the wickets in the off-season.

Unfortunately, we couldn't cobble together a win despite a couple of close games, but the team is in good stead for the next year with the experience gained this season.

Most importantly the boys have had a lot of fun and have improved greatly. Every player made a valuable contribution to the team over the year.

Frank Burton: picked up wickets late in the season with his very accurate medium-pace bowling.

Fred Burton: valuable batting contributions were the highlight for Fred. He made runs in nearly every game.

Taj Cairns: one of the kindest kids in the group. So kind that sometimes I thought he didn't want to hurt the ball when batting! Bowled very straight, and one of our best wicketkeepers.

UNDER 10 MAROON

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TEAM MEMBERS

Alfred Burton

Cormac Spencer

Daniel Hodgson

Evan Crone

Frank Burton

Joel Dichiera

Jules Cameron

Leo Daffey

Max Skeen

Patrick Crawford

Seb Connor

Taj Cairns

Thomas Oldfield

Tommy Mortimer

Yves Rollo

Zac Kurzbock

COACHING/UMPIRING

Tim Dichiera

MANAGERS

Joanne Toscano & Paul Daffey

Jules Cameron: Jules's batting was a highlight. Our first player to retire at 15 runs. Some of his big hitting inspired the other boys to swing harder.

Seb Connor: great improver during the year, with many highlights including two catches (one of which was a screamer!), and one bowled.

Patrick Crawford: good learner and one of the most keen to improve in the team. Both batting and bowling improved greatly during the year.

Evan Crone: despite making runs and getting wickets regularly, he was always wanting to be the wicketkeeper! Got bowling figures of two wickets for three runs in the last game.

Leo Daffey: had an excellent year with the bat, with 36 runs, and the ball, with four wickets. The sort of player that, when batting or bowling, you couldn't look away because anything could happen.

Joel Dichiera: did I say it was about having fun? Don't tell Joel or Zac that. Joel took it very seriously and played well all year, with bat and ball. And who could forget the "dab" celebration after his direct-hit run-out from long stop?

Daniel Hodgson: big improver in his first year of cricket, especially with his bowling. Triggered one of those OTT team celebrations when he bowled out the big hitting opener from Kew Black!

Zac Kurzbock: great around effort. His batting was consistent and his bowling was fast. A nasty wrist injury ended his season early, but he will be back faster than ever next year. Batsmen, watch out!

Tommy Mortimer: one of the most accurate bowlers in the team. Got regular wickets (five all up) and contributed with the bat, too.

Tom Oldfield: in a basketball-interrupted season, Tom made consistent contributions with the bat in second half of the year and with the ball, where his best was two wickets for seven runs in Round 5.

Yves Rollo: Yves' determination to work on his bowling ensured he improved greatly in his first year.

Cormac Spencer: improved markedly during the year, especially with his bowling. Picked up two wickets but also scored with the bat (15 runs across the season).

Max Skeen: Max's bowling was the highlight. He was unlucky not to get more wickets with his accurate left-arm medium-pacers.

Harry Dichiera: despite being too young to play under-10s, Harry trained every week with the team. He loves his cricket and will be better for the experience. Please don't mention to him that he still can't play under-10s for another three years!

Big thanks goes to team managers, Jo Toscano and Paul Daffey, for having parents whipped into action, and making sure game days went to plan. Special mention to Paul's weekly "Burra Bugle" — always humorous and sometimes informative. To Tim Cairns for all his help on game days, especially for running bench rotations in our big squad. Also want to say thanks to all the parents — we have been lucky to have a really great group who have been very supportive all year.

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Edinburgh Yellow U10, started the season with 11 players new to Club Cricket, and 2 who'd played 1 prior season. With a variety of skills across the team, and with much enthusiasm, we started the season with a win. Our second match was cancelled due to bad weather; however, it was the only match of the season to do so. As each training went on, and each game was played, it was evident that every member of the team developed their knowledge of the game – from rules, to some of the tactics.

Training sessions were well supported by Cara, Laura and Lewis. This was much appreciated. Each week we focussed on two aspects of the game. Each week, the kids displayed continued enjoyment and enthusiasm. We would talk about what we felt went well during the each game, and what we thought we could improve upon. The team proved themselves excellent observers of the other team's capabilities and strategies, and developed their own ideas as to strategies we should use each week.

A very vocal group of players, they worked very well together as a team. Every member was supportive of their team members, and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the year. The players learnt to respect the umpire's decisions, and to understand that things don't always go their way. Every player was given a fair

opportunity to face balls, to bowl overs and perform Wicket keeping duties.

Our team statistics show great improvement by all members – the number of no balls reduced significantly, and runs per player were up. The players got braver each week, and were able to take more risks, which turned into more runs.

A turning point for our team was playing a much more experienced team at Kew. With most of the opposition significantly taller and more experienced than our team, we could see the game

UNDER 10 YELLOW SEASON 2016 - 17

TEAM MEMBERS

Angus Corrie

Austin Ioannou Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano

Edward Saunders

Finbar Kennedy

Lucas Gillingham

Oliver Phegan

Sam Shepherd

Samuel Francis

Toby Wickett

Tommy Vergers

William Cashen

Zac Henderson

COACHING/UMPIRINGBronwyn Wickett

MANAGER

Nicole Pender

was going to be a tough one. We were beaten convincingly but we definitely learnt how to "back up" in a way I am sure none of our players will forget. As a Coach, I admired our team's attitude, when facing the same team again the next week. All were motivated to focus and try harder. They knew winning was unlikely, however, turned up to the game in great spirits, motivated to try and improve, if even by a few runs, on the week before' score.

I hope the whole team thoroughly enjoyed the season, and are all keen to play again next year. As a new Coach, I thoroughly enjoyed the season. The team are a fantastic group, with great skills, and bright personalities who I hope will continue to play cricket for years to come.

Under 10's Cricket is a parentally-intensive team sport. As well as great kids, as a Coach, I had fantastic support from a great group of parents. Special thanks goes to Tracey and Joe for entering the scores each week, Matt Broadbent, Arthur Ioannou, Joe Phegan, Alistair Henderson and Peter Corrie for stepping in and coaching when I couldn't be there and for helping out when I was. Thanks for all the excellent morning teas and muffins that were provided, and to all for helping get the kids organised, motivated, and for keeping their whites white!

The Team

Austin Ioannou: A great learner who was willing to make major adjustments to his batting and was scoring freely by the end of the season. Showing great improvement in his bowling, and a greater ability to get in front of the ball and score more runs.

Lucas Gillingham: A natural fast-bowler, Lucas quickly learnt to match his enthusiasm for raw speed with the need for consistent line and length. I can see Lucas developing into a highly skilled all rounder with a strength as a bowler.

Will Cashen: Easily the youngest player in the team but one of the biggest achievers. Proved himself to be a natural talent as a wicket keeper. A joy to have on the team, Will is highly passionate and valued team member, and the team were all sad to see him move to Canada in January.

Angus Corrie: A terrific all-around season, with a massive improvement in both bowling and batting in the last 4 weeks. Angus has a solid batting technique and is learning how to increase his scoring options.

Zac Henderson: A natural athlete, with very fast reflexes, Zac shows great accuracy when

throwing a ball at the wickett. An early and very keen adopter of backing up, and at squeezing every run possible out of the opposition, Zac scored well for the team. Noted for a long run up as a bowler, Zac's number of wickets was high for the season.

Sam Shepherd: With a keen eye for the stumps, Sam showed early promise, then continued improvement as a bowler. A keen listener, and always focussed at training, Sam took a number of great wicketts, and managed an increasing number of maiden overs. His batting improved, as well as his pitch communications, resulting in more runs in the second half of the season.

Toby Wickett: Coming back for his second season, Toby has mastered the basics with his bowling and consistency will come with some more hard work in the nets. Toby showed greater confidence as a batter, scoring consistently each week.

Finbar Kennedy: Known for his sportsmanship, and genuine encouragement of his team mates, Finbar is also a highly skilled cricketer and athlete. With both excellent skills, and an understanding of the game, Finbar scored well for the team as a batsman, and took many wickets. Our win in the last game of our season, was a result of Finbar driving a 6 in the last over!

Edward Saunders: Edward would be one of the most improved team members. With a focus on letting his natural talent take over, Edward improved his batting technique greatly in the 2^{nd} 6 weeks of the season. A combination of foot work, and drive technique saw him connect with the ball more consistently, and resulted in a good number of runs for the team.

Oliver Phegan: With a natural bowling style, Oliver was able to develop his bowling by focussing on the length and accuracy of each bowl. An enthusiastic team member, Ollie was great fun to have on the team. By focussing on his foot work, he was able to drive more runs each week. Oliver often came to the game with new strategies to try.

Bianca Broadbent Siciliano: Apart from the one week when Bianca told me she couldn't breath at cricket training, I thoroughly enjoyed having her on the team. Highly competitive, Bianca enjoyed both bowling and batting. Coming into the team with a solid bowling style, Bianca improved greatly and took a number of key wickets for the team.

Samuel Francis: With lots of natural talent, Sam showed improvement in bowling, batting, wicket keeping and fielding. Keen to develop and improve his skills, Sam worked hard at training. A true all rounder, Sam developed skills in all areas of the game. With another year in U10, I can

see Sam playing some great cricket!

Tommy Vergers: Known for his accurate bowling and "helicopter" style celebrations, Tommy played a great first season of cricket. A few highlights include getting a wicket from his first ball of the first over of the game! Tommy's strengths are his ability to get accuracy and length as he bowls.

Junior Season Report 2016 – 2017

With the second consecutive year of Edinburgh fielding an Under 12A division team, the focus was to demonstrate that we deserved to be at the top level.

The First match of the year was an eye opener against what would be the A Grade's stand out side. We quickly found ourselves faced with the opposition 0/150 at morning tea, on the way to a 139 run loss – a bit demoralising to say the least!

Having four of our key players out due to illness, injury, overseas travel and school commitments, Edinburgh was always going to find that first game difficult. Unfortunately, the big loss was to have a significant impact on the team for the coming games with the boys doubting their ability to compete in A Grade.

But each week, the players returned to the fold, continued to train hard, and the team's performance and confidence started to build. We continued to focus on the basics of bowling within our limits, minimising extras conceded, concentration in the field and that every run saved - counts. Along with being patient and valuing your wicket when batting, but also looking to keep the run rate moving. This eventually led to our first win in the last game of the 2016 calendar year. The monkey was off the back!

UNDER 12 ASEASON 2016 - 17

TEAM MEMBERS

Antonio Raso

Christopher Barnes

Connor Hastings

Jack Oldfield

Jules Pellegrino

Kirin York

Rory Kennedy

Samuel Ward

Stanley Nicholson

Tyler Drew

William Kaye

Xavier DiScala

COACHING/UMPIRING
Matt Drew

MANAGER

George DiScala

Upon return from the Christmas break, the boys retained a lot of that confidence and continued their winning ways.

The ultimate challenge was in the last game of the season when we played the top of the division team in a round 1 re-match. This was always going to be the indicator of how much the team had really improved throughout the season.

The division leaders undefeated all season; in fact their lowest two-day score was 202. To the Burra's credit and pure determination, Edinburgh displayed their best performance ever to have the team dismissed for 130 on the first day conceding a miserly 11 extras.

The second day of the game proved too much, but to lose by only 30 runs, giving the ladder leaders the closest and hardest fought game for the season. There was no doubt that the

improvement from the team from round one through to round nine was remarkable. (139 run loss the first time out)

All credit to the team for their outstanding performance throughout the season. The great news is that 7 of the boys are eligible to play in U12's again and will make even bigger improvements on back of this season.

Some personal highlights for the team:

Chris Barnes: With his express pace Chris enjoyed terrorising opposition batsmen. Superb fielding on at point, and finding form with the bat in the second half of the season, Chris was always in the contest. Highlight was scoring 35 in a match winning partnership of 75 with Connor for the 6th wicket in round 8.

Xavier Discala: Able to bat anywhere in the order, twice reaching 30 runs, sharp in the field and an accurate and economical bowler picking up 6 wickets at only 3.7 runs per over. Xavier is a fantastic team player, always focused and has developed into a genuine all-rounder.

Tyler Drew: Kicking off with a season high 21 runs in round 1, and finding form again in the last round with 15. Battling a mid season batting slump, Tyler responded by focusing on his bowling and became one of our most reliable and effective bowlers, taking 8 Wickets with an average of 16, and economy of 3.6 runs per over and best bowling of 2/14.

Connor Hastings: A beautiful technician with every shot in his kit bag, Connor bats with flair that is exciting to watch. Highlight was 33 patient runs – punctuated with 2 sixes, kick-starting the team to victory #1 for the season. A tidy left arm bowler and exciting in the field, he's one to watch.

William Kaye: Relishing the opening slot, and loving nothing more than getting the innings up and running. Will built a solid season, and showed great maturity in the last match to almost carry his bat through the innings, scoring 37 runs for his season's high. The 12A's primary keeper, Will amassed 12 catches and 2 stumpings in 2016/17.

Rory Kennedy: A Classical batsman, possessing a glorious cover drive, Rory was only dismissed once for the season averaging 88 and a top score of 37 n.o., showing how much he valued his wicket. A strike bowler picking up 9 wickets and season best of 2/13, 'Super Cat' was at home prowling the deep boundary in the outfield.

Stanley Nicholson: After beginning the season in a plaster cast, Stan was back to his leg spinning ways before too long. Often opening the batting, keeping the scoreboard ticking and with 4 not outs in 7 matches, Stan was Mr Consistent. Season highlight was 4 catches at backward square leg in Round 8.

Jack Oldfield: After a baptism of fire in round 1, Jack regrouped and was at his best when

steaming in with new ball in hand. Developing into a strike bowler, taking 4 wickets at a strike

rate of 27, Jack continued to work hard and improve with every match, finishing the season with

the tidy figures of 0/2 in the season ender.

Jules Pelligrino: The player's choice as Skipper led by example on the field. Dominant with the

bat, piling on 137 runs for the season. Always willing to lend a quiet word of encouragement to

his teammates, Jules showed the leadership qualities required to steer the team towards a

common goal. Miserly with the ball and a great catch, Jules is a coach's delight.

Antonio Rasso: A Dashing batsmen, with a season top score of 18 n.o. notching up 66 runs for the

season. Possessing a powerful arm, Antonio was often found sweeping the deep cover boundary

saving runs. Unlucky not to take more wickets, Antonio led the way with his outstanding economy

- conceding only 2.9 runs/over.

Sam Ward: Possessing incredible control with the ball beyond his years, Sam was our go-to

opening bowler. Only conceding 3 runs per over across the season was a fantastic effort. Sam

also scored 45 runs at an average of 15, snare 4 catches and 2 run outs to round out a great

season.

Kirin York: Electrifying fast bowling often too quick to hit, and able to move the ball both ways -

leaving batsmen wondering what happened - had a season best bowling of 2/22. But is was his

season high 38 batting at No.9 in round 5 that will give Kirin his best memory for the season.

Well done to all of the boys, and looking forward to next season.

Matt Drew

Coach U12A

Junior Season Report 2016 – 2017

Season 16-17 was an enjoyable year for all children and parents involved. The U'12 grade is a development grade – with all children being given the opportunity to bat, bowl, field and keep wickets on a regular basis. The group have forged a strong bond and managed to win a few games along the way – which was great for everybody's (mainly the parents) sense of achievement. The continued development of the all the children has been nothing short of remarkable. If you cast your mind back to the early rounds & struggles with bat, ball & in the field – to the cricket played in the last 3-4 rounds, knocking off 2nd, pushing the undefeated top team & 3rd team to circa 10-runs – it is a credit to the group.

A junior team wouldn't be able to function without an able Team Manager – and this year we had the pleasure of Anna Peeters taking the reins. Many thanks Anna who organized all the off field requirements of scoring, morning teas etc.... for 2016-17 and managed to keep the coach out of too much trouble.

To the parent group – I thank you also. With the limited green space available in the City of Yarra and thus having to engage in setting up portable mats at Victoria Park or at Fairlea East, scoring &/or umpiring – there was never a complaint and people just did what was required.

UNDER 12 B Green SEASON 2016 - 17

TEAM MEMBERS

Finn Cleary

Flynn Colyer

Hamish Harvey

Huxley Williamson

James Shadbolt

Josh Fitts

Katelyn E Shadbolt

Keira Grover

Patrick Quilty

Patrick Schickerling

Samuel Olsen

Sascha Pereira

Tom Graham

Tom Ward

COACHING/UMPIRING

Brad Shadbolt

MANAGER

Anna Peeters

I must formally thank Laura Jackson, Lewis Jackson, Chris Campbell and Mluleki Nkala (Syke) for their assistance coaching and mentoring the U12B on a Monday night and Saturday morning. Also to Junior Coordinator – Stephen Connelly and Club Administrator – Pauline Ioannou – a massive thank you from all involved in the U'12B Gold group – we appreciate your efforts in organizing the ECC junior program, which enable us and 250 others to have a game with appropriate equipment/resources each week.

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The awards for 16-17 include:

Bowling

- 1. Sasha Pereira;
- 2. Hamish Harvey;
- 3. Samuel Olsen:

Batting

- 1. James Shadbolt;
- 2. Finn Cleary;
- 3. Samuel Olsen

<u>Fielding award:</u>

Patrick Quilty

Coaches award:

Tom Graham

Player Reviews:

- <u>Sasha Pereira</u> a very talented bowling all-rounder who needs to shorten his run up by about 20-meters. On his day the most destructive bowler in the competition. Must be consistent with action and thoughts about what he wants to do with the ball. With the bat, needs to work on his front foot defense to keep the good balls out.
- Hamish Harvey Mr. Reliable with the ball & bat. With the bat, Hamish has defense sorted and needs to work on 1-2 scoring shots though innings late in year showed signs of driving & pulling the ball. His bowling improved considerably and he should be very satisfied with the 2nd award. Bigger, stronger and with a longer run up Hamish has the tools to be a very fine medium pacer.
- <u>Samuel Olsen</u> Sam is a very capable opening batsmen, leg spin bowler & part time keeper. Batting wise needs to work on defense & front foot shots. Not every ball can be cut behind point. Bowling wise needs to ensure he is active through the crease. Keeping/fielding ensure he is low & stable and gloves are where the ball is. I would encourage Sam to bowl more & more.
- James Shadbolt had a slow start to the year, but once he decided to put the hard yards at training with his batting results showed, not being dismissed post round 2. Needs to ensure his hands in pick up are on his back leg and head stable. Has a great defense and must work on running when he hits the ball into gaps & opening that front leg for leg side shots. Bowling wise needs to be consistent with his action and ensure his right arm is up, not sideways at point of delivery. Is an exceptionable slip fielder & should keep working on that.

- Finn Cleary aka AB Devillers. Has the tools to be the most destructive batsmen in the 12's just needs to work on letting the game come to him. By this I mean choosing the correct shot per ball & keeping his shape when playing his array of shots. Bowling wise needs to choose what he wants to bowl off spin or mediums & work at it. Keeping/fielding ensure he is low & stable and gloves are where the ball is.
- Patrick Quilty the coach's dream player. Can bat, bowl, field & does it with a smile. Batting wise needs to just continue to pick the correct ball to play attacking shots & tighten his defense. Bowling wise just be consistent with his action & power through the crease. Is the best fielder I have seen at a junior level and should be a real asset to him.
- **Tom Graham** aka the Rock. Asked to open the batting after 2-3 games & what a transformation. Worked extremely hard on his defense technique & it showed. Needs to take that building block of defense and work on 2-3 run scoring shots. With the bowling just needs to be consistent with his action and follow through.
- Josh Fitts the 12B's very own David Warner. Hard hitting batsmen who when gets through his first 10 balls flayed attacks everywhere. Has all the shots but needs to work on how to get through his first 10 balls defense wise & what ball to attack on. Bowling wise once the elbow injury settled and could bowl leg spin regularly was impressive. Great loop, turn & bounce. Must practice bowling the same delivery over & over and I have no doubts could become a very good cricketer.
- Flynn Colyer Father Christmas produced a new Dave Warner Kaboom & with some application & work Flynn batting & bowling improved immensely. Bowling wise Flynn has a lovely left arm action & the ability to swing the ball in just needs to work on his power through the crease. Batting wise improved his defense and application which showed. Could improve on his defense and running between wickets. Flynn ran himself out on a couple of occasions just not picking when to take on a fielder. Mr. Chatterbox in the field which is a great asset to any team.
- Huxley Williamson one of the younger U12's, Huxley improved as the year moved on. Bowling large in swingers from his hand and must use that to his advantage. I suggest he continues to work on his momentum through the crease and I can see him being a very capable bowler. Batting wise he should be proud of the defensive gains made. Now he must continue to work defensively and choose 1-2 run scoring shots to work on to ensure he can rotate the strike. A very good runner between wickets.
- <u>Tom Ward</u> Consistency is the word Tom must embrace. Has talent in all 3 aspects of batting, bowling & keeping but needs to show it more often. Batting wise needs to work on his front foot defense and the rest will flow from there like it did against STC with the

game high 32. Bowling wise just needs to be consistent with his action, i.e. choose side on or front on, and do it over & over. Tom is a very capable keeper and I would suggest he further develops this with some hard work over winter, remembering to move his feet left/right & staying low.

Patrick Schickering – the joker of the 12B's. Always had a smile on his face and fantastic team mate. Could be a very good outswing bowler. Has a lovely action – just needs to ensure he gets through the crease & is tall in his delivery stride. Showed in the last 3-4 games how well he could bowl. Batting wise must want to bat and work on a defense. Has the well versed ramp shot – but this needs to come once he has survived & batted for more than 2-overs.

To **Katelyn Shadbolt** & **Keira Grover** (stars of the U13 Junior Girls team), thanks for playing & having a wonderful impact on the group pre Xmas. We look forward to reading about you two dominating Junior Girls cricket in the future.

I would ask all the children to ensure they work on the following for next season: -

- Listening to the coach's instruction
- Defense first & hard running between the wickets when batting
- Following through & maintain the same action when bowling.

To those children who move into the U'14'snext – good luck, remember that the key to cricket is enjoying the game and that your previous coach knows best!!

To the children who are returning for another year of U'12 cricket – practice, practice, practice. Enjoy the winter – Go Burra

Brad Shadbolt

Really Stablet

Coach of the Mighty U'12B Green.

Junior Season Report 2016 – 2017

I was very proud of my involvement with the team this year and witnessed the development of group of young men that could match it with anyone in the competition. We were a combination of younger under 12s, a couple of new players to the game and some wily veterans in their fourth season.

Records will show that we won 4 out of 9 games; however, we were a genuine chance during phases in every game. Our bowling at times was outstanding with no better display than when we dismissed Kew (finished fourth) for 40 runs in 11.3 overs!

The highlight of the season was a nerve wracking last ball loss to the top side -Trinity Wilson at Frog Hollow. Not only did we hold them to their lowest score of the season for a two day game but we also managed to score more runs than any other side had achieved against them. What pleased me more than anything was that despite the disappointment the boys took the defeat in their stride and displayed admirable sportsmanship that was noted by the opposition coach.

Particular thanks to Duncan McKenzie for his passion for the game and providing assistance to all the boys encouraging them to make the best of their abilities. Carol for all her support as team manager and to the parent group who were always willing to do a coffee run

or help out in any way they could with a smile. I will miss our Saturday mornings in the rural setting of Fairea East Oval and wish all the boys and their families the best in the future.

Our team was:

Luke Campbell: Luke is popular member of the team and has improved throughout the year. In particular his bowling accuracy has increased and his batting technique is now very sound and can be built upon in future years. I have no doubt that with perseverance Luke will become a capable player.

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TEAM MEMBERS

Benjamin Gill

Christian McKenzie

Daniel King

Jack Driscoll

James Wickett

Jed Mellody

Louis Hodder

Luke Campbell

Ned Goodwin

Owen Eade

Tai Hill

Thomas Romano

Tom Ladson

COACHING/UMPIRING

Darren Driscoll

MANAGER

Carol King

Jack Driscoll: When he hits his rhythm, Jack is a formidable bowler and can use his height to get extra bounce that will trouble all batsmen. His spell of 5 overs with three maidens and taking 4 for 4 against the top team was a highlight.

Owen Eade: We were sad to lose Owen at Christmas when his family re-located to Sydney. Owen is an elegant batsman with a beautiful cover drive who top scored for the team on more than one occasion. It was reported his bowling style was "all arms and legs" due to his tall physique however it was effective and he could move the ball both ways to trouble the batsman.

Ben Gill: Ben finished third in the overall bowling in the league that was an outstanding result. With refinements to his action he can become and even better bowler. His batting technique is sound and whilst he struggled for consistency played a number of key innings. My only request Ben is to stop using your feet when fielding!

Ned Goodwin: We were lucky to pick up Ned's services after Christmas as he is an accomplished all round cricketer. His unusual bowling action was effective, he is a very good agile keeper and strong left hand bat. Finally, he is a positive character and gives his team mates plenty of on field encouragement.

Tai Hill: A fine season with Tai fourth in bowling and batting for the team demonstrating his all-round abilities. He learned through the year that waiting for the loose ball to score runs would increase his output significantly. I could rely on Tai to perform any task in the field, batting or bowling the final over in a tight match if required.

Louis Hodder: Louis opened the batting for the team this year and always applied himself diligently to the task. Rarely failed and has a very good straight technique. He will score more runs when he improves his shots square of the wicket. He has recently taken up leg spin and I encourage him to continue as it will pay dividends down the track.

Daniel King: Fine debut season with Daniel finishing equal second in the bowling. He worked on his action through the year with many hours spent in the nets translating to genuine improvement and fine swing bowling. Daniel has good hand eye coordination and will make more runs as his defence improves.

Tommy Ladson: Tom finished with the team mid-year due to school commitments. To his credit he continued to come to training that showed his commitment for the game and loyalty to team mates. He is a very fast bowler and it would be great to have him back at the club on Friday nights next season.

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Christian McKenzie: Christian is a fine stroke player and had a very consistent year with the bat. When elevated to no 3 for final game he top scored against very good bowling. Christian improved on his glove work behind the stumps through the season and the results were noticeable.

Jed Mellody: Another outstanding debut season Jed was equal leading run scorer. He has excellent hand eye co-ordination and can hit the ball to the boundary on both sides of the wicket. As a new player he can improve on his forward and back defensive shots. Jed was also a very reliable bowler used in key parts of tight games.

Tom Ramano: The other half of a very capable opening batting pair. Talented left-hand batsman that scored nearly 100 runs to be equal highest run scorer. Tom also bowled extremely well at times taking 3/7 and 2/3 against quality opposition.

James Wickett: James always gives 100% and I have seen real improvements in his bowling and he was regularly taking wickets towards the end of the year. There is always something going on when James is at the batting crease reflecting his energetic approach and desire for quick runs!

Darren Driscoll (coach)

Junior Season Report 2016 – 2017

The players and parents of the Edinburgh Black Team acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Owners of the land upon which we practiced, played and enjoyed our cricket throughout 2016/17.

With most players in their first season of club cricket, the team set a simple goal – not to win every game, but to improve every game. While players worked hard to develop individual skills, it was with our team skills and overall cricket awareness where we had most to learn.

We focused on putting into practice match play tactics such as backing up throws, running between wickets, cutting off quick singles, and changing the field for different batters. Our efforts were rewarded with our first ever win just before Christmas in a hard fought game that went down to the wire - we successfully chased our biggest total and scored the required runs in the final over with no wickets in hand!

As our confidence and experience grew, so did our numbers - by the beginning of 2017 we had 14 excitable players practicing reverse sweeps early on a Saturday morning. Thank you to Felicity Allen who did an outstanding job as team manager, not only in UNDER 12 C Black SEASON 2016 - 17

TEAM MEMBERS

Alexander O'Keefe

Filippos Tsironis

Gyan Maharaj-Hitchcock

Iason Tsironis

Joseph Martin

Julian Ebeyer

Mason Johns

Matthew Stephens

Max Kelaher

Noah Dekker

Oliver Gav

Orlan Denton

Otis Craven

Phaidon Dickinson

COACHING/UMPIRING
Julia Cole

MANAGER Felicity Allen

making sure we were organised for our games, but also with the bulk of match day scoring and behind the scenes administration.

A big thanks also to parents who turned up in large numbers to support us at matches – your cheering, along with the smorgasbord of sandwiches, watermelon, lamingtons, Oreos and snakes were greatly appreciated. And to the parents who bravely volunteered to score and square leg umpire – we hope you learned as much about cricket as we did!

2016/17 was a hugely successful year for the Edinburgh Black Team, and whilst we only won one match, the achievements of which we are most proud are not captured in the scorebook – the respect shown by every player toward team mates regardless of experience or ability; the sense of unity and team pride in both victory and defeat; the courage to walk off with head held high despite hearts being filled with disappointment; the exemplar acts of sportsmanship; the desire to work hard and constantly strive to improve.

It was a privilege to coach a team of such high quality and calibre – let's do it all again next year!

Jules

Coach, Edinburgh Blacks

Otis Craven: New to club cricket, Otis showed massive improvement throughout the season. After working hard on his bowling action, he was rewarded with being the highest wicket taker for the team. Otis is now focusing on his batting, especially his shot selection and placement of the ball. He proved he has the potential to score more runs when he fleeced his mother of \$50 with a boundary in the second last match.

Noah Dekker: A talented first year player with outstanding cricket awareness, Noah is to be congratulated on the sportsmanship he shows toward his teammates and opposition. His intelligent and composed batting saw him feature in a number of the team's best partnerships and he is starting to play attacking shots which we are excited about seeing more of next season. Noah switched to spin bowling in the second half of the season and had the opposition batters in knots. Nice Gary!

Orlan Denton: Orlan's passion for cricket is obvious from the way he approaches training and diligently practices skills and techniques. With defensive batting already part of his game, Orlan is gaining confidence to step to the ball to increase his chances of scoring more runs. He saved his very best for the last game of the season, delivering a stunning 20 metre direct hit run out and playing some terrific attacking shots through the offside field.

Phaidon Dickinson: Whatever Phaidon has been eating for breakfast, we all want some. Phaidon's bowling was one of the biggest individual improvements of the team, and he was unlucky not to pick up more wickets in the second half of the season. An enthusiastic cricketer, he is strengthening his all round game as he builds his defensive batting and increases his range of shots. Channel Ten is recruiting Phaidon to their commentary team for next year's BBL.

Julian Ebeyer: A fast bowler who was unlucky not to take more wickets throughout the season, Jules' relaxed and often mischievous demeanour was appreciated by his team as he lightened the mood during games. Jules' batting is improving as he works on his shot selection – including the reverse sweep. In the course of the season, he perfected a catching style known as the "Jules Special", practiced by young cricketers all over the world. #DoTheJulesSpecial

Oliver Gay: Oliver's hard work in every training session, along with his willingness to apply coaching advice to his game saw his skills increase immensely. He picked up wickets with his much improved bowling, and with the straightest bat in the history of cricket, demonstrates great technique. Oliver hits the ball hard in the nets, and as he grows in confidence, it will be great to see him take those shots into matches. After all, you've got to risk it to win the cake, right Ollie?

Mason Johns: Despite playing only half the matches due to other sporting commitments, Mason made a great all round contribution in his first season of club cricket. The Usain Bolt of the team, his speed and athletic ability in the field consistently saves runs. As a fast bowler, Mason produces some unplayable balls and has the potential to be a big wicket taker once he learns how to control that incredible swing.

Max Kelaher: Without a doubt, the team's biggest improver and a hugely popular player. Max applies everything he learns at training in his match play and has earned the respect of his team mates with his courageous and determined style of cricket. Max's stoic batting is a highlight of his game. With 5 retired not outs to his name, Max faced some of the competition's top bowlers who were unable to claim his wicket.

Gyan Maharaj-Hitchcock: A stylish batter with the ability to play cheeky shots over the top of the off side field, Gyan's efforts with the bat were invaluable. As a left arm bowler, Gyan's bowling improved as he worked on adjusting his line for right-handed batters. He proved that when he lands the ball on the spot, he is very difficult to play, and was unlucky to miss out on a hat trick in the second last match of the season, picking up three wickets in the one over.

Joe Martin: A natural all-rounder who made excellent contributions in every game, Joe's early batting efforts were rewarded with a new Kookaburra Kahuna which he put to good use - we know because he showed us the cherries for every one of his 100 runs. Joe shows sound judgement when batting, waiting for the right ball to hit through the field. As a fast bowler with the ability to swing the ball both ways, Joe is working on delivering a more consistent line.

Alexander O'Keefe: One of only a couple of players to have previously played club cricket, Alex

brought invaluable match experience to the team. With his highly entertaining style of game, he always places the needs of his team first, characterised by his attacking batting as he looks to score runs quickly. Alex is a tireless fast bowler who will pick up more wickets as he improves his accuracy. He looks pretty cool fielding in those sunglasses too.

Matthew Stephens: Matt's experience was greatly valued by his team, and he consistently modelled outstanding cricket awareness. Matt hit the ball to all parts of the ground, finding the boundary on numerous occasions with his attacking batting. He was rewarded as the team's highest run scorer with over 100 runs in the season. Matt generates terrific speed when bowling, and by fine-tuning his line and length, will pick up more wickets in the future.

lason Tsironis: One half of the team's very own Bash Bros, lason joined the team in early 2017 and had an immediate impact by scoring runs and picking up a wicket his first game. He quickly built a reputation as a player who will accept any challenge with enthusiasm and determination. A feature of lason's game is his energy and quick reflexes in the field, which constantly puts opposition batters under pressure.

Filippos Tsironis: Bash Bro Number 2 joined the team after watching his twin brother at a training session. The rest is history. In only 5 games, Filippos made the most of every opportunity and established himself as a powerful batter who is not afraid to come down the pitch and hit the ball hard through the field. Another developing spin bowler who can turn the ball, Filippos is learning to place the ball on the right line and length.

Junior Season Report 2016 – 2017

The U12 Burgundy side enjoyed a successful season, with bat, ball and continuing from 2015/16 in forming a strong and supportive team environment. We were fortunate to have Declan McMullen join the team this year with Louis moving up in grades.

The team really enjoyed the home ground at Fairfield, although the lush grass certainly had an impact on the scoring.

Despite only be successful in terms of winning the games on 4 occasions, 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.

With the 13 players we were able to field full teams on most occasions, obviously requiring rotation during our bowling innings.

The U12 Maroons should be congratulated on their excellent running between the wickets, 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 with the bat, hitting a season high 129 runs at an average of 18.4, with a top score of 22* in game 9. Often finding the boundary or very professionally defending the good balls with great technique, both sides of the

UNDER 12 C Burgundy SEASON 2016 - 17

TEAM MEMBERS

Ari Lynden-Bell

Daniel Riches

Declan McMullen

Fred Culham

Harry Paterson

Henry Nicholls

Jack Mortimer

Jamieson Cohen

Joseph Schickerling

Liam Watt

Luca Conduit

Lytton McAteer

Thomas Alexander

COACHING/UMPIRING

Mark Shickerling

MANAGER

Kyle Mortimer

wicket. He was also terrific in the field and bowling, in particular his backing up and catching, some great catches this year. In all Tom took 5 for 63 off 25 overs, with his best performance being 2/6 and importantly 5 maidens.

Luca Conduit: Continued on with his strong performance from the previous season despite being on 12 month tour of the world and missing half the season scoring a highest score of 13 runs and taking and accurate and miserly 3 for 33 from 16 overs. His best bowling was 1/2 in game 10. A very accurate bowler, with surprising speed.

Ari Lynden-Bell: Continued to improve this season, however he certainly saved best for the last 2 games of the season. In game 13 as captain he had his best batting performance with 6* and

in the final game of the season securing the illusive hat-trick over 2 overs, returning 3/13.

Fred Culham: Continued to develop as a great all-round cricketer. One of the strongest fielders in the team, Fred certainly saved a number of runs and then did some great work with the ball taking 5 wickets for 99 off 26 overs, with his best bowling of 1/1 coming in game 10 against the strongest team. One of the most consistent and sound batters Fred scored in all but 1 game with a top score of 15* in game 11. A keen cricketer with a great work ethic at training.

Jack Mortimer: Another great all round performance this season. Noted for his accurate bowling Jack took 7 wickets for 88 off 31 overs including 4 maidens. An excellent contribution with the bat scoring a total of 107 runs at an average of 13.4, including a highest score of 23* in game 11. Jack displayed great skills, backing up and leadership in the field, with an improving arm. A couple great catches to round out the season including the Hat-Trick catch for Ari and a diving caught and bowled in the last game.

Harry Paterson: An emerging wicket keeper with the natural ability to get up to the stumps. A great team player and runner between wickets never questioning the call of his team mates, which did lead to some unfortunate runouts, through direct hits from the opposition. Excellent contributions in the field and with the ball taking 4 for 100 off 23 overs.

Joe Schickerling: Continued to lead the way for team camaraderie and support, always offering an encouraging few words for his team mates. Joe's bowling continued to improve this year, with a fantastic effort in game 6 of 1 for 2. Joe protected his wicket with rock solid batting and lead by example with strong calling and running between the wickets. His highest score of 8* coming in round 9.

Jamieson Cohen: Jamieson continued to score valuable runs for the team and on a couple of occasion held up an end and scored following a mini collapse of the team. His bowling steadily increased in speed throughout the summer, as too the accuracy, finishing the season with 6 for 95 off 25 overs.

Henry Nicholls: The most improved player this season, building on a great finish to his previous year. Scoring on most occasions Henry finished with 96 runs for the season at an average of 10.67 had a highest score of 22* in round 6. His bowling gained some consistency this year taking a season high 8 for 95 off 28 overs, including 3/3 of 3 overs with 2 maidens in round 7.

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Lytton McAteer: Continued to develop his skills this year, notably only being dismissed once in his last 5 innings, again strong calling and running between wickets was great to see. Lytton opened and finished the season with figures of 1 for 8. One of the great moments of the season came in the last game, when Lytton pulled in a great diving 1 hand grab at square leg. His continued effort, sportsmanship and team play, makes him a great team player.

Daniel Riches: The mercurial left handed bowler who again bowled some unplayable balls this season, taking 6 for 119 off 30 overs. Daniel consistently improved with the bat scoring a total of 52 runs and a highest score of 13 in game 8 and scoring more that 65% of his runs in the second half of the season. A great fielder and thrower, probably saving 30 or more runs in a square leg position.

Liam Watt: Continued to develop his impressive leg spin bowling, opened the season with 2/9, his best bowling figures of the season and finishing the season with 5 wickets for 123 off 28 overs. Of special note is Liam's improvement in his batting, scoring in all but 2 games, including some important not outs and scoring season highs of 8 runs on 2 occasions.

Declan McMullen: last but certainly not least, a very impressive first season in cricket, scoring a total of 87 runs and taking an amazing 7 for 118 of 31 overs. Season highlights include taking 2 for 3 off 2 overs in round 11 which included a double wicket maiden and after a slow start with the bat, scoring in the last 10 games of the season and making 15 runs on 2 occasions.

A special mention must go to Mark, our coach, who continued the great work of Cameron from 15/16 to build a team with the best sportsmanship and team spirit in our competition. Every game was played with genuine enthusiasm and in the spirit of having fun, which was often noted by the opposition coach. A significant effort in getting to the training each week and thanks for the massive encouragement and support provided to each of the boys.

A huge thank you to Bernie McMullen, Ian Cohen and Cameron Conduit for attending training sessions frequently and in particular to cover for Mark, when not able to be there.

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

Kyle Mortimer Team Manager

Junior Season Report 2016 – 2017

Edinburgh assembled a great mix of first and second year players for the U12 Gold team in 2016/17, but a last minute change to the schedule resulted in us being promoted to a B/C composite grade, which meant a higher standard of opposition and 45 over two-day games.

The season started with some narrow losses against Burwood United including one game that was the coldest and wettest that I've ever seen in my life. The boys courageously played through the non-stop drizzle and howling southerly with Hugh playing the game hobbling on a sprained ankle at slip. Lucas bowled an unusual amount of no-balls in the second innings due to having numb fingers.

Warmer weather returned for our next two games against North Balwyn. The boys worked on their running between wickets and took some good catches and made some great run-outs with direct hits but we just fell short of victory by seven runs in both innings.

Despite being hit by injuries and absences for our next game we managed 5/77 with only seven players against Trinity Willison. They scored 0/121 in reply which gave us a glimpse of how

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TEAM MEMBERS

Alex Hyatt

Asher Baade

Dylan Murphy

Elliott Harris

Fergus Hope

Francis Cameron

Hugh Collins

Kai Sanders

Kiera Grover

Lucas Gregory

Sam Moulday

Taran D Child

COACHING/UMPIRING

Paul Gregory

MANAGER

Paul Moulday

strong some of the B grade teams would be. Our batsman had a bad day the following week against Boorondara and despite Dylan running out their opener from behind the stumps on the first ball of the game we let a chance for victory against a fellow C-graded team slip through our fingers.

Next up was our first proper 45 over game against Kew Junior Red. A solid opening from Hugh and Francis set up a good foundation and after a middle order collapse Alex and Sam chimed in with good contributions and we managed to bat out the 45 overs, making 84. Kew made 161 in reply, of which 64 were extras.

Our last game before Christmas was against top-of-the table Ashwood. They had scored over 200 in some of their earlier games and skittled teams for less than 30. After holding them to 0/70

off the first 25 overs, they got away from us later in the morning and finished with 2/193 after 45, of which 51 were extras.

In reply we lost early wickets and Hugh and Elliot both retired hurt. Keira Grover led a spirited resistance and we were bowled out for 61 in the 42nd over.

Unfortunately for our first game after the Christmas break some of the players were still in holiday mode, and after conceding 121 off 25 overs (including 48 extras) to Canterbury Blew they rolled us for 29. We were 5/0 off 7 overs at one point, however thanks to a good fightback from Sam and Kiera we managed to recover to be all out for 29 in the 18th over.

Our next game was the low point of the season as only six players turned up to face Burwood Yellow. Those magnificent six that faced Burwood Yellow batted with a lot of courage and discipline and made 5/45 off 23 overs with Sam once again holding the innings together, starring with 24. Burwood scored rapidly pushing for an outright victory and Francis took a season's best of 6 overs, 4/28 with some of the best leg spin you will ever see. Sent in again on the second morning, the 10 players who turned up for the second innings batted well but couldn't avoid the outright loss, being bowled for 66 in the 37th over.

Our final game against Glen Iris started well with Alex Hyatt grabbing a wicket off the first ball of the game, however despite a great spell of bowling from Sam Moulday (3/13 off six overs) we conceded 217 runs including 83 extras. We batted well the following week with Sam top scoring again but despite a good lower order cameo from Fergus we were bowled out in the 45th over for 88.

Overall it was a tough season full of harsh lessons. The stronger opposition exposed flaws in our batting technique and our inability to take our catches and bowl accurately hurt us in the field. We also struggled consistently to field 11 players for the whole season due to injuries, illness and absences. Looking forward, the team should take heart that while it's easy to have fun and look like legends beating weaker teams it's only by losing that you really learn about the game and yourself.

Player summaries:

Asher Baade: Hard-hitting batsman with a good eye. His quick leggies bamboozled the opposition and occasionally himself and he would benefit from slowing the ball down and giving it more loop. Was leading our batting averages until he broke his wrist in the school playground after the fourth game and then played with school after Christmas break.

Francis Cameron: Has a great eye and fantastic timing with a bat in his hand and scored 50 runs for the season. Bowled very accurate medium pacers before Christmas with combined figures of 25 overs, 4 maidens, 0/64. After Christmas he returned as Shane Warne incarnate, bowling big ripping leggies and taking 6/75 off 15 overs.

Taran Child: Plays well with a straight bat and always got behind the ball. Working on his seamup ball release during the season paid dividends and he was able to get good consistent movement with the ball through the air. Being more aggressive with his running between wickets would help him accumulate runs, and working on his accuracy will help him become a genuine wicket-taking bowler.

Hugh Collins: His sound defence and good concentration helped anchor many of our innings. With the ball in his hand he generated a lot of pace off a short run with a whippy side-on action. A good fielder who thinks about the game, his absence after Christmas playing for his school was a big loss for the team.

Lucas Gregory: Mr. Consistent with the ball who took wickets regularly with his outswingers and formed a good opening bowling partnership with Alex. Has a good technique with the bat but needs to develop confidence to step forward to good length balls to protect his stumps.

Kiera Grover: Joined us half way through the season and helped salvage a few innings with her solid defence and good concentration with the bat. Found more pace with her bowling after Christmas and working on her accuracy will make her even more of a handful.

Elliot Harris: Defends his stumps well with a straight bat and works the ball well to both sides of the wicket. Keeping balanced and waiting for the ball will help him keep the ball on the ground. Doesn't enjoy bowling but did develop the capacity to bowl big spinning leggies during the year. Handy behind the stumps and showed good hustle in the field.

Fergus Hope: Hard hitting batsman who can hit the ball well through the offside with the team's best-cut shot. Not a natural bowler but always did his best for the team. Handy behind the stumps, he has a good cricket brain and was always switched on in the field and thinking about the game.

Alex Hyatt: A natural inswing bowler with great control. Formed a good opening bowling partnership with Lucas and was our best bowler during the season. Can defend well with a straight bat and make long innings. Has a great arm and was a handy fielder in the deep.

Sam Moulday: Began the season trying to slog every ball but soon developed a good temperament and learnt to wait to hit the right ball. Worked a lot on his defence and front foot play during the Christmas break and became our best batter, showing the ability to make long innings. Struggled to bowl consistently during the season but showed his potential in the last game of the season taking 3/13 in a devastating spell that scared the opposition. Good deep fielder with a good arm.

Dylan Murphy: Courageous batter who watches and gets behind the ball but was hindered by his tree-trunk bat that he used for most of the season. Hated bowling however his looping pies outside off stump often proved hard to hit. Loves keeping and watches the ball well into the gloves. Kept well to the spinners and took our team's only stumping for the season (off Francis). Has good energy in the field and took the most catches in our side.

Kai Sanders: The youngest player in our side, Kai worked hard on his batting and developed a good defence with soft hands during the course of the season and showed the ability to bat for long periods. Bowled with a good action with good pace which will improve with a more consistent run-up. A great accurate throw in the infield.

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The Maroons had a terrific season winning 10 of their 14 games. This was particularly meritorious given all players were either first year under-12s or, in the case of five players, still eligible for under-10s. But more importantly, the great team spirit and steady improvement of each player was extremely encouraging. Similarly lessons learnt about practice habits, perseverance and concentration will prove invaluable in future seasons.

We were very lucky to play at Fairlea Park which is an excellent venue with a terrific surface and outstanding facilities. We also had a large and very harmonious group of parent helpers who provided excellent assistance at training and on match days.

Particular thanks to Christina Hanna David who was a diligent team manager and to the under-12 coordinator Steven Connelly who provided terrific support and guidance throughout the season.

Our team was:

Asher Carter: A very steady bowler with great pace and improved accuracy, a fearless and energetic fielder and hard-hitting batsman. His passion was really appreciated.

Xavier David Hanna: Xavier had a terrific season as hard-hitting batsman, very steady pace bowler and outstanding out-fielder. A great trainer and listener who has wonderful potential.

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TEAM MEMBERS

Asher Carter

Asher Dunning

Darcy Hornsby

David Oliver Elias Demant Rundgren

Fynn Donovan

Harley Mileto

Lachlan Haydon

Leroy Dunn

Leroy Hinds

Pablo Gooi

Sam Mellody

Xavier David Hanna

COACHING/UMPIRING

Richard Hinds

MANAGER

Christina David

Elias Demant Rundgren: Elias worked hard on his batting and while sometimes frustrated with his bowling, has outstanding potential that will be realised with specialist coaching. He was also very enthusiastic and helpful at training.

Leroy Dunn: Leroy was showing fantastic improvement in every aspect of the game before suffering a (non-cricket related) broken arm. An enthusiastic and diligent team member.

Asher Dunning: A second year of rapid improvement from Asher whose bowling, particularly, was terrific. A hard worker whose all-around game will improve if he continues to listen to his coaches and apply himself so well.

Fynn Donovan: A later starter who was a very popular addition to the team. Scored his first runs, bowled his first over and got a taste of the game. Fynn will only improve with more cricket next season.

Pablo Gooi: One of the team's most wholehearted performers. His attacking batting produced some excellent innings and he worked hard to improve the accuracy of his bowling and his concentration in the field. His enthusiasm is appreciated by all.

Lachlan Haydon: Another excellent all-round season from Lachie. Played some typically patient innings despite some unlucky dismissals, was rewarded for his accurate bowling and his skills and effort in the field was first class.

Leroy Hinds: Leroy had an outstanding season with the bat adding more scoring shots to a solid defence, bowled very accurately and often without luck and was energetic and in the field.

Darcy Hornsby: A terrific all-round season from Darcy who improved his scoring rate with the bat, bowled an ultra-consistent line and length and was always enthusiastic in the field. Built a great foundation for future seasons.

Sam Mellody: Scored 100 runs for a second successive season, bowled steadily as an off-spinner and was outstanding behind the stumps as the regular wicketkeeper. Sam also displayed outstanding leadership with his effort at training and encouragement of teammates.

Harley Mileto: Had a brilliant season with the ball taking 13 wickets and was regularly rewarded for his meticulous approach to bowling. Played some very good innings after improving his defence and his fielding will only get better as he learns to focus for entire sessions.

David Oliver: David had a break out season after working hard to master leg-spin bowling and adding some more attacking shots to his already strong defence. Also took some great catches and was an enthusiastic trainer. Was an absolute pleasure to coach.

Richard Hinds (coach)

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Last season our U14A team only achieved the 1 win, this season we achieved 4 wins, which is good improvement though we all feel we could have achieved better results. Our boys have improved and developed their skills to show they can compete in A grade. I look forward to watching these boys over the next few seasons as they develop further. Edinburgh Cricket Club would be proud of our boys and the way they were represented in the Eastern Cricket Association U14 A grade competition with many individual performances, great to see the endeavour shown right up to the last ball bowled for the season

A special thank you to all the parents who have helped our boys this season, especially to our Team Manager Brett Munro for his tireless efforts to ensure our boys were provided the best preparation this season

Darcy Munro

Awarded as joint Captain of our team this season and did not disappoint, Darcy demonstrated excellent leadership skills and proved he is one of the elite players in this competition. Darcy faced

230 balls and made 209 runs with a strike rate of 90% and is awarded our 2nd batting award. Darcy top scored in round 2 vs Burwood making 56 runs and again in round 5 vs Camverwell making 69 runs. Darcy bowled 30 overs and took 8 wickets for 111 runs, with an economy rate of 3.7 runs per over. Darcy was awarded the honour to represent Carey Grammar 1st XI Senior Cricket Team, an achievement only ever matched the one time in their history by a year 7 student, fantastic result from hard work and dedication. Darcy was also awarded the honour to represent E.C.C. when he was selected by the Metropolitan Inner East Scorpions to play in the Victorian Bushrangers State Championships where he performed very well. In the past 2 seasons I have coached Darcy I have never once patted him on the back nor have I told him he has done well, now is the time to acknowledge his excellent achievements this season

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TEAM MEMBERS

Ben Donnellan

Darcy Munro

Ethan McKenzie

Harrison Thompson

Hemi Dietrich

Hugo O'Callaghan

James Connelly

Josh Ward

Julian Marshall

Miles Fricke

Tom Mileto

COACHING/UMPIRING

Kris Marshall

MANAGER

Brett Munro

Julian Marshall

Awarded as joint Captain of our team this season and lead from the front. Julian faced 316 balls and made 234 runs with a strike rate of 74%, 6th best overall in the U14A grade competition and is awarded our 1st batting award. Julian top scored in round 8 vs Boroondara making 80 not out. Julian bowled 42 overs and took 9 wickets for 131 runs at an economy rate of 3.1 runs per over at an average of 14.56 is awarded ourl 2nd bowling award. Julian was awarded the honour to represent E.C.C when he was selected by the Metropolitan Northern Falcons to play in the Victorian Bushrangers State Championships where he performed very well. Julian was also selected by Northcote C.C to play in the Senior Mens Premier Cricket Competition 4th XI team, E.C.C can be proud to have one of their players achieve this selection when only U14

Josh Ward

Josh faced 145 balls this season and made 123 runs with a strike rate of 84% which is an excellent improvement on his batting last year. Josh bowled 54 overs and took 12 wickets an economy rate of just 2.75 runs per over, this was the most wickets taken for our team and was the 3rd best overall in the U14A grade competition and is awarded for the 2nd season in a row our 1st bowling award. Josh was awarded the honour to represent E.C.C when he was selected by the Metropolitan Inner East Scorpions to play in the Victorian Bushrangers State Championships where he performed very well. Josh has a bright future ahead of him. The highlight of the season was against Kew when Josh took 5 wickets for just 9 runs. Josh top scored this season with the bat making his 1st 50 not out in round 7 vs North Balwyn, great to see him deliver on his potential

James Connelly

James faced 200 balls this season and made 125 runs with a strike rate of 62% which is an excellent improvement on his batting from last season and is awarded our 3rd batting award. James bowled 48 overs and took 9 wickets for 157 runs at an economy rate of 3.27 runs perwicket at an average of 17.44 and is awarded our 3rd bowling award. James was awarded the honour to represent E.C.C when he was selected by the Eastern Cricket Association to play in the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union Carnival where he performed extremely well and set up the remainder of his season. Great to see James confidence back and performing with the bat in the top order when he made his 1st ever 50 in round 8 vs Boroondara where he was part of the largest batting partnership in the U14A competition this season combining with Julian to make 134 runs and set up our victory

Ben Donnellan

Ben faced 221 balls this season and made 97 runs with a strike rate of 43%. Ben was one of 3 Wicket Keepers in our team this season, he was selected as our best Wicket Keeper and kept all 306 overs taking 11 catches, 1 stumping and is awarded our fielding award. Ben was awarded the honour to represent E.C.C when he was selected by the Eastern Cricket Association to play in the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union Carnival, Ben was awarded the honour to Captain of the Des Nolan side where he lead his team to a semi final. Highlight for Ben this season was when he took 4 catches vs Kew and again vs Boroondara

Hugo O'Callaghan

Hugo faced 39 balls this season and made 8 runs with a strike rate of 20%. Hugo bowled 16 overs and took 3 wickets for 50 runs at an economy rate of just 3.1 runs per over and took 4 catches. Hugo worked really hard at his cricket this season and proved to be an excellent team player, always prepared to give 100% at every training session and matches played, he is always willing to listen and improve his game. Hugo is my Nathan Lyon, the player loved by all and required by every team to ensure success. Hugo demonstrated great sportsmanship this season is awarded my coaches award for his contributions to our team success

Miles Fricke

Miles faced 59 balls and made 26 runs with a strike rate of 44%. Miles bowled 40 overs and took 4 wickets for 156 runs at an economy rate of 3.9 runs per over. As a bowler the key is to keep the opposition team under 4 runs per over which Miles achieved as a bottom age player, great effort. I look forward to Miles dominating batsmen next season when he is a top age player. Miles was awarded the honour to represent E.C.C when he was selected by the Eastern Cricket Association to play in the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union Carnival where he performed well. It is a great honour to be selected to play rep cricket and Miles will benefit from this experience

Hemi Dietrich

Hemi faced 75 balls and made 25 runs with a strike rate of 33%. Hemi bowled 17 overs and took 2 wickets for 52 runs at an economy rate of just 3 runs per over, 2nd best economy rate in our team, very well bowled. Hemi had an interrupted season missing a couple of matches through a broken thumb which affected his batting, Hemi will benefit from a big pre-season and we look forward to watching him become a leading player next season when he is top age

Tom Mileto

Tom faced 201 balls and made 77 runs with a strike rate of 38%. Tom bowled 10 overs and took 1 wicket for 53 runs at an economy rate of 5.3 runs per over. Tom made 77 runs this season as a bottom age player and I am confident he would have made more runs if he had not been retired twice by his coach. Looking at the players from last season who made less than 77 runs for the season I am expecting Tom will make more than 200 runs next season and be a leading player in our competition as a top age player. Tom has taken big steps forward this season with his cricket and it is great to see him confident when he takes to the field. Highlight for me this season was watching 2 of our bottom age players Tom and Ben put on an outstanding 68 run partnership and bring home the win against Kew, great batting. I look forward to watching Tom develop

Harrison Thompson

Harrison faced 76 balls and made 41 runs with a strike rate of 53%. Harrison bowled 27 overs and took 5 wickets for 105 runs at an economy rate of 3.88 runs per over which is an improvement on last season Harrison was awarded the honour to represent E.C.C when he was selected by Ivanhoe C.C to play in Victorian Sub-District Cricket Association JC Craig U15 Hatch competition where he played well. Harrison has the difficult task of learning to bowl leg spin, he understands what is required of him to perform bowling leg spin, Harrison understands his game very well and we all look forward watching him develop as he matures

Ethan McKenzie

Ethan faced 39 balls and made 20 runs with a strike rate of 51%. Ethan bowled 9 overs and took 1 wicket for 45 runs at an economy rate of 5 runs per over. Ethan made the big step up this season from U12 straight into U14A grade which is a fantastic achievement for a bottom age player. Ethan had an interrupted start to the season and was able to finish off strong, he is a good team player and well liked by his team-mates. Ethan is working on his strength and fitness which will benefit him next season and we look forward to watching him develop into a leading player

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For a game that can sometimes be about individual performances, these boys made a great team – a team that was supportive of one another and played good competitive cricket in great spirit and enjoyment of the game. That may sound a little trite but as Coach I was proud of how they played the game.

After an early rained out game, the 14Greens put together four wins in a row by playing good all-round cricket across the team. Everyone making a good contribution to the bowling, fielding that backed up the bowlers and attacking batting.

Thanks to all of the parents for your help and support of the boys throughout the season, particularly Richard, Emma and Jenny for your work as team managers, setting up the home ground (Richard) and emails to have us in the right spot and the right time.

Thanks also to our U12 regular's Kirin York and Xavier DiScala to make up the eleven, starting the season with 10 and then losing Archie to a broken leg post Xmas. Look forward to seeing all the boys return again next year.

Hayden Bant: showed great application as a regular to open the batting and typically seeing off the early bowling from the other team – sound defensive game and good range of shots on the off side square of the wicket. Looking forward to seeing Hayden compliment his defence with more attack next season.

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TEAM MEMBERS

Hayden Bant

Louis Barton

Elliot Blanch

Dante Colosimo

Liam Kanizay

Daniel Mandy

Hayden Nunn

Bill O'Hanlon

Archie Taylor

Xavier Wilson

Kirin York (U12 regular fill-in)

Xavier DiScala (U12 regular fill-in)

COACHING/UMPIRING

Gray Barton

MANAGERS

Richard Blanch, Emma Meredith & Jenny Stewart

Louis Barton: playing in only his second season of cricket, Lou's performance with the bat and ball has shown exceptional improvement and always had him impacting the game. His range of left arm wrist spin and attacking batting shots continues to improve as does his total enjoyment of the game – look forward to seeing more of it in seasons to come.

Elliot Blanch: endless enthusiasm to be involved with every part of the game. If there was a way to bowl and keep wicket at the same time Elliot would do it. Elliot showed in the last match of the season the batting performance we know he is capable of producing in every match ... and showed plenty of promise keeping wicket when he picked up the gloves later in the season.

Dante Colosimo: is an impact player – whether it be bowling with good attacking pace, batting with timing and power, or willing the ball his way when fielding in close to the bat, Dante is a very good all-round cricketer who enjoys the game – and his grin is ever present.

Liam Kanizay: combining with Hayden Nunn, these two became a very good open bowling duo. Liam's ability to move the ball off the seem and through the air often had batsmen playing and missing. Liam should look to continue the development of his bowling craft and will find many more wickets in seasons to come.

Daniel Mandy: is a very important team player. Daniel's contribution with enthusiasm and application in the field was never underestimated by his teammates. Hope to see Daniels ability to hit the seem when bowling continue to be developed – good season Daniel.

Hayden Nunn: has the most natural of bowling actions for a quick bowler in the team and produced really good pace that would typically have the batsmen in doubt over their shot selection. In addition to Hayden's bowling, he should also look to develop his batting, as he showed he would score easily and quickly when he gave himself the chance.

Bill O'Hanlon: is an all-round cricketer. Produces deceptive pace of a short run and has a good range of running scoring shots. Not least Bill is exceptionally good in the field and would often make a half chance in a catch or have the ball quickly over the bails putting pressure on the batting team.

Archie Taylor: yet another good all-round cricketer who unfortunately had his season cut short with injury during the Xmas break. Archie found his batting niche opening in the 20twenty games, scoring easily and playing clever smart cricket to make the most of his opportunities – well done Archie.

Xavier Wilson: sharing the keeping duties with Elliot, and Dante earlier in the season, Xavier consistently impacted the game whether it be bowling, keeping or batting. Happy to share the load, Xavier is a true team player.

Kirin York & Xavier DiScala (U12 regular fill-in's): seemed only fitting that our regular fill-in players were both all-rounders and both more than held their head high when competing against older opponents. Kirin's ability to defend his wicket when under some pretty stiff pressure from opposition bowlers was notable, as was his bowling which was rewarded more than the odd wicket. It was only in the last game for the season that we realised Xavier's batting was just as spirited and effective as his bowling which resulted in several maidens from a really tight line and length. Thanks Kirin and Xavier.

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The season kicked off at home against the Camberwell Magpies on Friday October 14 with the Burra opening the batting. A brilliant 47 from our opener **Dashiell Spencer White** set the tone for a good batting display with **Ander Nikolajuk** another standout, compiling a hard hitting 37. The Burra posted a good total of 164 off 40 overs, but were unfortunately unable to defend it due to a wash out the following week, both teams recording a draw.

Round Two saw us host North Balwyn, who scored 174 in the first leg of the match with **Rudy Baker** showing us the bowling form he would carry through the season. A terrific 3/26 was backed up by some excellent fielding. U14BYellow posted their first win for the season the following week, passing North Balwyn's score in the 27th over and going on to make 202 with two stand out contributions from **Billy Daffern** who scored a magnificent 50 and the ever stylish **Pranav Srivatsan** making a lovely 48.

Taking a few weeks out of the game after surgery, **Max Daphne** returned to the fold against top team Trinity Willison and took a

wicket with his first ball back. His two brilliant run outs capped a terrific return and set the team up with a chance to win. This one day game was a tight one, with Burra just falling short by 14 runs. Ander again scoring a well compiled 18.

Another one day match against Kew Junior saw the boys score just 89, a frustrating match that we might have won with a few more on the board. The highlight was Ander's brilliant fielding with several run outs coming directly from his monster arm in the deep.

Another win came next at home to Hawthorn and more decisive batting saw Dash make his highest ever score, a terrific 59 made up of power and precision. Billy Daffern again showed his prowess with the bat making an impressive 32 n.o. and **Patrick Kingham** showed his all-rounder credentials with a handy 18 n.o., his second not out score for the year to go with his accurate, tight bowling all season. **Quinn Doherty** had his best match with the ball to date, an impressive 2/14 as well as a fine run out.

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TEAM MEMBERS

Ander Nikolajuk

Billy Daffern

Dashiell Spencer-White

Jack Pekin

Lachlan Gill

Massimo Nodin

Max Daphne

Oscar Allen

Patrick Kingham

Pranav Srivatsan

Quinn Doherty

Rudy Baker

COACHING/UMPIRING

Chris Campbell

MANAGER

Lou Sweeney

Our final game of the season saw a bunch of tired boys comprehensively beaten by Trinity. Two

stand outs here though gave us some solace going into the Christmas break, Rudy's tireless

bowling efforts and the ever-improving Jack Pekin bagging his first wicket for the Burra. Well

done Jack!

At the turn and heading into the second half of the season we lost another frustrating one dayer

to Glen Iris. Two new recruits for the Burra Lachlan Gill and Oscar Allen gave us all something to

cheer about. Oscar's top score of 14 showed all his batting class and was only run out doing the

team thing looking for quick runs. Lachie returned to his old team and quickly garnered the

nickname Wizard. That exemplary spin bowling saw him pick up his first wicket much to the

delight of his old teammates.

We had Boroondara, the undefeated top team, on the run at 7/33 at Alfred Crescent. Rudy's

incredible 4/6 beautifully backed up by our demon quick Massimo Nodin who snagged an

impressive 3/11 off six fast, accurate overs. Unfortunately we couldn't finish Boroondara off and

they made 112. Their excellent bowling attack had us reeling, but Lachie's tough, defensive

batting showed everyone how to dig in and put a high price on their wicket.

Our final game against the Camberwell Magpies also resulted in a narrow loss but the boys

certainly rallied from their previous defeat. Terrific contributions from Massimo, Jack, Patrick and

Rudy with the ball and some fabulous batting – Quinn Doherty's 46 delighted everyone and

demonstrated his power game. Pranav's farewell 40 n.o was thrilling to watch- elegant and

purposeful. Well done Pranav. Special mention to Max opening the batting and finally getting

to double figures with an impressive 21 and Billy whose terrific 21 was as entertaining as it was

powerful.

Thanks to all the parents for their help over the course of the season and to our coach Chris

Campbell for guiding the boys so well. A slightly frustrating, but very enjoyable season with the

boys continuing their cricketing development, building on their love of the game and growing

as a team.

Team Finish: 6th in ECA U14B Van Zuyden.

Lou Sweeney - Team Manager

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At the start of the season, I felt I was being optimistic in hoping we would win a couple of games and score more than 100 runs or take more than five wickets in an innings a couple of times. As it happens, we took lots of wickets, scored more than 100 runs with ease and regularity, and won several games. In the end, we just missed out on the finals, but we can be very proud of our season. All the lads, including the under-12 "filler inner-ers", deserve a lot of credit.

Dut Bol: It's been really good to see Dut grow as a person and find a place within the team. While there is still room for batting improvement, his bowling improved and, with his excess bounce, he was very difficult to face. This was reflected in his four wickets, a real achievement for Dut.

Michael Daffey: Played some spectacular innings, bullying bowling attacks at times and providing great impetus. His high total of runs reflected this dominance. His bowling was always consistent; he rarely bowled sundries and he always asked questions of the batsman. He was unlucky not to take more wickets. His season was rounded off with his fielding performances; he always looked likely

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TEAM MEMBERS

Dut Bol

Basile Michael

Carlos Paatsch-

Rubiro

Eamon Pereira

James Shadbolt

Jasper Lawrence

Matt Federico

Michael Daffey

Sammy Olsen

Will Sweeting

COACHING/UMPIRING

Lewis Jackson

MANAGER

Paul Daffey

to run out an opposing player with his great attack and ability to pick up the travelling ball.

Matt Federico: Grew as the season progressed, using his natural confidence to lead the team in the field and flourished when given the opportunity to captain the team. His bowling was consistently good and he played some very good, mature innings with the bat.

Jasper Lawrence: For a lad who was new to cricket, Jasper equipped himself admirably, showing quick improvements, particularly in his bowling. With his batting, he showed the ability to play some nice strokes and hit boundaries. He will continue to improve at a fast pace the more he plays.

Basile Michael: Basile, too, improved dramatically over the course of the season. This resulted in him being the joint second-leading wicket-taker with four wickets, and he hit his first two boundaries late in the season, something he was rightly very proud of. His constant enthusiasm and positive energy was contagious, making him an important member of the team. This was displayed when he was captain in the final game. He excelled, and really enjoyed the responsibility.

Sammy Olsen: The one regular under-12 player. Fantastic attitude and knowledge of the game for such a young lad. Solved our early wicketkeeping problem and kept very well throughout. Opened the batting all season, and became Mr Reliable, protecting his wicket and expertly rotating the strike, ending with an average of around 40. Also, never fazed by any older, quicker bowlers.

Carlos Paatsch-Rubiro: Carlos's bowling was effective at stages, with his medium-pace swingers and dippers asking questions of the batsmen. He was a popular member of the team. We hope he comes back next season with a renewed enthusiasm for the game.

Eamon Pereira: Good bowling and batting technique, with a great enthusiasm for the game and will to continuously give 100 per cent in matches and training. Accurate and reliable bowler and solid upper/middle order batsman who made very valuable contributions throughout the season.

James Shadbolt: Despite being only 10 years of age, James showed no fear when playing against 14-year-olds. It was a joy to see such a strong cricket brain and appetite for the game in such a young lad. His five wickets — including team-best figures of 4/7 in one game in which he ripped through a team's top order — were testament to his accuracy and skill with the ball. James will continue to improve rapidly and be a real asset to Edinburgh.

Will Sweeting: Another player to have contributed well with both bat and ball. With the ball, his fast and smooth approach to the crease allowed him to develop decent pace. With the bat, he greatly valued his wicket. He played some important innings and showed great resolve on numerous occasions. Also, very reliable in the field — an impressive all round season.

Coach's award: Will Sweeting

Will is a lovely, polite lad, a regular attendee at training, and an excellent teammate. It was noticeable that he walked out to offer a pat on the back to every batsman as he returned to the sidelines after his innings. He offered a straight bat to every ball, and his bowling improved markedly as the season progressed. He perhaps didn't get the volume of wickets he deserved. Fielding award: Matt Federico

Matt deserves the award for his encouragement of his teammates in the field. He was a major reason the team was able to keep up its exceptional morale after such a shaky start to the season. But then there was his run-out late in the season — a direct hit at the bowler's end from out near the boundary! A real team booster from one who always boosted the team.

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The Mighty Under 16B Coaches Report from Eamon Drew

Season 2016/2017 was a breakout year for all the lads who played in the Under 16B side. Undefeated through the entire home and away season and playing off in the grand final was beyond all expectations at the beginning of the season and playing off in the grand final, we fell just 6 agonising runs short.

The coach and club are mighty proud of the way the boys played all season and the way they came together to form a great team. Big emphasis on the word team, as while some individual performances were super impressive the mate-ship formed within the team was easily the most pleasing aspect of the season.

I've coached a lot of these lads for the last four years and to see them all grow into fine young men, as well as fine young cricketers, truly makes the time and effort well worth it. Community sporting clubs offer so much more than just an avenue to play sport and I hope these boys continue to play for The Mighty Burra next season and beyond. Everyone associated with Edinburgh Cricket Club will

all watch with keen interest how this special group of young men develop into their adult lives – both on and off the field.

I'd also like to call out a big special thank you to Tim O'Meara who was the team manager and gave so much of his time to assist with setting up the grounds, ensuring we had a new ball each week, organising parents to provide tea and assist with the scoring. Tim's assistance really was a big part of the reason we had such a successful season. Dave Foster was also a very big help during the season.

Lastly a big call out to all the parents for giving their support all year and providing a great environment for the lads to go about playing their cricket.

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TEAM MEMBERS

Cooper Forssman

Harry S Syson

Harvey Daffern

Henry Sweeney

James Fear

Liam Proe-Carter

Lloyd Skinner

Mark Foster

Matthew O'Meara

Raphael Glaspole

Simon Foley

COACHING/UMPIRING

Eamon Drew

MANAGER

Tim O'Meara

Players

Harvey Daffern: Harvey is just a great cricketer. Great bowler, great batsman and played the innings of his life in the Grand Final. Probably starved a little of personal opportunity this season but when called upon he always contributed. A fine young man and a fine young cricketer, The Mighty Burra is super proud to have Harvey as part of the club. Highlight of the year was Harvey's amazing catch at point at Cox Oval.

James Fear: With both a bowling and batting award this season it's safe to say Jimmy is just a super cricketer. Not only dominating each time it was his turn to contribute with bat or ball, he also played a lot of senior games and made his second grade debut. James showed fine leadership all year and regularly gave other kids the chance to bat above him, which really shows his fine character as a young man. Finished the season with 192 runs at 38.40 and just snuck in for a bowling award with two wickets in the grand final. Highlight of the year was his amazing one handed catch before Christmas.

Simon Foley: Simon's bowling really was a huge part of the year we had and whilst also a little starved of opportunity he had a great overall season bowling 26.5 overs with 4 wickets. Season highlight was probably his great knock against Richmond late in the season with 20* just smashing them around to all parts of the ground.

Cooper Forssman: Coops had a massive breakout season. Easily won the club bowling award with 18 wickets at an amazing average of just 8.89. Almost won the league bowling as well. Tore through several top orders during the year and was a big part of why were undefeated in the home and away. Did well with the bat contributing 117 runs at an average of 19.50. So many season highlights with the ball but his highlight is easily the knock against Clifton Hill early in the year where he smashed a couple of boundaries to get us home late in the game.

Mark Foster: Macca, Foss, The Fossil. What a season he had. Captained the side all year and showed fantastic leadership all season. His field settings were spot on all the time and rotated the bowlers through well to try and give everyone a go. Opened the batting all year and made 315 runs at an average of 45 which is an amazing effort. Made three half centuries with a season highlight of an unbeaten 82 against Kew Junior.

Raphael Glaspole: The Raf. Probably the most enigmatic of all the kids he became somewhat of a spiritual leader in the side. Amazing in the field, always encouraging and pretty much a brick wall at mid-off. Season highlight was finally getting a batting average in the last home and away game by smashing an almighty four through mid-wicket.

Matthew O'Meara: They call him Mr Cricket. Amazing season with the bat finishing with 354 runs at an average of 59 to win the Edinburgh batting award and also finishing second for the league batting. Also made a stack of runs in the seniors. With a season so full of highlights it's hard to choose just one but I think his 54 against Clifton Hill in a tough run chase stands out above the others.

Liam Proe-Carter: Liam had a breakout year with bat and ball finishing with 147 runs at 29.40 and 6 wickets at 19.17. Just pipped for a bowling award. Fantastic in the field and a great team player. Took an amazing catch at square leg at Cox Oval late in the year and this would have been his season highlight if it were not for his 38 runs in the Grand Final where he played the innings of his life.

Lloyd Skinner: Lloyd had a fantastic year, bowling 37 overs with 4 wickets at an economy rate of just 2.86. Bit of a go to man when the games got tight and we needed to slow the opposition run rate down. Made a great 20 not out late in the year including hitting an almighty six, but the season highlight for Lloyd was his big in-swinger against STC South Camberwell which showed his extra sessions with Syke were really worthwhile.

Henry Sweeney: The man, the myth, the legend. Henry is a super popular member of the team and this year really made the opening batting position his own. Made 105 runs for the year which is very solid including a top score of 37 against Kew Junior. Shared the keeping duties with Mark Foster and did a superb job. Henry's highlight for the year was easily the diving catch he took in the Semi-Final.

Harry Syson: The head of the fast bowling cartel, Harry had a terrific year. Whilst the stats won't show a huge number of wickets he was too good for the batsman all year. Took 9 wickets at an average of 17.56 but the big stat is he bowled 67 overs at an economy rate of just 2.36. Harry also starred with the bat in the finals finishing with a batting average in the two finals of 81. Super season and full of highlights and seems strange to choose a batting highlight I would have to rate his 60 not out in the semi as his standout.

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As a junior, coaches would always say 'Play cricket because you love it and enjoy every second', the U16Cs have taken that saying and times it by 100!!! To be a part of a team which every week came out with a smile and did the best they could, I am very proud and I know that every single parent involved in this team are too. The 16/17 season was not shy of highs and lows for the boys with some brilliant wickets from **Nico** opening the bowling each week and brilliant 50s from **Tom** and **Zander**, the first half of the season went off to a flying start finishing 2nd going into Christmas. But with tight games and some interesting decisions from the umpires we finished the season in 6th place on a very close table.

Each week the team never ceased to amaze myself or the parents. We saw a fantastic partnership between Zander and **Ned** in the game against Burwood Yellow which we went on to win after a fantastic bowling attack by Edinburgh seeing Tom take 3 wickets and our game against North Balwyn which saw the top order get all the runs, a lovely 36 from **Max** and 42 retired from **Darcy** to win the game that day. But there we're also personal achievements which have made this season so fantastic, which include a brilliant

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TEAM MEMBERS

Aleksandar Gillian

Connor Nunn

Darcy Greig

Lachlan McAlpine

Max McKenna

Ned O'Leary

Nico Glas

Rohan Anderson

Samuel Doyle

Thomas Clark

Zander McMaster

COACHING/UMPIRING
Cara Evans

MANAGER

David Clark & Tim O'Leary

top score from **Sam**, **Alex** and **Connor** in the last game and a top score for **Lachlan** in the Ivanhoe game to push to an impressive total of 221.

As well as batting and bowling this season there was incredible things to see in the field including 11 run outs and 35 catches, 8 of those catches going to **Rohan**. The excitement and encouragement the boys gave each other was by far the best out of the league and the respect each player held for the opposition is something everyone is extremely proud of.

Thank you to all the parents who helped this year, you have all made the experiences that little bit better. I will not miss the moments when I can't believe due to nerves but I will miss the pure love for the game that these boys hold. Thank you for having me as part of the team, I feel so very lucky and I wish you all the best for the future.

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Season 2016-17 for the Burra Under 18s was a season of two halves. We struggled early in the season with washouts, byes, school exams, camps, schoolies, football pre-season training and dropped catches all combining to hinder progress. Early in the round 7 clash with North Balwyn, when we had already dropped two more gettable chances, post-Christmas form looked like following on from pre-Christmas form. But when James Caleo calmly held a hard hit catch at cover the season seemed to turn. Laura Jackson then produced the spell of the season to take 6/10 in 5 spellbinding overs, aided by further spectacular catches from Nick, Liam and Jerome. Laura needed no help with consecutive balls which hit the top of off stump!

The players

Joshua Bradley was our wicketkeeper for much of the season and produced his best innings with the bat in round 5 against Burwood when he and Will plundered the Burwood bowling in a dominant second inning display. Josh also calmly guided the Burra to victory against top team Kew Junior in round 8.

Rory Buggle bowled very well at the back end of the season, playing a key role in our win over Kew Junior with a fine display of

quick bowling, taking 2/14 from 6 overs. He then backed that up with another 5 tight overs against Box Hill in the final round.

James Caleo produced his most accomplished innings in the one dayer against Richmond Union in what looked like a match winning half century partnership with Liam. James' catch of a firmly hit drive against North Balwyn might well have been a season turner, and his one grab fielding was a feature throughout, winning him the team fielding award.

Will Clark had yet another great season with the bat, winning 1st in the batting awards with 236 runs at 29.5. Will's confident and powerful batting in the top order was a season feature with his dominant 71 vs Trinity Willison a highlight.

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TEAM MEMBERS

Joshua Bradley
Rory Buggle
James Caleo
Will Clark
Jon Graham-Perez
Max Gray
Jerome Heywood
Laura Jackson
Jordan Moulday
Liam Moulday
Nick Nodin
Joshua Robinson
Felix Sharkey

COACHING/UMPIRING

Randall Nodin

Josh Ward

MANAGER David Clark

Jon Graham-Perez was a big improver over the latter rounds with both bat and ball. Jon worked steadily and resolutely on his spinners throughout the season and despite receiving some early stick, producing best figures of 2/24 against Box Hill. Jon then backed that up with his best batting display of the season a week later scoring 43 in an accomplished opening innings. Jon took out the coaches award.

Max Gray was greatly missed when he was first lost to the team due to his prodigious athletics talent and then to football pre-season training in November (wtf). Max returned to the team in round 8 producing a blistering opening innings of 53 to secure the win over Kew. Max took out 3rd place in the batting with 130 runs at 32.5.

Jerome Heywood had an excellent season with the ball, taking 2nd in the bowling awards with 8 wickets at 22.9. Jerome regularly opened the bowling and was our most consistent wicket taker bowling with good pace and line. Jerome also took possibly the most spectacular catch of the season in the win over North Balwyn with a diving juggling catch in the gully.

Laura Jackson, one of our English imports, was a welcome inclusion into the team. As mentioned in the intro Laura produced the single most outstanding performance of the season with that 6/10 against North Balwyn, which propelled her to number 1 in the bowling awards with 8 wickets for the season at 9.9.

Jordan Moulday produced his best innings of the season in round 5 with a hard fought 19 on a tough evening out at Burwood Uniting. Unfortunately, Jordy broke a finger fielding first ball back after Christmas and despite finishing the game, was unable to play the rest of the season.

Liam Moulday ably captained the side for the first half of the season and was an excellent contributor with both bat and ball throughout. Liam lead the way in the batting with a 34 not out in the one dayer against Richmond Union and had best bowling figures of 2/16 against Burwood Uniting.

Nick Nodin had limited time with the team this season but made an excellent contribution in the win over North Balwyn, both with his keeping, where he took a great diving catch, and with the bat hitting his season high of 23.

Joshua Robinson joined the team after VCE exams were completed and had an immediate impact on the side with his powerful batting in the top order. Josh had a season best of 44 against Kew Junior and took out 2nd place in the batting awards with 136 runs at 22.7. Josh took on the captaincy mid-season leading the side with great aplomb.

Felix Sharkey regularly opened the bowling this season, bowling excellent lines with good pace.

Felix took out 3rd place in the bowling with 6 wickets at 22.5. Felix also contributed with the bat,

featuring in an excellent 59 run opening stand with Jon in the final round against Box Hill.

Josh Ward possesses the most important ingredient in a cricketer – a love of our great game and

the pleasure of being part of a team. Josh had limited opportunity with bat and ball but

contributed throughout the season with his excellent fielding and positive team focused attitude.

Under 18 Batting

1. Will Clark 236 runs at 29.50

2. Joshua Robinson 136 runs at 22.67

3. Max Gray 130 runs at 32.50

50s

Round 2: 71 Will Clark vs Trinity Willison

Round 8: 53 Max Gray vs Kew Junior

Under 18 Bowling

1. Laura Jackson 8 wickets at 9.88

2. Jerome Heywood 8 wickets at 22.88

3. Felix Sharkey 6 wickets at 22.50

5 wickets in a match

Laura Jackson 6 wickets for 10, Round 7 vs North Balwyn

Fielding award: James Caleo

Coaches award: Jon Graham-Perez

Finally, much thanks to all those who put their hands to provide the plentiful teas and to those

who did the scoring throughout the season. Special thanks to David Clark for once again

managing a Burra team which he carried out with calm efficiency.

Randall Nodin

Junior Season Report 2016 – 2017

What another great season for the 'Burra Birds, again culminating in a much deserved Grand Final appearance in which the girls performed exceptionally but where thwarted by a team of older girls and there being no dismissals – we got 6 of their 7 batters out in 3 balls or less and to quote Brad "we were the best bowling team in the comp by miles". And while the wins through the season and playing in a Grand Final were great, the highlight of the season was the friendly manner in which the girls played their cricket, the team socialising, everyone having a go and the girls always playing for fun – but, being cricket, not without some downcast faces when things didn't go as hoped just to show they also care about the game.

The team was co-coached by future England star Laura Jackson, who was such a positive role model and influence on the girls even though some thought she talked funny. There is no doubt that having a young, female coach suited the girls immensely which was reflected in the improvements over the season. This was highlighted in the Semi-Final against the top team where four of the new girls had their best batting or bowling performances (Emma, Lauren, Mariana and Maya) which was invaluable in a tight game. In

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TEAM MEMBERS

Audrey Betts
Charlotte Delahunt
Emma Somers
Katelyn E Shadbolt
Keira Grover
Lauren Mountain
Liv Robertson
Madeleine Hennessy
Eloise BisleyM
Madelyne Delahunt
Mariana Korwa
Maya Thompson
Phoebe Nelson

COACHING/UMPIRING

Laura Jackson & Brad Shadbolt

MANAGERPaul Grover

addition there were incredible improvements from the second year players, which is no better illustrated by the three youngest from last season (Audrey, Liv, Madeleine) scoring a total of 168 runs between them compared to 13 runs last season.

Of course we can also attribute Laura's coaching prowess and the girls performance to cocoach Brad Shadbolt. Brad is one of the drivers for girls cricket at the club and really works hard to develop the girls and encourage them to play. This is reflected in the fact that each week all players get a bat and bowl (except in one game due to circumstances beyond our control), a philosophy that is a primary reason for the amazing improvements seen in all players.

We also thank Stuart Whiley (President) and the club in general for really supporting junior girls cricket. Two years ago there were just a couple of girls playing in a boys team (K & K), and now

there are over 20 girls in two teams, with the aim for 3 or 4 teams next year. In addition the girls are relatively young with half the players under 11, and the rest 11 or 12 so the future looks even better.

Finally, below are some words of wisdom from Laura for the girls to take note of.

Paul Grover

Team Manager

Keira

- + Opening the batting every week gave us a good start to each game. A great all round player.
- Needs to work that little but harder at training to be the best.

(Team Manager note: Needs to work a lot harder around the house to get fed)

Katy

- + Carries the team very well in all areas and motivates the others which is crucial for our team.
- Needs to concentrate more on what we have taught her regarding bowling in matches. (Team Manager note: Laura wrote this before the GF in which Katy had 5 cleaned bowled)

Charlotte

- + Batting has improved over the season creating a good opening partnership with Keira.
- Being consistent each week would greatly improve her game regarding bowling.

Maddy D

- + Lovely to see the improvement over the season in all parts of her game. Getting the ball to pitch up, playing some lovely shots and running between wickets.
- Standing up tall when bowling for every ball.

Liv

- + Key player, did her bit with bat and ball. Especially good in the field saving many boundaries winning the games for us.
- Scoring on both sides of the wicket when batting.

Madeleine H

- + A true spin bowler. By attending the academy sessions, she has developed a new delivery which will really help in games.
- When batting, concentrate on the ball and do not be scared.

Eloise

- + Most improved player this season. Confidence has grown massively and has been great to watch.
- Could work on bowling a more consistent length.

Maya

- + Performed well when required under pressure.
- Can work on maintaining concentration during training to ensure she keeps improving.

Emma

- + Joined the team mid-season and was very consistent with the ball.
- Needs to have confidence with her batting and back her ability.

Mariana

- + A very good bowler under pressure and was very reliable. Even played some U17 games.
- Would like to see her improve on her batting at training.

Audrey

- + Great with the bat. Always looks to score and create chances.
- Needs to stay switched on in the field.

Phoebe

- + Excellent bowler, always hard to score off in games.
- Could be more precise with her footwork when batting.

Lauren

- + A great motivator for her teammates. Her enthusiasm was invaluable this season.
- Look to bat with more intent and take every run.

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The under 17 Girls this year took a massive leap this year by moving into the U17 girls league but as there were only 2 other teams in the league it gave the girls the opportunity to dominate in the U15 league. With nearly half of the team being made up of newbies, they gave a fantastic fight every game but the best thing was they did it with a smile.

The beginning of the season showed us a fantastic opening batting pair from **Sarah** and **Sophie** who showed that they were easily capable to dominate in this league with boundary after boundary. With an early season end for Sophie, **Anna** stepped up to take the opening spot. Her 'drive in at the deep end and I'll work out if I can swim' attitude made her a fantastic person to take the challenge and not complain; I think we will all agree that she did a brilliant job and made a great matching with Sarah. The middle order this year was strongly held up by **Caitlin** who pushed for those singles and extra runs we needed to push over the line.

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TEAM MEMBERS

Anna Stephens

Caitlin Jack

Claire Oliver

Maddie Ledger

Maeve Jack

Mikaela Kennedy

Sarah Campbell

Sophie Young

COACHING/UMPIRING

Cara Evans

MANAGER

Dean Campbell

With short boundaries, our fielding and bowling had to take a step up this season, which every girl did. **Maeve** stepped up and made sure that she came into every game to try her absolute best and that what she did week in week out. The gloves we're given to Sophie and **Claire** with minimal and no experience they took on the challenge brilliantly, starting with very little fielding extras and this getting less and less as the season progressed. As well as taking the gloves, Claire showed that in her first season she would make a dazzling wicket keeper-bowling all-rounder. When it came to bowling though **Mikaela** showed that her pace and accuracy was something not to be messed with taking some unbelievable wickets.

We had this year a fantastic, chatting member come to the team by the name of **Maddie**. Always there to make a joke but also there as a fantastic fielder. Maddie's improvement this year has been incredible and I'm sure this will grow over the coming years.

Thank you to all the Parents who have helped this season in any shape or form. The season has been fantastic for everyone involved and I hope you have even better seasons to come. Best of luck to everyone in this team and don't forget to smell the ball.

Outstanding Individual achievements

50 runs in an innings

Billy Daffern	50	Rd2	North Balwyn Black
Darcy Munro	69	Rd5	STC South Camberwell Red
Darcy Munro	56	Rd2	Burwood
Dashiell Spencer-White	59	Rd5	Hawthorn
Harry S Syson	60*	SF	Clifton Hill
Harry S Syson	53*	Rd5	Surrey Hills
Harvey Daffern	50*	Rd5	Ivanhoe
James Connelly	50	Rd8	Boroondara
James Fear	54	Rd5	Surrey Hills
Joshua Ward	51	Rd7	North Balwyn Maroon
Julian Marshall	80*	Rd8	Boroondara
Louis Barton	60*	Rd6	Box Hill
Mark Foster	82*	Rd6	Kew Junior
Mark Foster	68*	Rd2	Clifton Hill
Mark Foster	51*	Rd3	Burwood Uniting Canterbury
Matthew O'Meara	61	Rd5	Surrey Hills
Matthew O'Meara	54	Rd2	Clifton Hill
Matthew O'Meara	53*	Rd7	Burwood Uniting Canterbury
Matthew O'Meara	50*	Rd8	STC South Camberwell
Max Gray	54	Rd8	Kew Junior
Thomas Clark	61	Rd2	Donvale
Thomas Clark	50*	Rd8	Surrey Hills
William Clark	71	Rd2	Trinity Willison
Zander McMaster	50*	Rd6	Burwood Yellow

5 wickets in an innings

Laura Jackson	6/10	Rd7	U18	North Balwyn	3/2/2017
Joshua Ward	5/9	Rd6	U14A	Kew Junior Blue	9/12/2016
Katelyn E Shadbolt	5/16	Rd15	U13 Girls	Boroondara	8/3/2017

Selected in representative teams

U18

Max Gray Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union ECA U18s
Jerome Heywood Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union ECA U18s

U16

Mark Foster Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union ECA U16s Harry Syson Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union ECA U16s

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U14
Julian Marshall
Julian Marshall
Darcy Munro
Josh Ward
James Connelly
Ben Donnellan
Miles Fricke
Harrison Thompson

Victorian Bushrangers State Champs Cricket Australia Nat'l Indoor Cricket Victorian Bushrangers State Champs Victorian Bushrangers State Champs Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union Victorian Sub-District Cricket Assoc. Metropolitan Northern Falcons U15 Championships for Victoria Metropolitan Inner E. Scorpions Metropolitan Inner E. Scorpions ECA U14 Des Nolan Cup ECA U14 Des Nolan Cup ECA U14 Des Nolan Cup U15 JC Craig Shield, Ivanhoe

Girls

Sophie Young Maddie Ledger Sarah Campbell Mikaela Kennedy Katelyn Shadbolt Keira Grover Madeleine Hennessy Cricket Victoria State Championships Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union Inner South East Scorpions U16 Inner South East Scorpions U16 Northern Falcons U16 Inner South East Scorpions U14 Falcons U14 ECA U12s ECA U12s