

JUNIORS

SEASON 2012-13





A LOOK BACK AT SEASON 2012-2013

The Club's aim is that the junior players develop their cricketing skills and play their games in an enjoyable and safe environment with the emphasis on inclusion; the Club motto being 'Cricket is fun'.

Between the previous season and this, the 2012-13 season, the century old HDCA quietly slipped out of existence. After detailed investigations of adjoining associations and consultation with parents, the recommendation was made to the Club that the Juniors should join the Eastern Cricket Association, ECA. The Seniors reached a similar decision and the Club successfully applied to ECA for membership. Whilst this entailed the Seniors changing their match day travel from north to east, it involved more changes for the Juniors. In spite of the difficulties created, the move to ECA has been positive; it is a well run association providing well organised fixtures and generally had regionally based sub-divisions which minimised travel.

As a consequence of joining ECA, the age groups changed from odd divisions (U11-U17) to U10, 12, 14, 16. The Club fielded two teams in each, an increase from seven teams the previous season. The biggest change was the match day for the two younger age groups moving from mid-week to Saturday morning and which created a clash with senior commitments. No longer could the Club provide all of the required match day coaches from senior ranks. It had to place greater reliance on parental assistance. But it was able to continue providing training coaches who were generally supported by parents. At times the coaching /training system did not go as smoothly as planned. The Club needs to give junior coaching more consideration in the lead up to next season.

Details for each team follow this report and only a short summary will be given here..

The commencement of cricket at U10 in ECA rather than at U11 as in HDCA provided a better fit with our MILO programme, especially as U10 home games were played at Alfred Crescent concurrent with MILO at BSO. The U10 competition was developmental with neither ladder nor finals. The Club had two teams, A and B, in the same regionally based sub-division. The teams were largely built around friendship groups. Season highlights were the two derby games.

The club had a team in each of the U12B and U12C competitions. Both grades concentrated on cricket development rather than competition. A competitive element was present in the form of ladders but there were no finals. The main difference between the two teams was age/ friendship grouping; the younger players being in the C group. After a slow start, the U12C team played strongly during the middle season games but faded a little towards the end of season to finish 6th in a ten team competition. The U12B team had a similar season, playing strongly in the first half of the season only to lose games in the second half to finish in 5th place.

The Under 14 and U16 competitions were fully competitive. The Club had teams in the U14B and C divisions based mainly on age/ friendship groupings. The younger players were in the C team. The C team played well throughout the season but missed out on a place in the finals on percentage. The B team had won the U13 HDCA premiership in season 2011 -12 and finished second on their ladder this season. Unluckily, they lost their semi-final on the very last ball of the match.

The Club followed ECA practice by placing its strongest players in its top U16 team, the U16B team, instead of its normal practice of having age/friendship groupings. After a shaky start to the season, the strong B team went onto make the grand final but were beaten by Clifton Hill. Unfortunately the C team did not win a game during the season. However to their credit, they remained a very committed team who played positively throughout the season. The Club always needs to consider the consequences of players being "cherrypicked" from one team to strengthen another team at U16 level and provide additional coaching resources to the second team as it did this season. It must ensure that players in the second team have the opportunity to enjoy their cricket.

The Club has continued its policy that there must be a clear **pathway** through juniors and, as they get older, through to seniors. That is, there is a progressive and planned development of personal and team skills that enable juniors to transit smoothly through each successive junior level and, from there, to senior cricket. Again this did not run as smoothly as planned this season. The Club on the one hand realises that that juniors are the future of the Club but on the other has difficulties in fully implementing the **pathway**. Edinburgh is a community club that ultimately relies heavily on former junior players for the longer term success of its senior teams.



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The club appoints a junior development coach to help juniors, both current and immediate past, gain the technical and mental skills to succeed at senior levels. The position was made more important this season as juniors must enter senior cricket a year earlier because of the move to ECA. An important part of the role of the development coach is to be a mentor, to monitor progress and to liaise with captains re captain/team/junior matters. In spite of there being a financially supported development coach for the past two seasons, there has been little activity re development coaching.

The Winter Development Program, which enables older juniors and younger senior players to receive specialist coaching at Shaun Browns Cricket Academy, continued. It forms a part of the **pathway** towards senior and representative cricket. Again this season, the overall program consisted of twenty seven one hour sessions spread over fourteen Saturday afternoons. The number of registered juniors participating in the Winter Program decreased from 21 to 17 reflecting the change from U17 to U16 top age. They mainly came from juniors eligible for this season's U14 and 16 teams. Of these, 10 went onto play senior cricket this season (down from 17 the previous season) and 7 played representative cricket compared to 9 the previous season. Those playing senior cricket were spread over all grades from seconds to fifths. Three juniors played in the same team as their father or vice versa.

An innovation was a coaching clinic for younger players given by Shaun Brown's staff at BSO as the season started. It was a marked success and should become a permanent feature.

In the past, the MILO programme had been a part of the integrated Junior Programme. The Club decided to double MILO numbers last season but was unable to provide additional support leading to the Junior support services becoming overstretched. Consequently the MILO Program became a separately supported entity this season and is reported as such.

This season saw the Club continuing to provide the opportunity for children in our community who have little exposure to cricket to be introduced to the game. This was again done through a City of Yarra Community Grant and support from Bendigo Bank and Cricket Victoria. The support enabled the Club to run again a successful 12-week cricket program over winter for children from the Atherton Gardens high rises as a part of the FASTA activities organised by the Yarra Youth Resource Officers. The aim was to have 20 participants; seldom were there less, more often there were more. The number of girls participating continued to increase over the previous season's numbers. At most sessions there were an equal number of boys and girls participating, sometimes there were more girls.

A grant from Bendigo Bank enabled three Atherton youngsters to play in our U12 and U14 teams. An unforeseen consequence of moving to ECA and the lowering of the starting age for matches to U10 was the need for parental support at a level few Atherton parents can offer. This is a challenge for next season.

On behalf of the Club, I thank the following:

Chris Gorrie, Cricket Victoria/Cricket Australia ; the Yarra Youth Resource Officers at Fitzroy Police Station, Chris McGeaghan and Tony Brewin; the students from the CU; senior players Jack Viola, Julie Allen, Paddy Dwyer and Murray White, now at MUCC, and Arthur Watkin for their considerable input into the Atherton Garden's Project.

A big thank you to all of the parents and senior players, listed in individual team reports, for coaching and managing our junior teams during the past season and to those parents who, throughout the season, provided on and off field help as well as player transport to and from training and matches, and sustenance at matches.

Thank you to Bendigo Bank, our junior sponsor, for their help in promoting grass roots cricket in the North Fitzroy area and to the City of Yarra and Cricket Victoria for their support of the Atherton Gardens Project.

In looking back at the season, thanks are due to the Club's Director of Cricket, Stuart Whiley, for his constant help behind the scenes and for always being there to help out on- field at the last minute when required. The support that the captains of our senior teams gave to juniors playing senior cricket is much appreciated. Thank you to the Club President, Brad Shadbolt, to all on the Club Executive and Committee and to Club Coach, Chris Branigan for the support given to junior cricket over the past season. Paddy Dwyer and Murray White are thanked for coaching the U10s at training and a special thank you to senior player Chris Lomas for his extensive contribution to training and match day coaching throughout the season. Finally, Mick Symons is thanked for stepping in whilst I was on holidays during the lead into the season and during registration. Mick also provided continual support throughout the season lessening my load. Thanks Mick.

-Stan White, Junior Coordinator

UNDER 10 YELLOW

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TEAM MEMBERS

Max Daphne
Quinn Doherty
Lachlan Gill
Ewan Grover
Mitchell Gunthorpe
Luca McGhee
Ethan McKenzie
Tom Mileto
Massimo Nodin
Simon Paterson
Thomas Proe-Carter
Dashiell Spencer-White
Pranav Srivatsan

COACHING/UMPIRING

Peter Gunthorpe
Duncan McKenzie
David Scowen

MANAGER

Christine Gunthorpe

As we stop and reflect on the season of U10 Yellow, it is good to be reminded that it was only in October that this group of 13 boys joined together for their first game of cricket. All but one had never played in a cricket team, and a number had not played any form of cricket. The best way to summarise the season is to describe the notable performances each week.

Max Daphne started the season off well with an excellent 2/5 against a ruthless Clifton Hill side. He continued this great bowling with 5 wickets for the season, at an economical 3.38 runs per over. Max also had a good season with the bat scoring a total of 31 runs for the season in his own entertaining style.

Round 2 was a notable week being the first win of the team, scoring 84 against Bulleen's 80. Quinn Doherty showed some early form with his reliable bowling taking 2/10. For the season he took 3 wickets at 4.18 rpo.

In the same match Tom Mileto starred taking 1/2 and scored 12 not out. Tom's left arm bowling was a challenge to play and he ended the season with 6 wickets at an exceptional economy of 2.87 rpo. Tom's batting high score was 12 not out, and with many undefeated innings his average was a staggering 17.

Mitchell Gunthorpe took only a few weeks to produce some consistent line and length bowling and in round 5 took 1/1 off 3 overs including 2 maidens. At the end of the season his bowling economy rate was 4.08 runs per over.

Ewan Grover joined the team in round 3, and showed great improvement throughout the season. He worked very hard at developing his bowling, and was rewarded in round 6 with 1/6, and a total of 3 wickets for the season.

In round 7 Mont Albert B took advantage of their small ground and posted a very hefty total on a narrow pitch that resulted in 91 No Balls between the two teams! The highlight of the game was a superb direct hit run out from Massimo Nodin. As well as great fielding, Massimo has improved his bowling with an economy rate of 3.6 from the last 7 games.

Ethan McKenzie has anchored the batting this season scoring a total of 81 runs at an exceptional average of 16. His highest score was 15 not out in Round 8 after opening the innings. Ethan values his wicket dearly, having only been dismissed 4 times this year.

In the same Round 8 match, Thomas Proe-Carter hit top form at number 13 with 15 not out. Thomas retired not out in 5 of the last 6 matches, and averaged 13. His unique bowling routine was fast and straight, resulting in 5 wickets at 3.27, and his all-round skills were evident with 3 runouts and 1 catch.

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In Round 10 we saw Dashiell Spencer-White unearthed as a fast bowler of the future, taking 2/4. His accurate bowling resulted in 6 wickets for the season and an economy rate of 3.83 rpo. His batting was also solid with a high score of 9 not out, and an average of 9.

In the second game back in 2013, the boys were able to reverse the result of the same game in December against East Doncaster for a memorable win. After taking 7/73 in the field, the team batted exceptionally well for a total of 2/90. Pranav Srivatsan lead the way with a blistering 17 not out to set up the win, followed up with another 13 not out the next week.

In round 12 Luca McGhee led the bowling performance with 1/4 off two overs, with one being a maiden. Luca's bowling was a great asset to the team, having excellent control to deliver an economy rate of 3.05 rpo.

In the same game Simon Paterson showed how much his bowling had improved taking 1/4. Simon has shown great determination as a cricketer, and is a strong contributor with encouraging on field chat!

The last game of the year in round 14 was a standout performance by Lachlan Gill. He took two great catches, and bowled exceptionally well taking 1/3 including one maiden. Whilst Lachlan played in 9 out of 14 games, he showed his bowling accuracy taking 5 wickets at an economy rate of 4.19.

Overall it has been an enjoyable season watching the boys develop across 14 games. We look forward to them continuing to grow as cricketers in 2013/14. Thanks to all the parents who collectively coached the team.

-Christine Gunthorpe, Team Manager

AWARDS

Batting

Ethan McKenzie
Pranav Srivatsan

Bowling

Quinn Doherty
Ewan Grover
Mitchell Gunthorpe
Luca McGhee
Simon Paterson

Fielding

Lachlan Gill
Massimo Nodin

All Rounder

Max Daphne
Thomas Proe-Carter
Thomas Mileto
Dashiell Spencer-White

UNDER 10 MAROON

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TEAM MEMBERS

Finlay Bennett
Jakob Chetcuti
Dante Colosimo
James Connelly
Noah Crawford
Hemi Dietrich
Benjamin Donnellan
Guy Fricke
Miles Fricke
Darcy Munro
Jules Pellegrino
Dane Thompson
Harrison Thompson
Jonah Wentzel
James Wickett

COACH

Stephen Connelly

MANAGER

Meg Marsh

Finlay Bennett

Finlay is a great competitor, a hard striker of the ball when batting, and one of the fastest bowlers in the team. He is a natural cricketer, a wicket taker, and when his eye is in he is a quick and dangerous run scorer. When he hits them, they stay hit. Well done Fin.

Jakob Chetcuti

Jakob is a valuable member of the team. His keeping improved out of sight this season, putting his body courageously behind the ball repeatedly. He took wickets when he bowled, and batted like a true keeper – occasional bursts of brilliance. Well done Jakob.

Dante Colosimo

Dante improved tremendously as the season went on and played an important role particularly as a bowler after Christmas. He was a trusted batsman who worked well with the younger boys, and who held his own when batting, taking the mantra “don’t go out” seriously. A real contributor.

James Connelly

Scoring runs was James’ personal aim this year, and score runs he did, inspiring his team-mates. On occasion he bludgeoned the opposition bowling, and was a significant contributor with the ball via some important bowling spells and much deserved wickets in the final games. Great effort.

Noah Crawford

Noah was one of two members of the team to move interstate at Christmas. He saved his best for his last game, captaining the team to victory and making his highest score. Noah’s bowling improved greatly this season as well. Watch out for the sharks over in the West!

Hemi Dietrich

Hemi is a talented batsman whose confidence grew as the season progressed. Some of his strikes late in the season were fearsome. He is one of the best catchers in the team, and a dependable bowler who moves the ball nicely in the air. Congratulations on a great season.

Benjamin Donnellan

Ben is the Greg Chappell of this team. A stylish batsman, who bowls a big off spinner and keeps as well, he is a true all rounder. Thrilled the crowds with a couple of classic cover drives during the season, took catches and ran batsmen out. Always in the play and always dangerous.

Guy Fricke

Guy is one of the young brigade, The Baby Boroughs, who made some important breakthroughs when he bowled. Will be great to see him with a bat in his hand next season to add to his contributions as a bowler and fielder. Great start to a cricket career.

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Miles Fricke

A true all rounder, Miles is an accurate bowler, a good fieldsman and a solid and dependable batsman. Miles was the team's specialist bowler 'at the death' – leading the economy rate and bowling tightly when needed. A truly reliable cricketer and an asset to the team. Well done.

Darcy Munro

Darcy could have qualified for batting and all rounder honours, but his bowling needs to be recognized. He invariably made a break through when one was needed. Equally dangerous in the field, Darcy led from the front, and was an important role model for the younger boys. Great effort.

Jules Pellegrino

Jules is a talented cricketer, who can bat, bowl and field like his older team-mates in spite of being a member of the Baby Boroughs. An all rounder award will not surprise regular visitors on a Saturday morning, and we will watch his future progress with interest. Well done!

Harrison Thompson

Harrison has a true gift. He bowls a big leggie, a troublesome top spinner and a genuine wrong 'un with control that is exceptional in someone his age. He also made important contributions with the bat, and took his fielding responsibilities seriously. Well done Harrison!

Dane Thompson

Dane joined the team in the second half of the season, and quickly established himself as a cricketer of the future. A player with all round talent, he will be a force to be reckoned with in future years. Inaugural member of the Baby Boroughs.

Jonah Wentzel

Jonah played most games before Christmas and demonstrated talent as a batsman, bowler, keeper and fielder. His contribution was missed after he moved interstate, and we hope in future he plays for Victoria and not against us. Good luck in Byron Bay!

James Wickett

The original Baby Borough, James does not know how to take a backward step. His bowling can be in your face or sneak up on you unsuspected, and both his first run and first wicket were highlights for the team. Keep up the good work!

- Stephen Connelly, Coach

AWARDS

Batting

Finlay Bennett
James Connelly
Benjamin Donnellan

Bowling

Noah Crawford
Guy Fricke
Darcy Munro
Harrison Thompson
James Wickett

Wicketkeeping

Jakob Chetcuti

All-Rounder

Dante Colosimo
Hemi Dietrich
Miles Fricke
Jules Pellegrino
Dane Thompson
Jonah Wentzel

UNDER 12 YELLOW

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TEAM MEMBERS

Shaun Addison
Pascal Apostoloff
Jade Cook
Samuel Doyle
Aleksandar Gillian
Alec Margetts
Aidan McGregor
Zander McMaster
Harrison Michael
Jake Moorehead
Conor Nunn
Cameron Ross
Gabriel Simeone
Natnael Tlahun
Max Watson

COACHING/ UMPIRING

Ralph Doyle
Steve Watson

MANAGER

Margaret Doherty

Well, the season is finally over for the under 12 Yellow squad and what an enjoyable year it has been. After a shaky start against a competitive Burwood team, where the boys bowled over 50 extras, things started to steadily improve. I credit this improvement to the boys consistent attendance at training and growing confidence as the season progressed.

The team went on to score 5 wins and 1 tie for the season and were close to scoring a few upset wins against the top teams.

The most pleasing aspect of the season was the dedication and improvement shown by all players. Each of the boys shows great potential and will hopefully continue to play and improve in the years to come.

Off field, our Team Manager Margaret's fantastic organisational ability ensured that there were ample volunteers for duties such as scoring and provision of morning tea. She is the sender of emails, the organiser of food and the mediator under difficult circumstances when our ground was double booked!

Our season could not have run so smoothly without her thorough dedication to the job.

Finally, thank you to all the players and parents for making this job so easy for 2 inexperienced coaches in Steve and myself.

Thanks for the opportunity to coach such a great group and we look forward to seeing you all next season.

-Ralph Doyle and Steve Watson, Coaches

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

Shaun Addison
Samuel Doyle
Aleksandar Gillian
Alec Margetts
Aidan McGregor
Jake Moorehead
Cameron Ross
Natnael Tlahun
Max Watson

Batting Awards 1. Zander McMaster
2. Pascal Apostoloff
3. Conor Nunn

Fielding Award Jade Cook

Bowling Awards 1. Pascal Apostoloff
2. Zander McMaster
2. Harrison Michael

Coach's Award Gabriel Simeone

UNDER 12 MAROON

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TEAM MEMBERS

Finn Blackman
Charles Bradley
Joshua Bradley
James Fear
Gus Galloway
Darcy Greig
Matthew Henry
Thomas Henry
Max McKenna
James Norden
Ned O'Leary
Matthew O'Meara
Liam Proe-Carter
Oliver Renkin-Brown
Douglas Warren

COACH

Tim O'Meara

MANAGER

Ben McKenna
Tim O'Leary



Under 12 Maroon: Our first season playing cricket in the ECA.

Finn Blackman has had a sensational season. Finn was our second best bowler with 6 wickets and best bowling of 3 for 13 from 5 overs (3/13/5). A highlight of Finn's season was his batting, which he worked really hard to improve, as a result Finn was our third best batsman with 109 runs and a top score of 29.

Charlie Bradley's determination has really helped our team this season, whether it was with bat, ball or in the field, Charlie never gave up. Charlie had his best season with the bat and ball. His top score of 6 not out almost got us home against Clifton Hill and his best bowling was 1/6/2.

Josh Bradley's great season included playing in our first 6 games with 5 not-outs, a top score of 17 not out and a season average of 56. Josh also kept wickets and did a fantastic job. Josh's focus, whether batting or wicket keeping has been of enormous benefit to our team.

James Fear's has had a brilliant season. James was our best bowler taking 14 wickets, with best figures of 3/0/2. James was our second best batsman making 162 runs, with a top score of 41 not out. James is a great team player, working hard at training and encouraging and supporting his team mates.

Gus Galloway was deserving of the coaches award this season. Gus was 4th in both batting and bowling and like his team mates has been an extremely rewarding player to coach. Gus made his runs and took wickets against our toughest opponents, with a top score of 35 not out and best bowling of 3/17/6.

Darcy Greig has had a great season with the bat, ball, fielding and wicket keeping. Darcy's top score for the season was 31 not out. Darcy also took two wickets with best figures of 1/2/2. Darcy's keeping this season has been a real highlight. Darcy's application when keeping and batting has been of enormous value to our team.

Matthew Henry has been one of our best bowlers taking 3 wickets this season with best bowling of 1/3/5. Matthew's batting has also been really solid and he was not out in his last three innings. Our team is made stronger by Matthew's eagerness to do well, whether batting bowling or fielding.

Thomas Henry has continued to improve both his batting, bowling and fielding this season. Our team benefits from Thomas' preparedness to take on our opponents with his aggressive batting, fielding and bowling. Thomas made runs every time he batted, was not out twice and had a top score of 8.

Max McKenna has had a great season with the bat and has been one of our top run scorers, with a top score of 18. As our only spin bowler Max has added a different twist to our bowling attack and really helped the team to challenge batsmen, his best bowling for the season was 1/7/3.

James Norden's leadership on the field has pulled our team together, especially when we were lacking focus. James has bowled really well this season, often without luck, but still managed best bowling figures 3/2/3. James has worked really hard on his batting and has great technique, which will translate to some big scores in future seasons.

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Matthew O'Meara has had a great season and our team benefits enormously from Matthew's attitude to his cricket, he works really hard whether batting, fielding or bowling. Despite Matthew's enthusiasm he keeps his cool when things don't go his way, as often happens in cricket. Matthew was one of our best batsmen and combined with Doug to open the batting and helped the team to our first win with superb innings of 17.

Ned O'Leary has contributed enormously to our team this year. Ned has worked really hard on all aspects of his cricket. This season our team has really benefited from Ned's courage in the field and when batting. Ned has saved numerous runs off the bat and also from over throws. Ned's batting has flourished with a top score of 5 not out amongst several not-outs.

Liam Proe-Carter is an enthusiastic and very talented cricketer. His batting in our final three matches was fantastic including a season top score of 10. Liam bowls great outswingers and his best bowling for the season was 2/11/4. Liam deserves the fielding award for this season, our team has really benefited from Liam's brilliant fielding: saving runs, taking catches, run-outs and superb wicket keeping.

Ollie Renkin-Brown's first season has delighted his coaches and team mates. Ollie has listened to his coaches, tried really hard, developed great batting technique and an accurate bowling action, which will result in some big scores and wickets in future seasons. This season Ollie took 3 wickets, making him one of our best bowlers, his best performance was 1/6/4.

Doug Warren has had an outstanding season, his achievements are: selected to represent ECA; top run scorer for the team with 168 runs; highest batting average (84); and a top score of 41 not out. Doug's fielding has been excellent and he was our third best bowler with 5 wickets and conceding only 1.1 runs per over. Doug is cool in a crisis and makes a huge difference to the way our team bats and bowls.

Well done boys!

-Tim O'Meara coach

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

Charles Bradley
Joshua Bradley
Darcy Greig
Matthew Henry
Thomas Henry
Max McKenna
James Norden
Ned O'Leary
Matthew O'Meara
Oliver Renkin-Brown

Batting Awards 1. Douglas Warren
2. James Fear
3. Finn Blackman

Bowling Awards 1. James Fear
2. Finn Blackman
3. Douglas Warren

Fielding Award Liam Proe-Carter

Coach's Award Gus Galloway

UNDER 14 YELLOW

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TEAM MEMBERS

Thiep Bol
William Clark
Alex Czarny
Harvey Daffern
Cooper Forssman
Mark Foster
Jon Graham-Perez
Jock Green
Benjamin Gunthorpe
Tyler McGregor
Riley McIntyre
Nicholas Nodin
Sebastien Wilson

COACH

Randall Nodin

MANAGER

Matt Forssman

Our under 14s had a fantastic season, winning 6 matches, losing 3 and only missing the finals on percentage. We managed to beat the two teams that eventually played off in the grand final, both games ending in nail biting finishes where the boys really dug deep to win when at times all seemed lost. All players showed improvement over the season and bonded exceptionally well – always a happy bunch at training and on game day.

Thanks of course to Matt Forssman, our Manager, but also to Dave Foster who was always first to training, always encouraging the boys and reminding them to “pitch it up!”

Thanks also to our scorers throughout the season – Dave’s Foster and Clark, Steve Graham, Peter Gunthorpe, Warwick Green and Michael Daffern.

Now to the players

Tyler McGregor had a great season with the bat. Scoring 118 runs at an average of 24 he was a key player in our top order batting, time and again getting our innings off to a great start. Bringing his rock solid defense and terrific pull shot from last season he increased his range of shots and can now play an exquisite cut shot.

Alex Czarny was a terrific addition to the team this year, this being his first season of cricket. Enthusiastic, ready to learn and a delight to coach he made steady improvement with his batting and bowling during the season. Fielding at point in the dying overs of our match against East Ivanhoe he cut off 2 thundering cut shots that would have been certain fours, playing a big part in our rousing 1 run win over the top team.

Cooper Forssman was also pivotal in that 1 run win. We just had to remove Connor O’Brien, who had not been out all season, and was leading East Ivanhoe inexorably to victory. I threw the ball to Coops hoping his spinners could get us the break through. His first ball missed the pitch – not quite what I had in mind! – but the next ball beat a charging Connor, bowling him neck and crop!

Seb Wilson made excellent progress this season, particularly with his bowling. Coming into our last training session for the season – needing 15 wickets on our last Friday to make the finals – I planned a bowl-off between to boys with a Mars bar for the winner. As I left for work that morning I said to Rina, I bet Sebbie will win and sure enough he hit the wickets 7 times to take out the Mars bar in a tight finish. I think he would go pretty well in a Mars bar eating contest as well – it was gone in seconds!

Will Clark had a huge season, topping the batting averages with a commanding 200 runs for the season at an average of 40. Often opening both the batting and the bowling he also had a great season in the field taking a couple of diving slips catches that would be at home in any classic catches competition.

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Jock Green had a great back end to the season being a key player in the close win over East Doncaster. Though reluctant to come in up the order, he strode to the crease as we teetered on 3/38 and played a superb innings – a straighter bat was never seen! – hitting some beautiful drives and pull shots to guide our score to the 100. With a dashing 40 not out in the final match against Box Hill he finished the season with 100 runs at an average of 25.

Jon Graham-Perez had another great season, scoring 85 runs at 14 and taking 5 wickets. It was Jon who somehow managed to beat the bat time and time again in the final over of that 1 run win over East Ivanhoe – amazingly – bowling a maiden over. That's performing under pressure!

Theip Bol played his first season with us this year. He was keen to learn and made great strides during the season, improving all aspects of his game. Theip also provided us with what I think was the highlight of the season. Fielding at long off, one of the Mont Albert batsman hit a very powerful flat lofted off drive. Theip positioned himself beneath the ball – both hands up for the catch – then at the last moment went for the catch one handed – the ball lodging easy as you like in his outstretched hand. The crowd erupted into rapturous applause – even the opposition!

Riley McIntyre who many of us know as a very talented footballer, also made his cricketing debut this season. He proved to be a very effective bowler, claiming 4 wickets for the season and often bamboozling opposition batsmen with great movement off the pitch. He also has a great set of hands, often winning the weekly game of "King" and moved into slips cordon late in the season.

Nick Nodin struggled early in the season with the bat – strangely scoring a succession of 8's – but came home strongly finishing with 130 runs at 19. Nick worked hard on his variation balls over the summer holidays and picked up a key wicket with his Glen Maxwell slower ball in our sensational win over top team East Doncaster. He finished the season with 7 wickets.

Ben Gunthorpe also had a very good season with the ball. Though bowling without luck at times he frequently beat the bat and was very economical. In the field Ben made great strides this season, proving very adept and courageous fielding in close at short mid-on or short mid-off where his clean fast hands constantly had the opposition under pressure.

Mark Foster had an all round very good season, contributing strongly with bat and ball as well as being one of our two regular wicket keepers. Macca made a lightening 15no in the t20 against East Ivanhoe enabling us to post a defendable score. Macca also bowled beautifully this season, consistently troubling opposition batsmen with his left arm over the wicket deliveries with snared him 6 wickets for the season.

Harvey Daffern had a blinder of a season. Harvey scored 190 runs at an average of 40, but it was with the ball that he most impressed. In that famous win over East Doncaster it was Harvey who Dave threw the ball to as the game seemed to be slipping away. He duly delivered – knocking over the stumps 3 times in a match winning 4/8 off 6 overs. He took 8 wickets for the season.

- Randall Nodin, Coach

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

Cooper Forssman
Jon Graham-Perez
Jock Green
Benjamin Gunthorpe
Tyler McGregor
Riley McIntyre
Sebastien Wilson

Batting Awards
1. William Clark
2. Harvey Daffern
3. Nicholas Nodin

Bowling Awards
1. Harvey Daffern
2. Nicholas Nodin
3. Mark Foster

Fielding Award Alex Czarny

Coach's Award Thiep Bol

UNDER 14 MAROON

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TEAM MEMBERS

Sean Brickhill
Joshua Broderick
Patrick Chapman
Giovanni Colarossi
Finley Crameri
Harry Fear
Lucien Finch
Max Gray
Tom Hall
Liam Laidlaw
Joshua Robinson
Declan Smith

COACH

Sunny Munn

MANAGER

Dean Robinson

The boys had a great first year in the ECA U14B league, coming off their wonderful Grand Final victory of the prior season. The team found themselves in unfamiliar territory at 6th on the ladder after the first 4 rounds with their first defeat in a long time and 2 wash-outs. However, they did not lose another game for the season and finished 2nd on the ladder, earning a well-deserved place in the semi-finals.

The team consisted of 11 of returning players from the 2011/12 Grand Final team and welcomed the addition of the young (but eager to learn) Liam Laidlaw.

The opening game against Burwood was our first hit out in the new age group and league – and it was a delight to have Liam getting involved early with a great run-out. Sean showed us his sharp abilities behind the stumps with a great catch and Josh R finished with impressive figures of 2/1, holding Burwood to 5/59. Tom showed a cool head to get us over the line with 2 fours in the second last over for victory.

The round 2 game showed a crushing display of our bowling and fielding prowess limiting Bulleen-Temp to only 69 runs. Max the “Spin King” had 2/5 from 5 and Paddy assisted with 2/11 from 3. Tom had a catching frenzy with 4 sharp ones. Unfortunately, rain denied us a victory with Max (15) and Josh R (24 no) comfortable at the crease requiring only 10 runs when Bulleen-Temp enthusiastically pulled stumps.

The team effort was excellent against Bulleen in Round 3 where we posted a large score (5/164) batting first, including personal best efforts from Tom (39), Josh B (34no), and Sean (25). A victory was likely after Gio bowled an intimidating 3 maidens and Liam captured his first wicket with 1/17, however, rain robbed us once again.

Round 4 was a test against top team Mont Albert. We were in trouble early but Josh R (29) and Gio (28) were well supported by a critical late innings partnership between Paddy and Finley. Unfortunately the 121 run total was difficult to defend and despite some great bowling from Tom (3/19) and Finley (2/12) and Gio's two great catches, it wasn't enough to stop Mont Albert getting the runs.

Our win against Glen Iris in Round 5 included some massive innings with the bat – Josh (62no), Tom (60no) and Gio smacking a massive 6 to make 23 from 6 balls. The keepers Sean and Paddy had a great day with a stumping each and some strong bowling with 2 wickets each to Declan, Josh B and Josh R. Harry secured tight figures of 2/9 from 4.

Round 6 was a big win against Trinity-Willison in a one-day game and Paddy had a day out achieving his high score of 40no and taking two awesome catches. Josh R had another retirement (42no). Declan (3/7) and Josh R (2/12) bowled tightly and Josh B had a super spell with 1/1 from 2 overs for a comfortable win.

Round 7 showed our old HDCA foes East Ivanhoe that we are a bowling and fielding force to be reckoned with. We discarded them for a paltry 22 runs with excellent bowling figures for Tom (2/1), Josh R (3/7), Max (2/1) and Harry (1/0). Tom added another 2 catches to his tally and Josh B had a super direct-hit run-out.

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Clifton Hill were always going to be a difficult team to beat and looked comfortable early in their batting innings. A great catch to Liam turned the game and they collapsed with Josh B collecting a formidable 4/11 and Lucien chipping in with 2/10. Paddy made his maiden 50 (56) and Max collected his highest score of 28 as we cruised to victory.

Declan (33) and Finley (61no) had a match-winning 80 run partnership in our last round game against Deepdene. Declan and Liam both had personal bests with the bat and Declan made it a great game all round when he collected 2/13. Tom had 3/16 and a couple more catches, and Josh R also finished with 3 solid catches.

The Semi-Final against Clifton Hill was a thriller. Josh (61no) and Tom (20) managed to salvage the innings and help post a reasonable score of 131, but it was going to be difficult to defend. However, our boys were never going to give in and Gio's wicket and run-out from the boundary were inspiring. Josh R (1/9), Declan (1/14) and Max (2/24) worked hard with the ball to get us into the game and Clifton Hill needed 2 from Josh R's last over: 0 0 X 0 Bye 1 – and that was unfortunately game and season over on the last ball.

The respect all these players showed towards each other, the coaches, parents and their opponents and a willingness to ensure all players had the opportunity to have an impact were important characteristics of this team, and a credit to Josh R's efforts as captain.

It was unfortunate that Arthur's work commitments prevented him from coaching this year, but we thank him for his intentions and effort early on. Many thanks to Sunny for stepping in to enthusiastically guide the boys through the last few games.

Finally, many thanks to the parents and siblings who helped out and supported the team all through the season.

-Dean Robinson, Manager

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

Sean Brickhill
Finley Crameri
Harry Fear
Lucien Finch
Liam Laidlaw
Declan Smith

Batting Awards 1. Joshua Robinson
2. Tom Hall
3. Patrick Chapman

Fielding Award Giovanni Colarossi

Bowling Awards 1. Joshua Robinson
2. Joshua Broderick
2. Tom Hall

Coach's Award Max Gray

UNDER 16 YELLOW

**SEASON
2012-13**

TEAM MEMBERS

Ben Cuthbertson
Alex Dimitrakopoulos
Daniel Johns
Mustafa Kaka
Saadat Khan
John Maguire
Jordan Moshopoulos
Angus Ponsford
Patrick Quay
Thomas Shute
Hamish Webster

COACH

Chris Lomas

MANAGER

Christobel Botten



Round 1:

Another season was on us in a different competition and we didn't know what to expect. After frantically chasing players before the start of the season and with a few new recruits, we took the trip out to Hays Paddock in Kew for round 1 v Deepdene Uniting. Edinburgh won the toss and a fantastic partnership between Chris Campbell and John Maguire saw us reach 40 for 0 before the loss of the first wicket. Chris went on to top score with 35 and with some help from the middle order we made 5/70 from our allotted overs. In reply there was some very good bowling between Ben Cuthbertson and Chris Campbell with wickets falling. But the middle order of Deepdene got them to their winning target in the final over ending up on 3/81 from 20 overs.

Round 2:

Bulleen Templestowe took the trip the Brunswick Street oval for the first home game of the season Will Symons from the B team helped us out for the 11th man and shone with 44 opening the batting. He made a solid start with John Maguire before we unfortunately lost John on the score of 19. This bought Mustafa Kaka to the crease and who put on a 54 run partnership with Symons before Kaka eventually fell on the score of 73 for a very good 19. Will Symons carried on batting with the wickets tumbling at the other end to get us to a respectable 102 off 38 overs before bad light stopped play. This was the end of the match due to the next week being rained out.

Round 3:

Bulleen then were the visitors to Brunswick Street oval, Hamish Webster was given the opportunity to open the bowling and he didn't disappoint with his 3-20 from his 6 overs. Ben Cuthbertson also carried on his good bowling effort from the first game taking 2-8 from his 5 overs and the other wickets were shared between Patrick Quay, Tom Shute, Jack Bradley and Sadaat Kahn. Bulleen were eventually all out for 129. In reply there was a loss of early wickets which as a team we didn't really recover from. But there was some superb batting from Mustafa Kaka who scored 42 not out and carried his bat the through the innings. We were eventually bowled out for 79.

Round 4:

Next round we took the trip out to Kew, winning the toss and deciding to bat first. John Maguire opened the innings with Hamish Webster and in the third over we unfortunately lost Webster at the score on 5. This bought Ben Cuthbertson to the crease and pushed the score up to 30 before the loss of Maguire for a very good 22. Ben quickly followed Maguire on the score of 45. Jack Taylor was at the crease going great guns scoring a magnificent 52 not out. He was supported very well by the lower order of Jordan Moshopoulos, Tom Shute and Angus Ponsford to take the score to 120 from 37 overs. Early wickets would be the key if we were going to win the game. We took one early wicket through the bowling of Hamish Webster but wickets were hard to come by with Kew's opening batsmen looking very good at the crease. But good bowling by Jack Taylor, Sadaat Khan and Tom Shute was supported by some fantastic fielding. Daniel Johns and Jordan Moshopoulos were also amongst the wicket takers. Unfortunately Kew just got over the line with a few overs to spare.

Round 5:

A trip out to Manningham was next on the fixture list for Edinburgh. We lost the toss and were stuck into field. The opening batsmen of Manningham took the game away from us in the first 25 overs as they reached 169 – 0 but this was the start of an excellent fight back from the bowlers. Hamish Webster, Daniel Johns, Harry

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Hopkins and Patrick Quay were amongst the wicket takers. Bowling Manningham out for 200 after they were 169 for 0 wickets was a fantastic effort from the boys. After losing a few early wickets, 200 was going to be a daunting task. We managed to start getting a few partnerships together and Mustafa Kaka carried on his good batting performances with a solid 52 not out. He was supported very well by Angus Ponsford, Jordan Moshopoulos and Patrick Quay. We eventually fell 71 runs short but it was a very good team batting performance.

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Round 6:
Washed Out v Richmond City/Union

Round 7:
Boroondara made the trip to Brunswick Street Oval for a T20 match. Some tight bowling from Hamish Webster and Ben Cuthbertson restricted Boroondara from making a good start by taking early wickets and keeping runs down to a minimum. Tom Shute and Angus Ponsford chipped in with two wickets a piece and restricted Boroondara to 91 from their allotted overs. After losing an early wicket, Edinburgh consolidated through John Maguire and Mustafa Kaka until the latter fell for 9. Maguire unfortunately fell just after when the score was 32. We lost a flurry of wickets in the middle order but a few lusty blows towards the end of the innings from Ben Cuthbertson and Sadaat Khan took the score to 69 and we lost by 30 runs; another pleasing effort from the boys.

Round 8:
Richmond Union was the next game away from home. We won the toss and decided to bat first. Patrick Quay opened the batting and batted very well but wickets were continually tumbling at the other end. Webster came to the crease with Quay who built a steady partnership but Quay eventually fell for 15. Wickets continued to fall until Sadaat Khan came to the crease where he was well supported by Daniel Johns. Khan hit some lusty blows to take the score to 79 where we were eventually bowled out. In hot conditions, bowling was hard and we only took one wicket. Richmond managed to make 146 inserting us into bat again. We lost a few early wickets but solid batting from Hamish Webster and John Maguire took the score to 3/47 from the remaining overs.

Round 9:
In the final game of the season, we were hosting Manningham at home. Still searching for our first win of the season, we bowled first. There was fantastic bowling by all bowlers to bowl Manningham out for 79. The pick of the bowlers were Ben Cuthbertson and Angus Ponsford, both taking 3 wickets each. Playing the top team at home was always going to be a hard task, Patrick Quay top scored with 11 and unfortunately nobody else made double figures which resulted in us being bowled out for 43 and falling 36 runs short

In a season that didn't result in any wins, every player gave 110% every week and they have all improved over the season. All I ask for in coaching a team is everyone giving their all and I believe each player did that in every game throughout the season. I would like to thank Christobel for all her work in getting scorers, organising lifts and making sure we had 11 players at each game throughout the season. The recruitment process even ventured to Canada to recruit Alex Dimitrakopoulos to get us 11 players for the last few games. Thank you also goes out to the junior parents who take time out of their schedules to bring the kids to training and games on a Friday night as without you the children wouldn't be able to participate in such a great sport.

-Christopher Lomas, Coach

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

Alex Dimitrakopoulos
Saadat Khan
Thomas Shute

Batting Awards
1. Mustafa Kaka
2. John Maguire
3. Patrick Quay

Bowling Awards
1. Hamish Webster
2. Ben Cuthbertson
3. Angus Ponsford

Fielding Award Jordan Moshopoulos

Coach's Award Daniel Johns



UNDER 16 MAROON

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TEAM MEMBERS

Jack Bradley
Christopher Campbell
Noah Darby
David Fogarty
Harry Hopkins
Lucien John
Gabriel Oliver
Will Symons
Jack Taylor
Matthew Thomas
Nicholas Visser
Nicholas White
Jesse Wilson

COACH

Mick Symons

MANAGER

Carolyn Wilson

Introduction

We stayed as a group of 13 with four players in and four out from last year. Up from the other U16 team came Jack Bradley, Chris Campbell and Jack Taylor, and Gabe Oliver joined us from Dennis Cricket Club. Deciding not to play on were Ollie Dyson, Aki Hatz, David Jacques, and Ben Le Mesurier.

After a slow start losing the first two games, the team won five of the next seven and squeezed into the finals. The semi-final was a highlight where we defeated the top team, East Doncaster, who up until then had lost just one game for the season. Unfortunately, local rivals Clifton Hill proved too strong in the grand final, but overall the boys had a terrific season.

Players

Jack Bradley missed several games due to breaking a toe, but bounced back to have a strong second half – compiling useful contributions with the bat, and a dynamic 3 for 15 in the semi.

Chris Campbell bowled very fast and accurately throughout the season, often bowling his victims with too much pace. He took 13 wickets over the home and away games plus a vital 3 for 17 in the semi. His batting was strong too, scoring 168 runs, with four scores in the 30s.

Noah Darby bowled with good pace and bounce, claiming 3 wickets for the season. He fielded well, often patrolling the deep, and could regularly return the ball from the boundary to the keeper on the full.

David Fogarty said he would play occasionally, but due to our frequent shortage of players, ended up missing just 2 matches. He batted solidly, especially against East Ivanhoe Saints in a crucial 33 run partnership with Chris Campbell.

Harry Hopkins had a consistent season, making his highest ever score of 29 when opening the batting against Park Orchards, and returned his best ever bowling figures of 3 for 11 against Kew. I think his off spinners may make a more frequent appearance next year.

Lucien John regularly opened the innings and made his highest ever score, 58* (his maiden half century) as part of a 145 run opening partnership with Nick White against Box Hill. Totalling 139 runs, he compiled his highest ever season aggregate.

Gabe Oliver batted with some flair when put up the order against Canterbury, and accumulated his highest ever score of 11. His bowling was testing at times, and he took one wicket against Box Hill.

Will Symons batted well especially in the latter half of the season, and shared a crucial 51 run partnership with Nick White in the semi. He got to double figures on 6 occasions, and narrowly missed a batting award. He showed great skill with his keeping, collecting 6 stumpings off Nick White's leg spin.

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Jack Taylor was steady with the bat making double figures 4 times, and picked up 5 wickets with his left arm pace bowling. Against Mont Albert he bowled one over and took 2 for 0.

Matt Thomas bowled a full length, frequently swinging the ball late. He took 4 wickets for the season including a stand out 2 for 10 in the semi. He batted well gathering 51 runs for once out, including a flurry of boundaries in his 23* down the order against Park Orchards.

Nick Visser again helped us out on a couple of occasions between basketball matches when injuries and travel left us very short of players. He took two sharp catches against Clifton Hill, and made 7 up the order.

Nick White had a stellar season, amassing over 400 runs including four 50s – one a compulsory retirement at 80*. His work with the ball was just as impressive, snaring 18 wickets including his best ever figures of 4 for 8 against East Doncaster. To round off his efforts he made 3 run-outs, throwing down the stumps twice, and one a perfect throw from the deep to the keeper.

Jesse Wilson bowled with great pace, and this season mastered his slower ball. He took 6 wickets including 2 for against both East Ivanhoe and Kew. His 18* in an unbroken partnership of 35 with Matt Thomas almost got us home against Clifton Hill during the season.

Summary

I have really enjoyed coaching the boys this season as they finally reaped some well deserved on field success after several years of developing their cricket acumen. Making the grand final was a great achievement, and it has been a pleasure to watch them continue to develop their cricket skills as many take the steps to play senior cricket.

Thanks to all the parents who provided generous support to the boys as we got to know new parts of Melbourne though the eastern suburbs.

I would like to acknowledge the magnificent work of the team manager, Carolyn Wilson, who kept us informed of game locations and the catering roster, and who offered us super snacks during the tea breaks.

And finally - a special thanks to Stan White and Sally Marsden who, as ever, have continued to quietly and effectively keep the junior club engine humming along.

-Mick Symons, Coach

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

Noah Darby
David Fogarty
Gabriel Oliver
Jack Taylor
Matthew Thomas
Nicholas Visser

Batting Awards 1. Nicholas White
2. Lucien John
3. Christopher Campbell

Bowling Awards 1. Nicholas White
2. Christopher Campbell
3. Harry Hopkins
3. Jesse Wilson

Fielding Award Will Symons

Coach's Award Jack Bradley



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OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

50 Runs in an Innings

Nicholas White	Rd 3	80 n.o.
Nicholas White	S.F.	66 n.o.
Nicholas White	Rd 9	64
Joshua Robinson	Rd 5	62 n.o.
Finley Crameri	Rd 9	61 n.o.
Joshua Robinson	S.F.	61 n.o.
Tom Hall	Rd 5	60 n.o.
Lucien John	Rd 3	58 n.o.
Patrick Chapman	Rd 8	56
Nicholas White	Rd 8	55 n.o.
Mustafa Kaka	Rd 5	52 n.o.
Jack Taylor	Rd 4	52

50 Matches E.C.C (Junior & Senior)

Jack Bradley	Joshua Robinson
Giovanni Colarossi	Will Symons
David Fogarty	Jack Taylor
Harry Hopkins	Jesse Wilson
Lucien John	

100 Matches E.C.C (Junior & Senior)

Nicholas White

Selected in Representative Teams

Giovanni Colarossi Northern Falcons Under 14

Jack Bradley	Ivanhoe Hatch
Christopher Campbell	Preston Hatch
Will Symons	Preston Hatch
Jack Taylor	Preston Hatch

Nicholas White	ECA Under 16
Douglas Warren	ECA Under 12