

# EDINBURGH CRICKET CLUB JUNIORS SEASON 2007-08

## A LOOK BACK AT THE SEASON

This season saw changes in the club's approach to its junior section. In the pre-season, the club took the decision to revitalise the junior section over a three year period. The club wants the juniors to be *an integral* part of the club and for players and parents to feel this. The cornerstone of the revitalisation is the aim that the junior players develop their cricketing skills and play their games in an enjoyable and safe environment with the emphasis on inclusion. The motto being 'Cricket is fun'

The club, also decided, in the lead-up to the season, that there must be a clear *pathway* through juniors to seniors; a progressive and planned development of personal and team skills through juniors that enables juniors to transit smoothly through each successive junior level and from there to senior cricket. To assist the above integration and pathway development, the decision was taken to have the junior coaching primarily done from a pool of accredited coaches established within the seniors and supported by parental team managers. This scheme was successfully initiated this season. In addition, training has changed and is now conducted in age groups on set days rather than on an ad-hoc team-by-team level. This allows the junior players access to a greater range of coaches and thus skills as well as building greater connections between the different teams. As a part of the pathway, the club, through Naresh Pereira, trialled a winter training programme for older juniors who were transiting to seniors. This led to a marked increase in Under 16 players playing in senior teams this season. The programme will be extended this winter. The addition of specialist skills clinics, as a part of pathway development, is planned for next season.

Other developments this season include the refurbishment of all the junior kits. The club also started its own MILO programme which will be developed to become the main lead-in to the juniors, augmented by VicCric. The club set up a junior section on the new website and resurrected the Junior Working Group which held three meetings over the season. The purpose of these meetings is to give junior management, coaches, managers and parents the opportunity to meet to review, discuss and advise on the junior programme. The club also initiated social events specifically for juniors and parents during the season. After a tentative start, they developed into successes and improved club identity. They will be further developed next season. Highlights were the two junior BBQs.

The juniors fielded an Under 12 Development team (Kookaburras), two teams in Under 12 Green, one in Under 14 Green and three Under 16 teams (two in Green and one in Gold). Collectively, the teams got off to a shaky start but all steadily improved during the year with best results coming at the end of the season. Individual performances are highlighted in each team report.

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## **A LOOK BACK AT THE SEASON (cont)**

At the start of the last game all teams were in a position to make it into the finals, however only the Under 12 Yellows and Under 16 Yellows were successful. Although both teams lost their semi-final, they played some of their best cricket for the year.

This season, the club had five players in HDCA representative teams, one of them being chosen as captain and three Edinburgh players won HDCA top batting or bowling trophies (see Outstanding Achievements). Congratulations to all.

This was the last season of the current age divisions. Following Cricket Australia recommendations, HDCA will introduce Under 11, 13, 15 and 17 age divisions next season. This will allow a better integration of MILO youngsters into junior cricket and also allow players to play an extra year of junior cricket before having to move to senior cricket. Implications will need to be reflected in next season's programme.

Lastly, the new nets at Brunswick St are almost finished. The delayed and slow construction of the nets hampered coaching this year and placed an extra burden on the parents and players who had to make arrangements to get to the Walker St nets on training nights. I think that we will all appreciate being back at Brunswick St for training next season!

In looking back at the season and pre-season, great thanks are due to the Senior Coach (and Secretary) of the club, Brad Shadbolt, for his constant help behind the scenes and to Naresh Pereira for developing the winter programme and his support for juniors playing senior cricket.

On behalf of the club, I thank all of our coaches and managers for their efforts. A special thank you to our visiting cricketer from Yorkshire, Peter Lawrence who, in addition to coaching his own Under 16 team, also helped with the coaching of the Under 16 Maroons, the Under 14s and all three U 12 teams. Thank you to David Cunnington for setting up and running the junior website and the communications plan. Thank you to all who attended meetings and contributed to the Junior Working Group, especially Damian Dwyer. Thank you to Sally Marsden for junior managerial work. Special thanks are due to Arthur Watkin who as, as Junior Coaching Coordinator, played a pivotal role in establishing our current junior programme and for organising and running our pre-season junior clinics. Staff at Cricket Victoria, especially John Watkin and David Hall, are thanked for their interest and advice throughout the season. Thank you to Matt Fitzgerald for donating a cricket kit. Andy Olsen and Fonterra are thanked for a copious supply of ice-cream at our BBQs and Alan Andrews and the MS Society for sizzling the sausages.

Finally personal thanks to the players, parents and families, our seniors, club executive (especially Club President, Colin Abbott) and to everyone mentioned above, for a great season, which I am sure will be the foundation for even better seasons in the future.

*-Stan White  
Junior Coordinator*



## **UNDER 12 DEVELOPMENT TEAM (KOOKABURRAS)**

### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Luke Dalla Zuanna  
Oliver Daly  
Leo Dunstan-Potter  
Lucien Finch  
Daniel Johns  
Rory McGrath  
Jacob Savarirayan  
Declan Smith  
Hunter Varghese  
Henry Watson  
Nick Williamson

### **COACHES**

Ben Calder  
Peter Lawrance

### **MANAGER**

Paula Cosgrove

## **SEASON 2007-2008**

The under 12 Kookaburra's had an enjoyable and successful year of cricket, with all the members of the team enjoying their first taste of competition cricket. Commencing their pre-season training in mid October, the boys quickly grew to know each other and their coach. With the emphasis on enjoyment and skill development, our coach Ben Calder worked with the guys each Saturday morning on the basics of batting, bowling and fielding. All members of the team attending training sessions grasped the basics well and continued to improve in leaps and bounds.

Once the season proper commenced the team gelled together well under Ben's guidance and were successful in winning their first game. The season seen all the duties shared with an even number of over's bowled and faced by each team member. The wicket keeping duties were also shared and all those behind the stumps did a great job. After the Christmas break the team had a new coach, with Peter Lawrance stepping in with Ben on travel overseas. The team was only defeated in two matches during the year, and the season had some great highlights with good batting by Hunter, Nick, Henry, Daniel, Oliver, Luke and Leo. Also the bowling was of good quality with Declan taking 3 for 2; Jacob's almost a hat trick 3 wickets in 4 balls; Hunters 2 for none; Rory's variation; Lucien's pace all showing great promise. Our fielding improved out of sight and testament to that was some great catching by Henry, with a super catch at point. The parent's of all the players' should also take a bow, for the hard work they put in. Thanks must also go to Paula Cosgrove (Team Manager), Ben Calder and Peter Lawrance (Coaches) for their time and effort. As well as the assistance from Sally Marsden, Stan White and all at the Edinburgh cricket club.

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## **AWARDS**

**Batting Awards** Leo Dunstan-Potter  
Daniel Johns  
Declan Smith  
Henry Watson

**Bowling Awards** Luke Dalla Zuanna  
Oliver Daly  
Lucien Finch  
Rory McGrath  
Jacob Savarirayan  
Hunter Varghese  
Nick Williamson



## SEASON 2007-2008

### UNDER 12 YELLOW

#### TEAM MEMBERS

George Baker-Holland  
James Butler  
Noah Darby  
Anthony Estephan  
David Fogarty  
Max Gust  
Aki Hatz  
Declan Himmelreich-Beaumont  
Harry Hopkins  
Lucien John  
Ben Oliver  
Will Symons  
Jesse Wilson

#### COACH

David Vandyke

#### MANAGER

Mick Symons

What a wonderful year for the Under 12 Yellow team. Of our squad of 13 players, only a few had previously played in a competitive team. Ultimately, the boys finished third after the home and away games, and went down to Greensborough in a hard fought semi-final.

#### Season summary

After a tentative start to the season, the team worked on the basics of batting, bowling and fielding under the close eye of coach, David Vandyke, aiming each week to get better at everything they did.

Although the first four games were lost, their form was on a steady upward trend. Of the last eight games of the regular season, four were won, two were lost, and remarkably two ended in a tie – one was a thrilling local derby against the Under 12 Maroons side.

Throughout the season there was a very encouraging even contribution from the team. Of our 13 players, all took at least two wickets, 10 made at least one score in double figures, and all but two took at least one catch.

The boys are a terrific bunch, and improved their cricket skills dramatically over the course of the season, developing a very strong cohesive team bond along the way, which augurs well for next year.

#### Highlights

In just the second game of the season, David Fogarty took an amazing 5 wickets for 6 runs off just three overs of his mesmerizing leg-spin, including three wickets in one over – at one stage being on a hat-trick. In the second of our two-dayers - perhaps our most stirring victory - Jesse Wilson made a commanding 53, hitting eight boundaries as we chased down 130, after early on being 3 for 3. Jesse came in with the score at 5 for 47, and finally retired 131 runs later after we reached 178. We went on to make our highest score of the year, 190.



## UNDER 12 YELLOW (cont)

### SEASON 2007-2008

One of our regular wicket-takers was Anthony Estephan whose medium-pace bowling yielded 10 wickets, none more important than claiming the prize scalp of West Ivanhoe's best batsman clean bowled in the last game to help us secure a spot in the finals. In that same game, Max Gust opened the bowling, and with his clever use of the wind, wreaked havoc with their top order to take 3 for 4 off two overs. As that match became tighter, up stepped Harry Hopkins, whose bowling had improved enormously from October, and he took a spectacular return catch off his bowling to effectively wrap up the result.

Possibly one of our more unlucky bowlers was George Baker-Holland (six wickets altogether), our most economical bowler, who frequently beat the bat, but couldn't find the edge. In our second two-day game, where bowlers could have longer spells, George returned the impressive figures of 2 for 4 off four overs with two maidens – not one run coming off the bat. Also, consistently taking wickets was Declan Himmelreich-Beaumont (nine in total), who had a day out in the first derby against the Maroons. Off his three overs he took 2 for 7, threw a direct-hit run out, and chimed in with 5 runs with the bat.

Good scores with the bat took a little while to emerge. In just the fourth game, Noah Darby batted with great maturity, rescuing us from a perilous 3 for 12. He was one of the first players to make double figures, scoring 10 runs and helping us to post a reasonable total of 72. Similarly in another match, after we slumped to 3 for 5, James Butler took up the challenge from the Greensborough bowlers and clubbed three boundaries on his way to 16, which helped us compile 104 runs, just enough to defend, and gain our first tie. Showing a like-minded determined spirit in the home match against Banyule, Aki Hatz had to retire hurt after being struck in the mid-rift second ball. Aki returned to the crease with the game in the balance. A short time later, after an imposing innings, he walked off the ground on 16 not out, including two memorable boundaries – game over.

As the season progressed, higher individual scores were more common, but the real test came in the first of the two-dayers where we had to bat for more than 40 overs – concentration time. After arriving at the crease following two quick wickets, Ben Oliver batted patiently and resolutely with David Fogarty who made 29 not out, absorbing much of the accurate bowling. He went back to the middle later in the innings, and finished up with a well put together 16 not out, laced with three boundaries.



## UNDER 12 YELLOW (cont)

### SEASON 2007-2008

Our two most consistent batsmen were Lucien John and Will Symons who both reached double figures five or more times. Lucien's top score came in the crunch last game where after initially retiring on 10 and the score on 1 for 19. Lucien returned to the pitch with the team in a spot of bother at 7 for 63. Over the next six overs, with impressive strokeplay and daredevil running between wickets, he accumulated 28 not out, and helped lift the team score to 100. Will's top score emerged in the pressure situation of batting for a short period before stumps on the first day of a two-dayer. Suddenly, after 4 overs we were 3 for 3 and in trouble. After five more overs of testing bowling, we had crawled to 3 for 12, and Will was still 0 not out. Will then thumped the first ball of the next day's play for a boundary, and we were away. Five more boundaries later Will was out for 26. The score had got to 47. Then along came Jesse Wilson, you know the rest.

#### Appreciation

I'm sure the skilful instruction of coach David Vandyke, particularly at practice, helped the boys develop their games. Thanks David. Thanks must go to all the parents who routinely battled Friday peak-hour traffic to get their boys to the games on time, as well as negotiating another peak-hour path to the Walker Street nets for training on Wednesdays. And thanks must also be conveyed to all those generous souls who took up a shift as scorer, which is a crucial life skill to develop

**-Mick Symons, Manager**

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### AWARDS

**All Round Contribution to the Team Awards** George Baker-Holland  
Noah Darby  
Max Gust  
Aki Hatz  
Ben Oliver

**Batting Awards** 1st Will Symons  
2nd Lucien John  
3rd Jesse Wilson

**Bowling Awards** 1st David Fogarty  
2nd Anthony Estephan  
3rd Declan Himmelreich-Beaumont

**Fielding Award** James Butler

**Coach's Award** Harry Hopkins



## SEASON 2007-2008

### UNDER 12 MAROON

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Lachlan Angus  
Henry Blackwell  
Christopher Campbell  
Martin Deasey  
Finn Devlin  
Joshua Dickson  
Angus McArthur  
Lewis Robert  
Fiacre Ryan  
Thomas Salzano  
Aengus Topping  
Isaac Wattis  
Hamish Webster

#### COACH

Stuart Whiley

#### MANAGER

Dean Campbell

Edinburgh Maroon had a great year, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> on the ladder. We had a really successful start to the year winning 5 of the first 8 games and just missed the finals.

Early bowling starring performances responsible for these performances was Finn Devlin taking 3-5 in game 1 and 2-6 in game 5 and Josh Dickson destroying Banyule with 2-5 in game 2. Henry Blackwell played a pivotal tight bowling spell against our inter-club rivals, taking 1 for 3 off 2 overs in round 3. Aengus Topping's off-breaks improved throughout the year and look out for him in years to come. The real improvement story was Hamish Webster, finishing his last 3 games with 6 overs for only 10 runs and taking 2 wickets.

Chris Campbell starred with the extraordinary figures of 3-1 against West Ivanhoe in game 4. Chris also took figures of 2-14 in round 5 and 3-9 in round 10, to finish runner-up in the bowling averages, which is a big achievement for one of the younger guys in the side. Not to be outdone, Lewis Robert took 3-7 in round 5 along with 2-13 in game 12 to finish third in the bowling averages, but it was this game that Isaac Wattis' destruction of opposition line-ups began with 5-3, followed by 3-8 in game 7. Isaac's bowling was a real highlight of the year culminating in him winning both our's and the competition's bowling averages!

Batting-wise it was very encouraging to see the value some of the boys put on their wickets. Lachie Angus, as well as bowling mean wrong-uns, managed to be not out 4 times. Angus McArthur was also not out 4 times, from only 9 innings, and made some solid contributions at key times throughout the season.

Our key performers with the bat were our aggressive stroke makers Fiacre Ryan, who made quick runs when needed, to finish with 81 for the season and Martin Deasey, who averaged 12 and finished third in our batting averages. Isaac Wattis backed up his bowling, by scoring 160 runs at 22.86 to finish 2<sup>nd</sup>, but our batting order was routinely led by our Adam Gilchristesque keeper-batting dynamo, Tom Salzano who routinely retired not out and made 166 runs at 23.71 in a fantastic season.

Well done boys and looking forward to next season.

**- Stuart Whiley, Coach**



## UNDER 12 MAROON (cont)

### SEASON 2007-2008

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#### AWARDS

**All Round Contribution to the Team Awards** Lachlan Angus  
Henry Blackwell  
Finn Devlin  
Joshua Dickson  
Angus McArthur  
Aengus Topping

**Batting Awards** 1st Thomas Salzano  
2nd Isaac Wattis  
3rd Martin Deasey

**Bowling Awards** 1st Isaac Wattis  
2nd Christopher Campbell  
3rd Lewis Robert

**Fielding Award** Fiacre Ryan

**Coach's Award** Hamish Webster



## SEASON 2007-2008

### UNDER 14 GREEN

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Mitchell Bullen  
Molly Fairweather  
Robbie Finch  
Nick Gibbons  
Sam Gill  
Otto Ishak  
Finnian Kinsella  
Owen Lewis  
Liam Oliver  
Rodger Paul  
Sean Pennefather  
Joseph Smallwood  
Maddie Symons  
Michael Timlin

#### COACH

Dave Mallen

#### MANAGER

Ron Pennefather

The under 14's had a slightly disappointing year this year with only 3 wins out of 9 matches. The stats however don't tell the whole story as two of those games were lost by fewer than 10 runs and the final game against the top unbeaten side was ours for the taking, only to be let down by our batting.

The batting during the year was led superbly by Nick who managed to make 200 runs at an average of 40.80 including 2 50's. He was well supported by Sam who was unlucky to be not out on 49 in one game and also from Liam, Owen and Mitchell who chipped in with some nice innings.

The bowling was much more consistent all round from the team with Rodger opening the bowling and sometimes bowling too quickly for the opposition. The wickets were fairly spread around with Sean leading the way with 11. He was well backed up by Maddie, Molly, Michael and Joe all taking regular wickets while keeping economy rates fewer than 5. Robbie also managed to come into the team and help out by bowling some excellent left arm spin.

Backing up the bowling was the fielders who backed up our bowlers with enthusiasm. Leading the way in the field was Otto who managed to start the year keeping only to become a star in the field with 2 direct hit run outs. Finn also kept up the standards in the field by putting his body on the line for the team which actually resulted in a black eye in one game.

All in all they were a pleasure to coach and developed their skills as a team this year. Hopefully they are all interested in returning to Edinburgh for next season and can continue to improve on all aspects of their game. I would also like to thank Ron Pennefather for managing the team and all the parents who helped out with scoring, umpiring and supporting the team.

**Dave Mallen – Under 14 Coach**

### AWARDS

#### All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

Mitchell Bullen  
Molly Fairweather  
Robbie Finch  
Finnian Kinsella  
Joseph Smallwood  
Maddie Symons  
Michael Timlin

**Batting Awards** 1st Nick Gibbons  
2nd Sam Gill  
3rd Liam Oliver

**Bowling Awards** 1st Sean Pennefather  
2nd Sam Gill  
3rd Owen Lewis  
3rd Liam Oliver

**Fielding Award** Otto Ishak

**Coach's Award** Rodger Paul



## SEASON 2007-2008

### UNDER 16 MAROON

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Lewis Baker  
Brandon Ellis  
Jack Ford  
Will Keating  
Varun Khatter  
Alastair Moulding  
Billy Noonan  
Tom Watkin  
Murray White  
Nick White (super-sub)

#### COACH

Stan White

#### MANAGER

Sally Marsden

The team consisted of nine core players and Nick White who subbed in every game. The numbers for most games were topped up by calling on the services of players from the other Under 16 and Under 14 teams (Charlie Chafe, Nick Coyne, Alistair Fahie, Sam Gill, Alex Hehir, Paddy Martinkus, Liam Oliver, Rodger Paul, Richard Vaxalis –Young and Max Wilson) or by friends (Sean Guy, Becky Kite and Alex Taylor). These players are thanked for enabling the team to have an enjoyable and, in the latter stages, a successful season.

The team took a few games to settle in and for players to produce their best. Exceptions were Brandon Ellis, who starred with the bat from the beginning (251 runs for the season) and Tom Watkin whose leggies were on the spot from the first game and claimed 9 wickets for the season. By the second half of the season the team functioned as a team under the joint captaincy of wicketkeeper Billy Noonan and Tom Watkin. Most players produced their best in this period. The fast bowling of Brandon Ellis, Will Keating and Murray White consistently proved too good for the opposition. Al Moulding perfected the medium paced cutter. Varun Khatter, Jack Ford and Billy Noonan (when resting from behind the stumps) proved the old adage that line and length get wickets and Lewis Baker and Nick White earned wickets with their spinners. The team developed depth in batting as the season progressed with all players producing at least one crucial innings that helped the team win a match. Fielding also improved during the season with dashing saves from Jack Ford and Will Keating. The team needed to win their last game to make the finals but narrowly lost in an exciting game in which the best form of the season was produced. Highlights being Al top-scoring with his highest ever score, the six hit by Jack that was incorrectly signalled and Tom's catching. Overall what the team lacked in numbers was made up by the commitment and enthusiasm of the players over the season not only to match play but also to training. Well done, you made coaching enjoyable. Thank you to all the parents who came along and helped out and supported the team. In particular, thank you to David Cunningham for doing the scoring each week and to Kerrie Moulding for providing food for the tea break each week.

## AWARDS

**All Round Contribution to the Team Awards** Lewis Baker  
Will Keating  
Varun Khatter  
Nick White

**Batting Awards** 1st Brandon Ellis  
2nd Tom Watkin  
3rd Murray White

**Bowling Awards** 1st Tom Watkin  
2nd Murray White  
3rd Brandon Ellis  
3rd Alastair Moulding

**Fielding Award** Jack Ford

**Coach's Award** Billy Noonan



## SEASON 2007-2008

### UNDER 16 YELLOW

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Andrew Basanisi  
 Charlie Chafe  
 Mitch Clemens  
 Nick Coyne  
 Patrick Dwyer  
 George Hardisty  
 Ganesh Hulme  
 Alex Marles  
 Bryce McAdam  
 Richard Vaxalis-Young  
 Max Wilson

#### COACH

Peter Lawrance

#### COACH-MANAGER

Damian Dwyer

Andrew Basanisi

Andrew joined his mates at Edinburgh to enjoy his first season at the famous Brunswick Street Oval. During the season his bowling became more clever and accurate and his batting puzzled the opposition. Who can forget his first four that flew over the keeper's head and crashed into the boundary fence? He made a valuable contribution to the team.

Charlie Chafe

A genuine all rounder. While an acknowledged master of the bat with some outstanding individual performances, his use of either spin or seam had the opposition shaking. Charlie deservedly takes out the batting award for the year. Charlie is also runner up in the team's 'Results Vault' MVP award.

Mitch Clemens

Mitch's ability and enthusiasm behind the stumps is legendary. Affectionately dubbed "The King of Appeals" – he challenged the umpires' competency on a regular basis. He recovered from injury to steady the team and gave a sterling performance with the bat in the finals. His brave and measured performance gave the team hope.

Nick Coyne

Affectionately known as 'Piston', he is the engine room of the team. Capable with both bat and ball, his on field leadership was recognised by all. His fielding is outstanding and an inspiration to the team. Nick also came third in the team's 'Results Vault' MVP award.

Patrick Dwyer

A committed and enthusiastic all rounder, he was amongst the leading run getters and, with 10 wickets for the season, headed the team's bowling figures. His 4/25, and outstanding outswing bowling in the final against EIS, gave us a sniff that almost turned a would be rout, into victory. Patrick also takes out the 'Results Vault' MVP team award.

George Hardisty

George was the team's primary strike bowler producing the best economy rate. He was able to contain the opposition's best batsmen and frustrate them. Who can forget his outstanding caught and bowled against the EIS in the final? He was handy with the bat, particularly in the last few games, hitting bowlers at will.

Ganesh Hulme

The 'G train' was explosive this year – dismissing opposition batsman with ease. Runner up in the bowling award, he became very handy with the bat. His best innings was as an opener against EIS where he found the boundary with contemptuous ease -until cruelly retired by Peter



## UNDER 16 YELLOW (cont)

### SEASON 2007-2008

**Alex Marles**

Alex Marles returned with flair after Christmas, snaring 3 wickets in two consecutive games. Runner up in the bowling awards, he strove valiantly for the team and kept the opposition on their toes. He was enthusiastic in the field, and kept Mitch on his game with many great returns!

**Bryce McAdam**

Bryce's bowling was extra fast this season as he combined accuracy with pace. He was handy with the willow hitting many boundaries before Christmas. Banished to Clunes by his parents for the last two games, he was sorely missed from our finals campaign as he ran amok with Kai (see below)

**Richard Vaxalis -Young**

Despite Richard's pre-season with a broken arm, he burst onto the scene as an off spin bowler without his mum's knowledge! As his strength returned, he blitzed the opposition delivering seam and swing to take out the home and away season bowling award. His enthusiasm, humour, sledging of friends and Cam! from the opposing teams, added interest and vitality to every contest.

**Max Wilson**

Considered one of our best bowlers, Max was cut down by injury. He continued to attend training and match days despite a spinal fracture. His commitment to the team and management of his injury was admirable. His batting was outstanding; including 49 not out against EIS at the Cox Oval. He came runner up in the batting award. He also took many outstanding catches that helped the team to victory.

**Special Mentions:**

Special thanks to Nick Gibbons (Under 14s), for playing with the team in the final against EIS and steadying the ship when all seemed lost!

The team would also like to thank Ed Coyne, Kai Menzies, Alex Taylor, Eddie Gibbons, Alistair Fahie, Gabe Hamilton, Dylan Buckley, Nick White and Rob for helping during the season when injuries and numbers conspired against us!

**Peter L Coach**

**Damian D Team Manager**

### AWARDS

**All Round Contribution to the Team Awards** Mitch Clemens  
George Hardisty  
Bryce McAdam

**Batting Awards** 1st Charlie Chafe  
2nd Max Wilson  
3rd Patrick Dwyer

**Bowling Awards** 1st Richard Vaxalis-Young  
2nd Ganesh Hulme  
2nd Alex Marles

**Fielding Award** Nick Coyne

**Coach's Award** Andrew Basanisi



## SEASON 2007-2008

### UNDER 16 GOLD

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Toby Anderson  
 Alexander Croft  
 Alistair Fahie  
 Eamon FitzPatrick  
 Mick Fogarty  
 Padraic Guiney  
 Alexander Hatchett  
 Alexander Hehir  
 Paddy Martinkus  
 Paul McConnell  
 Adrian Siska  
 Jack Viola  
 Finlay Wilkins

#### COACH

Brian Hatchett

#### MANAGER

Grant Hehir

The make-up of the team changed somewhat from season 2006-2007. We lost four players – James Bate, Alexander Croft, Jeremy Fry, and Alexander Ripon to either other clubs or other interests. And we gained Jack Viola from last years Under 16 gold team. With overseas travel, school camp, sickness, injury and other unspecified reasons a squad of twelve players was probably two shy of ideal.

Although there was ample pre-season training offered the response was modest and consequently we won just one game from the first three. The numbers attending training sessions never improved but nevertheless the team won the next five games; two were thrilling run chases finishing with last ball victories. With one home and away game remaining we were in first position. In the last game the team batted poorly but bowled well. In the end we lost the game to the East Ivanhoe Saints but took 9 wickets before they went past our score. Normally, that would have been enough to remain in the final four but incredibly Rosanna hit more than 350 runs in the last match against Bellfield to force us out of the finals.

The team performance (6 wins from 9 matches) in some ways exceeded my expectations. There is a sporting maxim that a champion team will always beat a team of champions and in a fashion this adage parallels our season. It is my belief that in a very competitive season a greater commitment to the team would have seen us in the finals. For whatever reason most players were either unwillingly or unable to attend training and regrettably some even failed to appear at the games.

There were many meritorious individual achievements throughout the season some of which I have outlined below.

**Toby Anderson** – opening bat top scoring in the Rosanna game (it was also his equal highest score for the club); third in bowling awards. Unfortunately, he suffered from a back injury at times throughout the season. This limited his bowling (and fielding) and he did very well to be such an effective bowler for us.

**Alexander Croft** – started the season late because of injury and after a couple of games lost interest in playing cricket and retired.

**Alistair Fahie** – a natural cricketer; his wicket-keeping was of a very high standard and also a very capable batter including an unbeaten 53 not out and finishing third in batting. He also bowled left arm orthodox in one game and snared two wickets.

**Eamon Fitzpatrick** – second in the bowling he has the ability to take unexpected wickets. His fielding could also be excellent. A catch in the last match diving low and forward to a powerful shot was in my view the catch of the season.

**Mick Fogarty** – competent opening bat, off-spin bowler who bowled some very effective spells and specialist close in fielder.

**Padraic Guiney** – a regular at training, his batting, bowling and fielding improved appreciably during the season. A hard-hitting middle order batter who hit the winning runs in the Bellfield game; and very good ground fielder. As a part-time bowler he also took 2 wickets.



## SEASON 2007-2008

### UNDER 16 GOLD (cont)

**Alexander Hatchett** – made a good fist as this seasons captain – he won every toss. He had a very good season with the bat with a highest score for the club of 76 not out; and also a reliable bowler and fielder. He represented the HDCA in a metropolitan Under 16 competition.

**Alex Hehir** – is another player who improved his cricket measurably during the season. A big effort established him as a middle order batter and this season made his equal highest score for the club. Also, took more catches than anyone else in the team.

**Paul McConnell** – also made his second highest score for the club with an unbeaten rear-guard innings in the last match. But wrist-spin bowling is what he does best. He finished equal third in the bowling.

**Paddy Martinkus** – opening bowler and fielder with a fine throwing arm. He missed a few matches but manage equal third in the bowling. Also hit the winning runs in the Banyule game.

**Adrian Siska** – played most games and performed creditably with bat (also made a personal best score) and ball (off-spinner) and in the field. He took some fine catches and made excellent saves in the field throughout the season.

**Jack Viola** –playing for the first time with this team he made a big impression on everyone. He started the season in the second game and was hampered early due to injury. He finished second in the batting with one unbeaten 50 for the season, first in the bowling and his fielding was first-class. In fact, he was excellent in all facets of the game. He represented the HDCA in the Under 16 competition and was made captain.

**Finlay Wilkins** – did not play a lot of cricket because he spent most of the season either overseas or sick. He is our reserve keeper and middle order batter and performed well when he had the opportunity.

I would like to wish all players the very best in whatever direction their future takes them. It has been a very worthwhile experience coaching this team and thank every player for making it most enjoyable.

Finally, I would like to thank our team Manager, Grant Hehir for his assistance during this time.

**-Brian Hatchett, Coach.**

## AWARDS

**All Round Contribution to the Team Awards** Alexander Croft  
Michael Fogarty  
Adrian Siska  
Finlay Wilkins

**Batting Awards** 1st Alexander Hatchett  
2nd Jack Viola  
3rd Alistair Fahie

**Bowling Awards** 1st Jack Viola  
2nd Eamon FitzPatrick  
3rd Toby Anderson  
3rd Paul McConnell  
3rd Paddy Martinkus

**Fielding Award** Alexander Hehir

**Most Improved Award** Padraic Guiney



## SEASON 2007-2008 OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

### 50 runs in an innings (compulsory retirement)

Charlie Chafe	53* and 50*
Brandon Ellis	75* and 51*
Alistair Fahie	53*
Nick Gibbons	51* and 50*
Alexander Hatchett	50* and 76*
Jack Viola	50*
Jesse Wilson	53*

### 5 wickets in an innings

David Fogarty	3 - 0 - 5 - 6
Isaac Wattis	4.4 - 1 - 5 - 3

### 50 Games for Edinburgh C.C. (as recorded in Resultsvault)

Jack Viola	61
Patrick Dwyer	52
Mitch Clemens	51

### Selected in HDCA Representative Teams

<i>Under 16</i>	Alexander Hatchett
	Jack Viola (captain of the HDCA under 16 team)
<i>Under 14</i>	Nick Gibbons
	Murray White
	Max Wilson
<i>Under 12</i>	Isaac Wattis

### HDCA Trophy Winners

Under 16 Gold Batting	Alexander Hatchett
Under 16 Green Batting	Brandon Ellis
Under 12 Green Bowling	Isaac Wattis