



EDINBURGH CRICKET CLUB

JUNIORS

SEASON 2010-11





A LOOK BACK AT SEASON 2010-2011

Perhaps this past season can be summarised by the phrases 'well didn't it rain' and 'lovely weather for ducks'. The result of the wet was the loss of a lot of cricket time - both training and match.

The Edinburgh CC continued its policy of having the juniors as *an integral* part of the club and for players and parents to feel this. 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'

The Club has continued in its efforts to develop 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. This did not run as smoothly as planned this season, and efforts will be made to rectify shortcomings in the coming year.

The MILO programme, which is the start of the *pathway*, retained its Saturday morning time slot. A twelve-week programme was offered and again attracted the maximum of 35 youngsters. It was co-ordinated and led by James Bradley, a parent and senior player, and by Julie Allen, a senior player. They were helped by MILO parents.

The number of junior teams competing in the HDCA competition dropped from eight to seven, reflecting the long term effects of past problems that the Club experienced in its junior programme. However, for the first time, the Club fielded three teams in the Under 11 Development (Kookaburra) competition. There were two teams in Under 13 (one in Green division, one in Gold), one team in Under 15 Green and one team in Under 17 Gold. The numbers in all teams were capped at numbers the Club could fully support.

Of the three U11 teams, most of the Yellow and Maroon players had played in the previous season and the White team was formed from new, generally younger, players. The three derby matches were highlights of the Under 11 season; each was keenly contested. The player commitment and on-field behaviour was exemplary.

At the start of the last game, the Under 13, 15 and 17 teams were in a position to make it into the finals. The Under 17 and 15 teams missed out because of wins denied them by weather and the Under 13 Green lost their last game by 3 runs. However the Under 13 Gold team made finals. It won an exciting, nail biting semi-final against Heidelberg and went on to meet Rosanna in the final. Another nail-biter ensued with the boys going down by 3 runs- well done boys and congratulations to Giovanni Colarossi who won the HDCA U13 Gold batting award.

Individual performances, achievements and awards are highlighted in the team reports that follow. However a point worth noting is that the Club had seven juniors picked in representative teams this season, the highest number for some years.

The Club again competed in the Under 17 T20 Big Bash HDCA competition with a composite team of Under 15 and Under 17 players. The Under 15 players contributed prominently to the team's good performance, which augers well for the future.

Coaching was conducted by a pool of accredited coaches (both senior players and parents). The coaches were supported by parental team managers. The club policy of coaching in age groups on set nights allows the junior players to access to a greater range of coaches and thus, skills, as well as building greater connections between the different teams. Arrangements were made with the Club's senior coaching group to give the Under 15s and Under 17s the opportunity to train with seniors if they wished.



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Attention continued to be given to the end of the *pathway*, namely the transition of juniors into seniors. It began with the Winter Development Programme, which enables older juniors and younger men and ladies senior players to receive specialist coaching at Shaun Browns Cricket Academy. This season, the overall Programme consisted of 27 one hour sessions spread over 14 Saturday afternoons. Thirteen juniors, mainly from the previous season's U17 and U15 groups plus 3 younger players participated in the Winter Programme. Of these, 12 went onto play senior cricket this season and were joined by 2 additional juniors, making a total of 14 of our juniors who played senior cricket this season. Four of the juniors in the Winter Programme became established members of the Senior 2nds and three went onto play Senior 1sts. The Club will consolidate its Winter Development Programme, giving more effort to follow-up coaching and mentoring, without which, the full benefits of the Winter Programme are not realised.

Two of our U17 players were selected by Cricket Victoria to participate in their inaugural Multicultural Cricket Camp where they received coaching from Cricket Victoria coaches. The camp culminated in a training session at the Bill Lawry Centre at the MCG.

This season also saw the Club continuing to provide the opportunity for children who have little exposure to cricket to be introduced to the game. This was done through a City of Yarra Community Grant and support from Bendigo Bank and enabled the Club to run a successful 12-week cricket programme over winter for children from the Atherton Gardens high rises. The number of children participating increased over the previous season. A grant from Cricket Victoria enabled 5 youngsters to come up to BSO to join MILO/ Under 11 training on Saturday mornings. Two of these players played in our U11 teams. The Club had assistance from Cricket Victoria, the Yarra Youth Resource Officers at Fitzroy Police and students from the Catholic University and Melbourne Grammar School. As a result of this programme, similar initiatives are now being developed for other inner city high rises.

Off the field, we continued to develop the junior section of the website. The Junior Working Group held three meetings over the season. The purpose of these meetings is to give junior management, coaches, team-managers and parents the opportunity to meet to review, discuss and advise the Club executive on the junior programme. The last of these for this season reviewed our junior cricket operations and marks the beginning of preparations for next season.

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. He and Nathan Hudson, are thanked for their assistance with the Winter Programme. The support that the captains of our senior teams gave to juniors playing senior cricket is much appreciated.

On behalf of the Club, I thank the following – Ben McKenna for his work on the junior section of the website. The staff at Cricket Victoria, especially John Watkin, David Hall, Sebastian Kipman and Stephanie Newton for their interest, advice and help throughout the season; particularly with the Atherton Gardens Project. The Yarra Resource Officers, Tony Brewin and Chris McGeaghan; the students from the CU and senior players Jack Faine, Daniel Watson and especially senior ladies player Julie Allen for their input and assistance in making the Atherton Gardens Project so successful; James Bradley and Julie Allen for organising and coaching our MILO programme and Maureen Vincent and Andrew Creasey for organising the weekly MILO sausage sizzle.

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, transport to and sustenance at matches. Thank you to CalciYum, 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.

Finally, thank you to the Club President, Andy Olsen, to all on the Club Executive and Committee and to the Head Coach, Chris Brannigan, for the support they have given junior cricket over the past season. Their help has provided a strong foundation for success in the season 2011-2012.

- Stan White, Junior Coordinator

UNDER 11 WHITE

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TEAM MEMBERS

Samuel Asdagi
Jesse Bant
Cooper Booth
William Clark
Zak Connor
Keven Li
Alec Margetts
Tyler McGregor
Zander McMaster
Conor Millett
Jake Moorehead
Barnabas Ritman
Cameron Ross
William Ross
Max Watson

COACH

Murray White

MANAGER

Craig Ross



A first year of cricket. The team improved immensely from the beginning of the season. Unfortunately weather (and a bye) meant that we missed a lot of cricket time but still the boys worked on their skills and by the end of the season the difference was very noticeable. Well-done boys and we hope that you had fun.

Sam Asdagi: A good fast bowler who often asks for bowling tips which improved his bowling immensely over the season. Sam struggled a little bit at the start of the season with the bat but came back with a impressive high score of 13 in the final game of the season.

Jesse Bant: Jesse played a very consistent season with both bat and ball, His attitude in the field all season was outstanding. With his attitude and more improvement over the next few seasons Jesse should become a very good cricketer.

Cooper Booth: Had a very good all-round season, His bowling was always handy when the team needed it and was a consistent contributor with the bat. Cooper almost got a hat-trick in the first game of the season but was very unlucky to miss the stumps with his third ball.

Will Clark: Will was a late inclusion to the team only joining in round 3, He often beat the opposition bats with his bowling speed and then backed it up with his batting. His 33 in the last game was a fantastic knock.

Zak Connor: Zak is a very quick bowler who was very unlucky not to get more wickets than he did. Zak was also extremely handy with the bat especially with his 12 runs that helped ensure our victory against Rosebank before Christmas

Kevin Li: Kevin joined us for the last game of the season and provided us with a scary fast bowler with good pace.

Alec Margetts: Alec bowls fast with a leg spinners wrist position, which led me to try to have him bowl leg spinners, this didn't work as well as I'd hoped but to Alec's credit he still managed to bowl very well. Alec also batted very well throughout the season

Tyler McGregor: Tyler is a very good left arm fast bowler, the only problem is he sometimes tries to bowl a little too fast which causes some of his bowling to be a little erratic, when he does slow down a little bit he bowls fantastic line and length which is really hard for right hand batsmen to face. Tyler's batting has improved greatly over the course of the season

Zander McMaster: Zander was another player who improved right throughout the season and exploded with a great last game, Zander scored 12 not out. This was a great reward for effort after consistently training at 100%

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Conor Millett: The Joker in the pack, Conor gave me the nickname 'Curry' about halfway through the season and took great delight in sticking with it for the remaining four or five games. Conor is a good bowler who can consistently hit a good length and with practice could become a very good strike bowler.

Jake Moorehead: Jake is a very good all-round player, He can consistently bowl with good accuracy, with a little more pace also could become a very good strike bowler. Jake is also an outstanding fielder who made the most out of the limited training sessions we had this season.

Barnabas Ritman: a great improver during the season; he could always be relied upon to make runs or take a wicket when most needed by the team. With more practice he will become a very good all-rounder

Cameron Ross: Brother of Will. A very smart bowler who thinks about how he's going to get batsmen out and was rewarded accordingly. He can also 'hold the stick', and contributed with much needed runs.

William Ross: Brother of Cam. A good all round player, Will took steady wickets by bowling fast, with a good line and length and made a lot of important runs with the bat. He seemed to like playing against North Alphington, taking 2/6 and 2/7 when we played against them.

Max Watson: Max struggled to bowl the ball fast enough to get the ball to the wickets at the other end. That was until he took an aggressive approach to bowling and started bowling with a long run up and bowling like Peter Siddle. This caused his bowling to improve immensely.

Thank you to Craig for managing the team and to the parents who helped out

- Murray White, Coach Under 11 White

AWARDS

Batting

Samuel Asdagi
Jesse Bant
Cooper Booth
Zander McMaster
Barnabas Ritman

Bowling

Zak Connor
Tyler McGregor
Conor Millett
Jake Moorehead

All Rounder

William Clark
Keven Li
Alec Margetts
Cameron Ross
William Ross
Max Watson

UNDER 11 YELLOW

**SEASON
2010-11**



TEAM MEMBERS

Finn Blackman
Oliver Blanch
Joshua Bradley
James Fear
Gus Galloway
Darcy Greig
Benjamin Gunthorpe
Matthew Henry
Thomas Henry
Oscar Kingham
Max McKenna
James Norden
Matthew O'Meara
Douglas Warren

COACH

Richard Blanch

MANAGER

Tim O'Meara

Once again we had a fun and successful year with great involvement of the boys and their families. In no particular order;

Darcy Greig is shaping up as a powerful hard hitting batsman and was dangerous with the ball. With a batting average of 6 and a highest score of 7 and 3 not-outs he was a consistent contributor. His best bowling figures was 1/1!

Oscar Kingham was one of our most improved players this year. He is showing a rapidly improving batting technique, improved confidence in run getting and hugely improved accuracy with the ball. With best bowling figures of 1/1 and less than 3 runs per over taken off him for the season he was an important member of the team this year.

James Fear is something of a prodigy when it comes to cricket. He again oozed natural talent with only one dismissal against his name and a highest score of 19. His batting average for the season was 62! He was our second most economical bowler with best figures of 2/0. His fielding is outstanding.

Douglas Warren is also a young cricketer bursting with natural talent. Uncharacteristically he had 2 ducks this year early in the season but came home strongly to post the team's best highest score of 25 and second best batting average of 11. He is one of our more economical bowlers and had best figures of 1/6. He is very dangerous in the field and took some beautiful catches this year.

Finn Blackman injects passion into his cricket like no one else. He is a born fast bowler and a hard-hitting batsman. Like Doug, he struggled with a couple of ducks early in the season but they paired up with a memorable partnership to break the drought. His highest score for the year was 13 and he had the teams 3rd highest batting aggregate for the year. His best bowling figures were 1/6.

Joshua Bradley is a real all-rounder. He is a consistent batsman with an average of 8.25 and he carried his bat in 3 out of 7 innings. His bowling was consistently of a high standard and he has a happy habit of snagging a quick wicket. He was our 5th highest wicket taker with best figures of 1/3.

Gus Galloway is a delight to coach and is developing into a fine young cricketer. He proved very difficult to dismiss this year and posted a solid batting average of 7. He was our 3rd highest wicket taker and had a wonderful bowling average of 5.4. His best figures of 2/2 speak for themselves.

Max McKenna is one of our youngest players but he shows a quick natural intelligence on the field. He will develop into an excellent batsman but this year he shone mainly in the bowling arena. He took on the infinitely difficult art of wrist spinning with great success as evidenced in his bowling economy rate, which easily competed with his fast bowling peers. His best bowling figures were 1/2 and he claimed a maiden over.

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Matthew O'Meara is destined to be an opening batsman. His highest score of 8 and average for the year of 8.7 do not justify his technique, which is very fine. He is lightning fast in the field and has a natural intelligence for the game. His bowling is fast and accurate and again showing a very fine technique. He is one of the few bowlers of his age (or any age!) that can swing the ball both ways. His best bowling figures of 2/3 was outstanding.

Oliver Blanch is already known for his very fine straight bat and can face the most difficult of bowling, rarely looking like getting out. With only one dismissal for the year and a highest score of 12 and an average of 20, equal 2nd highest in the team, he had a great year with the bat. He was our 4th highest wicket taker for the year and chalked up the highest number of maiden overs for the team, a miserly average of 4.75 and best figures of 2/5.

James Norden deserves special mention. Despite suffering leukaemia he attended 6 out of 7 games and was one of our best performers this year. He is a powerful hitter once he gets his eye in. He often opened for us this year. With a highest score of 17 and an average of 7.25 his batting was of a very high standard. His bowling was devastating this year. Equal highest wicket taker, superb strike rate and great economy. His best figures of 3 / 4 show how dangerous his fast pitched up bowling can be.

Matthew Henry had his first year with us this year and improved like no other player I have coached. He went from a very rudimentary style with the bat and ball to showing great technique with both. He took his first wicket, his first maiden and scored his first runs. His best bowling figures was 1 / 2. For such a young player to be not out in 3 out of 5 innings was a credit to him. He is a delight to coach and seems to implement new ideas with surprising ease.

Thomas Henry was another player who proved very difficult to dismiss this year carrying his bat in 5 out of 7 innings. With a highest score of 5 and an average of 5 he is a solid performer. With the ball he has come a long way. He was our 7th highest wicket taker with best figures of 1/8 and is also lightning fast in the field. Well done Thomas!

Benjamin Gunthorpe also joined us for the first time this year and also showed terrific improvement throughout the year. He performed really well with the bat but was outstanding with the ball. He proved our most economical bowler with an average of only 1.4 runs scored off each of his 10 overs! His best figures were 1/3.

Thanks for the great year boys and we hope to see you all back at the club next year!

-Richard Blanch, Coach Under 11 Yellow

AWARDS

Batting

Finn Blackman
Douglas Warren

Bowling

Gus Galloway
Darcy Greig
Benjamin Gunthorpe
Matthew Henry
Thomas Henry
Oscar Kingham
Max McKenna

All Rounder

Oliver Blanch
Joshua Bradley
James Fear
James Norden
Matthew O'Meara

UNDER 11 MAROON

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TEAM MEMBERS

Will Butler
Aaron Fabris
Cooper Forssman
Mark Foster
Jon Graham-Perez
Jock Green
Finbar Jenkins
Liam Laidlaw
Mitchell Larkin
Harrison Michael
Angus Murphy
Wang Nyieth
Gabriel Simeone
Sebastien Wilson

COACH

Brendan Barron

MANAGER

Justeen Fitzgibbon



First of all I'd like to thank you the parents for helping me throughout the season with all the background work you did for me so I could concentrate on coaching and umpiring during the season. Special thanks to Justeen Fitzgibbon for your fantastic work as general manager of the boys, you really helped me keep in touch with what was going on through season. Also to Wayne Murphy for umpiring when I couldn't be there and giving handy pointers to the boys off the field. To Steve Graham and David Laidlaw thanks for doing a great job of scoring for the season and last but certainly not least thank you David Foster for your outstanding work behind the scenes, making sure the boys were warmed up before the games and also for keeping an eye on who had batted and bowled through the season so that every player had a fair go. To all the other parents thank you for keeping the boys controlled during the games with their lolly fits and oranges and of course giving them the support they needed.

This year as coach I decided that I would approach the season a bit differently, being that most of the boys were more experienced from playing last season. I asked the boys who had played before to help the other boys as much as possible so they didn't feel left out and they would feel a sense of purpose when they played, also I stressed that to win more games this season we would have to play more as a TEAM, so again I put a little more pressure on the more experienced players to focus on team play rather than individual play. So here we go with the results of the season.

1st Match: West Ivanhoe United 6/48 VS Edinburgh Maroon 8/37

Comments: Well what can I say, we were a little bit rusty and nervous for our first game so we weren't quite up to playing in a one day style this game, but it was good that the boys fought the game out and they only lost the game with 2 overs to go. Great bowling by Gabriel Simeone 3 for 1 and 1st gamer Sebastian Wilson 2 wickets in an over. Well-done guys.

2nd Match: North Alphington 8/76 VS Edinburgh Maroon 10/96

Comments: Fantastic guys 1st win of the season, there weren't any outstanding performances, but I think my message was getting through to them at this stage. Well done guys for playing as a TEAM!!!! Great job done.

3rd Match: Old Ivanhoe. 10/41 VS Edinburgh Maroon 7/102

Comments: WOW 2 in a row guys. Great stuff, it's amazing how everyone did so well this game. An all-round performance in the batting department to make 102, and in the bowling Jon Graham-Perez 2 for Zip (nothing, zilch), Aaron Fabris 2 for 1 (I expect nothing less from this man) and last of all Will Butler 2 for 9. What can I say about this young fellow, it's his first year of playing cricket and he wasn't to sure if he really wanted to play, but I'm soooo glad he did because every man, woman, child and possum cheered him off the ground after that performance. Well done mate I'm really proud of you and I hope you'll be back next season to take even more wickets.

4th Match: Edinburgh Maroon DNB VS Banyule White 8/72

Comments: It had to happen didn't it guys. Mother nature can be cruel at times. Having Banyule 8 for 72 after the first day, Mother Nature obviously didn't want us to play the next week! Bad luck guys, there was some good bowling though with Mark Foster 2 for 3 (nice one mate), Jon Graham-Perez 2 for 4 and Sebastian Wilson 2 for 8, well bowled guys. I still count that as a win.

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5th Match: Banyule Maroon 4/75 VS Edinburgh Maroon 4/49

Comments: I don't know why we seem to do badly playing the one day form of the game, but next season I guarantee we will do better. The notable performance in this game was Finbar Jenkins 3 for 21. Nice one Fin.

6th Match: Edinburgh Yellow 10/93 VS Edinburgh Maroon 6/102

Comments: This was a close game in the end, but our boys proved that they were well and truly playing as a TEAM in all facets of the game. Their fielding, batting and bowling all came through this game, especially it being the first derby of the season. Jon Graham-Perez 4 for 1 (the best bowling performance of the season). Fantastic bowling Jon, well done, and Harrison Michael 2 for 10 (proving to me how much better he is in the game now). Nice one Harrison.

7th Match: Edinburgh White 9/115 VS Edinburgh Maroon 7/141

Comments: This game was probably the hardest game of the season for the boys as their bowling wasn't up to scratch, but Gabriel Simeone 2 for 3 and Mark Foster 2 for 6 were the only bowlers that weren't smashed around the park. Nice one guys. Thanks again Wayne Murphy for umpiring the first half of the game. So we had a big score to chase down, and I wasn't too sure if we could do it. I told the boys remember this is a TEAM game and we all have to do our bit in the batting department. We got off to a slow but steady start with Harrison Michael and Will Butler opening for the first time. Harrison went out early, but he knew Will could still make runs for the TEAM, so he made sure Will had most of the strike with their 4 overs, and Will was still not out after that. Well done you two, I was really proud how you two went about that opening stand, as Dave Foster said, it set us up to come home with a wet sail. At 3 for 55 I thought we could do it, but we needed the more experienced players to come through now. Did they come through I hear you say.... well what a performance by the guys, Angus Murphy got us off to a great start with a couple of fours before going out hit wicket for the second time this season. (don't worry mate we'll work on it). The rest of the team were FANTASTIC, Cooper Forssman had the game of his life smacking fours left, right and centre with Aaron doing his usual bit for the TEAM (I expect nothing less of this man). By the end of it all we had amassed a total 141 our best score of the season and also the bragging rights of both derbies. I was totally gob smacked and as proud as punch for the boys. Special mentions in this game to Jock Green, Liam Laidlaw and Mitchell Larkin who all batted extremely well and Wang Nyieth who bowled really well. Great stuff boys

- Brendan Barron, Coach Under 11 Maroon

Batting

Cooper Forssman
Mitchell Larkin

Bowling

Will Butler
Liam Laidlaw
Harrison Michael
Wang Nyieth
Gabriel Simeone
Sebastien Wilson

Keeping

Mark Foster
Finbar Jenkins

All Rounder

Aaron Fabris
Jon Graham-Perez
Jock Green
Angus Murphy

UNDER 13 GREEN

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TEAM MEMBERS

Liam Batty
Edward Bond
Finley Crameri
Ben Cuthbertson
James Dulfer
Harry Fear
Jackson Georgi
Daniel Johns
Mustafa Kaka
William Lyons
Domenic Meehan
Nicholas Nodin
Angus Ponsford
Patrick Quay
Declan Smith

COACH

Tom Witherden

MANAGERS

Deborah Keir
Howard Johns



It was great to see so many of the under 13 boys coming back for another season of cricket with the might Burra in 2010-2011. After an enjoyable season last year, where all of the boys showed a massive improvement, it was clear from the outset that they wanted to get their breakthrough win in the upcoming season.

This win almost came in the very first match, with the boys posting 5/109 against West Ivanhoe. This was a great start to the year and the boys were very vocal by the end of the innings. But, as so often happened this season, the rain washed the second week out and Edinburgh was robbed of the chance to knock West Ivanhoe over for not much.

It was clear to see that the team had improved its batting over the winter. Mustafa, Nick, Declan and Pat all getting amongst the runs throughout the year. Nick proved very hard to dismiss, Declan and Pat showed solid defence and Mustafa continued his form from last year and again hit the only six for the season. But it wasn't just one or two boys scoring the runs. At different times all of the boys showed great potential. Finley opened the innings against Heidelberg and carried his bat. Ed and Harry scored some valuable runs. Dom, Jackson, Liam and Ben also swung the willow vigorously and put runs on the board and played some nice shots.

It soon came apparent that it wasn't just the batting that had improved. The bowling had also come a long way. James (8 wickets), Ben (6 wickets) and Harry (6 wickets) showed great control and troubled all batters. Edward showed that he could swing the ball a long way and Finley and Will showed discipline and variation with their leg breaks. Declan, Liam, Mustafa and Nick also displayed great pace and accuracy.

The boys didn't have to wait long to get their first win. It came against East Ivanhoe in round 2, with the boys defending 107 and bowling East out for 103, with Harry scattering the sticks to take the final wicket and spark wild celebrations from the team and supporters.

UNDER 13 GREEN (Cont.)

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The boys went on the record 2 wins in a season full of rain interrupted matches and missed finals by a couple of runs.

There are a few special mentions to both, Angus and Daniel with the ball. Angus showed great patience through the year with his left arm heat. He stayed over the wicket (at the coaches orders) and it eventually all came together with a blistering spell of swing bowling, taking 3/12 to dismantle East Ivanhoe's top order. Daniel bowling had improved out of sight. Constantly landing the ball on a good area and troubling the batters. He looked like he could take a wicket at any moment. In the field it was Pat that stood out. He took some fantastic catches, some of them quite sharp. His celebrations were also very impressive.

Thanks to all the parents for their help this season and to the boys for making Friday Evenings so enjoyable. Hope that you all stay involved in cricket and are at the Burra next season.

-Tom Witherden, Coach Under 13 Green

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

Liam Batty
Finley Crameri
Jackson Georgi
Daniel Johns
William Lyons
Domenic Meehan
Angus Ponsford

Batting Awards 1. Mustafa Kaka
2. Nicholas Nodin
3. Declan Smith

Bowling Awards 1. James Dulfer
2. Ben Cuthbertson
2. Harry Fear

Fielding Award Patrick Quay

Coach's Award Edward Bond

UNDER 13 GOLD

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TEAM MEMBERS

Jack Bradley
Sean Brickhill
Joshua Broderick
Christopher Campbell
Tom Catoggio
Giovanni Colarossi
Lucien Finch
Max Gray
Max Howard
Dan Le Mesurier
Zakariya Merhi
Joshua Robinson
Tom Shute
Jack Taylor

COACH

Adam Clancy

MANAGER

Dean Robinson



At times the 2010/11 season reminded us how Noah must have felt upon boarding his Ark, but despite the absurd weather (which seemed to save itself for Wednesdays and Fridays) the Under 13 Gold team turned in a terrific effort, winning their way through to the Grand Final for the second consecutive year. Even though the boys fell agonisingly short of what would have been a richly deserved premiership, the spirit, camaraderie and encouragement demonstrated throughout the Grand Final perfectly encapsulated the way this group of boys plays their cricket.

Game 1 v North Alphington (Washout after first day):

Despite your correspondent (and coach) turning up half an hour late to the first game of the season, the boys got off to a great start against North Alphington. Scoring 145 on Cox Oval was a terrific effort, highlighted by Chris Campbell's 32 at the top of the order. Solid contributions from Jack Taylor (16), Josh Robinson (12) and Jack Bradley (12) helped build a formidable total which unfortunately the boys were not able to defend due to a rainout the following week.

Game 2 v Heidelberg (Lost by 13 runs)

The first of three encounters against Heidelberg saw the boys suffer their first loss of the season despite being well positioned at 4/121 chasing 157. Although your correspondent (and coach) had the misfortune of jetting off to New York for the week, the pick of the bowlers on the first day were Giovanni Colarossi (2-15 off 4), Jack Taylor (1-6 off 2) and Max Gray (0-1 off 2). The batting performance included a virtuoso knock from Jack Taylor (50 retired), with strong support from Jack Bradley (19) and Gio (26).

Game 3 v Rosanna (Won by 3 wickets)

This game was the first time I realised how good this team could be. Bowling first, Rosanna got off to a good start as their openers put on 20-odd for the first wicket. However, Jack Bradley (2-3), Josh Robinson (also 2-3) and the team's new leg spinning sensation, Max Gray (2-10), quickly had Rosanna in a bind, and they were eventually bowled out for a meagre 80 as Dan Le Mesurier, Lucien Finch and Zak Merhi (one wicket each) put the finishing touches on a great bowling performance. With the boys cruising at 6-70 and with plenty of overs to spare, the heavens again intervened to turn the match from an easy win to a bitter, controversial and deliciously pleasing victory as the rain held out long enough for Gio and Jack Taylor to score the winning runs before the 8pm cutoff. Chris and Jack B (13 each), Josh Broderick (15) and Gio (20 n.o.) anchored the run-chase.

Game 4 v East Ivanhoe (Won by 8 wickets)

The Rosanna game announced Edinburgh's arrival as a force to be reckoned with in season 2010/11, but it was this game against East Ivanhoe that truly demonstrated how much the team had improved in the last twelve months. East Ivanhoe were bundled out for just 85 as Jack B and Josh R collected two wickets each, while tight and penetrating bowling from Tom Catoggio (1-5), Jack T (1-6) and Lucien (1-1) ensured there would be no respite for the East Ivanhoe batsmen. The target was hauled in easily as Jack B and Josh R completed a fine all-around match, putting on 73 for the second wicket. Jack finished on 35 and Josh on 33 as Edinburgh won its second game in a row. A special mention should also go out to Jack B for bowling perhaps the best ball I have ever seen

UNDER 13 Gold (Cont.)

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– an off cutter that landed so wide I was about to call it a sundry before darting back in to take out the shocked batsman's middle stump. Phenomenal.

Game 5 v Banyule (Won by 6 wickets)

Like Mao sixty years earlier, Edinburgh's long march to Banyule was a triumphant one as the boys easily accounted for the home team. The bowling was a bit shakier than in previous matches, but this game highlighted the depth of the squad as Max G (2-20), Tom Shute (1-13) and Sean Brickhill (2-4 to go along with a runout and a catch) ensured the batsmen would not be chasing an unreachable target. With the target set at 120, Josh B (10), Gio (42) and Jack T (16) retired as we hauled in the runs with plenty of wickets and overs to spare. Chris's 21 at the top of the order provided a valuable launching pad for the three musketeers in the middle order.

Game 6 v North Alphington (Won by 51 runs)

The Edinburgh juggernaut kept on rolling and proved that not even Melbourne's summer rain could stop the team from earning another win. Batting first, Jack B, Chris, Gio and Josh R all batted well, but the highlight of the innings was easily Tom Shute's highest score of 9 not out. Tom's deft flicks to fine leg, hard running and sturdy defence was a delight to behold. Tom continued his fine efforts with the ball, picking up 2-13 in a match that he will long remember. Josh R bowled beautifully at the start of the innings (3-2 off 5), while Max Howard took the best catch of the year at cover. His fielding throughout the day – particularly his hard chases and strong, accurate arm – was terrific, and it proves that even though you may have an off day with the bat or the ball, you can always make a big contribution to the team in the field.

Game 7 v Heidelberg (Lost by 23 runs)

Proving they are genius tacticians as well as gun cricketers, the Edinburgh boys slyly sucked Heidelberg into a false sense of confidence by playing well below their best. With amazing prescience, the team realised that it was better to keep a few aces up their sleeve for the semi-final two weeks later. The plan worked so well that it reminded some of the Ali/Foreman Rumble in the Jungle heavyweight title fight in which Ali – the massive underdog – absorbed everything Foreman could throw at him for seven rounds, only to tire him out, and then knock him out, in the eighth. Highlights of this game were few, but Tom Catoggio's vicious inswingers (2-4), Jack Taylor's cannon left arm (2 run outs) and Jack B's delicate off-side play (21) were notable.

Game 8 v Rosanna (Won by 6 wickets)

The best all-around performance of the season showed the Edinburgh team at its finest – full, straight bowling, great catching, superb depth and disciplined batting. The bowling honours were shared, as six bowlers combined for seven wickets. Sean's keeping continued to improve as he let through only one bye in the whole innings while also taking a sharp catch off Chris's bowling. In a sign of things to come, the batting was anchored by Jack T and Chris before Max G and Josh B chipped in at the end with a handy partnership that included a glorious cover drive by “Mini” that was described as the best shot of the day by the Rosanna coach.

Semi-final v Heidelberg (Won by one run)

A great game of cricket by two evenly matched sides. Jack “Casper” Bradley's absence through illness was not a great start to the day, but the batting efforts of Max Gray (who gamely volunteered to open), Josh Robinson, Jack Taylor and Chris Campbell helped the team post a very competitive 130. After a shaky beginning with the ball, Lucien Finch, Tom Catoggio and Josh Broderick bowled superbly, taking wickets and building pressure with dot balls. Gio's strong fielding (two run outs) and some fine late innings bowling by Chris and Josh R left Heidelberg requiring 7 runs to win off the final over. Despite a wayward opening spell, Gio showed poise beyond his years to return to bowl the last over. Gio kept Heidelberg to only six runs and ensured a memorable victory for the Maroon and Gold.

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Grand Final v Rosanna (lost by three wickets)

A heartbreaking loss to a side we had beaten twice in the year, but this game proved the old adage that "anything can happen in cricket" will be well understood by this group of boys. A batting collapse on the first day had the team in deep trouble at 6-34. Most teams would have crumbled at this stage, but the heroic fightback was led by Josh Broderick, Max Gray and Tom Shute. Josh's innings in particular will be remembered by all who attended that day for its courage, poise and skill. I don't think I've seen a better innings all year. The support provided by Max and Tom was also vital, and together it allowed Edinburgh to reach 77. When Rosanna reached 2-68 in reply it seemed as though all hope was lost, but clearly those who thought the game was over did not realise the tenacity and heart this team has played with all year long. A run-out, a brilliant spell from Chris (final figures of 4-12) and another wicket to Josh had Rosanna teetering at 7-75. Unfortunately, the boys weren't able to seal the win, but Max Howard and Tom Shute picked up the remaining wickets in their first overs (Max also took a lovely catch) to bowl Rosanna out for 80. Lucien Finch's spell (0-5 off 4 overs) was terrific, while Dan Le Mesurier (0-2 off 2 overs) also saved his best bowling of the season for the grand final.

It was a sad end to a wonderful season, but the boys will learn a lot from playing in two close finals. Most importantly, every member of the team walked off the field with their heads held high.

On a personal note, I would like to thank every player for their hard work throughout the season. Their cricket improved immensely and I can't wait to see how they develop – both as men and as cricketers – over the coming years. They are a special group. To the parents: I cannot understate how wonderful you all were. The support you provided, both to myself and to the boys, made this season run so smoothly. The drinks, sausages, cakes and other assorted goodies helped make this coaching gig so enjoyable. A final word of thanks must go out to the team manager, Dean Robinson, whose blend of administrative brilliance and indomitable spirit was far more than any coach could have hoped for.

- Adam Clancy, Coach Under 13 Gold

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

Joshua Broderick
Lucien Finch
Max Howard
Dan Le Mesurier
Zakariya Merhi
Tom Shute
Jack Taylor

Batting Awards 1. Christopher Campbell
2. Giovanni Colarossi
3. Jack Bradley

Bowling Awards 1. Joshua Robinson
2. Jack Bradley
2. Max Gray

Fielding Award Sean Brickhill

Coach's Award Tom Catoggio

UNDER 15 GREEN

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TEAM MEMBERS

Lachlan Angus
James Butler
David Fogarty
Max Gust
Aki Hatz
Harry Hopkins
Bardo Imber-Dixon
David Jaques
Lucien John
Ben Le Mesurier
Will Symons
Matthew Thomas
Nicholas White
Jesse Wilson

COACH

Mick Symons

MANAGER

Carolyn Wilson



Introduction:

Our group of 15 became 14 with four departures from last year and the arrival of three new players to the team. We bid farewell to George Baker-Holland, Anthony Estephan, Declan Himmelreich-Beaumont and Ben Oliver. Joining us from last year's Under 13 Green team were Bardo Imber-Dixon, David Jaques and Ben Le Mesurier.

Over the season, in a good competition, the boys applied themselves when under pressure, and gelled together as a team providing terrific support for their teammates.

Although the team won just one match, there were three draws – two rather fortunate, the boys were rarely dominated by the opposition but did struggle to generate defendable scores. On the bowling front every player took at least one wicket, and by the end of the season we had radically reduced the number of no balls and wides we were bowling.

Players

Lachy Angus continued to value his wicket when batting, and bowled with greater pace. It paid off when he made his highest career score (16 no) against West Heidelberg sharing an invaluable unbroken last wicket partnership of 27 with Matt Thomas. Bowling-wise Lachy was on a hat-trick once, and ended up taking 5 wickets over the season – his best ever haul.

James Butler again generated good pace with his bowling, frequently getting good off-cut movement. He snared two important wickets against Rosanna when we restricted them to just 106 all out. James made several valuable contributions with the bat including his highest score of 7 not out against West Ivanhoe.

David Fogarty batted with great application against Rosanna when we were 6 for 39 making his highest score of the season – 18. Another crucial innings of 15 no against West Ivanhoe supporting the big-hitting Nick White helped us set up a winning total. David took one wicket with his off-spinners.

Max Gust really improved his range of shots when batting, frequently working the ball through the off side. He helped dig us out of a large looking hole against Heidelberg when we looked being dismissed inside 30 overs. His season top score of 16 not out helped us reach a respectable 113 all out. His in-swing bowling put real pressure on opposing batters and he ended up taking 3 wickets.

Aki Hatz worked hard on protecting his wicket and combined well (4 not out) with Max Gust against ladder leaders Heidelberg when we were in deep trouble at 8 for 58 to ensure we batted out the day. He regularly picked up wickets with his accurate medium pace, snaring four for the season. Aki also amazed his teammates with his incredibly accurate predictions of imminent wickets.

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Harry Hopkins was one of our great improvers this year. His batting became much more fluent and he regularly attacked the bowling. He made his highest ever score of 24 against Heidelberg, ending up with 59 runs for the season. Harry bowled with good pace and great accuracy taking his best ever figures of 3 for 16 and racking up a team best of 9 wickets for the season, including a caught and bowled with one of his off spinners in the last game against Rosanna.

Bardo Imber-Dixon improved his bowling through the season, working on accurate full length deliveries outside off stump. His career-best figures of 2 for 9 against West Ivanhoe helped set up our win, and he ended up with 3 wickets. Bardo did generate one of the biggest cheers of the season when he turned the ball to leg for a quick single in the second last game against West Ivanhoe.

David Jaques worked hard on his game over the summer. His great running catch from a skied ball by the opposition's opening batsman, excellent throw for a run out and tight bowling against West Ivanhoe contributed to our win. He also collected his best ever figures of 1 for 4 against Rosanna wrapping up their innings.

Lucien John was one of our reliable batters, often appearing in the upper order facing the opposition's better bowlers. He made double figures three times with a highest score of 12. Lucien's bowling was very tight and consistent, regularly beating the bat with an economy rate of 1.8 runs per over. He ended up with 2 wickets for the season. Lucien also took 5 catches, one in the deep against West Heidelberg in semi-darkness was spectacular.

Ben Le Mesurier has great potential as a bowler, capable of generating good pace with appreciable movement off the seam. Against West Ivanhoe Ben took two wickets when opening the bowling, one a classic leg cutter caught by the keeper. Ben also made several valuable contributions with some strong hitting – his highest score was 8 not out.

Will Symons brings great energy to the team, always making suggestions in the field and keeping teammates alert. He made a determined 12 not out against the top team Heidelberg helping us to generate a reasonable score after being in deep trouble at 8 for 58. Will took two wickets with his useful leg-spinners, and made several dismissals as a keeper - including 2 catches, 3 run outs and a stumping. His catch in the deep against West Ivanhoe helped us clinch the win.

Matt Thomas missed two games through injury but had a solid run of scores including 20, 18, and 27 not out – combining with Lachy Angus to put on a vital last wicket partnership of 27 which allowed us to gain a draw against West Heidelberg. He kept well through the season and grabbed three catches in the last game. Matt's bowling was very accurate, regularly beating the bat, and he deserved better than his one wicket tally.

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Nick White was by far our most consistent batsman scoring 117 runs (his highest season tally) and reaching double figures on 5 occasions. His highlight innings of the season came against West Ivanhoe when at the break our scoring rate was 1.6 runs per over (2 for 35 off 22 overs). Afterwards Nick upped the tempo by clubbing four sixes reaching 37 not out in a match where there was just one other boundary hit for the whole 90 overs. Nick bowled well too, taking four wickets – his 2 for 2 off 5 overs against West Ivanhoe was outstanding.

Jesse Wilson became our strike bowler. He bowled with great pace and miserly accuracy which meant most teams were happy to just keep him out. He gained his best ever figures against West Heidelberg – 3 for 8 off 5 overs – all victims clean bowled. Jesse batted impressively in the last match making 13 not out. He was frequently in the game whilst fielding, grabbing 9 catches including 4 in one innings against Rosanna.

Summary

By the end of the season players seemed to be applying themselves well throughout the 45 overs, becoming more comfortable in their playing roles. They showed growing maturity in their increased capacity for focusing on their teammates in the middle. Ultimately the batters do need to generate more frequent longer partnerships to build good team totals. However, there is good scope for several of our boys to move to playing senior cricket in the near future.

I have really enjoyed coaching the boys this season and look forward to building on their strong team spirit which will prepare them well for 2011-12. Thanks to all the parents who provided generous support to the lads and negotiated Melbourne's Friday night traffic and frequent rain interruptions.

I would like to close by acknowledging the super work of the manager, Carolyn Wilson, who kept us informed of game locations and the catering roster, and who offered us terrific tasty treats during the half-time breaks.

And finally - special thanks to Stan White and Sally Marsden who continue to quietly and effectively keep the junior club engine humming along.

- Mick Symons, Coach Under 15 Green

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

James Butler
David Fogarty
Max Gust
Aki Hatz
Bardo Imber-Dixon
David Jaques
Lucien John

Batting Awards 1. Nicholas White
2. Matthew Thomas
3. Harry Hopkins

Bowling Awards 1. Harry Hopkins
2. Jesse Wilson
3. Lachlan Angus

Fielding Award Will Symons

Coach's Award Ben Le Mesurier

UNDER 17 GOLD

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TEAM MEMBERS

Nathan Filieri
Nick Gibbons
Sam Gill
David Herbert
Jake Kyroussis
Ben McGregor
Rodger Paul
Sean Pennefather
Ash Rosowski
Kaan Tekin-Sari
Minh Vo
Murray White
Sam Wilcox
Max Wilson

COACH

Sunny Munn

MANAGER

Ron Pennefather

The season started on a high. After the first night of the first game the team had dismissed Lower Plenty for 66 and were 1/22 in reply. It was a team effort with wickets being shared amongst Murray, Jake, Minh, Kaan, Sean, Ben and Sam Gill who chipped in with a pair. An easy win looked a certainty and an outright a possibility. But not a ball was bowled on the second Friday; it rained and rained and Rain was to plague the team for the rest of the season. Rain plus a bye meant much lost cricket over the season.

The team was capably captained by Max with Sam Wilcox as his deputy, ie vice – captain.

It was apparent from the first match that the team's strength lay in its bowling and fielding; the batting could be brittle. The team had a strong opening attack in Murray, Dave, Roger, Jake and Max and who were ably supported by the medium pace of Ash, Sam Gill, Ben, Minh and of Kaan and Nick when required. The spin attack was carried by Sean and Sam Wilcox. Nathan did a great job behind the stumps throughout the season.

All fielded well with Kaan and Ash consistently being the 'best of the best'.

When looking at the batting record over the season, the most frequent entry was not caught, or bowled or run out, but dnb (did not bat). Our turn to bat became the prelude to rain. When we did get to bat, Nathan and Sam Wilcox were our most consistent batters, with Murray, Max and Jake demonstrating that they could play high scoring innings. Often it was the middle and lower order bats whose supporting innings allowed the team to reach a respectable total-Sam Gill, Ash, Sean, Roger and Nick in games before Christmas; Minh, Ben, and Kaan in games after Christmas.

The boys needed to win two of their three games after Christmas; they won one, lost one and in the third a win became a tie because of rain interruptions. They missed the finals but the team finishing below them did make finals: such are the vagaries of cricket and such was the season.

A great group of players who never gave up.

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

Nick Gibbons
Sam Gill
David Herbert
Ben McGregor
Rodger Paul
Sean Pennefather
Ash Rosowski

Batting Awards 1. Samuel Wilcox
2. Nathan Filieri
3. Max Wilson

Fielding Award Kaan Tekin-Sari

Bowling Awards 1. Jake Kyroussis
2. Max Wilson
3. Murray White

Coach's Award Minh Vo



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OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

50 Runs in an Innings

Jack Taylor 50 n.o. (twice)
Murray White 50 n.o.
Samuel Wilcox 50 n.o.

5 Wickets in an Innings

Jake Kyroussis 7-2-5-10

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

Nicholas White

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

Murray White

HDCA Trophy Winner

Under 13 Gold Batting Giovanni Colarossi

Selected in Representative Teams

Northern Cowboys Under 18 Murray White

HDCA Under 16 Ash Rosowski

HDCA Under 14 Christopher Campbell
Nicholas White

HDCA Under 12 Giovanni Colarossi
Joshua Robinson
Declan Smith