



JUNIORS SEASON 2011-12





A LOOK BACK AT SEASON 2011-2012

From my personal viewpoint the season 2011-12 is memorable for off-field difficulties arising from HDCA and leading to the frequently asked questions from junior coaches, managers, parents and players within the Club and from several fellow junior co-ordinators "What are HDCA up to by combining Green and Gold divisions in U13s and U15s? Are there going to be Green finals and Gold finals?. Why are teams nominated by clubs as Gold teams playing in Green finals and vice versa." It is difficult to reconcile small Green players struggling against older and bigger Gold players with the Spirit of Cricket.

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'. It was not always 'fun' for some of our players this past season because of the above and this will be considered as the Club plans for next season.

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. This did not run as smoothly as planned this season, and efforts will be made to rectify shortcomings in the coming year. Nevertheless, seventeen registered juniors played in senior teams during the season. They were spread over all grades from firsts to fourths and all teams. Four juniors played in the same team as their father or vice versa.

The MILO program, which is the start of the pathway, retained its Saturday morning time slot. A twelve week program was offered. There was a marked increase in numbers to 65, reflecting the Club's increasing commitment to the development of junior cricket in our local community. The MILO Programme was coordinated and led by James Bradley, a parent and senior player, and by Julie Allen, a senior player. They were helped by MILO parents and by players from the Women's senior team.

The number of junior teams competing in the HDCA competition remained at seven. The Club fielded three teams in the Under 11 Development (Kookaburra) competition, two teams in Under 13 and 15 competitions; one team in Green division, one in Gold. For the first time in a number of years, the Club was unable to field a team at U17 level due to flow on effects from ca 2006/7. All players eligible to play U17s were incorporated into senior teams.

Of the three U11 teams, most of the Yellow and some of the Maroon players had played in the previous season; whereas the White team was formed from new and generally younger players. Results reflected the difference in age and experience of the players. The Yellow team were undefeated and topped the U11 ladder. Congratulations.

At the start of the last game, all Under 13 and 15 teams were in a position to make it into the semi-finals; unfortunately the U15 Gold team missed out due to the heat. The U15 and U13 Green teams faced Gold teams in the Green division semi-finals and were unable to overcome their physically bigger and more experienced Gold opponents. The U13 Gold team won their semi-final and went on to beat Heidelberg Gold in the Gold final and take out the Club's first junior premiership for a number of years. They also went through the season undefeated. Well done team and congratulations to Josh Robertson whose batting earned him the Player of the Finals award and whose bowling won him the HDCA U13 bowling award. Individual performances, achievements and awards are highlighted in the team reports that follow.

The Club continued to increase its numbers playing representative cricket, this season nine junior players were members of representative teams and are listed in the season report.

Coaching continued to be 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 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 15 players 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 Program, which enables older juniors and younger men and women senior players to receive specialist coaching at Shaun Browns Cricket Academy. This season, the overall program again consisted of twenty seven one hour sessions spread over fourteen Saturday afternoons. The number of juniors participating in the Winter Program increased from thirteen to twenty one, mainly from the previous season's U17, U15 and U13 age groups. Of these, 15 went onto play senior cricket this season. The Club will consolidate its Winter Development Program, giving more effort to follow-up coaching and mentoring in order to maximise the benefits of the Winter Program.

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 which enabled the Club to run a successful 12-week cricket program over winter for children from the Atherton Gardens high rises. The number of girls participating increased over the previous season. At most sessions there were an equal number of boys and girls participating.

A grant from Cricket Victoria again enabled us to bring six Atherton youngsters up to BSO to join MILO/ Under 11 training on Saturday mornings. Four played in our U11 teams, with two playing in all matches. The Club had assistance from Cricket Victoria, the Yarra Youth Resource Officers at Fitzroy Police, students from the Catholic University and parents/grandparents of the Atherton youngsters.

Off the field, 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 program. The last of these for this season reviewed our junior cricket operations over the past season and looked at measures that the club could take to ensure that problems sourced from HDCA are not repeated in the 2012-13 season. The preparations for next season have begun.

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.

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 Bourke 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 Viola, Murray White, junior player Nicholas White, especially senior women's player Julie Allan and CU student Lynden Caldwell and Atherton parent Mick Addison for getting the youngsters up to and back from BSO; their input and assistance has made the Club's Atherton Gardens Project so successful. James Bradley and Julie Allan are thanked for organising and coaching, along with many parents, our MILO program 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. A special thanks to Arthur Watkin for the time and effort he put into coaching our champion Under 13 Gold team.

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. Finally, thank you to the Club President, Brad Shadbolt, to all on the Club Executive and Committee and to the Head Coach, Chris Branigan, and his assistant, Chris Lomas, for the support they have given junior cricket over the past season.

The above help and assistance, on-field and off-field, has provided a strong foundation for success in the season 2012-2013.

- Stan White, Junior Coordinator

UNDER 11 WHITE

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TEAM MEMBERS

Pascal Apostoloff
Finlay Bennett
Jakob Chetcuti
Thomas Clark
James Connelly
Noah Crawford
Felix Franes
Miles Fricke
Aleksandar Gillian
Moibah Kanneh
Alec Margetts
Zander McMaster
Tom Proimos

COACH

Jack Viola

MANAGERS

Sam Crawford
Meg Marsh

Pascal Apostoloff

Pascal has made a very valuable contribution to the team this year. With the ball Pascal's control improved immensely. With the bat Pascal has a good measure of both patience and power but probably Pascal's greatest improvement this year was in his fielding. His attitude to fielding and his willingness to get his body behind the ball became excellent.

Finlay Bennett

Fin is a gifted all-round cricketer. An attacking left-handed batsman in the mould of Dave Warner, Fin has improved in leaps and bounds this year with both bat and ball. His high score of 25 was a clear marker of his batting improvement. And as he works more on control he will find similar results with bowling.

Jakob Chetcuti

A nuggetty little wicket keeper, Jakob is one of the teams toughest members, as was proved in both his batting and his wicket keeping. Jakob's wicket is one that has to be prised out and behind the stumps he takes most with the gloves but when all else fails his body is behind the ball. Such courage is truly an admirable trait and will serve him well in the future.

Thomas Clark

Thomas has made great improvements this year in all aspects of his game. His spinners coming from around the wicket and pushing the ball across the batsman was of great value to the team and he was unlucky not to take more wickets. With the bat he improved remarkably when he started stepping towards the ball finishing with many not outs for the season

James Connelly

James is a bowler gifted with a natural out-swingers action and capable of producing some of the best balls I saw for the season, unfortunately often beating the edge of the bat. James also has a great attitude to training and as he gains strength and size, James' control will improve and he will become a formidable opponent for any batsman.

Noah Crawford

Noah is one of the youngest members of the team and this year Noah has shown great determination and dogged persistence in improving his bowling action. The fruits of his labours were the incredible best bowling figures of 2/1. If Noah continues to work as hard as he has this year in the future he will grow into a very good cricketer

Felix Franes

Felix was a bowler who showed good control in the early games of the season and a willingness to get his body behind the ball while batting. Unfortunately Felix has not been able to play much cricket after Christmas but his improvements were marked in the time he played.

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Miles Fricke

Miles is another gifted young cricketer in this team. The accuracy he displays in his bowling is a great attribute and as he grows stronger his solid action and cool temperament are tools which will win him many, many wickets. Miles also has a good solid defence with the bat and with time his attacking skills will improve. Miles is definitely one to watch for the future.

Aleksandar Gillian

Aleksandar has grown greatly as a cricketer throughout this year. As his bowling action developed he began to swing the ball through the air which is a remarkable feat for a young man of his age. With the bat Aleksander also has great potential and as he showed in the last game of the season he can certainly hit the ball when he tries.

Moibah Kanneh

Moibah was a star for us this year. With a great attitude to cricket, pace in his bowling and power in his batting, Moibah is a great natural talent. Unfortunately Moibah missed the second half of the season but I wish him great success in his future for the Burra.

Alec Margetts

Rarely was there a training session without Alec and his enthusiasm and encouragement of others made him a pleasure to coach. Ever attentive, Alec always took advice on board and put it to good use with great improvement though the year in all aspects of cricket.

Zander McMaster

Zander is a natural leader within this team. A sharp bowler and aggressive batsman, Zander was a great contributor throughout the season. Zander's reward for the hard work that he put in at training and in the matches this season was best bowling figures of 1/1. He also finished the year on a great note with a sterling knock against another Edinburgh team when all other wickets had fallen.

Tom Proimos

Tom was an energetic contributor to the team this year. Accepting advice Tom developed good accuracy in his bowling, finishing with best bowling figures of 3/10 and a bowling average of 8.2. Tom was always eager to get into the action and with developing skills, will become a fine cricketer.

- Jack Viola, Coach

AWARDS

Batting

Pascal Apostoloff
Alec Margetts

Bowling

James Connelly
Noah Crawford
Felix Franes
Aleksandar Gillian

All Rounder

Finlay Bennett
Thomas Clark
Miles Fricke
Moibah Kanneh
Zander McMaster
Tom Proimos

Wicket-Keeping

Jakob Chetcuti

UNDER 11 MAROON

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TEAM MEMBERS

Kyle Addison
Shaun Addison
Hayden Bant
Jesse Bant
Will Butler
Joshua Dulfer
Jordan Fernando
Mitchell Larkin
Aidan McGregor
Harrison Michael
Jake Moorehead
Cameron Ross
Gabriel Simeone
Max Watson

COACH

Murray White

MANAGER

Craig Ross

Kyle Addison

Kyle was a fantastic addition to the team this year after joining us from the Atherton program. He put a lot of effort into both his batting and bowling. His high score of 17 in the second last game was a fantastic innings by U11 standards. In the field Kyle was always enthusiastic and full of chirp.

Shaun Addison

Just like his brother, Shaun was a great inclusion to the Maroon team from the Atherton program. His improvement over the season was great to see, especially after the New Year's break. His bowling was sharp and often had opposition batsman jumping for cover. His contribution in the field was also very good as he always gave it his all.

Hayden Bant

Hayden's fearless approach to his batting made him a pleasure to coach. Hayden didn't mind getting hit by the ball and didn't even flinch when he did. As a result of this, his batting improved out of sight as he began to hit the ball harder and more consistently. Hayden's endeavour and work rate was great all season and he was a pleasure to coach.

Jesse Bant

Jesse's all round improvement this year has been great to watch. His batting this year was solid and his efforts at both training and while playing were excellent. Jesse's bowling was accurate and as a result he picked up plenty of wickets, often taking more than one in an over.

Will Butler

Will showed a great work ethic all season, he was always willing to try his best and improve his cricket. Will picked up wickets regularly and bowled good, tight lines. His effort at training was very good and he transferred that well into the games.

Josh Dulfer

It wasn't until halfway through the season that Josh came up to me and said he wanted to be a keeper. Since then he has worked hard on his keeping and has become a good keeper. His attitude towards cricket is outstanding, both at training and on game day. His bowling was good and had a lot of batters in trouble throughout the season. His batting was also very good.

Jordan Fernando

Jordan was a very handy bowler this season for the Maroons. His line and length were very good. His enthusiasm on game day was infectious, often lifting the spirits of his teammates around him. Jordan's effort in the field was excellent, his endeavour to stop the ball whenever it was hit his way was a prime example of this.

Mitchell Larkin

Mitch tried hard, was vocal in the field and most importantly played hard. He batted consistently all year and I could always count on him making runs when we needed them. His attitude towards training made him very easy to coach, he always asked questions and tried his best.

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Aidan McGregor

The speed that Aidan bowled at surprised a lot of batters this season. His size compared to the speed he bowled was a sight to see. Aidan's batting improved immensely as the season progressed and as he continues to develop he will become a good all rounder. Aidan's fielding was great all year; especially his throwing which for someone his age is very good.

Harrison Michael

Harrison was a great batter for us this season. His powerful hitting was always enjoyable to watch. Harrison was a pleasure to coach this season because he always came to the game or training with a smile on his face and a great attitude to play cricket. Harrison was also someone that I knew would bowl a good line and length in a tight situation.

Jake Moorehead

Jake's positive attitude and desire to play cricket made him a pleasure to coach this season. His bowling was always accurate and sharp, which caused problems for a lot of batters over the season. Jake's effort at training and at the games was a great influence on the rest of the team.

Cameron Ross

It was a pleasure to coach Cam again this season. His batting and bowling, once again, proved to be very handy. With his added experience this season, he proved to be a very handy player under pressure. Cameron's effort when he was batting and bowling was great.

Gabriel Simeone

Gabe's trademark Australian headband added a bit of colour to the field and his bowling took the colour out of the opposing batters. His bowling was extraordinary this year. When he returned from the New Year's break he was a lot quicker and a lot more accurate. His attitude and effort was always spot on and made Gabe a pleasure to coach.

Max Watson

Max improved greatly over this season. When I first started coaching Max last season, he was struggling to get the ball to the other end when he bowled but now, through his hard work at training and his excellent attitude, Max is not only getting the ball to the other end but doing it with some pace. Max's 4 with the bat in the last game of the season is the highlight of my coaching life so far.

To all the players that will be playing U13 cricket next season, I am sure that you will all have a great time in your next step in cricket and that all your hard work will stand you in great stead.

- Murray White, Coach

AWARDS

Batting

Kyle Addison
Hayden Bant
Jesse Bant
Joshua Duffer
Mitchell Larkin
Harrison Michael
Cameron Ross
Gabriel Simeone

Bowling

Shaun Addison
Will Butler
Jordan Fernando
Aidan McGregor
Jake Moorehead
Max Watson

UNDER 11 YELLOW

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TEAM MEMBERS

Ella Baxter
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
Douglas Warren

COACH

Tim O'Meara

MANAGER

Ben McKenna

Playing in a team is not about winning, the runs you scored or wickets you took. Playing in a team is much more. It is about supporting your team mates, developing them and establishing a culture that contributes in a positive way toward your team and your opponents. It makes competing fun regardless of the outcome.

I'd like to remind you of some of the moments in the season that made us so very proud of you.

At our first training session, Ned O'Leary our newest player who'd come straight from Milo cricket was facing James Fear, who is very fast bowler. As Ned walked out to bat, pads up to his hips and helmet down to his shoulders, I asked James not to bowl too quickly. James bowled the slowest ball he could and Ned hit it for 2 runs. James immediately started clapping and called out "great shot Ned". His cheers were followed by all the team. Wow, I knew we were in for a great season.

In our second match for the season we were joined by two more new players, Ella Baxter and Charlie Bradley. Neither had played at this level before, with a hard ball, pads, helmets and a million new rules. As we started to organise ourselves I asked who wants to bat with Ella or Charlie. Straight away Doug Warren and Matthew O'Meara said they would. Doug and Ella made 25 runs that day which was our highest partnership, with Ella 7 not out and Doug 18 not out. Matthew and Charlie made 21 runs, our second highest partnership, with Matthew 7 not out and Charlie making 5. We will never forget the cheers from our team when Ella and Charlie scored their first runs.

Round 3 was always going to be a big win for us and tough going for our much younger opponents. However when it got really tough on their batsmen I saw some fabulous sporting gestures. Finn Blackman as wicket keeper was coaching the batsmen. James Norden, Gus Galloway and Thomas Henry on several occasions were encouraging the batsmen and congratulating them on any good shots, including off their own bowling. When we batted, Josh Bradley was run out after facing only one ball. Immediately Josh put that behind him and set about getting Max McKenna as much of the strike as he could. Max made 26 runs due to great batting and fabulous support from Josh.

Round 4 was against North Alphington Girls. As I watched Charlie, Ella and Ned field beautifully I realised that the support they get from their team mates means they are prepared to try their hardest, since if they make a mistake they will be supported by all in their team. Next week we helped North Alphington in the field as they were short of players. Ned was at mid-on, picked up the ball and threw the stumps down from side on. Darcy Greig was disappointed to be run out, but the first thing he said was "great fielding Ned"!

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Round 7 was a one day match against the undefeated East Ivanhoe Saints. Great leg spin bowling by Max McKenna and superb backing up in the field by Gus Galloway kept them to a low score. This became a feature of Gus' and Thomas Henry's games, they threw themselves around in the field in support of their team mates and were responsible for some superb run-outs and absolutely brilliant catches. Chasing 52 runs, we were really struggling at 4 for 14. Four of our next six bats-persons were our youngest and newest players who were going out to face the best bowling attack for the season and under enormous pressure. Charlie Bradley, Ella Baxter, Ned O'Leary and Matthew Henry denied the bowlers another wicket and set up our win, following a superb last wicket partnership from Finn and James Fear.

Congratulations to everyone for a fabulous season. This was "your season" where you won every game and finished on top of the ladder. Well done to our senior players for the support and encouragement you have given your team mates and to our younger and new players for trying your absolute hardest, you have all made the club, your parents, us and your team mates very proud.

Thank you to the 10 coaches we have had at training this season, you have done a great job. To the people who provided food, scored and helped out, your support has been wonderful.

-Tim, Coach and Ben, Manager

AWARDS

Batting

James Fear
Matthew O'Meara
Douglas Warren

Bowling

Finn Blackman
Max McKenna
James Norden

All Rounder

Ella Baxter
Charlie Bradley
Joshua Bradley
Gus Galloway
Darcy Greig
Matthew Henry
Thomas Henry
Ned O'Leary

UNDER 13 YELLOW

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TEAM MEMBERS

Oliver Blanch
William Clark
Cooper Forssman
Mark Foster
Jon Graham-Perez
Jock Green
Benjamin Gunthorpe
Euan Jenkins
Finbar Jenkins
Liam Laidlaw
Tyler McGregor
Angus Murphy
Nicholas Nodin
Barnabas Ritman
Sebastien Wilson

COACH

Richard Blanch

MANAGER

Randall Nodin



Thanks for a great season everyone – one the kids can be proud of! It started with a flush of success – comfortably winning our first two games – was followed by some crushing defeats before Christmas and finished with a couple of great performances – our highest ever score and a solid, convincing and mature performance against a much older team in the U13 Green semi-final.

The kids were of course the highlight but a few adults need mentioning. David Foster made a massive contribution with scoring, organizing batting and bowling lists and with training. Steve and Matt were also prominent in the scoring department. Randall was terrific as manager and co-coach. Marcia, Justeen, Warwick, Cath, Marina and Wayne were ever present and supportive. The cooking trophy goes hands down to Uyen for some truly stunning performances.

To the boys. In no particular order ...

Sebastian 'Sebbie' Wilson was an absolute delight to coach and made huge improvements in his bowling, batting and unfortunately catching (the little rat caught me out in the parent-kids game at the end of the season). He has developed an excellent bowling run up and is now getting good pace and has learnt an excellent hook shot.

William 'Will' Clarke is a natural sportsman who made my harping about proper batting technique look misplaced with his natural stroke-play and easy run getting. Will has a beautiful upright bowling action and easily seams the ball. His accuracy and out-swing troubled all of our opponents regardless of experience. Oh yes, probably our best catcher as well.

Mark 'Macka' Foster is also rich with talent and displays very correct batting technique. His bowling was very good to excellent and team-play excellent. As he grows and gains in confidence over the next two years expect to be impressed.

Liam Laidlaw is one of the characters who glue the team together with his infectious nature. Liam is much better at sport than he thinks. He has by far the best throwing arm in the team and achieves good pace with his bowling. Liam's batting is effected by a bottom hand dominance which gets him out more often than he should. He will easily get on top of this in coming years and then realise to his surprise that he starts scoring lots of runs.

Tyler McGregor is a pocket dynamo of a kid with a whippy fast bowling action which sometimes gets out of hand but mostly succeeds in troubling the bat. His batting is powerful for his size and he has a terrific eye and excellent technique. Tyler could easily become an opening bat if he keeps it up. He listens very well to instruction and is a quick intelligent fielder.

Nicholas 'Nick' Nodin exudes talent with the bat and ball. He was our most accomplished batsman, co-captained the HDCA district U12 team over the summer holidays and naturally dominated play in the field. A fast swinging left arm bowler, he consistently troubled the opposition regardless of their skill or age. He and Jon played the best opening partnership of the year in our second last match, setting a beautiful tempo worthy of much older and more experienced batsman. He will go on to captain teams and perform at a high level if he remains as committed as he currently is.

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Finbar 'Finn' Jenkins was our premier wicket-keeper and a very solid batsman. He has a natural cut shot which is lovely to watch and defends well with a competent straight bat. Finn has an easy friendly personality and is much liked by his teammates.

Oliver 'Ollie' Blanch was new to the team this year and fitted in well immediately. As the coaches son I am not allowed to carry on too much about this lovely young fellow but he played really well this year although missing out on some of the success that may have come his way with better luck. He has a beautiful batting style and is a committed bowler and fielder and a great team player.

Jock Green is an absolute delight who had a rotten year with the bat. He showed his potential against a 'Gold' team that intimidated all of the others. Jock hit them for fours. He was the highest scorer last year, I understand, and should rapidly return to former glory with a few adjustments to his technique. Jock bowled beautifully and fielded even better with some amazing out-fielding throughout the season.

Barnabas 'Barney' Ritman had a great year showing massive improvement in his batting and bowling. He developed from a tentative style to a run getting approach which made his coach proud. His bowling became much more confident well paced and accurate as the year progressed.

Cooper 'Coops' Forssman discovered that he was a born wrist spinner this year. There is nothing more exciting to a cricket coach than seeing a kid take up this dazzlingly difficult task. Coops did a wonderful job looping the ball up beautifully and even throwing in a wrongun or two. His batting followed in Jocks footsteps but like him Coops will discover his good eye and strength come into play as he irons out some technique issues in coming seasons.

Benjamin 'Ben' Gunthorpe like Oliver, joined the team for the first time this year and like him fitted in really well. He was successful with his quirkily accurate bowling and developed a great pull shot as the season progressed. Ben is quick and alert in the field, a great team player and will develop significantly in coming years.

Angus Murphy oozes energy and passion. He loves to be in the action, will without hesitation put his body on the line and did some awesome out-fielding this year. He made a spectacular diving save of four that was probably the best single act of fielding I have seen in junior cricket. His batting is usually lacking in consistency but he showed great concentration saving the team from outright defeat with a long defensive stronghold of an innings midway through the season.

Euan 'Euey' Jenkins is an absolute delight of a boy with great strength and a crushing batting style which gave him great success this year. Euan paid careful attention to coaching instructions and made improvement in technique with the bat and ball throughout the season. Euan delighted the rest of the team when hitting sixes. He has an easy style which makes him a great team member.

Jon Graham-Perez had a fabulous year with the bat and ball. He made the HDCA U12 district team and has probably the most correct batting technique of the team. He hits shots on both sides of the pitch, even the princely cover-drive. Jon bowls beautifully and has the potential to go on to be an all rounder at high levels of the game.

So, thanks again for a great season kids. Come back next year and keep having as much fun as you had this year!

- Richard Blanch, Coach

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

Oliver Blanch
Mark Foster
Benjamin Gunthorpe
Finbar Jenkins
Tyler McGregor
Barnabas Ritman
Sebastien Wilson

Batting Awards
1. Nicholas Nodin
2. Jon Graham-Perez
3. Euan Jenkins

Bowling Awards
1. Angus Murphy
2. Cooper Forssman
2. Liam Laidlaw

Fielding Award William Clark

Coach's Award Jock Green

UNDER 13 MAROON

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TEAM MEMBERS

Edward Bond
Sean Brickhill
Joshua Broderick
Patrick Chapman
Giovanni Colarossi
Finley Crameri
James Dulfer
Harry Fear
Lucien Finch
Max Gray
Tom Hall
Sarthak Jain
Joshua Robinson
Declan Smith

COACH

Arthur Watkin

MANAGER

Dean Robinson

The boys had a great season. They won every game, the season a continuum culminating in what was the sweetest victory of all in the Grand Final.

Our major goals for the season were:

- To develop an overriding team ethos. The team would come first and all players would be contributing.
- To improve the all round game of each member of the team.
- To enjoy the game and have fun.

A Premiership was not one of the major goals, but an underlying belief built throughout the season that if we worked at our game and supported each other the results would come. The season was a process.

14 boys made up this team. The boys trained well and they played well. They played as a team and were quite formidable.

Against the normal flow of things they showed a distinct lack of arrogance. The respect shown towards each other and their opponents and a willingness to ensure all players had the opportunity to have an impact were important characteristics of this team.

The ability to think about their game and the developing prized attribute of being able to 'handle the pressure', grew and became more evident as the season progressed.

All players surprised me many times during the season with their talents and personalities. They are a fine bunch.

The Grand Final was played against Heidelberg. We won the toss and elected to bowl. I am sure Sir Donald Bradman upstairs would have been frowning upon this call. We would be chasing, but it was what we had done for most of the year and we were backing ourselves.

The Heidelberg boys batted with great determination, our boys bowled line and length, and at the end of the allocated 45 overs had reached a respectable 122. The next morning, after losing an early wicket, we settled and began to accumulate a score. The ones and twos with the occasional boundary came. The 'running between the wickets' was a highlight and helped to keep the fielding side under pressure. We passed their score 6 wickets down with 4 overs to spare.

Needless to say it was a great result. Congratulations boys. Every player willed it and every player made their mark.

UNDER 13 MAROON (Cont.)



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Many thanks to the parents, siblings and others who were always there supporting the team. Special thanks to Dean Robinson who should write the manual on managing a junior team.

To Stan White and Sally Marsden for their continuing efforts which have seen Edinburgh C.C. Junior Cricket go from a mess to a vibrant, progressive environment. I am in awe.

I will not single out one player. Here is the list of players who brought the flag home. We should all be very proud of their achievements and the way they went about it.

Josh Robinson G.F Captain
Ed Bond
Sean Brickhill
Josh Broderick
Patrick Chapman
Giovanni Colarossi
Finley Crameri
Harry Fear
Lucien Finch
Max Gray
Tom Hall
Declan Smith
Sarthak Jain (played up til xmas. Moved to Mumbai)
James Dulfer (played 2 games)

For me it has been a privilege to be involved with this group. A fantastic team. I had a lot of fun.

- Arthur Watkin, Coach

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

James Dulfer
Max Gray
Tom Hall
Sarthak Jain

Batting Awards

1. Joshua Robinson
2. Giovanni Colarossi
3. Joshua Broderick

Bowling Awards

1. Declan Smith
2. Joshua Robinson
3. Edward Bond
3. Lucien Finch
3. Harry Fear

Fielding Awards

Sean Brickhill
Patrick Chapman

Coach's Award Finley Crameri

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TEAM MEMBERS

Liam Batty
Jack Bradley
Christopher Campbell
Tom Catoggio
Ben Cuthbertson
Jackson Frenkel
Jackson Georgi
Daniel Johns
Mustafa Kaka
Angus Ponsford
Patrick Quay
Tom Shute
Jack Taylor

COACH

Chris Lomas

MANAGERS

Deb Keir
Howard Johns

This is my first season coaching a junior cricket team, and at the start of every sporting season the first thing you do is to look at the fixtures, after doing so I say to myself is Stevie Wonder organising the fixtures for the under 15 yellow this season? We started off the season with a very hard game v Rosanna Gold, we won the toss and elected to field, Jack Taylor and Chris Campbell took 2 early wickets which arguably bought their 2 best players to the crease; they both scored 50 and retired. Even after they scored 50 we showed a never say die attitude, Angus Ponsford took 2 wickets in 2 balls and narrowly missed out on a hat trick, with Ben Cuthbertson wheeling away at the other end also taking 2 wickets. Patrick Quay came onto bowl and took the final wicket. The two retired batsmen came back in after Rosanna lost 5 wickets for 40 runs and they took the score to 231 from their allotted overs. We then batted for 38 overs and even tho we only scored 75 runs we showed real promise with the bat in that we only lost one wicket with Jack Taylor and Mustafa Kaka top scoring with 13 apiece.

This took us out to Banyule for the second game of the season where the heavens opened and the Banyule innings was cut short at 8/145 from their 28 overs. The wickets were shared around with Tom Catoggio taking his first wicket of the season, which also saw Liam Batty taking his 2 wickets from 2 overs. Daniel Johns then came onto bowl taking 3 wickets from his 2 overs and Debutant Jackson Frenkel taking his first wicket for the club. On return the following week, we stumbled to 48 from our allotted overs with Chris Campbell and Patrick Quay topping the scoring, but even though we only scored 48, we had plenty of positives to take forward as for a second week running we didn't get bowled out.

After making the long trip out to Banyule we had the delights of W.T. Peterson Oval, we won the toss again and elected to field, Chris Campbell opened the bowling with very economical figures in only going for 9 runs off his 4 overs. East Ivanhoe batted very well in only losing 4 wickets for 154 the wickets were again shared around, there was one wicket apiece for Tom Shute, Jack Taylor and Tom Catoggio. Tom was very economical with his bowling figures, as his 5 overs only conceded 9 runs, which included one wicket. In the next week when it came to our batting the grey or should I say black clouds formed, with plenty of thunder and lightning in the distance. After losing an early wicket Jack Bradley and Chris Campbell took the score to 1 – 30 before Chris was adjudged leg before wicket in which was quite possibly the worst decision I have ever seen. After the disappointment of Chris being given out l.b.w, Tom Catoggio came to crease with Bradley and took the score to 2 – 40 before the heavens opened. After picking up the cones then replacing them, calling off the game, picking them up again we played through the rain, Tom Catoggio and Jack Bradley were then batting with intent both looking very solid before Jack fell for 28 and Tom was caught for 21, this then coincided with us losing a flurry of wickets and were eventually all out for 87.

Next up for the Yellows was another hard game in Heidelberg where we were looking to make it our first win of the season. Heidelberg batted first and scored a decent total of 167, the wickets were once shared around again with one each for Liam Batty, Jackson Frenkel, Tom Catoggio, Jack Taylor, Chris Campbell, and Ben Cuthbertson who took 3 wickets in his 5 overs. Chris Campbell opened

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the batting with Patrick Quay where they started off the early overs well before Quay eventually fell for 6. This bought Jack Bradley to the crease who batted with Chris and watching them bat together was a joy to behold, Chris unfortunately fell for 35 but Jack showed his class scoring the first 50 of the season. Tom Catoggio and Jack Taylor came to to the crease with Tom carrying on his fine form from the previous week with the bat scoring another 18 but we finished 22 runs short but put in a sterling effort with the bat and the ball.

In the game leading up to Christmas we played West Ivanhoe United, which we saw as a game that we could win, and we did with great confidence. We lost the toss and they elected to bat, this backfired on Ivanhoe with the boys bowling them out for 44 in 17 overs, there were two wickets apiece for Chris Campbell and Jack Bradley. Jack Taylor took the other four wickets in which were his best bowling figures of the season 4 for 8 from 4.4 overs. The Yellows then batted and after losing a few early wickets Chris Campbell excelled with the bat in scoring 47 along with Jack Taylor's 27 took the score to 127 all out. In West Ivanhoe's second innings they finished the second week on 4/68 with the wickets coming from Jackson Frenkel, Patrick Quay with 2 and Jackson Georgi taking his first wicket of the season.

After winning our first game of the season we were looking to make it 2 from 2 leading up to the grudge match v Edinburgh Maroon. North Alphington won the toss and elected to bat, we started off bowling very tight and the early wickets arrived with Chris Campbell carrying on his fine bowling effort and taking 2 wickets from his first 4 overs. Jack Taylor was equally as good, opening the bowling from the other end taking 3 wickets from his first 4 overs. The change of bowling made no difference as the wickets continued to tumble Jack Bradley took 1 wicket along with Daniel Johns and Ben Cuthbertson bowled very economically in only conceding 4 runs in his 4 overs with 2 wickets. This sterling bowling effort restricted North Alphington to 97. In the run chase we started off very well with Jack Bradley and Mustafa Kaka taking the score past the 50 mark before Mustafa was unfortunately caught after scoring a string of boundaries. After the loss of another quick wicket and Jack Bradley retiring for a superb 37, Chris Campbell and Tom Catoggio took the score past North Alphington's 97 and they respectively retired on 16 and 20. Jack Taylor then came to crease and batted right through to the end scoring a fine 27 not out taking the score to 9/156; this was another victory for the Yellows.

The grudge match we had all been looking forward to arrived at the W.T Peterson oval, Edinburgh Maroon v Edinburgh Yellow. After losing the toss we were in the field, Chris Campbell opened the bowling and bowled his best spell of the season in getting rid of the dangerous Nick White, Harry Hopkins and Matt Thomas. Wickets were then hard to come by, where they batted sensibly, batted in good partnerships and restricted us to very few chances. Tom Shute was given the ball and came on to get a wicket along with Daniel Johns and after some kamikaze running Edinburgh Maroon scored 9/178. The next week was obviously too hot at 38 degrees which meant that through the draw and the 3 points we made it through to the semi-final at the expense of Edinburgh Maroon.

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Chelsworth Park was the location for the semi-final versus East Ivanhoe Black. We started the game off well when Chris Campbell took the early wicket when the score was on 26, on a small ground with a fast running outfield, the runs were coming thick and fast, but we hung in there and Jack Bradley took 2 quick wickets, Jack finished with very economical figures for the day which was 6 overs 3 maidens 2/5. East Ivanhoe Black was then 3/72 and then 4/89 after Angus Ponsford had taken the wicket of the wicket keeper Powell. After a small partnership of 40, Tom Shute got the ball in his hand and did what he has done all season, taking a wicket to break a partnership and he did that again, taking the wicket of the captain. Tom's second wicket was not just a great piece of bowling but Liam Batty took catch of the season at slip. East Ivanhoe Black pushed the score along over the 200, mark but with the boys never say die attitude they went right to the end and Liam Batty taking a wicket after his magnificent catch. Jackson Frenkel then took 2 wickets in 3 balls where the innings came to a close at 219. In the run chase we lost a wicket early but Jack Bradley and Chris Campbell took the score to 29 before Jack was caught for 18. Chris was then quick to follow for 12. Jack Taylor and Mustafa Kaka came together at the crease and scored 13 and 12 respectively. But we lost a flurry of wickets and were eventually bowled out for 81. It was a disappointing way to end the season but there are plenty of positives to take from the season with every single player improving over the 5 months.

A special thanks this season goes to Deborah and her help in getting the teams ready, making my job a lot easier. Also to the parents who scored throughout the year and brought your children to games/training. Without you we wouldn't be playing this wonderful game. I hope you all have a wonderful off-season and before you know it the cricket season will be on us again.

-Chris Lomas, Coach

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

Liam Batty
Jackson Frenkel
Jackson Georgi
Daniel Johns
Mustafa Kaka
Angus Ponsford
Patrick Quay

Batting Awards 1. Jack Bradley
2. Christopher Campbell
3. Jack Taylor

Fielding Award Tom Catoggio

Bowling Awards 1. Christopher Campbell
2. Jack Taylor
3. Ben Cuthbertson

Coach's Award Tom Shute

UNDER 15 MAROON



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TEAM MEMBERS

Noah Darby
Ollie Dyson
David Fogarty
Aki Hatz
Harry Hopkins
David Jaques
Lucien John
Ben Le Mesurier
Will Symons
Matthew Thomas
Nicholas Visser
Nicholas White
Jesse Wilson

COACH
Mick Symons

MANAGER
Carolyn Wilson

Introduction

Our group of 14 became 13 with four departures from last year, the arrival of two new players and the return of a previous player to the team. We bid farewell to Lachy Angus, James Butler, Max Gust and Bardo Imber-Dixon, and welcomed new players Ollie Dyson and Nick Visser, and the return of Noah Darby.

The team won one match, had a draw from a winning position, had four losses, and a bye which saw the very enjoyable and keenly fought parents and sons T20 match on the Brunswick Street Oval.

Players

Noah Darby batted aggressively when at the crease. His highest score was an impressive 26 not out against Heidelberg followed by 14 not out in the win against North Alphington. Noah narrowly missed a batting trophy (by one run). He bowled with good pace picking up two wickets, and also played his first senior match with the fourths.

Ollie Dyson bowled a tight line with his left arm pace, often without luck, frequently swinging the ball into opposing batters. He picked up one wicket against the top side Rosanna. From few opportunities with the bat he looked very sound, and made an impressive 22 not out in the last game when batting up the order.

David Fogarty made his career high score of 36 when opening the batting against North Alphington, and like Noah just missed out on a batting trophy (by two runs). He picked up 4 wickets over the season, and against North Alphington had the remarkable figures of 2 for 0 off 3 maiden overs.

Aki Hatz had a productive season finishing off with an innings of 15 well made runs as part of a 32 run partnership with Jesse for the eighth wicket in the derby match. With five wickets he took the most for the team, including his career best figures of 2 for 7 against eventual premiers, Banyule Blue.

Harry Hopkins often batted in the top order but without good fortune. He has a good array of shots and I am sure will make more runs next year. Harry bowled accurately taking three wickets for the season, including best figures of 2 for 15 against eventual runner-up, Heidelberg.

David Jaques continued to apply himself to his batting, developing his range of shots, and made his career high score of 8 against East Ivanhoe, and also grabbed career best bowling figures of 2 for 17 against one of the stronger teams, Banyule Blue.

Lucien John was one of our reliable batters, often appearing in the upper order facing the opposition's better bowlers. He made double figures four times including the team's highest individual score of the season (and Lucien's career top score) – 43 not out. Lucien's bowling was very tight and consistent, regularly beating the bat.

Ben Le Mesurier continues to develop as a bowler, capable of generating good pace with noticeable swing. He worked hard on his batting this year, which culminated in his career high score against East Ivanhoe when he top scored with 20 including four boundaries. Ben took one wicket for the season.

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Will Symons batted with great assurance in the derby game making his career high score of 30 not out and featured in two crucial partnerships with Ollie and Lucien to rescue us from a perilous 3 for 21. He took 4 catches, kept wickets securely allowing very few byes, and took one wicket with his spinners. Will also played three senior games making his maiden 50 in the last game.

Matt Thomas bowled with great accuracy and pace, regularly beating the bat, but despite those efforts, unluckily took just the one wicket for the season. With batting he reached double figures twice including a top score for the season of 12 against Heidelberg. Matt was one of our regular keepers, always encouraging his teammates.

Nick Visser kindly volunteered to help us out in between basketball matches. He made 9 opening the batting against Heidelberg, and took 2 for 18 against North Alphington as well as a direct hit run out.

Nick White was by far our most consistent batsman, always opening the innings, scoring 118 runs (his highest season tally) and reaching double figures on four occasions. His highest score was 32 against the impressive bowlers from Rosanna. He took 3 wickets with his big turning leg spinners. Nick also played a full season of senior cricket and made a momentous 150 against Heidelberg as the fourths chased down 300 to win.

Jesse Wilson missed the first part of the season with a wrist injury, but in just three stints at the bowling crease picked up 4 wickets including 3 for 26 against eventual premiers, Banyule. His top score for the season was an impressive 18 in the derby game. We look forward to seeing Jesse open the bowling for a full season next year.

Summary

The boys showed a growing maturity in their increased capacity for focusing on their teammates in the middle. Ultimately, when batting, they do need to generate more frequent longer partnerships to build good team totals. However, several boys have successfully made the move to playing senior cricket, and there is good scope for others to follow suit next season.

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 2012-13. Thanks to all the parents who provided generous support to the lads and negotiated Melbourne's Friday night traffic, and just occasional rain interruptions this year.

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

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

-Mick Symons, Coach

AWARDS

All Round Contribution to the Team Awards

Ollie Dyson
Harry Hopkins
David Jaques
Ben Le Mesurier
Nicholas Visser

Batting Awards 1. Nicholas White
2. Lucien John
3. Will Symons

Bowling Awards 1. Aki Hatz
2. Jesse Wilson
2. David Fogarty

Fielding Award Noah Darby

Coach's Award Matthew Thomas



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OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

50 Runs in an Innings

Joshua Robinson	GF	52 n.o.
Jon Graham-Perez	Rd 7	51 n.o.
Nicholas Nodin	Rd 7	51 n.o.
Joshua Robinson	Rd 5	51 n.o.
Jack Bradley	Rd 4	50 n.o.
Giovanni Colarossi	Rd 4	50 n.o.
Joshua Robinson	SF	50 n.o.

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

Christopher Campbell

HDCA Trophy Winner

Joshua Robinson Under 13 Gold Bowling

Selected in Representative Teams

Christopher Campbell Northern Falcons Under 14

Nicholas White Preston Hatch

Jack Bradley HDCA Under 14

Tom Hall HDCA Under 14

Harry Hopkins HDCA Under 14

Joshua Robinson HDCA Under 14

Jack Taylor HDCA Under 14

Jon Graham-Perez HDCA Under 12

Nicholas Nodin HDCA Under 12