

JUNIORS

SEASON 2013-14



A LOOK BACK AT SEASON 2013-14

Edinburgh Cricket Club continued the rejuvenation of its junior program, which commenced many years ago under Stan White and Sally Marsden. The previous year's 8 junior teams grew to 12 – a 50% increase in one year – resulting in there being more than 150 current junior players on the books.

For season 2013-14 we had 4 x Under 10s, 3 x Under 12s, 3 x Under 14s and 2 x Under 16s. To accommodate the increase in teams we moved training sessions to just one night per week, and placed the Under 10s just before seniors' training on Tuesdays to give them a sense of the wider community that is the Edinburgh Cricket Club as they commence their cricket careers. We also took the step, where possible, of limiting teams to a maximum of 12 players which made rotating batting and bowling on match day much easier.

The transition from 8 to 12 teams was facilitated by the marvellous spreadsheet skills of Caterina Stella who stepped into the juniors' administration role. Allocating players into even teams across four age groups whilst accommodating where possible, previous team make-ups, and friendship group requests, is a daunting task. Caterina sailed through the challenge with calm assuredness.

The club really appreciates the effort and time commitment put in by coaches and managers throughout the whole season. From running training sessions to communicating venue destinations to sorting out lifts on match days or evenings, the club relies on the many hours put in by parents and senior players in those roles. The players appreciate it even more. Coaches who completed the Cricket Victoria level 1 course (one parent even did the South Australian one whilst there with work) reported gaining great value and ideas for developing our players. We will be looking to extend the number of accredited coaches next year.

One highlight was seeing 11 juniors regularly play senior cricket with Edinburgh, 7 for the first time. Especially pleasing was three U16 players (Giovanni Colarossi, Josh Robinson, and Will Symons) being part of the 3rds winning semi-final team playing off in the grand final against Burwood United Canterbury, and two U14 players (Nicholas Nodin and Doug Warren) win a 5ths semi-final to reach the grand final against Trinity Willison. I have heard there are several likely additional prospects for next year who have been performing well at a junior level. Senior players are to be applauded for creating a really supportive and encouraging environment for our juniors to make the transition to the more demanding and less forgiving world of adult cricket.

A further highlight was the ten Edinburgh juniors who played representative cricket over the summer. Chris Campbell and Will Symons played Pathways for the Northern Falcons and Callum McIlveen represented the Western Waves. Giovanni Colarossi and Josh Robinson played for Preston in the Hatch competition reaching the quarter-final. Also in Hatch, Tom Hall and Declan Smith played for Brunswick, and Max Gray for Coburg. Harry Hopkins was part of the successful ECA U16 team that won the final of the Keith Mackay Shield, and Doug Warren played in the ECA U14 team that missed out in the semi due to the game being called off because of excessive heat.



In future years as our playing numbers increase we will be in a position to consider aiming to establish at least one A, B and C grade team at each of the Under 12, 14 and 16 age groups, which will require a fine balance of recognising the need for some degree of friendship groups along with playing at a level that will most help each player's own rate of development. Though, it is amazing how players whose team changes from year to year are able to form new and enduring friendships with their new teammates.

On the team playing side, I am thrilled to acknowledge Edinburgh's first ECA junior premiership, which was won by the U12C Yellow team. Congratulations to all the players, coaches, managers and parents involved. I understand that the last game win to attain the premiership was clinched with just a few balls remaining. Exciting stuff! Also, the U16B and U14B2 teams reached the semi-finals to cap off strong seasons for them.

However, we do not measure success solely on flags. We do aim for all eligible juniors to return to Edinburgh CC next season to keep developing their skills, and for those ready, to take the step up to playing senior cricket with the Burra!

Ideally, we can continue to link the junior section of the club with the seniors, which means attending club social events such as the annual dinner, popping down to Brunswick Street or Alfred Crescent ovals on a weekend to watch, or even parents signing on with one of the Veterans teams.

Edinburgh has a vibrant, energetic and committed parent group, which is a cornerstone for the club's future success. Some parents take on the role of team manager, some coach, others help at training, some serve on the committee, and others do the scoring during matches.

The continued success of the junior program relies on the input of as many parents as possible, so don't wait to be asked, let us know how you would like to contribute.

In closing, I would like to propose a special thank you to Caterina Stella for her amazing work throughout the season. From arranging ground key pick-ups and drop-offs, to responding to countless parental enquiries, compiling the season review and organising trophies for 12 teams, Caterina just coolly got on with the job. Thanks also to Brad Shadbolt as President for all his support and to the rest of the club executive committee who understand the importance of sustaining a strong junior program. To all the coaches and managers your efforts and time commitment help make this such a strong club. Finally, thanks to everyone else who has helped in any way to generate yet another successful Edinburgh CC junior season.

Mick Symons
Junior Co-ordinator



UNDER 10 YELLOW

SEASON 2013-14

TEAM MEMBERS

Carlos Paatsch-Rubio
Harry Broderick
Jack Driscoll
Jules Pellegrino
Michael Daffey
Patrick Schickerling
Riley Flood
Tai Hill
Thomas Tyrrell
Tom Ladson
Tyler Drew
Yenka Silberstein

COACHING/UMPIRING

Jack Viola

MANAGER

Nick Silberstein

Harry Broderick is a strong player with lots of potential. He hits the ball hard, bowls fast and has a great arm. Harry hit 116 runs at an average of 19.3. Harry took 3 wickets and bowled 5 maiden overs. He took 1 catch and shared wicket-keeping duties. Harry's match of the season was in round 8 when he scored 17 not out from 12 balls and took 2 wickets.

Michael Daffey is an all-rounder who gives everything. His desperate dive to try to avoid being run out in round 13 will go down in history. Michael hit a creditable 34 runs, took 4 wickets, bowled 5 maidens and took 3 catches. Michael's match of the season was in round 13 when he achieved the great bowling figures of 1 for 4 against the best team in the competition.

Tyler Drew is a determined and serious player who concentrates hard and gives everything to his cricket. Tyler faced the most balls of any batsman for the season. He made 27 runs and took 4 wickets and 1 catch. He also shared the wicket keeping. His match of the season was in round 5 when he saw off the opening quicks while scoring 6 not out batting at number three.

Jack Driscoll showed his commitment to the team by fast tracking his return from an injury half way into the season. Jack's trademark long run up clearly worried opposition batsmen and restricted their scoring from his bowling to a lowly 55 runs for the season. Jack bowled 3 maiden overs and took 2 wickets. His spectacular run out in the last round will be long remembered.

Riley Flood is a true all-rounder who has succeeded in batting, bowling and his own acrobatic style of wicket keeping as shown by his season tallies of 64 runs and 8 wickets in the season. Riley's wickets cost a very respectable 9.9 runs each and he bowled 2 maiden overs. He held 2 catches. His best match was an unsurpassed bowling effort of 4 wickets for 10 runs in round 10.

Tai Hill joined the team in round 3. He had been concerned about his ability to bowl but turned out to be the team's most economical bowler, with a total of 6 maidens during the season. Tai conceded the lowest number of extras for the season and his best match was round 14 with the stunning figures of 2 wickets for 1 run from 3 overs including 2 maidens. Tai also made some runs including an innings of 6 that included a boundary.



AWARDS

Batting

Carlos Paatsch-Rubio
Harry Broderick
Patrick Schickerling
Jules Pellegrino

Bowling

Yenka Silberstein
Tai Hill
Tom Ladson

All-Rounder

Michael Daffey
Tyler Drew
Jack Driscoll
Riley Flood
Thomas Tyrrell

Tom Ladson is a crafty bowler with a deceptive action that worried many batsmen. Tom took 6 wickets at an average of 18.0 runs, and also took a catch and effected a run out. His best performance was an unplayable spell in round 6 that returned him exemplary figures of 1 wicket for 2 runs.

Carlos Paatsch-Rubio is a mature cricketer with a range of skills. He had two extraordinary innings facing 34 and 39 balls against strong oppositions holding our innings together without being dismissed. In the field Carlos held 3 difficult catches with his highlight being both a sharp catch and a magnificent run-out in round 8.

Jules Pellegrino is a class player with a great bowling action who loves to score runs. He shows superlative speed between the wickets that has enabled him to amass 77 runs for the season. Jules held 3 catches and took 3 wickets. Jules' highlight was a purple patch of 49 runs from rounds 9 to 12. Finally, Jules has a great hook shot which produced many of his 7 boundaries for the season.

Patrick Schickerling is a careful batsman who is hard to dismiss. Patrick is also a wonderful sportsman. He will be remembered for his doggedness at the crease. His highlight was in round 9 when he faced 38 balls but was not dismissed against the best bowling attack in the competition.

Yenka Silberstein loves to bat, and shared the wicket keeping, but his main skill is his bowling. He took 8 wickets at an average of 14.4. He held one catch (a death defying leap in the first match) and assisted in 2 run outs. His highlight was his double wicket maiden in round 8.

Tom Tyrrell is a strong all rounder and a great player in a crisis. He sees the ball well and likes to hit hard. Tom can bowl fast and field well. He scored 32 runs and took 5 wickets. Tom's highlight was in round 6 when he scored 5 not out and bowled tightly taking 1 wicket for 3 runs.

I would also like to acknowledge the boys' coach, Jack Viola, and our resident statistician, Denzil Flood.



UNDER 10 Maroon

SEASON 2013-14

TEAM MEMBERS

Christian McKenzie
Connor Hastings
Dane Thompson
Dashiell Spencer-White
Ethan McKenzie
Tom Miletto
Guy Fricke
James Wickett
Lachlan Gill
Luca McGhee
Max Daphne
Mitchell Gunthorpe
Quinn Doherty

COACHING/UMPIRING

Duncan McKenzie
Dave Scowen

MANAGER

Christine Gumthorpe

Season 2013-14 has seen the U10 Maroons take their game to a new level. 5 new cricketers who fitted in seamlessly joined the 8 returning players from last season. It was really rewarding to see how far the team progressed through the season. More advanced skills such as running between the wickets and backing up in the field were demonstrated in the heat of battle. We won more than we lost and learnt a lot from playing really good sides like Canterbury Angley.

Max Daphne had a great all-round season taking 9 wickets and contributing some hard-hitting innings. He also hit his first 6, which surprised the coaching staff no end!

Quinn Doherty has developed his skills with both bat and ball really well taking 7 wickets and averaging over 17 with the bat. As always, Quinn goes about his work with a smile on his face.

Guy Fricke's first year with us has seen him develop into a really good bowler. His accuracy and Malcolm Marshall like action got him 6 wickets. His athleticism in the field resulted in 2 direct hit runouts.

Lachlan Gill has developed into a true allrounder. 8 wickets, a solid batting average and great work behind the stumps demonstrated this very well.

Mitchell Gunthorpe's elegant action helped him take 7 wickets this season. He has also worked really hard on his batting technique.

Connor Hastings is the go to guy if you need someone to bat for your life. 58 runs for the year at an average of 58 tells the story of a batsman who sells his wicket at a very high price.

Christian Mackenzie's first year of cricket showed development on all fronts. His bowling improved to the point that he had a chance to bowl a hat trick ball.

Ethan Mackenzie's batting was a highlight averaging 28.8. His pull shots were a constant threat to the square leg umpire. Ethan's keeping was excellent performing the teams only ever stumping.

Tom Mileto had a great season with the ball bowling many unrewarded deliveries that missed the stumps by a coat of paint. In the field Tom contributed an amazing 8 catches and his stylish batting was a joy to watch.



AWARDS

Batting

Ethan Mackenzie
Connor Hastings
Dane Thompson

Bowling

Christian Mackenzie
Guy Fricke
Mitchell Gunthorpe
James Wickett
Dash Spencer-White
Tom Mileto.

Allrounder

Lachlan Gill
Max Daphne
Luca McGhee
Quinn Doherty

Luca McGhee improved his batting and bowling, executing both with classical technique. His top score of 16 was as elegant an innings as you would see. Luca also beat the bat repeatedly with his natural inswing.

Dash Spencer-White had an awesome year with the ball taking 10 wickets at an average of 6.4. He managed to bowl a consistent length that troubled most batsmen. A batting average of 24.5 showed dedication to the task.

Dane Thompson improved his bowling as the season went on taking 4 wickets. His athleticism in the field and strong arm saved many a run for the team.

James Wickett took 6 wickets with his nagging length and accurate line. His running between the wickets kept us all entertained and his encouragement of team mates in the field was very positive.

All in all we had a really enjoyable season and it was a pleasure to be involved with such a great bunch of players and a supportive and fun group of parents. I hope we managed to fulfil our goal of keeping the game fun. Lots of thanks to all involved, see you next season.

Dave Scowen and Duncan Mackenzie
U10 Maroon Coaches



UNDER 10 Burgundy

SEASON 2013-14

TEAM MEMBERS

Ali Raza Muhammasi
Ben Gill
Bill Daffern
Carlo Nicholls
Jack Stanley
Josh Fitts
Massimo Nodin
Patrick Quilty
Riddley O'Donnell
Samuel Ward
Tom Ward
Xavier DiScala

COACHING/UMPIRING

Randall Nodin

MANAGER

Michael Daffern

With only Massimo having played the previous season, it was a green group of players that took the field for our first game on a sunny morning last October. We scored 8 runs off the bat and had 5 ducks, going down easily to our more seasoned opponents, but after the game you wouldn't have known it – the boys were pumped – their cricket careers had begun!

Nearly four months later when the team took the field after the summer break we scored 45 off the bat, bowled better than ever and had our first win. Two weeks later the boys were on fire, taking 6 wickets, hitting 82 runs off the bat and recording another solid win. Suddenly the calling was loud, the boys were backing-up like Test players, bowling line and length, fielding with courage and skill.

It has been a real pleasure seeing the development of the boys over this their first season. They all played with great eagerness, and as a group they bonded so well.

Billy Daffern - had a sensational season with the bat, hitting a season high 91 runs at an excellent average of 18.2, with a top score of 16 not out. He was also terrific in the field – taking 4 catches – and displaying great courage fielding in all positions. With his big loopy spinners he also had success with the ball, with best figures of 2 for 1 in the derby against the Gold team.

Xavier DiScala - impressed with both bat and ball, hitting 72 runs at 12.0 and taking 4 wickets at an average of 15.0. In both departments he improved steadily over the season to be our most consistent performer. His fielding was also exceptional, taking the catch of the season – a diving one-hander – that would be right at home in any classic catches competition!

Josh Fitts - had an outstanding season with the bat, hitting 63 at an average of 12.6. His driving and pull shots were a real feature. In one innings Josh hit the most beautiful on-drive I've seen in a player so young. And then to show it was no fluke he hit the same shot again a few balls later. Josh hit the max against Deepdene in round 10 top scoring with a commanding 15 not out.

Ben Gill - had a terrific first season, steadily improving his batting throughout the season. His solid defence enabled him to remain not out 10 times for the



AWARDS

Batting

Bill Daffern
Josh Fitts
Xavier DiScala

Bowling

Ali Raza Muhammasi
Massimo Nodin
Riddley O'Donnell

Allrounder

Ben Gill
Carlo Nicholls
Jack Stanley
Patrick Quilty
Samuel Ward
Tom Ward

season – a team record he holds with Tom. Ben impressed with his bowling – coming in off the long run he bowled excellent line and length enabling him to take 3 wickets with best figures of 1 for 2.

Ali Raza Muhammasi - had a great season with the ball, taking 5 wickets at an average of 16.8. His line and length improved steadily over the season reflected in his excellent figures. With the bat Ali developed his driving and pull shot over the season to the point where he hit his top score of 14 in the derby against the Gold team. In the field Ali was an energetic contributor, always on the lookout for a run out.

Carlo Nicholls - impressed in all areas of the game this season. He batted steadily throughout the season, finishing strongly with double figure not out scores in the last 2 games. He bowled excellent line and length, with great economy, taking 3 wickets at an average of 23.3. Carlo was also a keen wicket keeper, who often put up his hand to do the keeping and doing a fine job behind the stumps.

Massimo Nodin - had a terrific second season. With the bat he hit a season best 18 not out against Kew Junior. With the ball he found a nice rhythm and bowled an excellent line with good pace to intimidate many an opponent, taking 5 wickets for the season at an average of 14.2. Massimo was also an excellent fielder – with his powerful accurate throwing from the boundary a feature.

Riddley O'Donnell - had a spectacular season with the ball, taking 7 wickets at an amazing average of 12.3. From his very first game he was taking wickets and bowling with great accuracy and economy. His best figures were the incredible 2 overs, 2 for 2 against Kew. With the bat he was a quiet accumulator who valued his wicket, proving to be one of our most difficult batsmen to get out

Patrick Quilty - joined the group mid-season and very quickly became a lively popular member of the team, quickly coming up to speed in all areas of the game. He batted courageously and aggressively, mastering the pull shot. Bowling, he only took a few games to find a very accurate line and length.

Jack Stanley - displayed excellent batting technique this season, playing with great concentration and poise. He particularly impressed with the ball, being our most consistently accurate bowler, taking 5 wickets for the season at an average of 15.6.

Sam Ward - with the bat Sam was a patient accumulator, valuing his wicket, with 8 not outs. With the ball Sam bowled a wonderful line and length to snare 5 wickets at a very good average of 16.4. Sam also fielded with great courage – on more than one occasion stopping balls that were hit like tracer bullets and seemingly headed for the boundary.



Tom Ward - bats with great courage, not afraid to get his foot down the pitch to the fastest bowlers – his defensive technique developing very nicely over the season, resulting in him being, with Ben, our most difficult to get out batsman, with an amazing 10 not outs for the season! Tom also displayed excellent courage in the field, putting his body behind the ball to stop many a solidly hit shot.

Finally I would like to thank Michael Daffern, our team Manager, who made the season run like clockwork. And also a thank you to all the parents who helped out padding up, providing snacks, and scoring – particularly the scorers as it can be daunting to the un-initiated.

Randall Nodin
Coach U10 Burgundy



UNDER 10 Gold

SEASON 2013-14

TEAM MEMBERS

Antonio Raso
Asher Baade
Christopher Barnes
Darcy Varghese
Fergus Hope
Hugh Collins
James Shadbolt
Joseph Anderson
Kirin York
Sam Moulday
Samuel Olsen
Taran Child

COACHING/UMPIRING

Brad Shadbolt
Andy Olsen

MANAGER

Paul Moulday

As we have now completed our first season as Edinburgh U10s Gold, I take pride in the way our boys have come together as a team. It has been an amazing transformation, from the first training session in October- where no one had played cricket before, to where their skills have developed. It has been a privilege to be involved with such a great bunch of boys, who always arrived for training, were like sponges taking on advice to better themselves, respected each other and the other teams. All this credit needs to go to the parents of each boy, as without your help, we couldn't have achieved what we did. Throughout the season, every player made a great contribution to the team, with some outstanding performances. To sum up the season, I will announce each player with season highlights and their award.

Joseph Anderson - Joey was one of the most improved players of the team. He had a man of the match performance in the second last game, when he took his first wicket, his first catch and his first run out. He has developed his bowling over the season to become an opening bowler and with his batting he started to place the ball into gaps creating runs. A highest score of 4 and best bowling of 1 for 13. Great season Joey.

Asher Baade - Great season, he always worked hard at training and always wanted to do better. Early on with his batting Asher protected his wicket at all cost and as the season progressed he laid a foundation to develop run scoring shots. This culminated in a top score of 4 not out and best bowling 1 for 3. Great work Asher.

Christopher Barnes - Outstanding first season. Chris is a very popular team member, who took the most wickets and made the most runs for the team. He displayed great athleticism as an outstanding fielder with a deadly arm. Highest score 18*, and best figures 2/4. Great season Chris.

Taran Child - Great season Taz. Over the journey Taz learnt how to hit the ball harder to create more runs. He was the first player to smash a cut shot to the boundary. He is a very competitive bowler, who worked on



AWARDS

Batting:

Christopher Barnes
Taran Child
Antonio Raso

Bowling:

Joseph Anderson
James Shadbolt
Kirin York

All rounder:

Asher Baade
Hugh Collins
Fergus Hope
Sam Moulday
Sam Olsen
Darcy Varghese

his line to limit the no balls. His batting really improved with a top score of 8 not out and best bowling of 1 for 2. Well done Taran.

Hugh Collins - Hughie showed great improvement throughout the season. One of the most determined players in the team, he never missed a training session and he always wanted to be the best, continually improving himself. He really developed his batting over the season, culminating in a high score of 6 not out, great work Hugh.

Fergus Hope - A very popular member of the team, Fergus was always wanting to improve his batting and bowling skills. He never gave up his wicket and as a low order batsman, he continually had to face the meanest and fastest bowlers. He always showed true grit and determination. A strong fielder, excellent wicket keeper when given the opportunity, with a highest score of 2 not out and best bowling 1 for 1, great season Ferg.

Sam Moulday - A great season by Sam. He dramatically improved his batting and bowling. He was the unluckiest bowler. With his wonderful off spin he continually bamboozled the batsmen without taking a wicket. With his batting Sam developed playing and scoring on both sides of the wicket. He finished off making more runs with cut shots and cover drives. Highest score of 4 not out. Best bowling 1 for 13. Well done Sammy boy.

Sam Olsen - A great season by Sam. Our main wicket keeper was amazing in stopping the many no balls bowled. A natural cricketer he showed no fear as one of the smallest batsmen in our team, he showed his class by making a gritty 10 not out in the last game, then dusted off the gloves and bowled very well. Highest score 10 not out and best bowling 1 for none. Well done Sam.

Antonio Raso - A fantastic first season. Antonio has readily developed his cricket skills this year. His bowling has been amazing, learning to swing the ball both ways. In addition, he also became one of the best fielders in the team. For his batting, it went from strength to strength culminating in top scoring in the last 3 games, highest score 12 not out and best bowling of 2 for 10. Well done Antonio.

James Shadbolt - Jimmy was a key member and favourite of the team. Small in stature, big of heart, he never flinched or took a backward step. He had many balls bounce into his helmet but put enormous pride into his wicket and would never let the bowler take advantage. His bowling was the highlight as the year progressed and bowled the least amount of no balls for the season. A keen fielder who orchestrated a number of run outs, with a top score of 6 and best bowling of 2 for 12. Nice work Jimmy.



Darcy Varghese - From when Darcy first arrived to what he has become – what an amazing turn around! He has worked tirelessly on all facets of his game. His batting culminated in a top score of 5 not out.

He captained the team in the last game, and at one stage with his bowling he was on a hat trick. Darcy has been an avid learner, fantastic in the field, constantly backing up batting and bowling. Best bowling 2 for 12. Great effort Darcy.

Kirin York - started the season slowly, but then his competitive nature shone through as the season developed. He began to strike the ball cleanly and his results were more runs. His bowling has been a feature and this has greatly improved over the season. His natural bowling style (obviously influenced by Richard) has made him become a natural opening bowler with increased pace. Highest score 8 and best bowling 1 for 4. Well done Kirin.

Paul Moulday
Manager U10 Gold



UNDER 12B

SEASON 2013-14

TEAM MEMBERS

Aidan McGregor
Aleksander Gillian
Alex Avraam-Stoilkovski
Cameron Ross
Charles Bradley
Charlie Cumberlidge
Finn Hall
Hayden Bant
Jade Cook
James Ercolano
Max McKenna
Ned O'Leary
Samuel Doyle
Tom Clark

COACHING/UMPIRING

Colin Hall

MANAGER

Craig Ross

Season 2013-14 saw a mixed bag of results for the boys in the U12B competition. With a line-up of 14 boys (four in their first season) we managed to finish fifth on the ladder with four wins, four losses and a washout.

Round 1 saw the boys take on STC South Camberwell White at Alfred Crescent in a one day tussle. Top scorer for the Burra was **Alek Gillian** with a solid 13 not out. Unfortunately, our total of 61 was not enough with South Camberwell running over the top with an impressive 6/97. The boys kept their heads high for the whole game, especially when on the field, with nothing more than support and encouragement coming from each of them. Not a single word of discontent or frustration was uttered. Clearly they were the true winners.

Round 2 was at Ford Park against East Ivanhoe Saints in the first 'two dayer' of the season. After being sent in the Saints posted a reasonable score of 93. Despite a team total of 43 extras (which became the focus of subsequent training sessions) the fielding was highlighted by two great run outs and three bowling wickets by **Alex Avraam**. **Cameron Ross** also bowled well with 2 for 7 off 4. A string of retired not outs by **Ned O'Leary**, **Alek Gillian**, **Max McKenna**, **Tom Clark**, **Hayden Bant**, **James Ercolano**, **Finn Hall**, **Sam Doyle** and **Alex Avraam** saw the boys run away with a huge 153. The Saints were definitely blown out of their socks. Their coach at one point screaming "Watch out boys they're going for everything".

Another great win followed in Round 3 against Kew who set a target of 119 after having to contend with tight bowling from **Charles Bradley**, **Max McKenna**, **Charlie Cumberlidge** and **Alek Gillian**. **Jade Cook** finished with the best bowling figures of 2 for 12. Batting, the boys tore Kew apart - **Alek Gillian** 38 retired, **Max McKenna** 24 retired and **Finn Hall** 18 not out. Total 8/139.

After venturing to STC South Camberwell Red for Round 4, the boys fielded first again but wished they hadn't. From the very first ball South Camberwell were smashing boundaries and the first six of the season was seen sailing into the distance. 251 was not looking good. Unbelievably the heavens opened up the following Saturday, and with some great coaching by **Tim O'Leary** and rule book checking the boys were saved and went home happy. South Camberwell - not so happy.

Round 5 was not a great game with Ashburton Willows notching up 206 at their very picturesque ground. Our bowling was a bit off again with 48 extras, but pocket rocket **Aiden McGregor** shone with terrific figures of 3 for 14. The chase proved too much but not without some great batting from **Jade Cook** and **Charlie Cumberlidge**, 26 and 16 retired, respectively. **Charles Bradley** also batted well, bolstering an end a backing up brilliantly.



AWARDS

Batting

1st Max McKenna
1st Aleksandar Gillian
3rd Finn Hall

Bowling

1st Aidan McGregor
2nd Finn Hall
3rd Alexander Avraam-Stoilkovski
3rd Max McKenna

Fielding

Tom Clark

Coaches Award

Charlie Cumberlidge

Team awards

Hayden Bant
Charles Bradley
Jade Cook
Samuel Doyle
James Ercolano
Ned O'Leary
Cameron Ross

The bowling turned around and was impressive against Booroondara in Round 6 with the Burra restricting the opposition to 65 in the pre-Christmas one day game. **Cameron Ross** made his comeback after injury, making 14 retired in an all-round team effort which saw the boys amass 1/137.

Round 7 against Burwood was more notable off the field than on. While warming up **Alex Avraam** played a sensational pull shot taking out a car windscreen. In true team spirit **Tom Clark** vouched to kick in 15 bucks if Alex had to cough up. On the field we thought we'd cruised to an easy win only to discover we'd scrapped home by one run.

Oddly we were back at Ford Park and faced East Ivanhoe Saints again in Round 8. A tough day in the heat with a depleted team of eight meant most of the boys had to bowl six overs. Batting on day two was far cooler and kinder to the Saints in the field. **Max McKenna** made a fine 38 and **James Ercolano** a top score of 40. Sadly it wasn't enough and the boys fell 17 runs short with 163.

The ninth and final round saw some great fielding and bowling by **Sam Doyle**. **Ned O'Leary** was also solid in the field and **Charlie Cumberlidge** had his best day with the ball, taking 2 for 9 off 5.4 overs, including two maidens. Clifton Hill's 108 looked a little under par for the small (40m) boundaries of Alfred Crescent and the boys were confident of an early win. **Max McKenna** started with a flurry but a collapse saw the boys go from 0/26 off two overs to 7/44 off 10. **Finn Hall** and **Hayden Bant** staged a late come back, but sadly couldn't hang on. Oh for 14 more runs.

A great season all round, improvement by all the boys and sensational morning tea treats from the dedicated parents who gave unabated support.

Colin Hall
Coach U12B



UNDER 12C MAROON

SEASON 2013-14

TEAM MEMBERS

Adam Mercuri
Basile Michael
Everett O'Donnell
Hamish Tingay
Julian Marshall
Liam Gwynne
Noah Hutton
Pranav Srivatsan
Rohan Anderson
Simon Paterson
Sophie Young
Tom McNamara
Xavier Wilson

COACHING/UMPIRING

Shane O'Neil
Sri Parthasarathy

MANAGER

Margaret Doherty

With a team consisting of ten first-year players, this season was always going to be a learning experience, but we quickly learned to play as a team, encouraging each other and celebrating our improving skills. Unfortunately, the other teams were improving as well. Late in the season it appeared as though we might have to take comfort in our overall improvement, but excellent coaching assistance from Harry Galpin and dedication from our players saw us earn a brilliant victory in mid-February. The joy of the moment I'm sure will be remembered by players and spectators alike.

Sincere thanks to Margaret Doherty, our tireless team manager, for all of her hard work during the season. She is a brilliant organizer and a great asset to the club. Thanks also for the support and patience of all of the parents throughout the summer months. It's been my great pleasure to get to know your children and help them learn the beautiful – and often frustrating – game of cricket. Hopefully, they have enjoyed the season and will continue to play in years to come.

Rohan Anderson - Despite keeping wicket for half of the time, he was also one of our most destructive bowlers, taking 5 wickets during the season. He was a star performer in our victory over North Balwyn Combined, scoring 20*.

Liam Gwynne - a true club man and gifted leader, always complimenting good play and encouraging his younger team-mates. An improving all-rounder and a dead-eye fielder, Liam achieved two run-outs in one match against Richmond Union.

Noah Hutton - Our most improved bowler over the course of the year. His boundless energy and dedication to improving his game saw him take 2 wickets in 2 balls to help set up our first win of the season against North Balwyn Combined.

Tom McNamara - a very clever and accurate bowler, Tom was our well-deserved leading wicket taker for the season. As a batsman, he expanded on a solid defence to develop an array of attacking shots, leading to a stand-out performance in our win over North Balwyn Combined.

Julian Marshall - a brilliant batsman who ended with a season total of 171 runs at an average of 34.2. A much-feared and accurate fast bowler, he should have had more than his 3 wickets during the season. He is already a fine cricketer, and will only get better with time.



AWARDS

Batting

- 1st Julian Marshall
- 2nd Xavier Wilson
- 3rd Adam Mercuri

Bowling

- 1st Tom McNamara
- 2nd Rohan Anderson
- 3rd Julian Marshall
- 3rd Adam Mercuri
- 3rd Simon Paterson
- 3rd Liam Gwynne
- 3rd Noah Hutton

Fielding Award

Everett O'Donnell

Coach's Award

Hamish Tingay

Team awards

Basile Michael
Pranav Srivatsan
Sophie Young

Adam Mercuri - a gifted, all-round athlete who has been a consistent batsman, accurate bowler and skilled wicket-keeper. His stand-out performance was against North Balwyn, where he took 1/3 in two overs, took a good catch and scored a direct-hit run-out from the outfield.

Basile Michael - started the season with a bang, taking a wicket in his first match against the Yellows. Dedication saw him improve over the season. His standout performance was in the last game against Richmond, where he took a well-deserved wicket.

Everett O'Donnell - one of our most improved players over the season and an excellent fielder. His standout match was against North Balwyn where he played a great captain's knock to score 18 not out, including hitting 3 boundaries in one over.

Simon Paterson - a great student of cricket with excellent game sense. Consistent improvements in bowling saw him take 3 wickets during the season. His season highlight was a long-distance direct-hit run-out in our victory over North Balwyn Combined.

Pranav Srivatsan - always encouraging others and quick to smile. A leg-spinner with incredible control for his age and experience. As a batsman, technically brilliant and responsible for our sole 6 during the season in a stand-out innings of 16 against North Balwyn Combined.

Hamish Tingay - a passionate and dedicated player, his batting, bowling and fielding improved markedly over the season. A superb outfielder with a great throwing arm, his standout performance was in our win over North Balwyn Combined where he saved at least 3 boundaries and scored a valuable 6*.

Xavier Wilson - a consistent performer with the bat with great technique and maturity for his age. He was an accurate economical bowler who was unlucky not to take more wickets. His highlight for the season was against Clifton Hill, where he scored 18* and only conceded 2 runs from 2 overs.

Sophie Young - joined late in the season but she quickly proved herself to be a fine cricketer. Her highlight of the season was in our win against North Balwyn Combined where she bowled two tight overs and scored valuable runs with the bat.

Shane O'Neill
U12C Maroon Coach

It is said that a coach is only as good as his players. As you have read above, we have great players so obviously we have a great coach in Shane O'Neil. Thanks for your good advice, patience and enthusiasm. But especially for sharing with us your time and skills.....much appreciated!



UNDER 12C Yellow

SEASON 2013-14

TEAM MEMBERS

Archie Taylor
Ben Donnellan
Dante Colosimo
Darcy Munro
Ewan Grover
Finlay Bennett
Harrison Thompson
Hemi Dietrich
Hugo O'Callaghan
Jakob Chetcuti
James Connelly
Joshua Ward
Miles Fricke

COACHING/UMPIRING

Stephen Connelly
Steve Chetcuti
Brett Munro

MANAGER

Meg Marsh

The Edinburgh U12 Yellow team finished equal top in the U12C competition in season 2013-14, winning the club's first junior premiership in the ECA. Nine boys were playing together for the second (some for the third) season in a row, and with 4 new players joining the team, a great camaraderie has developed amongst the boys. The boys were honoured to be named by an opposition coach as setting the bar in the competition for sportsmanship. The parent group is exceptional and supportive, and were entertained all year by good quality cricket played in the right spirit. The boys are great ambassadors for the club.

Finlay Bennett - Finlay's signature match was round 3 against Richmond, a hard-fought low scoring game in which every run, wicket and catch meant something. Fin took 3 catches, and if ever catches win matches, this was a perfect example. Terrorised batters and bowlers throughout the season, a key member of the team. Well done Fin.

Jakob Chetcuti - kept wicket in every game he played this year, and his courage and effort behind the stumps were constants all season. Jakob is developing into the classic keeper - companion to all bowlers, scourge of fielders who don't return the ball properly, valued batting partner who plays with typical keeper's aggression. Well done Jakob.

Dante Colosimo - took wickets in 11 out of 14 matches this year, 13 in total, having taken just 4 career wickets prior to this season. 4 great catches as well, but what will be remembered most was a big boundary in the final game to get the team within striking distance of the target. A real contributor.

James Connelly - scored over 100 runs for the second season in a row, and contributed with 10 wickets as well. His on-field leadership came to the fore during this year as his cricket developed in leaps and bounds. Developing an encyclopedic knowledge of Australian test, one day and T20 stats along the way. Great effort.



Awards

Batting

1st James Connelly
2nd Harrison Thompson
2nd Finlay Bennett

Bowling

1st Darcy Munro
1st Joshua Ward
1st Dante Colosimo

Fielding Award

Hemi Dietrich

Coach's Award

Jakob Chetcuti

Team Awards

Ben Donnellan
Miles Fricke
Ewan Grover
Hugo O'Callaghan
Archie Taylor

Hemi Dietrich - Walking out in the final match with 6 runs to win off 2 overs, Hemi pulled his first ball for 4, and followed up with a single, enabling his partner to hit the winning runs and clinch the premiership. Lowest economy rate in the team, and contributed the season's most sporting comment ("don't worry, get the next one") after a catch was dropped off his bowling. A great season.

Benjamin Donnellan - He bats, he bowls, he keeps, he catches. A true student of the game, Ben works to improve every aspect of his cricket. A real all rounder, Ben exudes calm and control and has confidence in his abilities. A great team-mate and talented cricketer.

Ewan Grover - One of the new boys in the team, and another for whom the final match provided defining moments. Stopped at least four boundaries with great determination, getting his body behind the ball and supporting his bowlers. The runs saved were the difference between the sides. A great first season.

Miles Fricke - Miles bowls a beautiful in-swing, and towards the end of the season perfected a classy cut behind point for 1 or 2 runs. His cricket has real all-round qualities. In the final match he was part of an important partnership that stole runs at every opportunity, thrilling team-mates on the boundary as we edged closer to the target. Great season.

Darcy Munro - puts batters on the back foot with his pace and accuracy. Took on the better batsmen in the competition and subdued them all. Contributed significant runs at important times and pressured batsmen when in the field with his fast and accurate throwing. A real talent.

Hugo O'Callaghan - Another new boy in the team, Hugo had a go at every aspect of the game, bowling, batting, keeping and fielding, and looked the part every time. One half of an important final match partnership that helped set up the win, putting pressure on fielders with loud calling and quick running between the wickets. A great first season!

Archie Taylor - Another new player this season, and another member of the team who showed his worth in the final game, snaring 2 important wickets in 3 balls. Holder of the unofficial Catch of the Year award against North Balwyn Combined. Archie was a valued team-mate all season. Well done!



Harrison Thompson - Harrison bowled without luck in a number of matches, but rode his luck brilliantly with the bat, finishing just shy of 100 runs for the year. Found bowling form in the return match against Bulleen, inventing a new way of getting a batsman out – smashed wicket – and followed up with the wicket of one of their top run scorers. Well done Harrison!

Joshua Ward - The final new boy in the team, who made his biggest statement in the last match – 3 wickets in the opening over, followed by important runs in a partnership that gave the team momentum towards a distant target. A great first season.

Stephen Connelly
Coach U12C Yellow



UNDER 14B

SEASON 2013-14

TEAM MEMBERS

Benjamin Gunthorpe
Cooper Forssman
Felix Sharkey
Harvey Daffern
Jon Graham-Perez
Joshua Bradley
Mark Foster
Nicholas Nodin
Sebastien Wilson
Thiep Bol
Tyler McGregor
William Clark

COACHING/UMPIRING

Dave Foster

MANAGERS

Cathy and Matt Forssman

A fifth year together for our core group of Jon, Seb, Cooper and Mark, plus Nick (4yrs), Ben, Tyler, Will (all 3yrs), and Thiep and Harvey (2yrs), plus two new chums in Felix and Josh, had high hopes of improving on last year's 5th place, but a couple of narrow losses consigned us a to 6th place finish, in a season where we never really came to terms with the slow home ground at WJ Cox Oval. Almost everyone improved on the batting and bowling figures from last season, but the most pleasing aspect of our development was the reduction in "extras" from 30 to 20 per game, showing how much the bowling has improved.

Many thanks as always to the scoring parents, Michael Daffern, Dave Clark, Randall Nodin, Peter Gunthorpe and Matt Forssman, and to Matt and Cath for managing the team so seamlessly.

Round 1 away to Ashburton Willows saw great late order batting from **Harvey** (23no) and **Mark** (18no) to post a respectable total of 91, but alas, despite **Jonno's** 2/8, including a great outfield catch to **Seb**, and **Nick's** 2/14, we were overtaken in the last over to lose by a single run.

Round 2 was our first taste of a very slow Cox oval outfield, which saw us struggle to 7/126, despite a brilliant 35 from **Nick**, and a late swinging 21no from **Josh**. Glen Iris also failed to escape the grasp of the Cox outfield and great bowling from **Seb** (2/6), **Nick** (2/14), and **Mark** (2/17) saw us home by 16 runs.

Round 3 away to Bulleen Templestowe saw us put to the sword early, but a fine second half bowling effort restricted them to 188, aided by tight bowling from **Tyler** (1/3 from 2), and **Josh** (1/4 from 3) adding support to **Harvey** (2/19), and **Nick** (2/40), along with **Cooper's** catching and throwing exploits. An injured **Will** at slip took one the best slips catches ever, adding to his fame in that position. **Nick** (27) again got us off to a great start, then **Harvey** (50) and **Jonno** (58) carried us to the brink of victory before a late order collapse required them to return to support **Cooper's** (21no) batting heroics to get us home by 3 runs



Award

Batting

- 1st William Clark
- 2nd Harvey Daffern
- 3rd Nicholas Nodin

Bowling

- 1st Nicholas Nodin
- 1st Mark Foster
- 3rd Harvey Daffern

Fielding Award

Felix Sharkey

Coach's Award

Tyler McGregor

Team awards

Thiep Bol
Joshua Bradley
Cooper Forssman
Jon Graham-Perez
Benjamin Gunthorpe
Sebastien Wilson

Round 4 back at Cox saw us battle the Cox outfield curse again, with **Tyler** (21) keeping us ticking over before yet again late order hitting from **Cooper** (25) carried us to 151. Any hopes of defending that total evaporated early as the Deepdene Bears top order showed us how it was done, amassing 262. **Josh** (2/15) was our best after handing over the gloves where his wicket-keeping was first class all year.

Round 5 continued the Cox curse where the East Ivanhoe Saints posted a patient 4/184, with the best of the bowlers being the luckless **Thiep**, who had two catches from no balls, **Ben** (0/4 from 2) and **Felix** (0/8 from 6). Our reply was derailed by disciplined bowling and fielding, where only **Will** (29) returning from injury and illness, **Josh** (20no) and **Ben** (9no) got the better of it, eventually leaving us stranded on 7/114, our second percentage shattering loss in a row.

Round 6 saw a depleted line-up taking on ladder leader's Wyclif, and again a top order smashed us about to reach 238, despite fine efforts from **Harvey** (3/43) and **Felix** (2/23) and wonderful catch from **Billy Daffern** filling in at mid-on that left him with a weekend "stinger". On a fast outfield, **Nick** (39) and **Will** (58no) flew the flag, but we could only manage 8/184, falling well short and hoping the Christmas break would revive our fortunes.

Round 7 back at Cox found no joy for bottom placed Boroondara as we knocked them for 37, with **Nick** (3/3) and **Mark** (3/3) being the main wreckers. An even batting contribution saw us reach 2/104, and we left hoping the Cox curse was broken.

Round 8 had us back at Cox against the hard-nosed North Balwyn, with our best bowling and fielding performance for the season, restricting the 3rd place team to 132, supported by **Felix** (3/12), **Cooper's** run-out of their best batsman, and **Ben's** catch to dismiss their captain. The chase started brightly, but we lost wickets at key times, before **Will** (32) and **Mark** (27no) carried us to the brink. **Seb** and **Mark** whittled down the required runs with North Balwyn defending the boundary, but we fell 4 runs short in a cliff-hanger finish.

Round 9 out at Bulleen against lowly Kew Juniors saw us restrict them to 9/55, with **Mark** (3/10) and **Jono** (2/5) being the main wreckers. In response **Nick** (32no), **Will** (41no), **Harvey** (29no), **Jono** (37no) and **Felix** (26) flayed the bowling. We won the last match to round out a happy season but disappointing ladder result for 2013-14.

Dave Foster
Coach U14B



UNDER 14B2

SEASON 2013-14

TEAM MEMBERS

Alec Margetts
Conor Nunn
Doug Warren
Harry Syson
Henry Sweeney
Jack Cumberlidge
James Fear
Jerome Heywood
Pascal Apostoloff
Sasha Murphy
Zak Connor
Zander McMaster

COACHING/UMPIRING

Eamon Drew

MANAGERS

Katherine Fan and
Caroline McMaster

The Edinburgh Under 14B2 team has been amazing to coach and I cannot overstate how proud I am of each individual within the team. The manner in which the lads have carried themselves and played their cricket has been fantastic. The sportsmanship, maturity and focus on team has been incredible from every player.

To make the finals with a team made up predominately of 12 year olds in an under 14 side with a couple of older lads has been unbelievable and the way the batting and bowling awards have been shared around has shown the depth of this side. If the majority of these young men can stay together for another year they can achieve some great results together.

Pascal Apostoloff - has matured a lot as a cricketer from the start of the season to the end. I think this is highlighted in the last game against the fastest bowling attack in the competition he opened the batting and looked very comfortable against the pace. This showed a lot of heart. 26 runs at 5.2 for the season and a wicket, and more importantly showed a lot of leadership on the field.

Zak Connor - Is this the most dedicated cricketer in the country? I think so. After a shoulder injury ruled Zak out of batting and bowling, he still turned up to every training session and took to the field as often as possible. He took a couple of ripping catches at slip and taught himself to bowl with his non-preferred arm. Incredible stuff and possibly the highlight of the season was his right arm wicket. Very deserved winner of the Coach's award.

Charlie Cumberlidge - What a great kid. Wanted to play as often as possible and got to have a bat and bowl in the Under 14s. Unfortunately didn't make a run but did take a wicket which was massive. Wickets are worth about 20-30 runs so he can be very proud of that.

Jack Cumberlidge - is easily the most improved cricketer this season. His bowling has come a long way since round 1 to the Semi Final. He is pitching it up and getting a bit of away swing. Need to get him to work on shortening that run up and he will be more balanced through the crease. 26 runs and 5 wickets show how valuable he has been to the success this year. Great kid and showed a lot of maturity when it was his turn to captain.



AWARDS

Batting

1st Doug Warren

1st James Fear

3rd Harry Syson

Bowling

1st James Fear

1st Conor Nunn

3rd Jerome

Heywood

Fielding Award

Sasha Murphy

Coach's Award

Zak Connor

Team awards

Pascal Apostoloff

Jack Cumberlidge

Alec Margetts

Zander McMaster

Henry Sweeney

James Fear - is a natural cricketer. He has all the shots in the book with the bat, and can bowl great medium pace and leg spin as well. Fantastic fielder too. With 260 runs at an average of 65 and 10 wickets at 9.4, it was a coach's highlight to see James make his senior debut and make some runs. All in all, a terrific season and a little champion in the making.

Aleksander Gillian - joined us after Christmas and has become a very valuable member of the team. A great bat and a very handy leg spin bowler. Wants to bowl mediums at training but I would urge him to keep working on the leg spinners. 29 runs is a fantastic contribution considering the limited opportunity given the half season.

Jerome Heywood - had a very solid season with both bat and ball. 88 runs at almost 10 with a highest score of 38. Add to that 9 wickets at an average of around 16 and he is one of the champions of the side. Would have had about 100 wickets if the opposition batsmen were good enough to get some bat on those outswingers!

Alec Margetts - If there is a kid in Australia with a better attitude to life I would like to meet them! Had a chance to bat in almost every position including opening and made some runs but it was with the ball he really stood out. 5 wickets for the season with a bowling best of 2/5 is fantastic. Alec is also fearless in the field and throws himself at everything.

Zander McMaster - made 106 runs for the season at an average of 21.2. His fast scoring and running between the wickets has been one the highlights of the season, and has been the difference in a few games between winning and losing. Some cricketers have that X Factor and Zander is one of those. Also took 3 wickets to cap off a superb season.

Sasha Murphy - is a natural cricketer. Bats like a young Ricky Ponting (needs to teach the coach that cut shot and pull shot), bowls great little outswingers on the spot outside off stump and fields like Jonty Rhodes (YouTube him Sash). Season stats are 107 runs at an average of 35.7, 7 wickets at an average of 17.4. 5 catches, 3 run outs. CHAMPION.

Conor Nunn - is the ultimate quiet achiever. Goes about it with no fuss and has had a stellar season. 38 runs at 9.5 and 10 wickets at 13.2. These are really big numbers and he should be very proud of them. His bowling is the stand out of course but he also hits the ball harder than anyone else in our team and I would refuse to field at point when he is on strike!



Henry Sweeney - Henry is one of the best bats in the team but perhaps doesn't realise it. His technique is very correct and he naturally comes forward at the ball. His technique lends itself to opening the batting and would have done in the semi-final. 62 runs at an average of 20.7 shows how hard he is to get out. Great effort with the gloves as well, and an all round great team member.

Harry Syson - Harry's batting improved almost week on week and culminated in a wonderful 50 not out at Alfred Crescent. 185 runs at an average of 46.3 is a massive return. He is the fastest bowler in the team as well and would have had many more wickets if the opposition were good enough to actually get the edge. Fantastic season and he is going to develop into a very good cricketer.

Douglas Warren - has had an amazing year. 279 runs at a massive average of 93 plus 8 wickets at 16.4. Made his senior debut and showed up the old blokes with 37 not out and 3 wickets (which could have been 5 if not for some dropped catches). A natural leader on and off the field, and he is the first to shout out encouragement to others. Doug has been a joy to coach and had the kind of season that us mere mortals dream about.

Eamon Drew
Coach U14B2



UNDER 14C

SEASON 2013-14

TEAM MEMBERS

Darcy Greig
Finlay Symons
Finn Blackman
Gus Galloway
Liam Proe-Carter
Matthew O'Meara
Oliver Blanch
Oliver Renkin-Brown
Oscar Kingham
Simon Foley
Thomas Henry

COACHING/UMPIRING

Richard Blanch

MANAGER

Tim O'Meara

Well another year has passed and we had a good year with plenty of action out there on the field. The season swung from one extreme to the other with a patchwork of convincing victories crushing defeats and the odd close one.

It was, as usual, a pleasure to coach the boys. We welcomed Finlay Symons and Simon Foley to the team and to their first season playing cricket. We welcomed back Oscar Kingham and Oliver Blanch to the team. Tim O'Meara did a wonderful job as usual managing and assisting with coaching and the parents were terrific especially Richard with scoring and Andrew Blackman for sheer enthusiasm. Glenn Henry, Andrew Kingham, Jim Foley and Josh Symons provided expert commentary and solid support.

Well done to the parents for all caring so much (as for the dads maybe a bit too much!). And well done to the kids for teaching us dads that it is possible to suffer a crushing defeat and then have fun mucking around 5 minutes later.

I thought the highlights of the season were some really beautiful opening batting by Matt and Finn, thumping innings by Simon in round 4 and Thomas in round 3, a pride restoring partnership between Liam and Oliver Renkin-Brown in round 5, another great innings by Liam in round 6 and a couple of 2 wicket hauls by Finlay in rounds 7 and 9.

Oscar's dramatic improvement with the bat was matched only by his feats with the ball which culminated in a stunning 4/11 in the last match of the year. Darcy bowled some lovely spin, sometimes swapping between medium pace, wrist spin and finger spin all in the same over. His keeping, I thought, was terrific. Finn took the classic catch of the season, an absolute screamer. His batting is lovely to watch and his bowling was far better than his figures would suggest.



AWARDS

Batting

- 1st Matthew O'Meara
- 2nd Finn Blackman
- 3rd Gus Galloway

Bowling

- 1st Darcy Greig
- 1st Liam Proe-Carter
- 1st Simon Foley

Fielding Award

Oscar Kingham

Coach's Award

Oliver Renkin-Brown

Team Awards

Oliver Blanch
Thomas Henry
Finlay Symons

Matt took a great catch at fly slip. As for Matt's batting, sublime. I often shake my head and wish that I could bat like that. Gus Galloway is shaping up as a very fine fast bowler and is increasingly dominant and very powerful with the bat.

Oliver Blanch was miserly with his full pitched accurate bowling and is showing great promise with his excellent technique with the bat. Simon bowled brilliantly for his first season and for us oldies brought a smile to the face knowing another Max 'Tangles' Walker is coming through the ranks.

We had our fair share of controversy with some dubious umpiring by yours truly. The plumb LBW I gave not out to Finn's bowling because 'he's only a little fella' didn't impress him very much. Matt's snick that wasn't a snick was not my finest moment either. Ahhh the injustices of life. Anyway, it was nice to end the season with a victory.

Richard Blanch
Coach U14C



UNDER 16B

SEASON 2013-14

TEAM MEMBERS

Callum McIlveen
Chris Campbell
Declan Smith
Giovanni Colarossi
Harry Hopkins
Jack Taylor
Josh Broderick
Josh Robinson
Lucien John
Max Gray
Mustafa Kaka
Tom Hall
Will Symons

COACHING/UMPIRING

Mick Symons

MANAGER

Dean Robinson

After the excitement of playing off in the grand final last season, we farewelled Nick White, Jesse Wilson, Matt Thomas, Noah Darby, Dave Fogarty, Gabe Oliver, and Jack Bradley. Mustafa Kaka joined from the other U16 team and several U14 players from last year made the step up – Josh Broderick, Giovanni Colarossi, Max Gray, Tom Hall, Josh Robinson and Declan Smith. We also recruited, all the way from Camperdown, club legend Ross McIlveen's son, Callum. Playing on from last year were Chris Campbell, Harry Hopkins, Lucien John, Will Symons and Jack Taylor.

Despite consistent difficulty with getting 11 players on the park, the team played well throughout the season, winning six matches – several in very tight finishes, drew one due to rain when in a winning position, and lost two narrowly. We ended up second after the home and away matches gaining a home semi-final against Canterbury. Thanks go to Sean Brickhill, Tom Cattogio, Alex Czarny, Harry Fear, and John Maguire who helped fill-in when we were struggling for numbers.

One highlight of the season was the remarkable feat of nine of the team playing representative cricket over the summer. Chris Campbell and Will Symons played for the Northern Falcons who lost the semi-final due to rain, and Callum McIlveen represented the Western Waves. Giovanni Colarossi and Josh Robinson played for Preston in the Hatch competition reaching the quarter-final. Also in Hatch, Tom Hall and Declan Smith played for Brunswick, and Max Gray for Coburg. And Harry Hopkins was part of the successful ECA U16 team that won the final of the Keith Mackay Shield.

Players

Josh Broderick played the first few games, opening the bowling with his accurate out-swingers, and striking the ball for an important 10 as part of our imposing score against Burwood Uniting Canterbury. Unfortunately Josh's football commitments meant his season was curtailed after Round 4.



AWARDS

Batting

- 1st Josh Robinson
- 2nd Chris Campbell
- 3rd Will Symons

Bowling

- 1st Giovanni Colarossi
- 2nd Callum McIlveen
- 2nd Harry Hopkins

Fielding Award

Max Gray

Coach's Award

Lucien John

Team awards

Jack Taylor
Josh Broderick
Tom Hall
Mustafa Kaka
Declan Smith

Chris Campbell's batting made a quantum leap this year as his first ever 50 which helped set up a winning score against Canterbury was quickly followed by two more. A career high 80 not out almost got us home against Trinity Willison, and his 69 in the last round against Burwood sealed our spot in the finals. Due to injury Chris did not bowl so much, but still picked up several victims with his off-spinning darts.

Giovanni Colarossi bowled with great pace throughout the season winning the bowling award with 10 wickets. His effort against Canterbury where he took 4 for 19 off 9 overs helped set up a win in a very tight contest. His staunch batting at first drop in the same game where he made 28 contributed to our winning total of 165.

Max Gray looped his leggies well, picking up 5 wickets over the season. Against Canterbury he took 2 for 3 and turned the game our way when they were looking strong. With the bat he shared a crucial partnership with Mustafa as they put on 24 for the last wicket as we almost chased down the target of 176 against eventual premiers, Trinity Willison.

Tom Hall bowled his nagging in-swingers consistently over the summer picking up 4 wickets. He struck a quick fire 10 against Burwood with very clean hitting and did well in the field picking up 5 catches and a run out, including two crucial catches in the last round against Burwood.

Harry Hopkins batted with great confidence, especially after making his maiden 50 for the ECA rep side. Batting in the middle order he often lifted the tempo of the innings with some powerful shots. Harry also bowled with good pace and accuracy, collecting a bowling award for his 8 wickets.

Lucien John regularly opened the innings and made a crucial 50 in the last round against Burwood, sharing in a decisive 90 run opening partnership with Chris Campbell, which made short work of the 131 run target. Totalling 152 runs, he compiled his highest ever season aggregate.

Mustafa Kaka missed several games but with a hard hitting 12 against Burwood Uniting helped our score nudge 200, and in a calm display against Trinity Willison struck the ball purposefully for 16 as we just fell short of their total. His tight bowling against Burwood contributed to their low accessible total of 131.

Callum McIlveen got to know the Princes Highway very well playing in 5 matches, travelling all the way from Camperdown. He made an assured 32 against Burwood Uniting, but his highlight of the season was taking 4 wickets in 5 balls (4 for 9) against Forest Hill. Callum's 2 wickets against Canterbury were crucial, and his strike rate of a wicket every 10.5 balls was amazing.



Josh Robinson had a terrific year with the bat winning the batting award and scoring three 50s, including a vital 56 against Canterbury which helped set up our match-winning total. His bowling was consistently accurate and miserly. Josh picked up 7 wickets narrowly missing a bowling award, including 3 for 23 against Trinity Willison.

Declan Smith's bowling improved through the season, culminating in an impressive 2 for 5 off 6 overs against Burwood. He made useful contributions with the bat including 12 against East Ivanhoe, helping take our score to a defensible 128.

Will Symons led the team with calm authority. He batted with great flare against Box Hill, top scoring with 69*. Will was very consistent with the bat, missing double figures just once and accumulated over 200 runs gaining a batting award. His impressive keeping yielded 4 catches, 4 stumpings and 2 run outs.

Jack Taylor missed several games due to school commitments, but still managed to compile a rollicking 39 in the opening match to seal Clifton Hill's fate, and a useful 10 in the one dayer against Forest Hill. His runout in the same match clinched a team hat-trick.

Summary

I have really enjoyed watching the boys develop over this season with several regularly playing senior cricket. The team performed very well to reach the semi-final stage, though were beaten by a better team on the day.

I would like to thank all the parents who provided generous support to the boys over the season as we got to know the eastern suburbs, and when not to take the Eastern Freeway on a Friday evening.

I would also like to acknowledge the sterling work of the team manager, Dean Robinson, who kept us informed of game locations, the sausage roster for home games, and just where we were on the ladder throughout the season.

Mick Symons
U16B Coach



UNDER 16C

SEASON 2013-14

TEAM MEMBERS

Aaron Tatchell
Alex Czarny
Ben Peach
Finley Crameri
Harry Fear
John Maguire
Louis Magree
Lucien Finch
Otto McKinnon
Patrick Chapman
Sean Brickhill
Thomas Magree
Tom Shute

COACHING/UMPIRING

Sunny Munn

MANAGER

Helen McCracken

Success is a funny thing. The winners of the premiership are undoubtedly successful, but does that leave the rest of the competition as failures? Surely not. I don't measure success by victories or points; and it's a good thing I don't, as it takes a thorough raking of the mind to recall the U16Cs solitary win, harking back to the halcyon days of late October ...

Rather, I measure success by aptitude and attitude. By enthusiasm and improvement. By those standards, the Under 16Cs is one of the more successful units you will encounter ...

Sean Brickhill - You always know when Sean is playing cricket, because opposition batsmen's ears begin to bleed. A megaphone of positivity in the field, Sean's voice is one of his - and the team's - greatest assets. With the in-built ability to bludgeon bowling attacks, Sean's aggressive batting can also bring about his downfall, if not tempered with the occasional piece of serenity. From wicket-keeping, to spin, and even firing in (medium) pace yorkers, Sean will be a quality addition to any future cricket team ... once he works out which role he wants to play!

Patty Chapman - Our early season rock at the top. Possessing a sound technique and the ability to punish loose bowling, Patty was an ideal candidate to open the batting. A shame to lose him towards the latter end of the year, as the boys could've used him to help them post larger totals.

Finley Crameri - A late order batsman who definitely possesses the ability to play up the order. Very strong off the back foot, on either side of the wicket, and can be quite damaging to a bowler's frugal figures. He has developed useful leg spin, worth persisting with.

Alex Czarny - Alex - or 'Pup' as the boys often call him - holds the most important trait of any cricketer: unbridled enthusiasm. His love for the game is patently evident and shows in his results. One of the safer sets of hands in the team, Alex's several crucial catches, along with his genuine wicket-taking ability with the ball, make him a constant threat. Indeed, had he played the entire season, he may well have been vying for the bowling award. Attentive and eager to learn, Alex has a bright future in the game.



AWARDS

Batting

- 1st Patrick Chapman
- 2nd Finley Crameri
- 3rd John Maguire

Bowling

- 1st Tom Shute
- 2nd Alex Czarny
- 3rd Louis Magree
- 3rd Ben Peach
- 3rd Harry Fear

Fielding Award

Otto McKinnon

Coach's Award

Sean Brickhill

Team awards

Lucien Finch
Thomas Magree
Aaron Tatchell

Harry Fear - There's laidback, laconic, and sedated ... then, there is Harry Fear. A more relaxed - possibly comatosed! - athlete you will be lucky to find on any sporting field. Harry's use of flight with his leg spin is unparalleled, and he could become a top order batsman if he so desired and applied himself accordingly. A fantastic young fella to have around the group, Harry remains the only person I have EVER seen take a catch using only his knees!

Lucien Finch - Good natured, committed and a calming influence amongst the team, Lucien holds many admirable traits. His ability to produce an extra 10km/h with his bowling, late in the season, was one of the more rewarding aspects this scribe witnessed. Possessing genuine pace when steaming in, his bowling began to rattle many a batsman. Will hopefully spend some time in the off-season teaching Tom how to stay injury-free whilst playing drums ...

Louis Magree – was the only player not rushing to celebrate Shooter's wickets in the last game ... as it meant he finished second in the season's bowling tally! An amazing accomplishment from a supposed wicket-keeper to collect six scalps. His late-season glove work illustrated the all-round capabilities Louis holds. When focussed for the entire match, Louis is rarely out of the game.

Thomas Magree - An enthusiastic character with the ability to strike a clean ball a long way. Once this is converted into cricket strokes along the ground, Tom will accrue runs galore. Unluckily had his season cut short through a bizarre drumming injury, or we would have surely seen more of his accurate - at times beguiling - bowling, knocking over opposition batsmen.

John Maguire - One of the leaders amongst the group, John skippered the U16Cs on several occasions; usually opening up the batting in the process, with his clean striking. Occasionally donning the wicket-keeping gloves, John is an all-round cricketer whose vocal contributions never wavered throughout the season.

Otto McKinnon - What a revelation! In his first season playing this glorious sport, Otto showed plenty of instinctive ability and a terrific work ethic. His positive attitude and willingness to perform the "one percenters" such as backing up a fielder's throw or continually heaping encouragement on his teammates, made him hugely influential in the field and a joy to coach. His determined batting progressed nicely with each game, and he need not be as reluctant a bowler as he seems. I genuinely hope Otto continues to play, and enjoy cricket.



Ben Peach - A metronome of accurate, attacking bowling, Benny is ideal to steam in with the new ball. Coachable, and keen to improve, Ben is a delight to have around the nets every training and on game days. His stoic determination with the blade was never more evident than in his peerless last knock, as he valiantly held his nerve, whilst watching the carnage unfold from the non-striker's end. I have absolutely zero doubt that Ben will develop into a sensational cricketer and I know he will be a welcome addition to all his future teams, for many years to come.

Tom Shute - What a season for Shooter! Another youngster who was incredibly easy to coach, as he is attentive and eager to improve. And improve he did! Tom's willingness to grind out an important knock for the team did not go unnoticed, nor did his flamboyant strokeplay towards season's end. But the real tale of the tape was in Shooter's bowling. Often picking up a wicket in his first over, Tommy took home 10 in total, and with it, the coveted and richly deserved bowling award for season 2013-14.

Aaron Tatchell - A natural athlete who exhibited excellent hand-eye co-ordination in the field, coupled with boisterous vocal support for his team mates. Capable of bowling quality spells, replete with a bag of tricks where even Azza himself admits he's not sure what's coming out next! New to the sport, he would be footy's loss and cricket's gain were he to pursue this summer pasttime. Here's hoping he does.

Sunny Munn
U16C Coach



OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

50 Runs in an Innings

Chris Campbell	80*	Rd 8
Will Symons	69*	Rd 2
Chris Campbell	69	Rd 9
Josh Robinson	63	Rd 4
Doug Warren	62*	Rd 4
Josh Robinson	61*	Rd 2
William Clark	58*	Rd 6
Jon Graham-Perez	57	Rd 3
Josh Robinson	56	Rd 5
James Fear	51*	Rd 5
Chris Campbell	50*	Rd 5
Patrick Chapman	50*	Rd 2
Doug Warren	50*	Rd 5
James Fear	50*	Rd 4
James Fear	50*	Rd 8
Harry Syson	50*	Rd 4
Lucien John	50	Rd 9
Harvey Daffern	50	Rd 3

50 Matches ECC (Junior & Senior)

Sean Brickhill
Lucien Finch
Nicholas Nodin
Tom Shute
Declan Smith

Selected in Representative Teams

Chris Campbell	Northern Falcons Under 16
Will Symons	Northern Falcons Under 16
Callum McIlveen	Western Waves Under 16
Giovanni Colarossi	Preston Hatch
Max Gray	Coburg Hatch
Tom Hall	Brunswick Hatch
Josh Robinson	Preston Hatch
Declan Smith	Brunswick Hatch
Harry Hopkins	ECA Under 16
Doug Warren	ECA Under 14

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