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2022/2023

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Our Mission

ECC MISSION:

Be the *best community cricket club in Australia and provide cricket for all.*

Develop dedicated club cricketers and supporters of all genders, backgrounds and abilities. Provide a *forward-looking and safe place where people want to be.*

Leverage our scale, location & quality of people to provide:

Cricket For All

- Continue to grow a best in class junior program: service all levels.
- Vibrant men's program driven by internal development.
- Revitalise the senior women's program.

A forward-looking and safe place where people want to be

- Drive social life and inclusive culture via the lead in to moving into the new rooms.
- Make best use of our facilities.

Engage the local community at all levels

- Improve club connection and internal communications.
- Active engaged with key stakeholders – CV, CoY, Sponsors, key partners.

Exceptional Administration

- Make Financially Prudent and Sustainable decisions.
- Leverage targeted investment to support size and growth.
- Continue to improve governance and reporting

Live & celebrate our values: community oriented, inclusive, open, united & development focussed.

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Committee and Awards

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Stuart Whiley

Vice President: Richard Hinds

Secretary: Jane Seeber

Treasurer: Barry Calnon

Director of Cricket: Stephen Connelly

Members: Stephen Draffin
Will Horsley-Wyatt
Caitlin Jack (resigned)
Christiana McCudden
Jane Scammell
Jack Viola

CRICKET CO-ORDINATORS

Women's Coordinator: Katrina Struc (resigned)

Junior Coordinator: Cameron MacDonald

AFFILIATIONS

Eastern Cricket Association

Mercantile Cricket Association

Cricket Victoria – Women's Community Cricket Competition

LIFE MEMBERS

2019-20	Matthew Green		
	Ross McIlveen		
2015-16	Brad Shadbolt		
	Andy Olsen		
2014-15	Mildred O'Brien	1996-1997	Craig Cook
	Ron Pennefather	1988-1989	Peter Shadbolt
	Phil Lowe	1987-1988	Robert Greenaway
2013-14	Julie Allan	1985-1986	Ron Kelly
2012-13	Stan White	1981-1982	Wayne Warner
2010-11	Julian Delahunt		
2009-2010	Todd Delahunt		
2008-2009	Irene Bullock		
2004-2005	Barry Calnon		
1999-2000	Rob Simpson		

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SERVICE AWARDS

Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh was introduced to recognise an individual who has demonstrated outstanding commitment, dedication, effort and input to the club throughout the season.

2022-2023 *Jane Scammell – David Scammell*

Previous Winners

2021-22 Jon Graham

2020-21 Cameron McDonald ~ Stephen Draffin

2019-20 Brad Shadbolt

2018-19 Jane Seeber

2017-18 Richard Hinds

2016-17 Julian Delahunt

2015-16 Matt Drew

2014-15 Caterina Stella

2013 -2014: Bob Neilson

2004-2005 Todd Delahunt

2012-2013: Conrad French

2003-2004 Barry Calnon

2011-2012: Stuart Whiley/David Moulden

2002-2003 Barry Calnon

2010-2011: Sally Marsden

2001-2002 Barry Calnon

2009-2010: Naresh Pereira

2000-2001 Peter Hille

2008-2009: Stan White

1999-2000 Peter Hille

2007-2008 Andy Olsen

1998-1999 Julian Delahunt

2006-2007 Barry Calnon

2005-2006 Irene Bullock

Rob Greenaway Medal – awarded for outstanding service over time

2022-2023 *Cathi Taylor* ~ *Nick White*

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President's Report

DEAR BROADER EDINBURGH COMMUNITY: PLAYERS, MEMBERS, SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS:

On behalf of the Club Committee, it is my pleasure and privilege to present this report on season 2022/23 to you all. In doing so, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support, boundless energy, and incredible efforts throughout the year.

My personal highlight, other than coaching both my oldest two children's junior teams, was the premiership success of our senior men's first grade team, in part because of the success but significantly more so as it was built upon six players who are or were very recently Edinburgh juniors.

This was the season we emerged on time post COVID delayed seasons, only to lose a similar period at the start to weather in any case. It was also the start of a post COVID reset where the club has assessed: how we come through COVID, where we stand now and what is important to us moving forward.

New Club Strategy

In this light, I am excited to present the club's draft new strategy 'ECC Strategy - Getting to Our Half Century 2023-28' at the AGM. The central aim of the new strategy continues the club's raison d'être providing enjoyable and accessible cricket for all.

Edinburgh enters its new strategy well set up for success. Edinburgh was one of very few clubs to grow in playing numbers over the last three seasons largely based on the high-quality experiences delivered across all players. We understand there are areas we need to improve, and this is a focus area of the new strategy.

While overall numbers are strong, selection was challenging with availability causing challenges across particularly some of the senior men's teams, our senior women and junior girls. Balancing recruitment with continuing to lift everyone's experience will be a large focus for the club heading into 23/24.

Special mention to Nick White who led the coaching at our program for the kids in Atherton Gardens and our Special Olympics program that both ran to strong acclaim.

New Clubrooms Update

Very pleased to confirm that the plans for our fully funded new rooms have now received planning and heritage approval. We're anticipating soil will be turned before we bowl the first ball of next season. Cannot wait to soon have our new clubrooms and facilities that will entrench us as having the best local sporting ground in Melbourne.

In further exciting news, the State Government has confirmed in the recent budget its election commitment of \$1M for an upgrade of the Yarra Bend facilities. These ovals are a big part of the Burra and improved facilities out there are vital

Social Events

It was great for a full event calendar to return thanks to the hard work of the Social Committee. We are looking forward to continuing to build on this momentum as we head towards the opportunities from the new rooms.

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Financials

As the financial report outlines, the club continues to be in a strong position despite a higher than acceptable cash loss. The committee charted a deliberate plan to be fully back online backed by the enhanced reserves from the last couple of seasons. The report details the factors that then worked against the result. While it is the Committee's position that this is a reasonable once-off result we will be seeking to turn this around next season.

Summary

There is a longer list of thank-yous on the following pages and if I was to write a specific one for everyone who is worthy, then the report would be 5 times as long. I do want to specifically thank our outgoing Committee members in Steve Connelly, Caitlin Jack and Will Horsley-Wyatt. Each of them have played pivotal roles for the club and while we will miss them from the Committee, I trust we will not miss them from the club.

It would also be remiss not to mention, thank and applaud life member and all time Burra legend Julian Delahunt who retired playing after one of, if not, the best of the Burra careers.

Finally, it is also worth noting that former Edinburgh junior Doug Warren recently secured a Victorian State Rookie contract demonstrating that our focus on experiences and development for all is not at the expense of highly talented players.

APPRECIATION

Collectively we are facilitating many opportunities and much joy for so many cricketers of all ages each week. This is only possible when the many mobilise to support and the club would like to thank everyone involved in making this happen at the Burra:

Our coordinators - age level, seniors and vets

Our Coaches and team managers and

Anyone who helped score, umpire, set up or pack up equipment or any of the other tasks required to mobilise one game of cricket, let alone 36 games plus Cricket Blast each weekend.

The club would like to specifically mention:

Club Board: thank-you and congratulations to the entire Board for their outstanding efforts in continuing to make the club run and executing our strategy. We continue to be recognised as the leading cricket club in Australia.

Louise Dichiera: a huge thanks to Louise who continued as our Administrator. Louise's performance is critical in ensuring such a big club continues to run.

Edinburgh does not exist in a vacuum and we can only achieve what we do with the support of our other vital stakeholders. We would like to thank the following:

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City of Yarra, Parks Victoria & State Government: Edinburgh is greatly appreciative of the access to our grounds and facilities for the ongoing access. We would like to thank the Honourable Richard Wynne. While challenging currently, we would also like to thank the Yarra Council for their ongoing support.

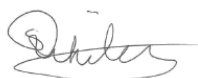
Cricket Victoria: thanks for the support and trust to promote and deliver quality programs.

Sponsors - all community organisations cannot operate without the support of valued partners. In another challenging year for sponsors, our major partners, the North Fitzroy-Clifton Hill Bendigo Bank went above and beyond with additional COVID support and Swan Richards at Cricket Kit continued to be an exceptional support. We excitedly welcomed Jellis Craig on board as a new major partner that we look forward to working with.

Edinburgh Gardens Sporting Community – thanks to the other members: Fitzroy Junior Football Club, Fitzroy Football Club and Fitzroy Tennis Club for the work we are doing to improve our respective clubs and the community around us.

St Kevins Old Boys Cricket Club – thanks for the ongoing partnership to allow our juniors turf cricket exposure at McCutcheon and Olney.

Yours Sincerely



Stuart Whiley – President on behalf of the Club Board

Junior Co-ordinator's Season Report

Thankfully COVID did not have any impact on this season but the same cannot be said for the weather with three of the first four weekends impacted by rain, plus the first weekend in February. Otherwise, the season went relatively smoothly.

Four out of a possible 15 teams made the semi-finals in the weekend competition but unfortunately none were able to make it through to the grand final. It was a similar story in the girl's competition where we had one of four teams making the semi-finals but unfortunately Stage 2 Maroon weren't able to progress any further.

We fielded 26 teams in total this season; in the weekend competition we had eight U10 teams, five U12, five U14, four U16 and one U18, with the girl's competition fielding four teams across the three stages.

We had a number of boys and girls being selected to represent the Eastern Cricket Association in the representative competition in January. In the U14 competition the ECA team won the grand final, beating the South East Cricket Association by 3 wickets. Luca Rhodes was the leading wicket taker for the team with 17 wickets throughout the competition at an average of 10.59, including 5/15 off seven overs against Nth West Metro in Round 4. Theo Nikolich played one of the innings of the competition in Round 5 with his match-winning 67 off 43 balls, including 4 fours and a whopping 7 sixes. Well done to all those who were selected in representative sides.

The key to developing children into talented athletes who also play the game in the spirit it is intended is to have dedicated coaches and team manager and again we had over 60 parents volunteer to coordinate training and match day each and every week. My sincere thanks to each and every one of you for doing a sensational job this season.

The Age Level Coordinators (ALCs) also play a significant support role for coaches, team managers, parents and players. To Jo Bradley (Girls), Tim Cairns (U16), Will Gordon (U14), Tim Dichiera (U12) and Andrew Walton (U10), a big thank you from me for taking on this important role. The season got off to a seamless start again through the tireless work of Louise Dichiera as Club Administrator continuing this on throughout the season helping parents navigate their way, particularly those that are new to cricket and require direction and support.

Finally, thanks to the Club Executive for the support you provide the junior program, in particular Richard Hinds for ensuring grounds and equipment are available and President Stuart Whiley whose commitment to the club as both administrator and junior coach is absolutely fantastic.

I hope all families enjoyed the season and look forward to welcoming everyone back to the club for the 2023-24 season.

Cameron MacDonald

Junior Coordinator

A full summary of the junior teams seasons can be found in the Junior Season Report on the website.

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Senior Teams – Captain's Reports

ECC FIRST GRADE MEN

GRADE/COMPETITION: A TURF

CAPTAIN/COACH: SURAJ RANDIV

SEASON RESULTS: **PREMIERS!**

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS/SUMMARY:

After being demoted to the A turf league from the Wright Shield league, our club identified the areas we needed to work on for the season, and it was my responsibility to guide all of the players in that direction.

Unfortunately, we could not complete most of the preseason due to players missing training. However, players enjoyed productive outside-net practice sessions to prepare for the season. In order to help guys enhance their skills and thinking strategically while also building their confidence, I began to push them in game-based training scenarios at the net.

We had a commanding lead going into the final game before Christmas because of the way the players practised and overcame the obstacle. But during the morning warm-up, I noticed that the body language of my players had changed, and we were being so casual with the opponents since they were last on the ladder. As a result, we lose the game while also learning a valuable lesson about not taking any resistance lightly.

The players, however, resumed their training after Christmas and we continued to effectively improve every game. As I was focusing more on skill level in both the batting and bowling areas, the Championship was still very much alive.

We were not dependent on just one or two individuals because we had other players that helped us win games. As an example, I thought Ben Donnelly's 100, which got us to the finals, was incredibly entertaining. Additionally, James Southby's 90 versus Burwood Cc helped us reach a winning score at one point when the team was 28 for 3.

James Fear, Dom Hooper, Connor Hastings, Harry Hopkins, Jack Viola, Dinith Anjula, and Graham Perez are some of the other players who helped us win games and fulfil our goals as a team.

Even though we had a very good season, fitness was a key problem for us throughout the series since it prevented some of the players from performing well in the heat, which led to some of the fewest games we lost. As cricket gets more competitive next year, I'm looking forwards to focusing more on fitness and the ability to enhance players' performances.

Additionally, I'd like to take this chance to thank all the club members, committee members, and selectors that worked with us throughout the season to accomplish what we did this year. Without your support, we could have never accomplished this.

Thank you very much,

Yours faithfully,

Suraj Randiv

Head Coach

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ECC FIRST GRADE WOMEN

GRADE/COMPETITION: Cricket Victoria Women's Community Cricket – Shield 2

COACH: Jake Pearson

SEASON RESULTS: T20 - 7th and One Day – 10th

WINNERS - WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CRICKET COMPETITION "SPIRIT OF CRICKET" AWARD FOR SEASON 2022/23

While a difficult season on the pitch, the "Spirit of Cricket" Award says a lot about how the senior women enjoyed the game and each other's company throughout the season. With Sarah Barber arriving later than planned from South Africa, and Jake Pearson stepping in as women's coach with limited notice, the squad did their best in the circumstances. Special thanks must go to Katrina Struc and Caitlin Jack who acted as co-captains and absorbed much of the logistical and communication challenges that go with that role. As always Thihoa (Sarah Mary) Gill was an invaluable support, social co-ordinator and lifter of spirits as well as performing strongly on the field. Like a number of senior teams this season, we struggled for numbers at different points with one game reduced to a T20 game due to low numbers on both sides. With some good individual performances, including a century for Sarah Barber, the team themselves discussed the need for increased skills development to help those with the interest and genuine talent to get to the next level.

Our finishing position likely means relegation next season. While this will likely allow for a more competitive season and skill development, it is good to see the recognition in the new Strategy that the women's and girls program needs concentrated support and investment from the club. It was disappointing that partners in the previous strategy pulled out so late, but consultation and feedback shows that the Burra has a really strong base to build from in the new season. Coaching and Game Day support will only add to the enjoyment of a great squad and we know the club has similarly strong cohorts in the junior program who can build the future women's teams of the Burra.

Another strong positive for the team and the club was some joint training and coaching sessions with the senior men, including some of the one day squad training in the same nets. Jess Latimer and Thea Crantock played consistently with the one day men's team, a real positive for both teams and players, as well as the club.

ECC SECOND XI

REPORT NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

ECC THIRD XI – E TURF (COHEN SHIELD)

The 3s had a wonderful season with a combination of age and occasional wisdom with youthful exuberance and talent leading to significant improvements throughout the season to fall just short in a semi-final. Playing against mostly club's firsts and seconds, we were always competitive with 3 of our 4 losses very tight and no losses in the last two months to lock up a finals spot.

It was a bit of a misnomer to judge our bowling attack based on its average age. The ever-green Angus Lester led the attack using all his guile and experience (though it was questioned on one funny occasion) to open the bowling with his offies. Gus took the most (22) wickets and set a set a world

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record for gap between hat tricks. Gus took a hat trick against East Malvern Taroonga (last two stumpings to Barry) 52 years after his first one.

Outside of Gus, our bowling was young, full of potential and delivered excellently. Sarah Barber, our South African import, taught us some new phrases as well as bowling superbly to take 15 wickets and a couple of handy batting knocks. Sarah's form was such that she's just received a contract back in South Africa! Mitch Money was reliable beyond his age, bowling very well, often unlucky and still taking 13 big wickets. Joel Dichiera was always challenging with the new ball in particular and continues to develop. Dan King, Seb Donnellan and a few other juniors all played some great cameos with the ball.

The batting highlights were a little older, with Glenn Hastings (246 runs), Barry Calnon (241 runs) and Tim Dichiera (157 runs) leading the way. Special mention to Will Vickery who was on fire – making 195 in 4 hits before graduating to making nearly that many again in the twos, including a match winning knock in their semi. We had strong cameos from younger batters with Max Daphne, James Connelly and Eamon Perera all making knocks of 54.

The older guys set ourselves the #1 goal to challenge and support the younger crew to develop their cricket and to have some fun while doing it. On this measure, the season was nothing short of an A+. We mostly loved the cricket and had the joy of watching a young group get better and better. Our aim will be to do this again next season and we otherwise look forward to watching these young stars take the club into the future.

ECC FOURTH XI – B SYNTHETIC (HOLZER SHIELD)

CAPTAIN: STEPHEN DRAFFIN

VICE-CAPTAIN: BRENT JOHNSON

SEASON RESULTS: 2 WINS 9 LOSSES

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Batting: Sunny Munn 189 runs @ 37.80

Bowling: Dash Spenser-White 9 wickets @ 34.78

As with all sides the season start was hampered by weather. We were able to get a game up for Rnd 2 and with the turf teams abandoned and being the first game of the season we were able to pick the side from the top 3 grades. This resulted in a comfortable win but we knew full well that it was going to be a tough season ahead. With more wet weather for the next couple of months we were able to avoid forfeiting and collect enough for the alternate one-day matches. This side was competitive in most games but lacked a little bit of mature players. Usually the team consisted of a couple of Vets, some under 14's (who were playing Junior cricket and school cricket) and their fathers with a sparse sprinkling of mid 20/30 y.o.

With some teams that were short and extra cricket taking its toll, some disastrous results occurred either side of the Nee Year break. Credit to all who continued to fight out the season and there was a number of close results in the last few rounds. With the 5's forfeiting in the final round we were able to put together a strong side and defeated the eventual premiers in the last match of the season.

Thanks to Brent Johnston for his assistance during the year under difficult circumstances. Sunny Munn and Dash Spenser-White played a number of matches during the year and were able to take

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out the awards. What the Club can benefit from the season is that there were quite a few juniors who played under extraordinarily difficult circumstances yet continued not only to try hard but improve along the way. Kes Nair, Ben Head Theo Nikolich, Jimmy Gordon, Noah Prendergast and Luca Rhodes will appreciate what is needed to elevate themselves in the future.

ECC FIFTH XI – E TURF (COHEN SHIELD)

The 2022/23 season was another enjoyable year for the 5ths when we were able to get onto the park for a game. A combination of weather, byes and forfeits meant that nearly half the season was lost. The season got off to a bright start with three wins in the first five games led by match winning centuries from Andy Kemp 131 against Clifton Hill and Chris Oliver with 122 against Mazenod. Andy Kemp leading with the ball with 5/13 against Blackburn North.

Other notable performances during the season were:

- Jim Stephens – 79 no v Glen Waverley
- Brent Johns – 59 v Mazenod
- Stu Whiley - 50 v Blackburn North

There were also a number of senior debuts through the year showing that there is plenty of talent coming through the junior ranks. Highlights included:

- Theo Nikolich 33 on debut opening the batting in the first game of the season.
- Luke Scammell 2/17 on debut and 4 wickets in 3 games for the season.
- Harvey McDonald who performed well behind the stumps.
- In round 7 we had 4 debutants in the one game Xavier Millar, Will Tehan, Harry Talbot and Charles Baker who all performed really well against a very experienced West Ivanhoe team.

The 5s also had a number of Fathers debut with their Sons for a game many at short notice including Harvey and Cam McDonald and Luke and David Scammell as well as guest appearances from the Dichiera's (Joel and Tim) and the Pennefather's (Sean and Myself). David and Luke also joined the celebrated club of Fathers who have run their Sons out during a game!

There were over 40 players who played with the 5s across only 8 matches this season so there were also a number of new players to the club including Brent Johnston, Doug Hendry, Toran Kaul, Pruth Shivanan, Parsh Shah and Charlie Tonkin.

Whilst there are always a number of new players there is a core of group of players that keep the fives an enjoyable and competitive team on the field. Andy Kemp had a stellar season winning the team batting and bowling (315 runs and 12 wickets @17.8). Jim Stephens (131 runs@32 and 6 dismissals behind the stumps) and David Micklejohn (94 @23.5) who are always regular contributors to the team. They were also joined by a number of others who played when available and often at short notice Richard Hinds, Mick Symons, Justin Amor, Scott Dare and Jim and Paul Pirie. Thanks also to Jim Stephens who Captained the team on a number of occasions.

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A shout out to Brad Shadbolt, Steve Draffin and Richard Blanch for the countless weekly SMS messages and phone calls as we regularly searched for and shuffled players around to get teams together each weekend. This season was particularly challenging!

Thanks to everyone for making 2022/23 another enjoyable season.

Go Burra!

Ron Pennefather

Captain

ECC SIXTH AND SEVENTH XI

REPORTS NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

ECC VETERAN'S – OVER 40S

GRADE/COMPETITION: DIV 3

CAPTAIN: MATT DREW

OTHER VOLUNTEERS: CATHI TAYLOR - SCORER

SEASON RESULTS: 3 WINS, 3 LOSSES, 1 DRAW (WASHOUT) FINISHED 5TH OUT OF 8

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS AND MILESTONES:

Batting:

1. Andy Olsen 188 runs @ 94.0
2. Matt Drew 114 runs @ 22.8
3. Brad Shadbolt 88 runs @ 44.0

Bowling:

1. Sean McCormick 7 wickets @ 16.9 Best Bowling 5/26
2. Ben Appleby 5 wickets @ 11.6
2. Clint Schipper 5 wickets @ 16.4

Vets Cricket continues to thrive at the Mighty Burra with 40 players taking part in at least one game - each player contributing to get our Over 40's and Over 50's sides on the ground. Many new (and returning) players joined the squad. 22 different players took the field in the O40s alone!

The Over 40's season was a bit of a see-saw - initially hampered by wet weather early, a few stirring wins, a couple of losses and a washout, ultimately finished just out of the finals, but along the way had some absolutely thrilling matches.

Many season highlights - with a cracking Round 1 win vs Burwood at Alfred Cres pick of the bunch. Sean McCormick led the way with the ball and took 5/26 on Vets Debut. Despite this, they set us a solid 196 to win. The chase began with several players scoring 30's, Shadders topping out at 45 rtno,

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and we were well on the way to a comfortable win, only for the inevitable Vets mid order collapse, leaving Daz Oliver paired with Rakesh Patel playing the perfect supporting role for the last wicket. Daz was flying and lobbing balls into the basketball court - but at this rate he'd hit 40* and the innings would close just sort of our target. The message was sent for Rakesh to light the wick and as we headed into the last over needing something special. He swung with gusto and twice spanked their best bowler out of the park for 6 as we got them with a ball to spare! Made even better that his son was there to watch his heroics!!

Many players had personal milestones and proved that even beyond 40yrs of age, there's still plenty of Cricket left in them! Pleasing that the runs were well spread with 11 players scoring over 20 in a match at some point during the season - The clear standout, Andy Olsen with 188 runs @94! M. Drew next with 114 and B. Shadbolt 88.

10 different bowlers managed to take a wicket, Sean McCormick with 7, just shading Ben Appleby and Clint Schipper with 5 apiece.

Special mention to best team man, Matt Walsh for his unwavering willingness to open the batting against some quality bowlers, consistently outstanding fielding, and even rearranging a family Holiday to be back in town for a game.

Matt Drew

Captain

ECC VETERAN'S – OVER 50S

GRADE/COMPETITION: DIVISION 1

CAPTAIN: SIMON JACKSON

OTHER VOLUNTEERS: JANE SCAMMELL

SEASON RESULTS: 3 WINS, 4 LOSSES, SEMI FINAL WIN. FINISHED 2ND

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS AND MILESTONES:

Batting

1. Simon Jackson 274 runs @ 91.3
2. Ross McIlveen 187 runs @ 47.3
3. Michael Symons 85 runs @ 12.1

Bowling

1. Tim Rath 11 wickets @ 8.6
2. Tim Cheesewright 8 wickets @ 8.5
3. Ross McIlveen 8 wickets @ 16.8

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The Mighty Over 50's had a very enjoyable year and it was great to lead such a good bunch of young men. We had our ups and downs during the year but managed to get to a grand final which was an outstanding achievement.

Big welcome to new players Bruce Cameron, Will Dalrymple, Tim Cheesewright and Tony Fear who all made valuable contributions throughout the year.

The season started well with victories against Old Xavs and West Ivanhoe. Rosco took the Xav's bowling attack apart with a 43 no in 24 balls well supported by Holmes 21 & Cameron 21. A great performance with the ball Tim Rath 3/15 being the standout with great support from Stephens 2/7, Scammell 1/13, Rosco 1/15.

In trouble early, Rosco again led the way against West Ivanhoe smashing 43 no, Bruce Cameron 26 and a magnificent cameo from Dave Meiklejohn 29 saw us get a respectable total of 137. Tim Rath chipped in with a lazy 4/8 and Will Dalrymple 2/15 gave us a sound victory, bowling them all out for 88.

A loss to Boorandara with an in form Drew 34 off 26 & Oliver 20, Barron 2/37 Symons 1/22 then an exciting victory by 1 run against West Ivanhoe, Symons 28, Stephens 30, Rath 2/13 saw us sitting on top of the ladder.

However losses to Surrey Hills, Rath 22 & 2/13, Cheesewright 2/4, McIlveen 2/23, Northcote United, McIlveen 42 no, Cheesewright 2/33 and Old Xavs Symons 27, McIlveen 24 Dalrymple 2/20 in the last 3 games did our ladder position no favours and we finished 3rd at the end of the home and away season.

Our semi-final victory against Boroondara was one to truly one to remember. Setting a modest total of 121 thanks to a swashbuckling 37 from Brendan Barron, 25 from Rosco and an invaluable 10th wicket partnership between Scammers 7 n.o and Club legend Ron Pennefather gave us something to bowl at. Getting down to the last over, Boorandara only needed 2 runs for victory with two wickets in hand. Enter Will Dalrymple taking 2/0 giving us a 1 run win with a ball to spare and taking us into the Grand Final. Cheesey went ok with 4/22.

We met Surrey Hills in the Grand Final and our batting was pretty ordinary, posting a total of just 82. Bowling well, we had them 5/32, we could smell victory unfortunately Surrey Hills chased down the remaining runs without loss not without controversy. Pennefather 2/17.

Simon Jackson

Captain