



# Edinburgh Cricket Club

Junior Season Report 2022-2023

## ***President's Season Report 2022-2023***

As we reflect on another incredible cricket season, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support, boundless energy, and incredible efforts throughout the year. Your dedication to the Mighty Burra has been truly inspiring, and it has been an absolute pleasure to witness the growth and development of our teams and players under your guidance.

My personal highlights were:

- Watching the progress and development of both my junior teams. The camaraderie and growth they displayed were truly inspiring.
- Witnessing the significant progress of several juniors who regularly played Saturdays in my senior team (and many others across the other teams); and
- The premiership success of our senior men's first grade team; success that was largely built on six players who are or were very recently Edinburgh juniors.

As with any organisation, the strength of Edinburgh is its people. Our volunteers are enormous, and the club is extremely grateful for the efforts of all that played a part. I want to especially call out the exceptional talents and contributions of:

- Cam MacDonald (Junior Coordinator),
- Louise Dichiera (Club Administrator),
- Jo Bradley (Junior Girls Coordinator), and
- Andrew Walton, Tim Dichiera, Will Gordon and Tim Cairns (Age Level Coordinators).

I also need to thank the many, many valuable team managers, the scorers and of course the junior coaches.

Congratulations to all the younger seniors and older juniors who took on coaching roles for junior teams, Cricket Blast and/or our community programs at Atherton Gardens or Special Olympics. The club and I passionately believe in the learning and leadership experiences coaching provides our young people. We will continue to prioritise these opportunities and I'd love to hear from anyone interested in looking at this for next year.

We continue to make progress with the City of Yarra on our fully funded new clubroom build at Brunswick St Oval. I hope to have further updates, including hopefully when we'll turn soil, soon. May you all have wonderful winter seasons whatever your winter passions may be. For those where there can never be enough cricket, we've got a big winter of Test Championships, Women's and Men's Ashes and World Cups to keep us going.

Looking forward to continuing to enhance the Mighty Burra experience for you, your families and the community next season and beyond. All feedback is encouraged, particularly when accompanied with offers to help deliver.

Go Well,

**Stuart Whiley (President)**

## ***Junior Coordinator's Season Report 2022-2023***

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

## ***Girls Stage 1 Gold***

We had a tremendous team of girls comprised of 4 returning veterans and 3 players new to stage one. And team is the operative word – very rarely have I seen such a close group who enjoyed each other’s company, celebrated successes, and supported one another through the inevitable highs and lows.

The girls’ improvement followed a steep trajectory. My personal highlight was the second game back in February against Holy Trinity, where Lola and Katelyn stepped up and played very well in stage 2 and the remaining girls all had near personal bests with the ball and batted well. Unfortunately, after this we had three successive teams forfeit that interrupted our momentum.

The girls finished the season well with a strong win in the ‘Burra Derby which was played in fine spirit in front of a good crowd of parents and siblings.

The girls were very lucky to have a couple of leadership sessions with Australian Cricket legend Belinda Clarke during the season. Each of the girls have impressive potential – as people, team mates and cricketers - and I really hope they stick with their cricket where with a little additional practice, they will all continue their improvement.

- **Amelie Elvidge** – joining us at the end of November, Amelie’s energy was infectious and helped her quickly work out her bowling and develop her batting. Amelie made some handy scores while batting and taking a couple of wickets through the season with a personal best of 1/5 from 4 overs in the Burra Derby.
- **Della Fayers** – another year of substantial improvement for Della. Her batting continued to develop, with an increasingly eagle-eye watching the ball leading to her finding more and more shots to score runs. Della’s bowling continued to improve generating more pace and generally more control.
- **Elsa Stanaway** – continued to develop her skills, showing a particular interest and aptitude in wicket-keeping. Elsa’s hands, feet and attention were very impressive and her keeping shows excellent promise. Elsa’s batting continues to improve and will

### **GIRLS STAGE 1 GOLD SEASON 2022-2023**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Mae Bridges

Rian Delahunt

Amelie Elvidge

Della Fayers

Katelyn Lumsden

Elsa Stanaway

Lola Whiley

#### **COACH**

Stuart Whiley

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Matt Bridges

develop sharply based on her applying some of the fundamentals underpinning her keeping skills.

- **Katelyn Lumsden** – a tremendous first season for Katie with over 150 runs and some excellent bowling performances. Katie has a lot of ability but more importantly works hard and seeks to apply any coaching provided. A wonderful teammate who always applies herself with seeks to help make her teammates get better. Really looking forward to Katie's ongoing development.
- **Lola Whiley** – another big summer for Lola who made 176 runs (plus another 44 in stage 2 and some runs on her representative debut with the ECA) and took 8 wickets. Beyond the runs and wickets, Lola continued to develop with a broader range of shots, more control over her batting and bowling and continuing to express herself well as a leader and teammate within the group.
- **Mae Bridges** – continued to improve through another year with Mae's batting (in particular her running between the wickets) and bowling coming along in leaps and bounds. Mae's performance before Christmas were a highlight with some strong scores and a series of wickets. Mae is a joy to coach and a great teammate. It was a shame we lost several games in February as I think Mae was set up to finish the year strongly, nonetheless she has set a foundation to run into next year.
- **Rian Delahunt** – had a strong first season with her bowling action improving out of sight following some strong practice over the Christmas holidays. Rian demonstrated her batting potential with a number of good knocks and a few excellent shots towards the end of the season. Rian will continue to develop out of sight and be a strong player for many years to come.

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Special thanks to Chris Fayers for stepping up to assume regular scoring duties this year, and to younger brothers Tom, Billy, Wes, Harry and Seb for supporting the girls throughout the season from behind the rope.

## ***Girls Stage 1 Maroon***

The thing I have been most proud of this season is how supportive and encouraging the team have been towards one another. Every week in the field the talk and enthusiasm have been awesome to see!

**Fran's** all-round batting and bowling performances have been very impressive this season. Her full-length bowling and 4s off the bat have been of massive help to the team. Keep trying hard, and you're going to be a great cricketer Fran!

**Alice F's** batting has also been incredible as the season has continued. Her willingness to swing at every bad ball has awarded her many runs and her enjoyment of the game has really rubbed off on me and the rest of the team.

**Georgie's** wicketkeeping has been the highlight of her season and her improvement has been remarkable. She has always been keen to get behind the stumps or bowl some overs, and her joke and storytelling has been much appreciated.

**Alice G's** batting and fielding have been excellent this season. I've been very grateful for how keen she is in the field and ready to stop any ball coming her way. Her great running between wickets has also been awesome to see. Oh, and I can't forget the excellent nicknames she has given to us all.

**Lola's** curiosity and willingness to learn more and more about the game has been so heart-warming. With her bowling she always checks in to see that her action is right, even when she has bowled the most excellent balls. Her accuracy has greatly improved over the season, so many of her balls feel like wicket takers!

Overall, it has been a very positive season for this team. They are all so kind and enthusiastic and seem to have really enjoyed learning the game of cricket. Great work to you all and good luck in your future cricketing successes!

### **GIRLS STAGE 1 MAROON SEASON 2022-2023**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Alice Franklyn
Georgie Hayhurst
Alice Giles
Francesca Head
Lola Watson

#### **COACH**

Caitlin Jack & Mikaela Kennedy

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Meredith Watson

## Girls Stage 2

Firstly, props to **Lola** for showing up for a few games. I wish she was here for the whole season she's so fun and would always catch the opposition off-guard with her attacking energy in the field and running between wickets.

**Clio** shows up to every game with the sassy, fun, and determined energy needed for every game. She's always holding herself and her teammates accountable and such drive helped immensely in each game. I hope she never puts herself down because she is continually improving. This is especially seen in her bowling consistency and pace as well as her confidence in her fielding.

**Lily** is also so much fun! She never stresses too much and keeps everyone grounded throughout each game. She clearly tries so hard and that's reflected in her consistently improving performance over the past few years. Her bowling has improved tremendously since she first started a few years ago, gaining pace and consistency to the off-side stump. There's been so much improvement from her she should be so proud of herself.

I see so much potential in **Maya** and have tried really hard in the small hours I could see her a week to coax her out of her shell. Her bowling has improved so significantly (probably the most improved bowling out of the team for the season) over the past few weeks especially. I hope she takes time to reflect and realise how well she's done this season. I know she's trying her hardest and those small wins and small improvements are so important. I hope she continues to give herself gentle nudges towards her goals and isn't too hard on herself along the way.

Similar to Maya, **Lucy** is in my books for not being the loudest of the group (which is fine! I wouldn't want everyone in the team to be the same I love them all for who they are!!). But yeah Lucy has just become such an amazing member of the team this season and I can see how hard she tries each week to make those small adjustments with your batting and bowling. Her batting still requires a bit of some more isolated training to rid of old habits but she always catches the batters off-guard with her loopy bowls.

**Sana** has so much improved this season it's genuinely mind-blowing. She really made Stage 2 her home and her efforts to help everyone out always blows me away. She truly attacks the

### GIRLS STAGE 2 SEASON 2022-2023

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Maya De Silva

Clara Dessi

Clio Fayers

Evie Legge

Lily Middleton

Lucy Ryan

Holly Scammell

Sana Srivastava

Isla Wolstenholme

#### COACH

Anna Stephens

#### TEAM MANAGER

James Wolstenholme

ball in the field and always give it her all in both batting and bowling. I hope she keeps up this energy into future seasons because it will get her far as she continues to develop fine motor movement that can allow her to flesh out her own style in both batting and bowling.

I always tell **Clara** not to stress if she bowls the occasional wide or misses the ball in the field because I try and support everyone like that, but Clara just doesn't get bogged down by small things like that. She knows her worth, and that confidence allows her to demonstrate her amazing technical skills across the game. She keeps pressure and an attacking energy in the field; her bowling is amazing and very consistently accurate; and her batting is superb. I love the energy she brings to the games and keeps everyone together.

**Holly** has obviously been such a huge player. She clearly enjoys the sport and playing in this team so much. Always striving to improve but never forgetting to have fun along the way, she was really deserving of the batting award. I saw more controlled and balanced confidence come out from her this season when she started adopting a somewhat vice-captain role; she wouldn't run team discussions as heavily as Evie but was able to support Evie and myself by adjusting fielding positions and bowling tactics live in each game.

**Isla** tries so hard in every game and I can see she's always trying to balance out the energy of the team with her kindness, humour, and passion. This energy is what gets her her runs and her wickets and is what will get her far in life so never put out that flame. I see so much of my teenage self in her. She's become quite an established all-rounder in the team with powerful bowling, focused fielding, and batting in which she adjusts her tactics to whoever she's batting with and against.

**Evie** is always present and grounding and always there for everyone in the team including me. She filled the role of team captain so beautifully. She always did what was needed to be done diligently but in a kind and friendly manner with her heart on her sleeve. I had to give her the coach's award for outstanding strive in every single aspect of the game, including off-field support.



## **Girls Stage 3**

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**GIRLS STAGE 3**  
SEASON 2022-2023

### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Acacia Schipper
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Charlotte Delahunt
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Madelyne Delahunt
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Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano
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Meg Orr
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Dotty Carrigg
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### **COACH**

Jules Delahunt

### **TEAM MANAGER**

Keli Symons

## **U10 Blue (Sunday)**

A big congratulations to all the players for their commitment to developing their cricket skills and having fun throughout the season. Blue consisted of 8 wonderful young cricketers, 7 of whom it was their first season of club cricket.

The team played sides each week that mainly consisted of second year players. It provided the opportunity to focus on team development areas each week such as running between the wickets, fielding drills, and bowling line and length. Through repeated practice (during matches) of running between the wickets and managing overthrows as the fielding team there was also some excellent learning experienced by the team in communication and dealing with mistakes.

The team despite having endured loss after loss (coming close on a couple of occasions) still bought plenty of enthusiasm to training and wanting to improve their individual and overall team skills to get that first elusive win. The hard work paid off in Round 10 when they batted well, putting a defendable score on the board and then put on an excellent display in the field pressuring the opposition into 7 run outs which resulted in a 21 run victory!!! I'm pretty certain the parents made more noise than the kids during those last few wickets which put the win beyond doubt.

The Team:

### **Austin Balendran**

The only second year player in the team. Always calm whether batting, bowling, or fielding. Two season highlights were an excellent innings on Alfred Crescent Oval early in the season and then, bringing his experience to bear in achieving his highest score of 10 in Rd 11 against a very strong opposition bowling unit. Bowled accurately throughout the season with best bowling figures of 2/10.

### **Khean Donald**

One of our pace bowlers who could also switch to spin as required. His full length when bowling pace was difficult for many batsmen to score against. Delivered his best bowling figures of 2/6 in our Rd 10 victory. Khean's batting developed well throughout the season,

### **U10 BLUE SEASON 2022-2023**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Austin Balendran

Khean Donald

Anderson Eddy

Lewis Garden

Charlie Janson

Aidan Martin

Ned Oliver

Oscar Perry

#### **COACH**

Lauchlan Eddy

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Charles Perry

and he saved his best for the last game of the year when he obtained his highest score of 10 for the season.

### **Anderson Eddy**

Technically adept batsman that placed value on his wicket and learned to increase his scoring rate as his confidence grew throughout the year. Who will forget the 2/2 successful ramp shots played in Rd 13. Top score of 14 for the season. Developed his bowling throughout the season resulting in best bowling figures of 2/10. Demonstrated some clean glove work behind the stumps.

### **Lewis Garden**

Always giving his best at all cricket disciplines. Batted confidently and consistently scoring singles and not relying on one big shot for his runs. Terrific innings in Rd 8 when he made his top score of 18 for the season. Improved his bowling significantly throughout the season finishing with best bowling figures of 2/16. Consistent in the field and behind the stumps.

### **Charlie Janson**

Demonstrated enthusiasm each week and developed his cricketing skills consistently throughout the season. The excitement of Charlie's first ever wicket in a real game will not be forgotten. Made his top of 16 leading by example as game day captain. Delivered best bowling figures of 2/30 taking two wickets in a row to be on a hat trick in the last game of the season. Stopped many runs in the field and when behind the stumps keeping.

### **Aidan Martin**

Consistent performer every game with bat, ball, and in the field. Always looking to develop his skill and improve. Made a big switch from pace to spin (wrong-uns) with great success delivering him wickets in the back end of the season with best bowling figures of 2/18. Delivered consistently with the bat showing the ability to find the boundary on many occasions with a top score of 20 for the season. Involved in many run outs and showed some clean glove work behind the stumps.

### **Ned Oliver**

Captain courageous against the fast-bowling attacks of the oppositions. Hit a couple of times by loose full tosses and was able to shake it off and score runs for the team. Achieved his top score of 16 for the season in our Rd 10 win. Executing his favourite pull shot for a couple of boundaries. Bought lots of energy in the field whether stopping boundaries or wicket keeping with clean glove work. The biggest improver in bowling throughout the season and was unlucky not to get a wicket with some accurate bowling on the stumps in our last game.

**Oscar Perry**

Led the team's pace attack bowling fast and accurate each game making many an opposition batsman nervous. Best bowling figures of 3-4 which I'm sure he will better next year. Very solid ball striker, hitting a boundary or 2 in most innings through the season and scored a top score of 22 twice. Very quick between the wickets. Any fumble by a keeper no matter how small would result in a successful run by even with the keeper keeping up to the stumps!

A big thank you to Team Manager Charlie and all the parents for stepping up each week to help with all the duties required for the team to play cricket each week.

It was an honour to coach these fantastic kids. I look forward to seeing them develop and enjoy their cricket further at the Burra!

Regards

Coach - Lauchlan Eddy

Team Manager – Charlie Perry

## U10 Green

What a wonderful season overall, with a few extra matches early in handling a soggy start that washed out lots of competitions around Melbourne, a benefit in having BSO and a supportive group across the eight ECC Under 10 teams, allowed us to adapt and provide plenty of cricket for the players in making 1028 runs and taking 51 wickets over eleven matches against opposition.

Every year of being involved in this age group, the magical moments that randomly occur on game day, practice and the impromptu social connections are great life experiences for the group as individuals and together as a team. Yet this is only possible due to the incredible support, care and effort from everybody within U10 Green 🙌

For continuity from practice to match day, the following methods in place from recent seasons that work rather well from observing and listening to feedback, being able to assess how we could find a balanced level of improving together, the focus has been for the players to be guided as follows:

- Movement patterns = feet & body position to handle ball, running between wickets, bowling run ups, batting set up for quality contact
- Decision making = confidence, inclusion, leadership, having a go, handling batting & bowling orders
- Happiness = sharing roles, practice drills of match sense in working together, sharing competitive experiences

This season at practice, we were able to step up the levels of concentration and complexity such that I would usually do with a senior group, the players demonstrated a very good standard of improvement and accepting competitive challenges in small teams.

A summary of how each player has been observed in the development of their cricket skills and personal character in a team environment with Edinburgh U10 Green:

### U10 GREEN SEASON 2022-2023

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Will Kerr

Sam Ling

Archie Loxley

Ned Loxley

Oliver Rhodes

Max Slattery

Monty Slattery

Thomas Tehan

Ethan Walton

#### COACH

Andrew Walton

#### TEAM MANAGER

Christy Kerr

<b>Player</b>	<b>Performance &amp; Skill</b>	<b>Character</b>
<b>Archie</b>	HS 18, 6x scores of 10+, 5 Wkts, BB 3/9, Leg side scoring shots well controlled with good power, spin improved in control & turn	Determined in the contest, high level of game situation awareness, clear direction & support for teammates
<b>Ethan</b>	HS 27, 7x scores of 20+, 8 Wkts, BB 2/1 Better placement of straight shots & into the offside, improved blend of seam & spin skills	Enjoys success of others, high energy & smart movement to support, applies good logical thinking to game situation
<b>Max</b>	HS 27, 7 x scores of 10+, 10 Wkts, BB 2/2 Improved contact power for scoring shots, clever bowling variations to create chances	Good tactical awareness, accepted varying roles in a positive manner, encouraging leadership to younger players
<b>Monty</b>	Developed his own batting method of bold determination, found good rhythm with bowling, courage in the field to attack ball	Great listener, absorbed knowledge & guidance to high level, lifted others through his efforts, good focus at practice sessions
<b>Ned</b>	Solid & reliable in batting, found ways to score into gaps, bowling control consistent in making bats play, reliable hands in field	Seriously competitive at all times, brings game face to the contest, concentrates well, asks very good questions
<b>Oliver</b>	HS 18, 6 x scores 9+, 5 Wkts, BB 1/4 Expanded scoring zones around wicket, smart running with partner, agile in field	Great enthusiasm & energy, thoughtful towards others, helps others to rise up to the moment, shows good initiative at practice
<b>Sam</b>	HS 17, 6 x scores 10+, 4 Wkts, BB 1/6 Remarkably consistent when in the contest, ball striking quality clean, bowling ★	Always steps up to the situation, determined, enthusiastic, happy nature, positive approach, first rate learner
<b>Tom</b>	HS 30, 8 x scores 17+, 9 Wkts, BB 3/2 Confident striker with quality placement, bowling rhythm consistent, clever change of pace, very high skill level in field	Beautiful balance of being competitive & sensitive to the situation, high level of respect for opposition, thoughtful
<b>Will</b>	HS 27, 6 scores 11+, 7 Wkts, BB 2/2 Straight hitting became a strength & back foot scoring into offside, bowling reliable with good pace emerging	Cheerful, developed excellent sense of situation, good self-awareness and supporting team

At this age level having modified rules, the usual statistics and recordings in cricket do not necessarily apply, yet the group found an impressive consistency in adapting well to the conditions batting and scoring 100+ in every match best totals of 4/180, 4/161, 5/187, 1/186.

To a degree, this was expected from the older players, yet to see the less experienced progress in making good contact with the bat to finding regular runs, from bowling the full length of the wicket and then discovering accuracy that created chances, from moving in the field and then support the team in backing up to be part of a run out, please take a few moments to revisit the matches on MyCricket and reflect on those moments.

Collectively, thanks for being such a wonderful group of parents with many family extensions through our sibling groups supported by the club design structure to make match day a good experience for all those who come along to support.

Thanks to all the families for helping with the scoring, operations and nourishment on match day. Every moment where we can handle the logistics together, gives the players more time to enjoy the game and each other in building quality connections and friendships.

Thanks to Fynn and George for being the extras at practice. They were so helpful to have around being incredibly important for the players in continually developing their learning skills of acceptance, competition, conflict, and fairness. 😊

Special thanks to Christy for the faultless organisation across the group as everybody gave themselves selflessly when called upon. The willingness for the parents to share the small things adds to quality of experience we all enjoy, thanks tremendously for this.

From a historic perspective, thanks for allowing your children in starting their cricket journey with Edinburgh Cricket Club, at what is truly an iconic and historic venue for Australian cricket being the home club of the immortal Neil Harvey. It may not seem much right now, yet being able to enjoy the beautiful surrounds of Brunswick Street shall resonate with deep meaning in the future for their sport.

Personally, thanks deeply to Carolyn, who gives so much love and support for me to indulge a life passion with the game, a vital ingredient for life balance. ❤️

Please keep finding a way to love the game. It does in its own distinctive way, provide such a unique connection to people that is carried for life.



Andrew Walton

## U10 White

What a difference having 3 co-coaches makes!! I want to start by inviting Alex, Mick and Denis up to join me for the presentation. To Alex and Mick a big thank you for taking training and filling in for the games that I missed. To dad or Denis, thank you for your specialist batting coaching and throw downs and your commitment to the team even when Hugo wasn't playing.

Now onto the boys, I speak for all the coaches when I say what a privilege it has been to coach you this season. When we think back to the start of last season and compare it to where you're all at today, all we can say is WOW!! The level of improvement and skills has been massive ... just next level stuff! We can confidently say you are all ready for u/12s next season.

Now a few words on each player...starting with the most enthusiastic ...

**Magnus:** Was pumped for this cricket season from about halfway through the footy season, and for good reason. He has had an incredible season, with a heap of runs, wickets and catches & stumpings with the gloves on. The thing that I have been most impressed by is ... the outswing bowling. You have a very fluid bowling action and your outswingers are going to be a major weapon for you next year and beyond.

**George:** started the season as a utility player – able to wicket-keep, hit lusty blows whilst batting and bowl some handy medium pacers. But the real highlight for me, and something I'd like him to continue persevering with is ... his leg spin bowling. It rare to see something this young flight the ball and land it so effectively. Well done George!

**Hughie:** was very effective in the field, he was able to concentrate and have great awareness to back-up and get to the stumps when he needed to in the field. His bowling was much improved this season, particularly once Alex had shortened his run-up somewhat. But the real highlight from Hughie was the big hitting, he great hand eye co-ordination led to multiple 6s this season which was incredible!!

**Tom:** had a massive season. His batting went to the next level with some fabulous straight drives. He generates great power by stepping into the shot, which was fantastic

### U10 WHITE SEASON 2022-2023

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Magnus Bailey

Finn Clear

Campbell Eddy

Hugo Gibson

Tom Newman

Jack Poy

Hugo Sharp

George Wright-Smith

#### COACH

Jeremy Gibson & Mick  
Wright-Smith

#### TEAM MANAGER

Jacqui Harrington &  
Cathy Riley



development. Tom's bowling was much more consistent this year and he was rewarded with one of the highlights of the season ... 3 caught & bowled's in one match, fantastic!!

**Campbell:** Batted very effectively this season with a great range of shots and some really good calling when running between the wickets. He really stood out with his bowling. Campbell was the most effective at bowling stump-to-stump, which led to a season high 13 wickets, most of which were bowled. Well done Cam!

**Finn:** had a very consistent season, great line and length with his bowling and starting to get some swing later in the season. He was very reliable in the field whether behind the stumps or in the outfield. Batting was where Finn seemed to enjoy himself the most. He has perfected his favourite shot.... The pull/sweep to the leg side which resulted in many boundaries. His running between the wickets was excellent this season too.

**Hugo:** was very effective across all aspects of the game. In the field he threw down the stumps a number of times to achieve several run-outs. Hugo's batting was a highlight with consistent scores and a variety of stroke play that resulted in many boundaries. Bowling was a big success this season, with Mitchell Stark-like fast left-arm in-swingers – leading to many dismissals either bowled or caught behind.

**Jack:** last but not least. Jack rivalled Magnus for enthusiasm and had a fantastic season. Jack is another left-handed bat that has mastered the leg side shots resulting in many boundaries. Jack compiled a massive 165 runs for the season. He improved his running between wickets this season which holds him in good stead for next year. Jack was a standout in the field with his 4 catches and great wicketkeeping.

Now there are a number of thankyou's I have.

Firstly if you see Andrew (u/10's co-ordinator), Cam (junior co-ordinator), Louise (club administrator) please say thank you to them. They do a lot of work behind the scenes to make everything happen. Next, to all the parents, thanks so much for a really enjoyable two seasons together. Everyone's support and involvement was much appreciated.

Last but certainly not least is a big thank you to Cathy for a wonderful job as team manager. There are a lot of things going on behind the scenes that everyone else won't see that Cathy sorts out for our team, thank you so much.

Last comment from me. Next year is a big step-up for the boys, as I said earlier, I'm very confident you've all got the skills to step up next season and I hope to see you all back at the club then.

## **U10 Black**

Edinburgh Under 10 Black had a great season.

Under 10 Black were more than competitive every week and the team's cricket skills improved throughout the year. We had an emphasis at training on some of the basics like catching and running between wickets and most weeks had full attendance. Across the group the kids like to smash the ball when batting and while there will need to be increasing emphasis on batting technique as they get older there's a lot of natural ability to work with. All the kids can now bowl legally – and with some accuracy. Each has a point of difference – be it pace, spin, swing or seam. Most encouragingly, I think there was a collective development in their sense of team. They adopted the idea that we were playing together against an opposition – not competing for ourselves and against each other. There was also increasing respect for the game, umpires and opposition. It's a positive sign for all the kids and I'd expect them all to be keen to continue being cricketers – hopefully at Edinburgh – next season.

### **Lincoln Gaymer**

Lincoln had an exceptional year. He batted and fielded aggressively, and bowled his leg spinners beautifully. He has a number of different deliveries he can bowl - and changes between these without losing accuracy. Bowls at a good pace but still has a flighted delivery whenever he chooses to bowl it. He will trouble batters at whatever level he plays next year. Would have had more wickets if the opposing batters were good enough to nick his leggies, and if slip fielders were in play.

### **Jack Hawken**

Jack scored the second most runs for the season and shows promise as a bowler who naturally delivers outswingers due to his action. He thinks intelligently not just about his own cricket but also the team's performance. Great leadership potential.

### **Harrison Walker**

Harrison has a hint of menace about his bowling which all good fast bowlers have. He's also a good fielder and hard hitting batter. Hit a lot of sixes for an Under 10s player – I remember two sixes a few balls apart in one game which really took the game away from the opposition.

## **U10 BLACK** SEASON 2022-2023

### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Aidan Cingilli
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Rory Fraser
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Lincoln Gaymer
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Jack Hawken
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Finn Littlejohn-Sims
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Zar Quin
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Pascal Ughetti
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Harrison Walker
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Felix Webb
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### **COACH**

Geoff Fraser

### **TEAM MANAGER**

Rose Bundrock / Adam Sims / Chris Hawken

**Rory Fraser**

Rory improved throughout the year. He showed an uncanny knack of taking wickets at important times and hitting the stumps for run outs. His batting is also improving – playing some elegant shots off his legs with a straight bat. Still eligible for under 10s next year he has a lot to look forward to with his cricket.

**Finn Littlejohn-Sims**

Finn is a great influence within the team. He's our best fielder, plays with enthusiasm and skill and saves a dozen runs a week in a great example to his teammates. His bowling improved as much as anyone, and he has a natural ability to move the ball away from the right handed batsman. Finn also improved his batting week to week and his performance curve will continue with a steep upward trajectory next season.

**Zar Quin**

Zar is a mercurial batter – showing imagination and flair coupled with a good deal of natural ability. His keeping was very solid by the end of the year and if he decides to pursue this he'll be a gun keeper. Zar is also very competitive by nature – a trait you often find in good wicket keepers.

**Pascal Ughetti**

Pascal shows determination and persistence beyond his years. He's also pretty fearless – the only one prepared to climb up on the nets and retrieve errant cricket balls. His positive attitude certainly paid dividends as he improved throughout the season – particularly with the ball. A highlight for me and hopefully for him was taking two wickets in one over.

**Felix Webb**

Felix is a very handy bat and has something special as a bowler. He was taking the new ball by the end of the season, which caused a fair bit of grief for opposition batters as he swung the ball into the right handers and cut it away off the seam. Took a hat trick in what was a highlight for him and the entire team.

**Aidan Cingilli**

Aidan stuck with spin bowling from the start of the year to the end. He came back after Christmas and could all of a sudden land them in dangerous spots. A great effort to get on top of leg spin bowling as an under 10 – and he'll only get better now he's on top of the basics. Also a determined batter and keeper, Aidan was one of the key contributors in keeping up the enthusiasm at training. Had a great year.

Geoff Fraser  
Coach

## **U10 Maroon**

Well done to all the players for a really great season.

Every single player should be congratulated for the way they applied themselves to improving their cricket, but also for the very commendable sportsmanship they displayed throughout the season. Each game was played in a great spirit, with a real emphasis on having fun, playing fair and supporting one another. As coaches we could not have asked for more.

Despite the rather soggy start the season, the team soon gelled into a very competitive unit; we were 'in' every game we played and ended up with a number of wins. The scheduling issues (due to rain and a new team entering the competition a bit late...) meant it was a bit of a funny season, and it seemed we played Balwyn Black every second week! Nevertheless, the players did not let this get to them at all, and for the coaches this was actually a bit of bonus, as it provided an opportunity to see how these young cricketers could adapt to regular opponents and begin to think about strategy and gameplans. By the end of the season Balwyn were our favourite opponents and we were theirs, so it all worked out well!

During our training sessions, we always tried to focus on the fundamentals – backing up in the field, batting as a pair, bowling with a standard run up that suited each players skill and style and protecting your wicket when batting. We also introduced new and sometimes challenging skills and it was great to see the players start to underarm throw when close to wicket, bowl to off stump and hit through the off side as the season progressed. These skills take practice and real application so watching the team start use them in games, not just at training, showed just how they had all worked. In the end our best game of the season was the last one; each and every player contributed, the game was played in an excellent spirit and we came away with a great result.

So, well done U10 Maroon 2022-23, you should all be proud of yourselves.

### **U10 MAROON SEASON 2022-2023**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Harry Dodd
Felix Holdsworth
Grange MacDonald
Murphy Martin
Benjamin Muller
Nico Muller
Louie Nicholson
Stirling Smith

#### **COACH**

Chris Muller

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Ned Martin

A few words on our players....

**Louie Nicholson** – a first year player who seemed ready made. Louie came into the team with his own well-developed batting and bowling style, was very handy behind the stumps and was always one of the keenest to train and play. Louie worked hard to increase his range on shots and was one of those who started playing all around the wicket as the season progressed.

**Harry Dodd** – improved out of sight across the season. Harry already had a good ‘eye’ and addressed the ball confidently when batting, which is no small task for a first-year player. Harry is proper quick too, and his running between wickets was a real highlight. The most noticeable improvement was in Harry’s bowling and by season’s end he was consistently delivering the ball seam up, on the stumps and fully pitched.

**Stirling Smith** – two things stand out. Natural ability to bowl stump to stump, which is a great asset in young player, and a wicked ability to punish a ball when it is in his hitting zone. Stirling worked very hard on his bowling action, and has begun to develop his own style to compliment his accuracy. Stirling very nearly learnt the hard way why we have a team rule of ‘no foot fielding’, but he got away with it and his fielding noticeably improved as the season went on!

**Felix Holdsworth** – came into the team late but left a great impression. Felix really applied himself in the last few weeks of the season and it is to his great credit that he never took a backward step against older and more established players. And he quite literally didn’t take a backward step in the final game, where he put in one of the best opening innings of the season, seeing off the opposition’s opening bowlers, valuing his wicket and providing a great platform for his teammates. A commendable start to a player who will be all the better for a full season next year!

**Benny Muller** – continued to grow as a cricketer and teammate. Benny has a real drive to improve his game and test himself, and already does the basics very well. He has a solid natural bowling style that will serve him well in the coming seasons, but it his batting that really came together this year. Benny values his wicket highly, looks to score off the bad balls and can work the ball around all sides of the pitch, and we saw the beginnings of some very nice front foot play through the off-side.

**Grange MacDonald** – added a yard of pace and more control to his bowling. Grange has also started to become a very good fielder off his own bowling, which adds another ounce of pressure to the batters and is a really important skill. Grange’s batting continued to improve and he played some of the shots of the season when whipping the full ball off his toes through the leg-side – a difficult shot not often seen at this level and testament to Grange’s

solid technique. Grange can also throw the ball like a rocket when he wants to and was a consent threat/danger when fielding in close!

**Murphy Martin** – loves nothing more than a power slide, pick up and throw. This all came together on a couple of occasions for run outs, none better than in the last game when fielding at fine leg. Murphy also took a handful of catches, ran well between wickets, increased his scoring range and worked hard on his defensive batting against quicker bowlers. Murphy's bowling was really focussed on leg spin this season, and he worked hard on the control and accuracy of this very difficult skill.

**Nico Muller** – was again a real cornerstone of the team, always contributing at training and consistently one of the most vocal and encouraging in the field on game days. Nico's bowling was full hearted and sharp and will continue to get better. Nico's batting really came along this year, and was another who started punish balls in the 'slot', scoring heavily against loose deliveries and always looking to keep the scoreboard ticking over, putting the bowlers and fielders under pressure with quick singles, while still protecting his wicket.

**And finally.... Archer Nicolson** – carried on a tradition of young players forcing themselves in selection consideration by sheer willpower and training ground ubiquity. Strolled in the final match, took a wicket, scored some runs, made it all look pretty straightforward. Well done and good luck next year!

Of course, we can't finish without a big thankyou to all the parents, carers, friends and siblings who are so important to keeping junior sport running smoothly. On behalf of Chris, myself and all the players, thank you all for showing up, putting in and generally getting things done.

Chris and I have really enjoyed coaching this group and watching everyone develop as players and as teammates. All the best next year for the returning U10's and good luck for those moving up to U12's. Go The Burra!!!

## U10 Gold

Comprising a team of first year Under 10 players, it was fantastic to see the U10 Gold team for 2022/2023 develop across the season. Despite a few matches being rained off at the start of the season, the team quickly formed a strong team spirit and welcomed a number of first-time cricketers across the season as well.

U/10 Gold demonstrated vast improvement across the season, from game one where backing up and running between wickets raised genuine confusion, to the final two away matches which included the years' top score of 191 runs, a team hat-trick, 4 catches and four run-outs. This demonstrated the season of immense learning the boys had achieved this year.

The team finished a balanced season with 5 wins, 5 losses, 4 no results and 1 bye from the 15 game season. In addition to the formal matches, the team enjoyed highly competitive scratch matches against a number of Edinburgh teams containing siblings which resulted in some high-spirited matches.

Thanks to Coach Stu for the fantastic coaching and mentoring to the kids, to Ed and Richard for co-ordinating activities as the team manager(s). Also, a big thanks to the parents for refreshments, scoring and ground logistics, without parent support these games just wouldn't happen.

**Harry Bridges** – highly economical and accurate bowling shone through for Harry during the season. With 11 wickets at an average of 9.00, Harry was a perfect example of how line and length gets you wickets all day long. Harry was no slouch with the bat either, knocking up a solid 83 runs for the year.

**Lucas Muir** – built tough, Lucas always brought such enthusiasm and hard work to his bowling, fielding and batting. Lucas was always giving 110% and consistently showed impressive resilience to get back up after receiving a knock in the match. Lucas' consistent improvement across the year delivered 45 runs and 2 wickets, noting he was able to deliver his best bowling and batting figures in the final two matches.

### U10 GOLD SEASON 2022-2023

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Harry Bridges

Sam Falkinder

Lucas Muir

Anay Paturker

Teddy Richards

Orson Riley

Hugo Valkenberg

Wes Whiley

Monty Wilcox

Henry Winkett

#### COACH

Stuart Whiley

#### TEAM MANAGER

Richard Winkett & Ed  
Wilcox

**Hugo Valkenburg** – Hugo was a consistent improver throughout the year, with 57 runs and 2 wickets. Hugo's development was most clearly on display in his batting where he demonstrated how to use the pace off the bowler to deliver strong offside stroke-play., executing two classic square cut boundaries in the final match of the year.

**Wes Whiley** – as the team's top run scorer (137 runs for the season), Wes brought well-honed skill to his batting as well as bowling. Not afraid to throw down the stumps at the slightest possibility of the wicket, he also kept opposition batters on their toes. Wes backed all this up with very consistent bowling and 11 wickets for the year, and 3 catches in the final three games.

**Monty Wilcox** – as the Jeff Thomson of the team, the pace Monty was able to generate on his bowling was highly impressive. Coupled with powerful hitting, Monty anchored many an innings with his teammates. Monty notched up 110 runs and 7 wickets for the year, a great contribution for his first season of cricket. Monty will be missed as he unfortunately moves house for next year!

**Orson Riley** – Orson brought immense height and enthusiasm to the team and was able to turn this into some very strong figures for the year with 86 runs and 7 wickets. Orson became consistent with both the bat and the ball, demonstrating the ability to hit straight with power when batting, and topped all this off with season best bowling figures of 3 for 6.

**Sam Falkinder** – as the dedicated spinner for the team, with surely one of the most consistent wrong-uns for an U/10 across the state. Sam was a solid contributor with the bat and the ball scoring 93 runs and picking up 7 wickets for the season, including a deft direct hit run-out to secure a team hat-trick in the second to last match of the year.

**Henry Winkett** – coming on leaps and bounds in the season, Henry made a stellar start to his cricket career taking 4 wickets and 45 runs across the season. Henry's bowling really found its rhythm as the year progressed and finished the final match with one of his best performances picking up runs, a wicket and run out to close out the year.

**Anay Paturkar** – joining the team late in the season, Anay's skills across the board (batting, bowling and fielding) was a great addition to the team. Anay was able to pick up 43 runs and 5 wickets in only 4 matches. His focus in the field, backing up and running up to the wickets – he set a real example for his team mates to follow.

**Teddy Richards** – joining the team with a couple of matches to go in the season, Teddy jumped headfirst into the team and showed a great initial entrée to cricket.



## **U10 Red**

Our U10 Red team completed a highly enjoyable season characterised by strong levels of resilience and commitment. The rapid rate of improvement that the boys demonstrated over the journey was something they should be proud of.

After a solid pre-season, we played good quality cricket over a number of weeks, improving as we went and never shying away from challenges - which were often material (!) and generally in the form of considerably older and more experienced opponents.

Our boys' enthusiasm was pretty infectious and notwithstanding the state of the scoreboard (largely, and very maturely, ignored) catches, wickets, runs and run-outs were well celebrated. We relished (and clearly lifted) for our fixtures on the big stage (Brunswick Street Oval) and respectfully accepted the frequent trips to Balwyn.

Aside from the cricket and the results, the boys presented twice a week with a smile, a positive attitude and a willingness to learn which was fantastic (and also made the coaching roles a pleasure).

We'd like to add a particular thanks to James Goulding for his excellent team management, to Louise Dichiera for all her work at the club and, not least, to our parent group for their support and assistance throughout the year. We had a fantastic spirit around the team and everyone had a lot of fun.

### **Gabriel Watson**

Gabe applied himself brilliantly and improved out of sight. By season end batting with real maturity and bowling accurately. Has a long career to come at Edinburgh!

### **Marco Testa**

Marco showed fantastic enthusiasm, ability and team spirit. Has real pace with the ball and a deadly throwing arm. Great first year Marco!

### **U10 RED SEASON 2022-2023**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Rupert Barker
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William Berry
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Gus Crowe
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Thomas Goulding
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Henry Hubbard
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Manny Knowles
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Gus Ransom
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Marco Testa
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Gabriel Watson
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#### **COACH**

Ash Barker & Tim Berry

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

James Goulding

### **Gus Ransom**

Gus was a consistently strong performer with the bat, ball and also as one of our regular 'keepers. A future star – well done Gus!

### **Henry Hubbard**

Henry made several great scores with the bat and bowled with lots of enthusiasm. Henry's outfield catch in our last game was also a season highlight. A pleasure to have in the team – great job Henry!

### **Manny Knowles**

Manny is a tall and talented left-arm fast bowler and hard hitting batter. Manny had a great season - watch out for this one!

### **Thomas Goulding**

Thomas showed fantastic improvement over the course of the season and has a great attitude. A fantastic catch as 'keeper was a season highlight. Well done Thomas!

### **Gus Crowe**

Gus brought a positive attitude and a smile to every occasion and had a great season with bat, ball and also as 'keeper. Great job Gus!

### **Will Berry**

Will's enthusiasm and performances with bat and ball were terrific and looks an Edinburgh leader in the making. Fantastic first season Will!

### **Rupert Barker**

Rupe brought a smile and enthusiasm to the team, and made strong contributions with both bat and ball. Great season Rupe!

Ash Barker & Tim Berry (Coaches)

## U10 Yellow

For a team that did not have any players with any cricket experience I am so happy with our performance this year. Although we didn't win one game, we had all players attend all games and training on occasions (except where a player was unable to attend due to illness or on holiday). Never once did the team respond in a dejected or negative manner to the game.

All team members and families involved need to be highly commended for their support and on their contribution to the season. In particular I would like to acknowledge Sam Ditty, the team manager which was a huge support throughout the season.

The following are my observations and comments on each of the players:

### **William Mann:**

Clearly a talented sportsman and has great ability with the bat and ball. Always was trying new techniques and happy to listen to ways to improve his game. An absolute joy to coach.

### **Tom Lumsden**

Once again, a very talented sportsman who has a very good grasp of the game. I am confident that Tom will do well in whatever sport he decides to pursue. He has a fantastic positive energy that he brings to the team.

### **Katie Lumsden**

Katie was a last-minute recruit to the team and has become our most valued player. In batting, bowling and fielding she has excelled. If she was to pursue her cricket, Katie will do very well. It was great to have a female representative within the team.

### **Harvey Byrne**

Harvey is very much a cricket enthusiast. He was always listening and keen to improve his game. I think with a few more seasons under his belt he will become a very talented cricketer. I hope he continues with his cricket in future years.

## **U10 YELLOW** SEASON 2022-2023

### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Daniel Bending

Dash Best

Harvey Byrne

Owen Byrne

Joshua Di Scala

Emanuel Lombardo

Katelyn Lumsden

Thomas Lumsden

William Mann

### **COACH**

George Di Scala

### **TEAM MANAGER**

Sam Ditty

**Owen Byrne**

Owen has an ability to block fast accurate bowling. A skill that not many players in the squad were able to master. He was always trying his best in all aspects of the game and I'm sure he will do well if he were to persist with the sport.

**Dash Best**

Of all the bowlers in the team I thought Dash has the most natural bowling technique than anyone. When he is focused he can be very good. It was an absolute joy to have coached Dash and am sure he will do well in the future years of cricket.

**Daniel Bending**

Daniel was a last-minute recruit into the team and has demonstrated natural ability when playing. Daniel needs to work on developing his confidence. Well done Daniel on a great season. I hope you continue with your cricket.

**Manny Lombardo**

Manny was very new to the concept of cricket. He is a very attentive listener and would always keen to follow instructions. Manny has been an absolute joy to coach and to see his progression in cricket has been wonderful.

**Joshua Di Scala**

It is never easy to coach your own son. The boundary of coach and father are always being tested. But I do believe we are both the better for having gone through the process. Josh is very capable with both the bat and the ball and a very attentive fieldsman. I do hope he continues with his cricket and it's a great game for young people.

Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful support I received from ECC, in particular Andrew. There is no doubt that this is a wonderful community club and which makes a significant contribution to the local community. I am forever grateful for all the support I received throughout the season.

George Di Scala - coach

## U12A

We started the year with 12 super keen cricket enthusiasts ready to tackle the challenges of U12A level cricket, some with prior experience at this level but most new. We started with quite a few keen keepers, 11 pace bowlers and 1 spinner. We ended the year with three keepers, a new face, a couple of injuries and 6 spinners... which was great to see the boys exploring new skills.

We aimed to do three things in the season:

- Improve our cricket
- Play with the 'spirit of cricket' front of mind; and
- Have fun

I think we managed to achieve these objectives pretty much all of the time, even when the results did not necessarily fall our way. We played solid cricket from the outset and had more wins than losses. The big story of the season was the last two games.

In the last round of the season, we needed to win vs Canterbury and hope results in other games went our way to make the finals. We batted first and made a very solid 176 thanks to excellent innings from **Leroy Fratto** (who made 27 having survived a hatrick ball first up) and **Harry Dichiera** (37), along with **Jem Legge** (18), **Tom Munro** (18), **Toby Cook** (16) and **Fynn Walton** (14). A real team effort.

The next week a similarly strong team effort saw the game come down to the very last over of the regular season. **Toby Cook** and **George Kerr** had both been stand outs with the ball, each getting figures of 3/10, **Fynn Walton** took 3 outstanding catches, each one just when we needed a wicket. But the final over came down to **Tom Munro** who needed to restrict Canterbury to fewer than 7 runs, or take the final wicket. He bowled two perfectly executed balls to start the over, and with frustration building, and another tight ball on the third ball, the last Canterbury pair attempted to sneak a bye, but keeper **Leo Bosidis** calmly caught the ball and executed the run out to win the game. We had made the finals by the barest of margins – 0.03 of a percentage point!

### U12A SEASON 2022-2023

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Leo Bosidis

Toby Cook

Harry Dichiera

Mitchell Eddy

Leroy Fratto

Oscar Gaymer

George Kerr

Charlie Kitt

Jem Legge

Xavier McIntosh

Tom Munro

Jarvis Tyrell

Fynn Walton

#### COACH

Simon Gaymer

#### TEAM MANAGER

Belinda Pagliaro &  
Allison Bosidis

Our semi final experience started positively, winning the toss and charging to 0/79 thanks to stand out batting from **Harry Dichiera** (36), **Charlie Kitt** (23) and **Mitch Eddy** (26). Ashburton Willows really tightened their bowling and fielding and restricted us to only 120 runs, which could have been a disappointment that was hard to move past... and at drinks in the Ashburton innings, things looked tough for our boys with Ashburton sitting at 1/54. But to the great credit of every single player, we dug deep and took 5/30 in the first 45 mins after drinks, thanks to outstanding bowling from **Toby Cook** (2/4), **Oscar Gaymer** (3/10) and some truly exceptional fielding from all, but especially **Harry Dichiera** (2 catches), **Jem Legge** (one screamer of a catch) and **Leo Bosidis** and **Leroy Fratto** who combined for a runout. Unfortunately, it was not quite enough, as Ashburton passed our total in the second last over with 2 wickets in hand. I think (hope) the team learnt two really important lessons about cricket:

1. **Never give up and never lose focus.** The scoreboard can look bleak, but in cricket more than other sports, you are only a couple of good overs away from being in the contest. This is hard for 11/12 year olds to grasp, but the boys did an amazing job at sticking at it in the field, without any on-field coaching in a final, and almost pulled off an amazing victory. Credit to them all.
2. **Every single player contributes to the team.** With two really tight and exciting games to end the season, every single player contributed to the success and the strong showing the semi-final. I can point to moments, innings or bowling spells for all of them and even though cricket is a game built around individual skills (bowling and batting), it is coming together as a team that shows the real strength. And they did a great job of all working to contribute, and all recognising the ways in which each player adds to the whole. Well done.

A couple of call outs for each player.

**Harry Dichiera** (batting award) – 304 runs (av 60.80) & 6 wickets & 8 catches

Great season with the bat and in the field, but most impressive aspect was his leadership throughout the year and in particular, in the semi final, where he led the team to a great comeback.

**George Kerr** (bowling award) – 10 wickets (av 8.90) & 39 runs

Battled an array of injuries and ailments throughout the year to win the bowling award. It felt like he was a chance to get a wicket with almost every ball.

**Jarvis Tyrrell** (coaches award) – 35 runs & 2 wickets

Solid first half of the year, but came to the first training after xmas a different player. Bowling 25% quicker and much more accurately, Jarvis looked set for a great post-xmas period. Unfortunately, in an exuberant fielding drill he broke his finger and missed the entire second half of the year. But he never missed a game, or a chance to support his

teammates – and I hope this set back doesn't deter Jarvis from having a great 2023/24 season.

**Mitch Eddy** – 103 runs & 3 wickets & 2 catches as keeper

Stand out was an almost game winning innings in the semi-final where Mitch looked as solid as any player in the game, balancing perfectly defence and attack.

**Leroy Fratto** – 97 runs & 2 wickets

One pull shot soon after Xmas I think gave Leroy the belief he belonged, and his innings in the final round got us into the finals. Unlucky to cop the one bad umpiring decision in the semi final. Great year.

**Xavier McIntosh** – 93 runs & 3 wickets

Played before Xmas before school sport commitments took him away – but such a positive and valuable member of the team.

**Charlie Kitt** – 91 runs & 3 wickets

Standout with the bat in the semi-final and one of the spinning converts with huge promise as a leggie!

**Fynn Walton** – 90 runs & 3 wickets & 3 catches

Another convert to leg spin, he bowled without a great deal of luck. Fynn was solid with the bat throughout the year, always looking dangerous with his powerful drives. His 3 catches in the last round were the difference between making finals and not.

**Toby Cook** – 60 runs & 5 wickets

0 wickets coming into the last round, having bowled without luck, Toby suddenly found his groove with the ball and didn't look back and became the team's most dangerous bowler. 3/10 and 2/4 to finish the season, plus some valuable runs.

**Tom Munro** – 59 runs & 3 wickets & 3 catches as keeper

Tom has always been hard to dismiss, but in the last round (18 off 20) he learnt how to change the pace of scoring and looked fantastic before being run out. Great keeper whenever given the chance and his ability to execute under pressure with the ball helped us make the finals.

**Oscar Gaymer** – 10 wickets (av 10.80) & 31 runs

Equal leading wicket taker for the year, and 3/10 off 5 overs in the semi was a standout. Worked really hard to improve his batting and fielding, and took a great catch in the semi final.

**Leo Bosidis** – 25 runs & 2 wickets & 3 catches / 2 runouts as keeper

We would not have made finals without Leo's calm run out under pressure in the last round off the last ball of the game. In the semi, he batted for 48 balls to ensure we (almost) batted out the overs, and gave us a chance to defend. Great year!

**Jem Legge** – 26 runs & 2 wickets

Such a welcome addition to the team after Xmas, Jem fitted right in and contributed with bat and ball. His screamer of a catch in the semi was the moment of the match for me.



## U12B Gold

A new season brought the big step up into the U12 ranks for most of our team – and the first experience of having to walk off the ground once you get out! It was great to have the four ‘experienced heads’ join the team and I thank Sam, Johnny, Joe and Max for quickly welcoming the rest of the team and adapting to a new game plan and strategy.

The start to the season was disjointed with the impact of the weather – it was November before we got to play and develop as a team. However, it was great to see that the enthusiasm never waned given the challenges at the start of the season.

The combination of the step up in standard and the disjointed season commencement led to some inconsistent team performances prior to Christmas, however by the end of the season I thought the team was working together really well and we were starting to get the rewards for the effort that we were putting in. In many ways the season ended too early for us as I am convinced that with a few more rounds, we would have been well and truly capable of playing finals. In fact, we were more than competitive against the eventual runners-up in North Alphington – including a great come-from-behind win against them in the second last game of the year.

- **Team** – as always, the most enjoyable aspect of the season was the improvement in the boys individually and as a team. I thank the boys for their commitment and dedication to training hard (almost always!) and for working hard on the individual technique and game-day basics that we continued to reinforce (FFD, BtSO- StWO, F&S, etc.).
- **Jeff** – as one of the senior members of the team it was great to see **Max** bring his fun personality to the group and over the course of the season balance his naturally attacking batting style with a little more technique. This ultimately saw Max achieve one of the season highlights with a sparkling – and match-winning – 70 against North Alphington. Max was also able to bowl full and straight throughout the season which saw him add 4 wickets to his 119 runs. Great season Max and I hope you continue to refine your technique (and stay awake in the field!).
- **The Count** – another with an attacking mind set and another who was able to add some technique to natural hitting ability. **Sam** was very unlucky not to get his 50 in the last game of the season, but in that knock played some of the best shots of the

### U12B GOLD SEASON 2022-2023

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Leon Barrot

Max Barton

Joseph Bridges

Johnny Franklyn

Sammy Gordon

Benjamin Green

Neel Gudivada

Samuel Moston

Samuel Rooke

Elliot Savage

Banjo Watson

Manning Willis

#### COACH

Matt Green

#### TEAM MANAGER

Stephen Rooke

season and showed what he is capable of when he waits for the ball and works on shot selection. The straight drive for 4 was a season highlight. I also thought Sam was unlucky not to take more wickets throughout the year with reliable, accurate bowling.

- **Jeff 2** (also?) – as with the development of the team as a whole, Johnny left it late to show us his best. The final game of the season saw **Johnny** take 3 wickets in 4 overs and get the reward for his effort in refining and improving his bowling technique. Johnny also worked really hard on his batting – FFD in particular – and as with his bowling, the rewards for the effort are not far away.
- **JL** – while JL remains no challenge to the Professor on cricket-centric theorising, **Joe** did provide continual entertainment with his musings on a variety of topics while in the field – politics, the environment, religion, ethics, leadership, etc. – this certainly brought a new element to the team and entertained the coach. Joe also improved greatly in all areas of his game – in particular with the bat across the last couple of games with some strong scores and a very important role in batting with Banjo and Max to get the team a win.
- **The Wall** – impossible to fault the dedication and hard work **Sam** puts into his game. Continually looking to improve and receptive to feedback and guidance. Sam had a very solid season with both bat and ball and made the step up to U12 comfortably – no small feat in itself. Sam will continue to improve at a very rapid rate and will no doubt have a very big impact for his team next year.
- **The Professor** – energy, dedication, passion.....and theories. **Elliot** continues to be an integral part of the team environment – certainly through his consistent contributions with bat and ball – but more importantly as a supportive team member and leader that reinforces the team rules and the focus on doing the basics really well. Elliot had a great season with the ball – improving significantly his pace and accuracy which led to a close 2<sup>nd</sup> in the wickets and a very strong average.
- ~~**Golden Arm Larry/Lawrence/Luke/Leo/?**~~ – a particularly tough season for Larry with the broken finger keeping him out until after Christmas. It was great to see Larry come along to games and stay really well connected with the team and we certainly missed his contribution in the first half of the season. Once he came back he slotted straight in and performed very strongly behind the stumps and also with the bat. Larry's strong technique and hand-eye skills will ensure he has a great season next year – with hopefully a lot more games!
- **The Rook** – continues to be highly impactful in every game he plays – driven by his commitment to improving, through focus at training and effort on game day. A fantastic 43 in our win and many other strong results throughout the season with bat, ball and in the field. **Banjo** is a pleasure to coach and it is a pleasure to watch his continual improvement.
- **Marnus** – as the team's cheer-leader throughout the season, Marnus brought energy and 'vibe' consistently at training and in the games. This set the tone for making sure

we had fun while working hard on our technique and in-game strategies. Marnus' leggies also improved markedly and he regularly had the oppositions best batters in real trouble. I know that first ever maiden is not far away.....

- **Mr Cricket** – the key breakthrough for **Neel** came with the ball this year through the pace of his bowling. With the longer run up and faster action, Neel looked like getting wickets in every game, added variety to the leggies and twice to 2 wickets in an over. Neel also played a critical innings in the North Alphington game and continues to improve with bat in hand (as long as he doesn't pick up the heavy one!).
- **The Wild Thing** – with the DK-like run up, **Sammy** scared many this year and as his accuracy improved, he took wickets and was really challenging to bat against. Sammy also took enormous strides forward with his batting – matching some positive stroke play with a much more sound defence. A couple of 'vigils' against Deepdene and North Alphington really stand out due to their importance to the team in the situations we were in. Great season Sammy.
- **Hurricane** – **Ben's** effort and commitment to the team and improving his game continue to be his key trait – particularly given it is more difficult when your Dad is the coach! Ben's bowling accuracy went to another level this year and his batting continues to be very strong both technically, and in his capacity to reach the boundary – even if he may not have always got the result on the scoreboard he would have liked. Ben also sets the benchmark in the field and is therefore a very high 'all-round' performer.

I would like to thank all the boys for the season – it remains a privilege to coach them and a genuine pleasure to see their improvement throughout the season. If only there were 2 or 3 more games.....

I would also like to thank the parent group for their support and encouragement again this season and hope that parents feel more comfortable stepping into coaching and support roles next season and beyond.

A big thanks to Steve for all his work as TM – a role often impacted by the 'second year blues', but no sign of that as Steve continued to steer the ship with aplomb. Also, a big thanks go to Dean for leading the scoring efforts again - and also helping others learn this dark art.

A year of improvement and learning for the team that came together really well towards the end of the season and it was great to see the boys rewarded for the effort. I hope the boys enjoyed their cricket and I will continue to watch their individual development in future years.

## **U12B Maroon**

A successful season for the Maroons, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder, with 4 wins, 3 washouts, and two losses to the top team on their home oval in the last two rounds. And what a fine group of young gentlemen, who tried hard, played in a good spirit and had a lot of fun together. Well played boys.

Hearty congratulations and thanks also to the parents, who were tremendous in so many ways throughout the season – scoring, ground set up, umpiring, organising and cheering the boys on. Many parents went above and beyond throughout the year to make the season possible.

We were an especially strong bowling team – with good contributions from every player. We regularly dismissed the other team for low or moderate totals. The narrow gap to the top team was our batting – we often batted well but at times needed to convert promising starts into bigger totals, individually and collectively. There were also some late season run outs – it takes time to judge when to run and we worked hard to improve our running between the wickets.

### **Oscar Corrie**

No player in the team swung the ball more than Oscar. His prodigious in-swingers produced key wickets throughout the season. Very dangerous when he pitched up and started his line outside the off-stump, with the ball swinging back in to rattle the stumps of the batsman. It was also great to see Oscar's batting continue to improve throughout the season, which included some solid off-drives and most particularly, some strong pull shots.

### **Matthew Donnelly**

Matthew had a very strong season, doing well in every aspect of the game. He scored the most runs at the highest average (116 at 17) and made the highest score (33\*), produced through a good eye, grit and focus, and an excellent pull shot. He bowled excellent outswingers and picked up plenty of wickets (6 at 10). It was great to see him work hard to improve the consistency of his line and length at training (and extra trainings), which was rewarded with plenty of late season wickets. But wait there's more – he also fielded strongly and often kept wickets with great skill.

## **U12B MAROON SEASON 2022-2023**

### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Oscar Corrie

Matthew Donnelly

Axel Harrison

Harry Hibidge

Taj Hodgson

Jonty Lethbridge-Ford

Harrison Rosevear

Oscar Sharp

Connor Walsh

Tobias Watson

Callum Winkett

### **COACH**

Sam Rosevear

### **TEAM MANAGER**

Ros Lethbridge & Kylie Lane

### **Axel Harrison**

Axe had a strong all-round season. He was our strongest hitter of the cricket ball, striking it very crisply. He hit the third highest number of runs in the team (77). Together with a contribution from his colleague Oscar Sharp, his 24 not out against Canterbury was a match-winning knock. He swung the ball both ways and picked up handy wickets throughout the season, with his best effort 2-6. And to cap it off, he kept wicket often and well.

### **Harry Hibdige**

Harry had a strong season as a wicket-taking bowler, taking 6 wickets in our 7 games. He was particularly dangerous when he pitched the ball up, which gave his left-arm outswingers the chance to really swerve and bamboozle the batsman. His 2/4 against Richmond Union and his 2/8 in the semi-final were particular highlights. Harry also worked hard as a fielder, developing a good throwing arm. Harry's batting continued to improve throughout the year, developing a game built around defending the good balls, and pulling the short one.

### **Taj Hodgson**

Taj was a big reason for the success of the team this season. His fast inswingers claimed the most wickets for the team (9 at an average of 8), and the speed of his bowling often unsettled opposing teams. His spells of 3/19 against Boroondara and 3/3 against Richmond Union were critical to our victories. His batting also produced a strong highlight reel, with some excellent drives, pull shots and strong hitting. His 18 against Boroondara was a season highlight.

### **Jonty Lethbridge-Ford**

Like his team-mate Oscar Corrie, Jonty bowls prodigious inswingers and also claimed important wickets across the year. His 2 for 9 was critical in helping the team win narrowly against Canterbury and his 2 for 4 against top team North Alphington was a season highlight. Jonty has a good eye with the bat, and he was often hard to dismiss. An emerging pull shot late in the season was particularly pleasing to see.

### **Harrison Rosevear**

As a 10-year-old, Harry initially found the extra pace and bounce in the under 12s challenging, but through hard work and extra training, he had a strong second half of the season, becoming among our strongest batsmen by the end of the year (3<sup>rd</sup> in batting average – 71 at 12). He added good driving and cutting to his repertoire, while retaining a strong pull shot. His inswingers produced 6 wickets, the highlight his three wickets in one over (and the raucous celebration that followed!), producing 3 for 8 in the semi-final. He worked hard as a fielder and ran hard between the wickets.

### **Oscar Sharp**

Oscar had a strong all-round season, developing good skills in all aspects of the game. He was arguably our best wicketkeeper among a group of very good wicketkeepers. He took wickets across the season (7 at 9.6) with both his lively inswingers and his very promising leg breaks, including spells of 3/16 and 2/5. He batted well, at times hitting the ball hard, with no innings more important than his match-winning 22 not out against Canterbury. A player with grit and heart, Oscar also fielded well and ran hard between the wickets.

### **Connor Walsh**

Connor had a strong season as an allrounder in the team. A 27 not out was a batting highlight and he was second in batting averages (71 runs at 14.2). Connor has a good technique, able to play straight, defend and drive the ball, as well as hit cross-batted shots. His bowling was also a big asset – whether the fast outswingers or the extremely promising leg breaks – and he consistently took wickets across the season (6 at 9), including 2/5 against Richmond Union. He also fielded strongly, producing a number of run outs, and ran hard between the wickets.

### **Tobias Watson**

Tobias had an excellent season (second in runs, best bowling average (7 wickets at 7), the most catches and the highest 'champion player' points). He has a strong consistent bowling action, which produces fast, accurate inswingers, his 3 for 4 against top team North Alphington a highlight. He has excellent catching technique and took several classic catches. He also had stints behind the stumps and performed with aplomb. Tobias has a strong batting technique and played some cracking shots all around the wicket. One suspects his solid contribution with the bat could become a torrent of runs in the seasons ahead. Tobias works hard at his game and rewards will continue to come.

### **Callum Winkett**

A good season from Cal with both bat and ball. A 22 not out a highlight of his batting season, Cal has all the shots – cutting, pulling and driving. He was often our most accurate bowler, his inswingers consistently claiming wickets across the season, with his 2/2 important in the win against Canterbury. His coach hopes he will also continue to practice his promising leg spinners, which have great potential. Callum can look forward to a strong future in cricket as an allrounder. Great work Cal!

Sam Rosevear  
Coach

## **U12C Black**

The 2022-2023 'Burra Under 12C team was built from the backbone of our mighty U10 team, with some welcome new members in Miles N, Louis S, Oscar L, Mikkel H. The step up from U10 to U12 was substantial – this year, the boys were facing a hard ball for the first time, often served up to them by some faster bowlers and stronger batters who could whack it deep into the field. Moreover, for the first time, the players were out when they were dismissed, which could make a Saturday morning a rather stressful experience. Thus, the aim of the Coaches this year was to help the team develop their skills as players and to foster a love of the game, and to build confidence with the harder ball and more disciplined rules.

Well, they say cricket is a summer sport but for the first few weeks of the season the team needed a snorkel, a pair of flippers and a lot of patience as week after week saw downpours seemingly perfectly timed to wash out our training and matches. With the T20 World Cup in the background, our team were fired up and raring to knock over some wickets and smash some boundaries. Unfortunately Mother Nature had other ideas, and along with the rest of the Eastern Cricket Association we saw our matches abandoned for Round 1, Round 2, Round 3 and Round 4, along with valuable training time in the nets and the field.

Across the season, the team worked on their core skills – batting, bowling, ground fielding, catching and throwing. We were amazed to see the improvement in the kids. We saw a dramatic improvement in bowling actions – the number of wides and no balls fell away, we gave away fewer and fewer overthrows, and we started to see the kids putting together partnerships out in the middle. Most kids took turns wicketkeeping and captaining, and learned how to lead the game from the middle of the pitch.

We started to see the batters backing up with the bowler and calling for quick singles, as well as whacking the occasional boundary. By the end of the season, we were seeing swing bowling, the occasional ball nipping back to glance the off stump, and even the occasional leg spin. Most pleasingly, we were seeing the boys support each other in the field and whilst batting, and cheer each other's success.

### **U12C BLACK SEASON 2022-2023**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Finn Darvall

Miles Davey

Nicholas Harris

Mikkel Hoffmann-Axthelm

Iggy Jones

Miles Nicholls

Oscar Long

Jeevan Pasricha

Jeremy Pasricha

Tasman Schofield

Louis Stammers

#### **COACH**

Sant-Rayn Pasricha & Craig Harris

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Nicola Schofield

Highlights of the season include **Louis'** illustrious batting and fearsome bowling; **Nick's** deadly in-swingers and lifting wicket takers off the ground in celebration, **Miles N's** rock solid wicketkeeping, **Jeremy's** joyful batting, **Oscar's** looping bamboozling deliveries, **Finn's** increasingly speedy pace bowling and reliable fielding, **Miles D's** improving bowling and batting, **Mikkel's** careful batting, accurate pace and team support in the field, **Tas'** critical wickets in our first real game, **Jeevan's** incisive bowling, accurate throwing and catching, and team support in the field, and **Iggy's** whacking shots. Perhaps the most exciting moments were our win against our comrades at Edinburgh Black (with a great 35 runs from Louis supported by Jeremy), our win over Burwood (with 32 from Louis, 15 from Mikkel and contributions from the rest of the team with the bat), and the day we showed up to our home ground only to find it already occupied by a Year 7 St Kevin's vs Geelong Grammar match (thanks Yarra Council!) – thankfully we salvaged a game!

Sadly, the season ended just as it seemed to be getting started, and we all wanted more!

It took a village to raise this cricket team. The coaches and manager were supported every week by parents who would help with the scoring, throw downs, setting up the field, umpiring out at square leg, providing specialist coaching tips and managing the general chaos. We're very proud of the progress each member of the team has made and are counting down the hours to the next season!

Sant-Rayn Pasricha

Craig Harris



## U12C Green

The U12C Greens enjoyed a very successful season; we only gave away 2 games and won 8.

It was a slow start to the season with initial matches being cancelled etc, but the boys quickly got into the groove of training and matches. We had a team of 11 very enthusiastic players and big thanks to the parents for bringing them regularly for training and matches.

Throughout the season every player made a great contribution to the team. It has been a rewarding experience to see the improvement in batting/bowling and especially running between the wickets and calling out. In fact, the running between the wickets was so good in the end, they were stealing singles from the wicket keeper and over throws.

The team should be proud of the way they conducted themselves and the quality of play and sportsmanship. The highlight was the last match which started with some hiccups, but our boys didn't let that affect them and pulled off a well-deserved win, in the final overs.

Well done guys – you should be very proud of yourselves!

About the players:

**Jem** – He is sensitive but likes to take on a challenge. Easy going and happy to bat/bowl at any order. He is quite assertive both on and off the field. He is a resilient batsman and guards his wicket well. He is a good team player.

**Kai** – Start of the season I felt a lack of confidence in him, but improved over the weeks and especially after the break. He is good with bowling and happy to bat/bowl at any order. Although not making many runs, he has played the second highest number of balls in the team, a great achievement.

**James** – He is full of energy, an aggressive player, who wants to take on the opposite bowler/batsman. Eager to make runs and always tries different strategies in bowling. His

### U12C GREEN SEASON 2022-2023

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Nik de Silva

Charlie Hallett

James Horvath

Otis Kuring

Jem Lavercombe

Sebastian Mathews

Kai O'Connor

Archie Robertson

Jyotveer Singh

Ruben Warne

Arden Watson-Cropley

#### COACH

Sunny (Gurpal Singh) &  
Gauri Shah

#### TEAM MANAGER

Elizabeth Warne & Sam  
Kuring

favourite shot is leg side pull over the square leg fielder. He is a very good fielder and fast bowler.

**Nik** – He is the calmest player I have come across. Always ready to put the team first. Doesn't care which order to ball or bat. His defence is good and wants to play long innings. He has played the highest number of balls team without getting out. Well done.

**Otis** – He is a very easy going player. I saw a lot of improvement from the start to the end of season. Bowling is really good. Bowls proper line and length. Towards the end of the season batting shots have improved. He is a good team player, great keeper and fielder.

**Arden** – A fun loving kind, he likes to play with team mates on and off the field. He is a good bowler and has a solid defence. His balls are of a good length. He does get a bit moody on the field!

**Ruben** – A good strong batsman, keeper and dependable bowler. He can field at any position, is not afraid of the ball! He has some great shots and good defence. It was a treat to see him running between the wickets, sliding the bat and diving when needed.

**Charlie** – He is a good spinner and has a lot of potential if he works on his grip and bowling technique. Good batting skills and great fielder taking long and short catches including the last catch of the last match which was a blinder on the boundary!

**Archie** – He is a genuine fast bowler with good line and length, putting lot of pressure on the batsman, where they end up avoiding him. Good hitter who can send the ball to the boundary. He has some amazing shots up his sleeve! He is a good fielder and keeper hardly ever dropping a catch.

**Veer** – He is a good medium pace/fast bowler with good line and length, keeping the batsman guessing with different balls. A good fielder around the stumps and likes to take on the batsman. A good hard-hitting batsman with some very clean shots.

<b>Charlie</b>	They want to control the match. They keep moving fielding positions and find it difficult to maintain their distance from the batsman, as they want to field every ball.
<b>Archie</b>	All three of them are gun fielder, bowler and batsman.
<b>Veer</b>	They are very aggressive on the field and charge at balls. They are eager to bat/bowl at the earliest.

**Sebastian** – One of the most dependable players of the team. Doesn't mind what order he is batting/bowling, he is just focused on his game. He is a good wicket-keeper, hardly giving extra runs away. A powerful batsman with a clean strike. He is a team player in the real sense of the word. He has all the qualities to be a good all-rounder and future captain at higher level.

Finally, many thanks to all parents who brought oranges and snacks, and to everyone who did the scoring throughout the season. Special thanks to Liz and Sam for managing the team and stepping in wherever needed, be it scoring, umpiring etc.

Hope to see you all next season.

## U14A

### Tom Barker

Tom is the classic laid-back cricketer who makes the game look pretty easy. He has natural ability in spades and showed his class with the bat with that memorable innings against Richmond Union where he belted the ball to all parts of the ground. He bowls quick and was unlucky not to snag more wickets, especially with his slower ball which is pretty hard to pick. In the field, he has a rocket arm and saved many runs with his solid fielding.

### Elliot Cook

Elliot has demonstrated his versatility with the bat and ball this season, chiming in to take much-needed wickets with his offies and coming in to bat usually when the team needed quick runs. He has a great cricket brain and was happy to share his ideas (which were usually good) with the captains who appreciated his advice. Elliot added a few more aggressive shots to his repertoire this season and continues to improve as a cricketer. One of the highlights of his season would be the one-handed blinder of a catch he took in the first game against Boroondara. It was easily the hardest catch of the season but he made it look easy.

### Harry Dichiera

Another stellar season from Harry. For Harry, age is just a number but it's always entertaining to see the opposition's face when they find out he's just 11. Harry knows his game really well when he bats, he knows his scoring areas and plays to his strengths without risking his wicket. He played better with every game and has now added spin to his bowling repertoire which is causing opposition batters a fair bit of misery. The highlight for Harry this season was no doubt the 70 not out he scored against Camberwell at Olney oval along with the 2 wickets. It was a remarkable effort!

### Jimmy Gordon

Jimmy is one of the most supportive teammates and is constantly chirping in the field which is so important for team morale. He has the best bowling figures for the season with 4/12 against Richmond Union in what was a stunning display of quick bowling. Jimmy learnt a lot from playing senior cricket this year and has improved his game to become a more

## U14A

SEASON 2022-2023

### TEAM MEMBERS

Tom Barker
Elliot Cook
Harry Dichiera
Jimmy Gordon
Ben Head
Jett Lyons
Max Munro
Kes Nair
Theo Nikolich
Luca Rhodes
Liam Walsh

### COACH

Jake Pearson

### TEAM MANAGER

Mark Nikolich

confident player. With the bat, we saw plenty of Jimmy coming in late to provide some hitting power towards the end of the innings where quick runs were needed. He has a power game and can hit the ball to all parts of the ground. Another great season Jimmy!

### **Ben Head**

Ben continues to grow as a cricketer and is one of the loudest voices on the field. His batting has improved, no doubt from playing plenty of seniors' games where he has done really well. Ben continues to be one of the team's quickest bowlers and has provided plenty of problems for batters all season, especially when he hits that perfect length outside off stump or moves the ball through the gate. As a batter, Ben picks up the length of the ball really quickly and is quick to attack whenever he can. His defence is super solid and will no doubt come back bigger and better next season.

### **Jett Lyons**

Jett does the jobs most people don't want to do, namely open the batting and keep behind the stumps. Not only does he do them, but he does them well. Jett values his wicket highly and has a rock-solid defence. He faced the best bowlers, took the shine off the ball and allowed batters after him to dine out. Behind the stumps, Jett was impeccable. He saved countless runs and made our errant bowlers look tidy at times. Jett was a real asset to the team and will no doubt flourish as cricketer with more matches under his belt.

### **Max Munro**

Max was a welcome late inclusion into the side and turned a lot of heads as a bowler with his consistent line and length. He did the job a number of times in drying up the runs and frustrating the opposition batters who just couldn't get anything to hit. As a batter, Max values his wicket and showed a sound defensive technique but can also put away a bad ball as required. Max has definitely grown as a cricketer this season and will benefit from more opportunities next season with less matches lost to bad weather and overseas holidays!

### **Kes Nair**

Kes has benefited from playing a truckload of cricket this season, combining school, Friday night and senior competitions to fill out his weekends. It is therefore no surprise to see that his game has improved out of sight. Kes is a legitimate all-rounder. He can open the bowling and also bat all day which he proved on a few occasions in the seniors. One of his highlights in the u14s was taking 3 wickets against Camberwell in the middle of the season and then striking with the first ball of the day against Camberwell again at Olney. Don't let the nice toothy smile fool you, Kes is a deadly cricketer.

### **Theo Nikolich**

Theo has learnt a lot about the pressure and responsibility that goes along with captaining a side. He has listened to Jake's advice and really enjoyed setting fields and making bowling

changes to suit incoming batters. Theo has shown a more aggressive batting style this season with memorable knocks against the Camberwell Magpies and Richmond Union. He has also found novel, innovative ways to offer his wicket. As a bowler, Theo's spin continues to provide plenty of opportunities for something to happen and he constantly challenges the batsmen to play shots.

### **Luca Rhodes**

Luca proved himself to be a confident and able captain. He has a natural ability to lead and knows how to set a good field. As a bowler, Luca is a nightmare to face with the new ball as he bowls quick and swings it a mile. No one likes facing him and you could see the relief on opposition batsmen's faces when his spell was ended. With the bat, Luca is not afraid to play his shots and proved it to devastating effect against Richmond Union with an unbeaten 50. Luca has played a lot of cricket this season with Friday night, school cricket, seniors and rep cricket and has used these opportunities to develop his game and make improvements to his game.

### **Liam Walsh**

Liam has had a solid season with both bat and ball. His ability to bowl accurately is highly valued by his team mates and at times he has bowled well without any luck. He takes on instruction from the coach and has supported his teammates with gusto. His batting will improve with more opportunities confidence as his technique is solid. A longer season would have no doubt provided more opportunities for Liam to shine.

## **U14B Maroon**

What a fantastic season the Edinburgh Maroon U14B team have had. I have enjoyed the way the team has grown and delivered all together. Everyone has contributed significantly throughout the season resulting in a home semi-final for the team, and none of the opposition have bowled the team out. Well done everyone.

Training nights have been fun for the team and coaches, with special 'masterclasses' in batting (Dom Hooper), wicket keeping (Adrian Holmes) and bowling (Sarah Barber). I know these provided light bulb moments for our players as they put these expert's tips into practice.

All the players have grown in confidence throughout the season. This has been particularly demonstrated by half the team volunteering and playing for the U14A and senior cricket sides too. Our team is respectful and supportive, welcoming new team mates as required and taking umpires decisions in their stride.

Almost all our players have taken on captaincy for at least one match. I was blown away by how much effort and thought was put into their batting and bowling orders. On the field the captains worked with the bowler on field placement, there is plenty of future opportunity to practice and grow this expertise.

I thank all the parents for their support and completing their game day duties throughout the season. I thank Alex for volunteering to co-coach with me, sharing of ideas and different approaches, which I am sure has helped this team excel. I thank our team managers for all their time and effort; Anthony calmly handling game day and MyCricket live, Jane finding players team & pre/post game day logistics.

**It takes the whole team to perform well to win so many games and make finals, and that's what we did. All of our players had great games and it is fantastic to celebrate each of the players' achievements:**

### **U14B MAROON SEASON 2022-2023**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Nicholas Berry

Dougal Fraser

Samuel Fratto

Hamish Gunthorpe

Xavier Millar

Jack Newman

Ari Patel

James Pieterse

Holly Scammell

Luke Scammell

Harry Talbot

#### **COACH**

David Scammell & Alex Newman

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Jane Scammell & Anthony Fratto

**Samuel Fratto** had a great season showing us he can bat, bowl and keep. Samuel's calm and thoughtful approach to the game made it easy to select him as semi-final co-captain. Samuel bowled tight when given the ball slowing the run rate significantly. A triple threat he took 1/9 when it mattered against Wyclif claiming their best batter, a catch to dismiss their next best for a duck, then built a partnership with the bat. Samuel has grown his keeper skills though the season. Expert keeper Adrian fed back 'He's got good focus and movement'. Well done Samuel on an excellent season.

**Ari Patel** is an exciting cricketer to watch when he bats, you know there are sixes on his mind. I know that Dom's 'hit a six' masterclass would have been his favourite training, almost putting it into practice the next day. Ari shared the gloves across the season but was always happy to wear the gloves for 40 overs and kept the team up and about when behind the stumps. Not to be pigeonholed as a keeper Ari took 2/3 against South Camberwell to show the bowlers how it is done, and then opened against Richmond making a cool 32. Well done Ari on another great season.

**Jack Newman** is a key team member always smiling and encouraging the team, even when it is not going to plan. Jack saved his best cricket for the semi-final and, from my point of view, was our player of the match; he took a juggling and diving 'top of the season' catch, plus put on a career high score of 27. Jack always put the pressure on the opposition turning over the strike and chasing quick singles, his opening 23 and partnership with Dougal against Wyclif an excellent start for the team and his bowling of 2/16 against South Camberwell an important spell. Great energy all round Jack, well done on your season.

**Holly Scammell** is a confident all-round cricketer, fantastic in the field saving several boundaries in the semi-final, and the batters soon learnt not to take on her arm. Her accurate bowling delivered a clean bowled, and a potential catch. During the season Holly took 7 other wickets with the season highlight being 2/6 against South Camberwell, a game where she also took 2 catches with one of them a contender for catch of the season. The following week Holly dished up more of the same, 2/11 against Boroondara. Well done Holly on a great season.

**James Pieterse** loves to open the bowling. He was excited to join the bowling training with Sarah Barber, announcing 'I am just here to bowl'. James took 9 wickets at an average of 13.00 for the season. James is incredibly consistent and was rewarded with best figures of 4/19 against Wyclif with the crowd on edge awaiting a hat trick, but it wasn't to be. There is no doubt James will continue to be rewarded for such disciplined and attacking bowling that ties up the opposition batters time and time again. Well done James on a great season with wickets when they really mattered, and 3 catches along the way.



**Xavier Miller** is never short of enthusiasm on the field, he is keen to boost the team's morale or make a loud appeal, when required, from cover, his favourite fielding position. Like a professional cricketer Xavier is ready with his sunglasses on his hat upside down and typically enjoying a piece of gum. In the semi-final he took one wicket and saw off the opposition bowlers to carry his bat. Xavier had a great season and in our last home and away game entertained the crowd with a cracking 33 with the bat and season best bowling of 2/8. As captain he really led the charge to a great victory and was always ready to play his role when called upon – well done Xavier.

**Harry Talbot (Broken Finger Award)** is an enthusiastic all-round cricketer who has contributed to the teams wins with bat and ball. Harry can hit the ball with power, as I know from my broken finger during training. Harry had a great season scoring 114 runs with a fantastic 48 against Boroondara his best performance, and with the ball took 5 wickets at an average of 19.00, his best match was against Clifton Hill taking 3/3 getting the critical breakthrough for the team when it really mattered. Well done Harry on an excellent season, your fielding was excellent with 4 catches and throwing the most accurate across all the teams we played. Harry receives the **Broken Finger Award**.

**Nick Berry (50 no)** is a great all-rounder. Nick had a fantastic season with a magnificent 50 not out in his first match against a team of his schoolmates, and a total of 115 runs for the season. When bowling his leg spinners Nick is confident on where he would like the fielders, working with the captain to move them to those positions. He took 6 wickets at an average of 15.17 and match best figures of 3/20 against Boroondara. Well done Nick on a brilliant season both with the bat and ball that really set the team up for some great wins. Nick receives a **Half Century Award**.

**Hamish Gunthorpe (Batting Award)** has excellent batting technique and is a great timer of the ball, Hamish ground out a hard fought 50 not out match winning innings against Clifton Hill, one of 3 not out innings across the season that helped the team win in all those matches. When not clocking up the runs Hamish also spent time behind the stumps and finished the season with 5 catches and a stumping. Well done Hamish on a fantastic season that was always great to watch. Hamish receives a **Half Century Award** and the **Batting Award, well deserved with 139 runs and an average of 46.33**.

**Luke Scammell (Bowling Award) is not just an opening bowler.** Luke shares his thoughts and cricket expertise with the team making him a natural to co-captain the semi-final. He bowled with typical economy and took a brilliant first wicket catch in that match. Luke swings the ball a long way causing all sorts of problems for batters, best figures for the season of 3/7 set the team up to beat Wycliff, closely followed by 2/4 against Richmond – always dangerous and deserved plenty of wickets over the season. When not bowling Luke had a great year not getting out when he had the opportunity to bat, building a tidy average

of 45 as a result. Well done Luke we can't wait to see how far the ball moves next season. Luke receives the **Bowling Award, well deserved with 10 wickets at an average of 12.70**

**Dougal Fraser (Coach's Award)** has enjoyed and worked hard on his cricket. Dougal has excellent batting technique and concentration, which he uses continually to challenge the opposition bowlers and set the team up for success. His best innings was the last of the home and away season with a classy 51 not out that secured the winning position for the team. Against Boroondara, Dougal retired early after facing 104 balls to enable the team to increase their run rate. For Dougal, when not hanging around in the middle frustrating opposition bowlers, he spins a few himself taking a wicket, and occasionally takes 2 run outs in a game. In the semi-final Dougal took a wicket and completed a run-out. Well done Dougal on a great season. Dougal receives the receives a **Half Century Award** and the **Coach's Award, well deserved for always turning up to training, putting the team first and improving your skills.**

#### **Match Summaries:**

##### **Round 2 – match drawn/abandoned**

J Newman 2/25

S Fratto 1/9

H Scammell 1/8

C Kitt 1/4

L Fratto 1/3 and 2 runouts

D Fraser 1 runout

##### **Round 3 – defeated South Camberwell by 5 wickets**

N Berry 50 not out

H Talbot 40 runs

H Gunthorpe 27 runs

J Pieterse 3/23

H Scammell 2/6 (and 2 catches, one contender for best of the season)

A Patel 2/3

##### **Round 4 – defeated Wyclif by 3 wickets (U14B high score 7-186)**

D Fraser 29

J Newman 23, great catch at gully

H Gunthorpe 28 not out

N Berry 21 not out

L Scammell 3/7

J Pieterse 4/19

S Fratto 1/9

**Round 5 – defeated Boroondara by 6 wickets**

D Fraser 33 retired not out (104 balls)

H Talbot 48

Catches win Matches – Ari, Jack, Holly, Xavier, Samuel, Charlie

N Berry 3/20

H Scammell 2/11

**Round 6 – lost to Ashburton by 42 runs**

L Scammell 22 not out

C Kitt 2/12

C Walsh 1/6

**Round 8 – defeated Clifton Hill by 4 wickets**

H Gunthorpe 50 not out

H Talbot 3/3

D Fraser 2 run outs

**Round 9 – defeated Richmond by 5 wickets**

D Fraser 51 not out

A Patel 32

X Millar 33

H Gunthorpe 29 not out

L Scammell 2/4

N Berry 2/11

X Millar 2/8

D Fraser 1/24

**Round SF – lost to Ashburton by 76 runs**

J Newman 27, and possibly the season's top catch

P Filby 16 not out

X Millar 1/20

D Fraser 1/23 and runout

H Scammell 1/32

Great catches from L Scammell & M. Barton

## **U14B Gold**

### Season Awards:

Batting:	Will Tehan, 120 runs @ 24
Bowling:	Charles Baker, 12 wickets @ 6.9
Coach's Award:	Joe Melzac-Parr

### **The cricket**

Weirdest. Season. Ever. The immortal words of Nick Parr as we lurched from abandonments to forfeits to thumping wins to training cancellations. Despite this, we had a successful season, and the boys adapted well to the various curveballs thrown at them this year. I really liked that they played as a team, taking on unfamiliar roles to support the team, and showing tremendous connection and care for each other.

The first game against Clifton Hill was abandoned due to the big wet, Canterbury hit 7-190 at Canterbury in our first outing, but the second week was perhaps fortuitously abandoned due to more rain. We scored a confidence-boosting, nerveless win against Bulleen in a tight, low-scoring slog on turf in Doncaster, bowling with great discipline and fielding with real commitment. Only time prevented us scoring an outright win at Surrey Hills. We laboured a bit in taking all 40 overs to dismiss Clifton Hill for 59 in reply to our 8-201, which was made on a virtual sandpit due to top-dressing of the ground a few days before. We got the points, but didn't get to play in the last game of the year, as Hays Paddock Deeners took an early Christmas and forfeited. More rain caused a by-now trigger-happy ECA to make an early call to abandon all of Round 7 fixtures on resumption of the season in February. We finally got to play at home against eventual premiers North Alphington. We batted well against their formidable attack, but couldn't make enough runs, nor were we able to maintain bowling discipline and energy in the field to keep pressure on them when the game was on the line. We did learn a lot from our first loss, and the boys were determined to turn it around in the last game.

### **U14B GOLD** SEASON 2020-2023

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Charles Baker

Fred Ballard

Harvey Harris

Elliott James

Noah Komanycki

Xavier McIntosh

Joe Melzac-Parr

Noah Prendergast

William Tehan

Isaac Thirwell

Tom Wilkinson

And thanks to Fynn Walton, George Kerr, and Leroy Fratto who each filled in for us, and performed creditably.

#### **COACH**

Chris Tehan

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Melissa & Martin McIntosh

We traipsed out to Burwood through horrendous eastern suburbs Friday night traffic needing to beat Box Hill to make finals. We won comfortably against an impressive all-girls team that admittedly had some players missing due to the Harry Styles concert, much to the frustration of their coach.

Finishing third, we earned the right to face Canterbury in the semi final at their ground, and whilst we bowled quite well, they batted and ran between the wickets superbly to reach 5-203 after their 40 overs. Nothing went right for us when we batted, with runouts and injuries, and their opening bowlers were on song, so we were bowled out for 86.

A terrific season nonetheless, and whilst we played to win, we didn't take ourselves too seriously, learnt a lot, improved our cricket and had a lot of fun. The Canterbury team manager commented that they particularly enjoyed playing against us because of the spirit in which we played. We'll take that as achieving at least one KPI for a successful season. Congratulations boys on a great season.

### **The support team:**

Firstly, a special thanks to **Melissa McIntosh** who was simply superb in her management of the team in this most preposterous of cricket seasons beset by rain, heat, injury, eccentric fixturing, pop concerts, forfeits, traffic congestion, illness and surfing holidays. Finding players at the last minute, adjusting scores with the ECA, managing late venue changes, communicating to us all, including from the other side of the world whilst on holiday, and deciphering that ECA rulebook in real-time, you managed it all with maximum efficiency and a minimum of fuss, and made the season so much more enjoyable and stress-free. Thank you.

Thanks also to **Nick Parr** and **Marty McIntosh** for their support through the year, whether it be taking training, advice, moral support, and good humour.

And to all the parents, grandparents, guardians and siblings, thanks for your understanding, support and for being such good sports when watching. Our patience was tested a few times, but you set a great example to the boys of how we hold ourselves at Edinburgh, and set a wonderful tone for the season. None of you ever complained, made demands, or even politely asked if your son could play a certain role in a game – I am very grateful for that and for making my job that much easier. For performing the support roles such as square leg, scoring, and setting up the ground, thank you. Coaching was never a chore this year, and your support had a lot to do with this.

## **The players**

And finally, to the players. Thank you for being a great team and for contributing to the fun we had in this strange season, We only had 1 home game, and two sessions in the nets. But you all coped magnificently with these challenges with good humour, and you also adapted to the different roles you played with bat or ball.

**Xavier** is a prodigiously talented cricketer, whose performances behind the stumps this season were so good that they were acknowledged by every opposition coach this season. Not blessed with a large wingspan, Xav more than makes up for it with incredible footwork, soft hands and wise cracks that would make Ian Healy blush. Xav is also one of our leading batters with a great technique and an ability to adapt his game to the situation. He had a very consistent season at the top of the order, scoring 99 runs, the second highest for the season. Xav also emerged as a terrific leader this year, with astute reading of the game and captaining our semi-final team with great skill and judgement.

**Harvey** is the ultimate team player, always putting the team before his own interests and always doing what was asked of him. His batting technique is astonishingly good, getting his head over the ball and using the pace of the ball with great effect. He displayed great courage opening the batting in every game, often against the best bowlers and provided us with a solid platform in every game. His 38 against North Alphington's powerful attack was arguably the innings of our season, and drew high praise from the opposition. Harvey racked up 80 runs at an average of 27 (the highest in the team), which is a terrific season from an opener. Harvey is also a very good fielder, saving many runs prowling around point and cover. A talented wicketkeeper, he showed his selflessness once again by allowing Xavier to keep and being more than happy just to field, which he did with much enthusiasm.

**Elliot** has had a fine all-round season, and has been one of our most reliable performers, making 72 runs and taking 9 wickets over the 7 games. His bowling action is simple and effortlessly elegant, consistently landing lovely outswingers at good pace on a full length, which will always yield plenty of wickets and concede few runs. His 3/9 off 7 overs against Bulleen was crucial in a tight win, whilst his blistering 39 off 31 balls in Clifton Hill's sandpit showed the power of his batting. His extraordinary pull shot against Box Hill was memorable and was probably the shot of the season.

**Tom** had limited opportunities this season with his finger injury at the start of the season, particularly with the bat. He still bowled some nice spells, landing on a consistent line and length, which proved difficult to score from. He bowled an excellent spell against North Alphington, building pressure and changing the momentum of the game. He also bowled very well against Box Hill, where he was unlucky not to get a few wickets.

**Joe** is the heartbeat of this team, bringing astounding energy and enthusiasm every week. He cares deeply for and has a lot of fun with all his teammates, which has made this season so enjoyable. Joe is an absolute delight to coach, is a natural leader with a good understanding of cricket. He is always seeking to improve his game and got better as the season progressed. He has a happy knack of picking up wickets at crucial times, including three clutch wickets against Bulleen. He also performed well with the bat, usually bearing the brunt of the bowling at the top of the order – his 33 against Surrey Hills was a terrific innings, showing great concentration. Joe has made a wonderful, all-round contribution to the team this season, and I am delighted to give him the Coach's Award.

**Fred** is our most athletic player, with his lengthy bowling run up a sight to behold. He enjoyed the responsibility of taking the new ball and leading the attack. He bowls at good pace, moves the ball through the air and beat the outside edge a lot, so was unlucky to only take 1 wicket for the season. His consistency improved as the season went on and he bowled some searing spells at times. Fred has great power and flair with his batting, hitting some powerful shots that are beyond most batters of his age. He got a start every time he batted, scoring 68 runs for the season, and a highest score of 21. The scoreboard was always ticking over nicely when Fred was batting, and it was pleasing to see his improvement in balancing his natural instincts to attack and defending his wicket.

**Isaac** was a great team player and always embraced his role with enthusiasm. He was one of our best and most reliable fielders, with a great arm and taking some nice catches. Against Bulleen, he opened the batting and showed enormous determination and concentration making 6 off 51 balls on a slow ground. He also made the crucial breakthrough in dismissing their captain Stackwood-Smith. He also bowled well in a nice partnership with Tom Wilkinson which changed the game's momentum against North Alphington.

**Noah P** – has enormous talent with a natural left arm swing into the right hander, which is unplayable at this level if it's bowled in the right spot. One such game was Clifton Hill, where he took 4/7, his best ever bowling figures. That game was memorable as he scored his highest ever score (31) on a very slow ground, with his Dad watching proudly. Noah is a hugely popular and self-effacing member of the team, and always makes sure others are included.

**Noah K** – had a nice season with 45 runs and 4 wickets. Noah was one of our more consistent bowlers, hitting an awkward length which proved difficult to score from. When given the chance to settle in, Noah showed he has good power with the bat and scored a nice cameo in the semi-final.

**Will** – a great all-round season, underpinned by a breakout year with the bat, making the most of his opportunities when promoted up the order. Will batted with so much

confidence this season, including increase power on the off side, and generally scored quickly when set. This included a nice partnership of 43 with Xav against Bulleen turned the match in our favour, and a great knock of 50 no off 57 balls against Box Hill, which featured 8 boundaries. Will won the Batting award with 120 runs at 24. Will also took 7 wickets and 5 catches which was a terrific all-round return. His 2/10 against Bulleen included some great 'death' bowling in the final tense overs with the game in the balance.

**Charles** has a mercurial quality in his cricket, with both bat and ball. He can turn a match with his bowling and batting, and does it with a minimum of fuss. He is capable of bowling unplayable deliveries at times, is always consistent bowling close to the stumps, can generate good pace and bowls a natural leg cutter at will. He took wickets with great regularity, finishing with a season high 12 wickets to win the bowling award. His 3/9 against Canterbury in our first game was a potent spell. Charles is also a fine batsman with rare striking ability. With a touch more confidence in his batting, (as he proved in last year's 12As semi-final with a brilliant, match-turning 42), he will turn into an outstanding cricketer. He made some terrific knocks this year, scoring 71 runs and a top score of 36no against Surrey Hills. Congratulations on a great, all round year.



## U14C Green

A new season brought new faces as we formed the mighty 14C Green Machine. Despite 3 of the first 4 rounds being rained out, new friendships were quickly formed and the team spirit that took us all the way to the grand final last year was evident from the first ball.

There may not have been as many W's on the ladder as last season but you played like winners all season. Your sportsmanship, support of team-mates and desire to improve your skills stood out. And the ingredient of any good team is you had an awful lot of fun along the way. We hope that this season you have taken away some new cricketing skills and more importantly found some new mates.

So below is the season in review for each player:

### U14C GREEN SEASON 2022-2023

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Ivo Archer

Mitchell Eddy

Leroy Fratto

Daniel Giles

Harry Hall

Liam Head

Sebastian Janes

Jem Legge

Raife Patel

Louis Spencer

Edward Weekes

Fin Wright-Smith

#### COACH

Rakesh Patel

#### TEAM MANAGER

Lauchlan Eddy

Player	Memorable Moment	Skill	Cricketing Character
Liam Head	Wickets in 6 games the most of any player this season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bowling with greater speed and accuracy all season</li> <li>Solid in defence</li> <li>Work on: looking for gaps and singles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A true competitor</li> </ul>

<b>Eddie Weekes</b>	2 for 12 vs top of the table Burwood in Round 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bowled with increased consistency throughout the season</li> <li>• Improved defensive technique</li> <li>• Work on: keep on playing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focussed</li> </ul>
<b>Seb Janes</b>	A season of cricketing firsts- first runs and first wicket V Canterbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bowling with variety</li> <li>• Solid defensive technique</li> <li>• Work on: just keep playing and learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to coaching and trying new ideas</li> </ul>
<b>Leroy Fratto</b>	2 direct hit run outs in successive games... The best 12 <sup>th</sup> man we have had thank you for filling in and being a regular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bowling variations- Spin bowling flight and deadly accurate with medium pace</li> <li>• Solid technique</li> <li>• Work on: increasing range of scoring shots</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energiser bunny... loves the game</li> </ul>
<b>Daniel Giles</b>	8 not outs- a record for the team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid batting technique and started to find some great scoring shots square of the wicket</li> <li>• Bowled consistently well but with no luck</li> <li>• Work on: Hitting gaps and rotating the strike</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiet but determined to win</li> </ul>
<b>Jem Legge</b>	Season top score of 36 vs Richmond Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural eye- aggressive shot play</li> <li>• Bowled consistently good line with increased speed</li> <li>• Work on: staying switched on in the field</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plays with the swagger of a west Indian cricketer in the 80s!</li> </ul>
<b>Harry Hall</b>	First 14C player to play cricket internationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid in defence and good at finding singles</li> <li>• Getting the ball to turn more consistently</li> <li>• Work on: running between wickets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cool and calm</li> <li>• Open to coaching</li> </ul>
<b>Ivo Archer</b>	Mr Ball magnet... 8 catches including 4 in one game.. winner of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used your height to great effect when bowling</li> <li>• So reliable in the field</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always smiling</li> </ul>

	the Golden Hands award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on: remembering all your gear... and your bowling length</li> </ul>	
<b>Raife Patel</b>	Catch of the season contender vs Burwood... plus the at the death batting and end of season celebration at Alphington...winner of the famous Shoey Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bowled consistently good line and length with spin</li> <li>• Found scoring shots in the V</li> <li>• Work on: batting confidence &amp; defence to straight balls</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team cheer leader</li> </ul>
<b>Fin Wright Smith</b>	<b>Batting award winner</b> with 153 runs at 30.6 top score 28no	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have really added consistency and power to your shot-making</li> <li>• Bowled at good speed throughout the season</li> <li>• Work on: Bowling good lengths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team player-vocal and supportive</li> <li>• Delivers under pressure</li> </ul>
<b>Louis Spencer</b>	<b>Bowling Award winner</b> with 7 wickets at 24 runs , best bowling 2/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The element of surprise when bowling resulted in a wicket ball never being far off</li> <li>• Powerful hitting through the V</li> <li>• Work on: bowling consistent line and length; trust your judgement when batting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competitiveness</li> <li>• Never short of an opinion</li> </ul>
<b>Mitch Eddy</b>	<b>Coaches Award winner</b> for overall contribution to the team - with bat, ball, keeping and on field leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batting technique very solid- great runner between wickets</li> <li>• Developing variety in his bowling</li> <li>• Work on: leg side shots</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still Mr Cricket-unflappable and intelligent</li> </ul>

Thanks to the parents for helping with the scoring, umpiring and general advice. What else would you rather be doing on a Friday night than running around the leafy Eastern Suburbs to watch cricket? I hope we brought some joy and light entertainment to your lives.

Also thanks to Mick and Randolph for stepping in to coach whilst I was away. My final call out goes to Locki who took on the team manager role on top of coaching his sons u10 team. There were a number of logistical challenges but we got through the season without a hitch thanks to your organisational wizardry.

Rakesh & Locki

## U14C Black

The ECC U14C Black team enjoyed a successful and fun-filled year. As we turned for home it seemed like we may give the coveted JD Norman trophy a shake. Unfortunately, however, we were overrun in the last few rounds and had to be satisfied with an honourable 6<sup>th</sup> place finish.

The team celebrated great wins against Balwyn Blasters (finalists) and Burwood Uniting Canterbury (x 3). We tied with Boroondara Pythons in a game for the ages. We also ran other sides close. Every game was competitive (maybe save for the game against flag favourites Surrey Hills) and fun. The boys acquitted themselves brilliantly.

We love the boys' spirit and the way they play as a team. The team collectively, and each player individually, improved over the course of the season. Coaching the team is a pleasure.

**Patrick Filby** enjoyed an excellent season. Patch is a super competitive cricketer, who contributes with bat, gloves and ball. Patch has a great eye and is a sweet striker of the ball. We especially love how over the course of the season Patch developed a defensive game, and really learned to prize his wicket. Patch has worked hard on his 'keeping technique. His combination up to the stumps with Henry was a highlight, and Patch is developing the attributes of a capable 'keeper. Patch also is a bustling bowler. Patch was in the runs against Burwood United and Boroondara Pythons. Patch works hard at his game, and we think that Patch is poised for a great next season.

**Daniel Houlihan** is an enthusiastic and valued member of the team. We love how Dan really values his wicket - resulting in a number of retirements. At the same time, Dan is prepared to sacrifice his wicket in pursuit of quick runs when required. Dan had some good matches with the ball. Dan both made valuable runs and took wickets in games against Burwood United. Dan was part of the team glue, who made a meaningful contribution on and off the field.

**Albert Hubbard** is a capable all round cricketer who made a valuable contribution to the team with bat, ball and gloves. Early in the season, Albert was probably our best batter with runs against Boroondara Pythons and Canterbury. Albert has a good eye and looks for runs.

### U14C BLACK SEASON 2022-2023

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Patrick Filby

Daniel Houlihan

Albert Hubbard

Levent Kovac

Henry Macvean

Joseph Macvean

Hugh Mathews

Daniel McAlpine

Tom Sebastian

Sam Shortt

Finn Vogel

#### COACH

Ken McAlpine & Tony Macvean

#### TEAM MANAGER

Ben Hubbard

Albert is a handy bowler and might focus on this even more - he took our third most wickets for the season and always looked dangerous. Albert was also one of our 'keeping three musketeers, and he worked hard on his glovework and improved over the season. Based on the MyCricket algorithm, Albert won the third most Champion Player points for the season - a good reflection of Albert's all-round effort and contribution. If Albert keeps working at his game he could be a really capable all-rounder in higher grades.

**Levi Kovac** had an outstanding season. Levi was our best bowler and comfortably took the most wickets in the team (11). In our view, Levi was one of the best few bowlers in the comp. A couple of his late inswingers would have been a handful for a player at any level. Levi also made important runs with his mix of cuts, glides and smart running. Levi was our third highest run scorer for the season. Great games for Levi included those against Canterbury, Burwood United and Balwyn. Based on MyCricket, Levi comfortably won the most champion player points. Levi is an excellent cricketer who should back himself to go higher.

**Daniel McAlpine** is an excellent cricketer who made a great contribution to the team. Dan has a lovely batting technique and is a beautiful striker of the ball. Hitting a six is a rare thing in our team, and a couple of Dan's strikes were memorable! Dan made plenty of runs, including against Canterbury and Boroondara Pythons (x2), If Dan can eliminate the odd 'get out' shot (and maybe add a yard of pace between the wickets!) he will be a formidable top order player at a much higher level than 14C. Dan always looked dangerous with the new ball, and took our second most wickets. We love Dan's attitude and his relaxed approach. We are confident that he will be a super cricketer.

**Joe Macvean** was a great improver, and had a fantastic season. In the previous U12B season, a 0 retired in the last game was a highlight for Joe - for Joe it all became about survival! Joe has worked hard at his game, and this year was our most productive and consistent top order bat. Joe's game is built around a solid defence. This season he added a strong attacking game and mindset, especially square of the wicket. Joe comfortably scored our highest runs (126), and performed well against a number of teams including Canterbury, Burwood United and Boroondara 3. Joe is always competitive with the ball, although this year wickets eluded him. Joe is also energetic and capable in the field. If Joe keeps working at his game, he can be a quality top order bat in higher grades.

**Henry Macvean** was also a great improver, and made an excellent all round contribution this year. Henry transitioned from being a tailender to an attacking upper middle order bat. Henry worked hard at his technique and strikes the ball sweetly, especially square of the wicket. Henry made our second most runs for the season (95), with good knocks against Burwood United and Surrey Hills. Henry discovered the art of leg-spin bowling, and always looked dangerous with the ball in his hand. We think that if he works at his game Henry could go far as a leggie. Henry is also a keen and competent fielder. Henry ended up with

the second most MyCricket Champion Player points for the year, which was a great reflection of his improvement and effort.

**Hugh Mathews** is a terrific young player and person, and an absolute pleasure to coach. Hugh was our best fielder, taking some great catches and making direct hit run outs. Hugh really set the standard for us in the field. Hugh is also competitive with ball and bat. On his day, Hugh had opposition batters jumping around. He also made valuable runs in several games. The Burwood United game was a highlight. Most of all, Hugh was a great contributor to the team's fabric and culture. Hugh can be a competitive cricketer in higher grades.

**Tom Sebastian** is also a pleasure to coach and had a great year. Tom was a stand out as a keeper. For Tony as a former 'keeper, Tom's enthusiasm and willingness to learn has been a highlight. By the end of the year, Tom might have been one of the best 'keepers in the comp. Tom was out of luck with the bat, but turned it around and made valuable runs late in the season. Tom also snagged some wickets, including against Balwyn Blasters. Tom has a great attitude, and always contributed whatever his role.

**Sam Shortt** is a keen young cricketer who enjoyed a good season. Sam is an enthusiastic and thoughtful leg-spinner. His game will only improve as he grows and becomes stronger, and when he can set fields (and has fielders) that support his bowling. 5 wickets for the year was a pretty good return. Sam has a solid and attractive batting technique, and he made valuable runs in a couple of games. The Balwyn Blasters game was a highlight for Sam. Sam's positive attitude was infectious for the team.

**Finn Vogel** was another boy we loved coaching. Finn is always enthusiastic and committed to the team - and one of those (unfortunately rare) junior cricketers who never hassles the coaches for a bat/bowl/whatever! Finn has a yard of pace and a dangerous outswinger, and delivered a number of good bowling performances. A '3 for' against Boroondara Pythons was a highlight. Finn also made handy runs, including against Surrey Hills. Finn was one of our better fielders and an all round good contributor.

We also had useful cameos from **Veer Singh** and **Seb Mathews**. Veer is a keen a capable young cricketer. He almost won us the game with a sparkling lower order hand against Boroondara Pythons. Seb was always on hand to help out, and delivered hand late order runs against Balwyn Blasters

We have enjoyed being coaches, and look forward to continued involvement. We hope that all of our team pads up again next year. We think several of our players will benefit from the longer format in higher grades, being able to build an innings and get into a spell. We encourage our players to work hard at their cricket and back themselves, and challenge them to continue to improve and aim to play in the highest grade they can.

Perhaps the one thing that we didn't get quite right this year is training and development. Post COVID work and other obligations meant that we (as coaches) both couldn't commit and be present as consistently as we may have hoped. School sport and other commitments meant for the second half of the season we were at least 4 players (often more) down at training. One 60 minute session a week (often on grass and resembling a social hit) doesn't really facilitate skill development and improvement for young cricketers. We as coaches need to think about how we can support the development of our players. Hopefully the club can also access additional scarce facilities to enable a greater focus on coaching and practice.

Thank you to everyone who supported our team over the year. In particular, thank you to team manager Ben Hubbard who seemed to make herding cats and deciphering score books look easy! Thanks to all the parents and supporters who helped out, especially Raj Sebastian who was always there to fill in and lend a hand. We loved the camaraderie between the parents and the families, and the social aspect of our Friday night games. Thank you to Will Gordon, Cam McDonald and Louise Dichiera for keeping it all on track, and to the club generally for its support and encouragement.

Cricket is a great game. It is lots of fun. You learn a lot about yourself, about others, and about life. Cricket lends itself to lifelong friendships. It is a privilege to join the boys (and their families) on their cricket journey.

**Ken McAlpine and Tony Macvean - coaches**



## U16A

Season 22-23 was an enjoyable year for all children and parents involved. The U16A grade is the premier junior competition in the ECA with many talented cricketers and weekly tough competition. The group forged a strong bond, competed and clearly exceeded the club expectations. Though in the end – the group would be disappointed not to have made the finals, finishing 5<sup>th</sup>.

Results wise it was an interesting year from a weather point of view. We had 2 washouts, 2 draws (one day washed out), 3 wins and 2 losses. Our best win in my opinion was Round 9 against Donvale, posting 4-232 and successfully defending with one U10 and one U12 sub fielder's!!!

Leadership wise Leroy Hinds and James Shadbolt were appointed co-captains & did a great all year managing opportunity versus results. Both will no doubt lead teams on & off the field in years to come.

A junior team wouldn't be able to function without an able Team Manager – and this year we had the pleasure of Luke Donnellan taking the reins. Many thanks Luke who organized all the off-field requirements of scoring, match set up etc.... and managed to keep the coach out of too much trouble.

To the parent group – I thank you also. Scoring, ushering kids all over Melbourne in Friday night traffic &/or umpiring – there was never a complaint and people just did what was required.

To Junior Coordinator – Cam McDonald and Club Administrator – Louise Dichiera – a massive thank you from all involved in the U16A group – we appreciate your efforts in organizing the ECC junior program, which enable us and 250 others to have a game with appropriate equipment/resources each week.

### U16A

SEASON 2022-2023

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Joseph Barnard

Benjamin Davis

Leo Daffey

Joel Dichiera

Sebastian Donnellan

Lachlan Green

Leroy Hinds

Mitchell Money

Christopher Oliver

James Shadbolt

Thomas Worn

#### COACH

Brad Shadbolt

#### TEAM MANAGER

Luke Donnellan

The awards for 2022-23 include: -

**Batting**

1. James Shadbolt
2. Leroy Hinds
3. Chris Oliver

**Bowling**

1. Seb Donnellan
2. Lachlan Green
3. Benjamin Davis

**Coaches award:** Benjamin Davis

**Individual Highlights:**

- James Shadbolt 93 vs Donvale CC
- Leroy Hinds 78 Vs Surrey Hills CC
- Leroy Hinds 75 retired vs Mont Albert CC
- James Shadbolt 56 Vs Balwyn CC
- James Shadbolt 53 vs Mont Albert
- Chris Oliver 62 vs Trinity Willison CC
- Chris Oliver 54 not out vs Donvale CC
- Joel Dichiera 4/28 vs Donvale CC
- Seb Donnellan 3/23 vs Surrey Hills CC
- Seb Donnellan 3/20 vs Trinity Willison CC
- Lachie Green 44 vs Trinity Willison CC
- James Shadbolt 3/33 vs Surrey Hills CC

**Player Reviews:**

• **James Shadbolt**

Co-captain, 3 scores about 50 with a highest score and impressive knock of 93 against Donvale. Hopefully, this is the start of a run of big scores! A fine year managing U16a, premier seniors/Dowling shield and school cricket. A big future if he chooses so and is hungry to make big runs. Needs to keep working on the left arm orthodox – as they are more than handy as he showed in the last two games, especially against a Surrey Hills line up that went awfully hard (3-33 off 10). An excellent fielder with catches or run outs in most games.

• **Leroy Hinds**

Co-captain, 3 scores about 50 with a highest score of 78 against Surrey Hills. I retired him on 75 against Mont Albert & no doubt cost him 100 to provide opportunity for others – so from all of us – thank you again Leroy for that. No coincidence it happened the first year he successfully transitioned into senior cricket, and he looked a different player. I look forward to Leroy's continual development as an

opening bat and him rediscovering his confidence with the ball. Needs to not be as harsh on himself at times and enjoy the moment, cricket is a hard sport.

- **Mitch Money**

Talented all-rounder who suffered through lack of opportunity from the five games washed out. As a middle order bat and change bowler, opportunity was limited on occasions. Great knocks against Balwyn (24), Kew (26 off 22) with consistent bowling in all games, with best figures of 2-16 against Mont Albert. Needs to look to improve his bowling by adding a little bit of pace – but clear upward trajectory as again he has successfully transitioned into senior cricket. I expect big things from at ECC as he moves through the senior grades in years to come and most importantly a fine young man who listens, is respectful and loves a contest.

- **Lachlan Green**

Super talented all round cricketer. Opening the bowling & batting four as an underage player. Great innings against Donvale, Surrey Hills and Trinity Willison, while super consistent with the ball. Managed a large load of cricket with school, Craig shield & U16. Look forward to him dominating as a top age player next year where 40's are turned into 75 and above, & his progression through whatever path he chooses. Well done.

- **Chris Oliver**

The enigma of the group. Did not want to play U16A as he didn't think he was good enough – HA! Opening the bowling or first change, opening the batting in T20 or 4/5 in 2-day cricket as an underage player. Great innings against Donvale and Trinity Willison with the ability to score quickly & go large. The 62 (29) the highlight of the year from a hitting point of view. Again, managed a large load of cricket with school, Craig shield & U16. Look forward to him dominating as a top age player next year post successful rehabilitation from the lower back issues. A senior 100 to, which is an amazing achievement as the age of 14 – well done Chris!

- **Benjamin Davis**

New to ECC through school mates and what an addition. Very consistent & talent left arm swing bowler. 2-18 against Donvale and 1-5 off six overs against Surrey Hills were great spells. Limited opportunity with the bat but talked a good game 😊 with his 15(22) against Kew a good knock. A real enthusiastic and great team mate to all, who didn't stop talking or encouraging. Needs to find a yard or two of pace and will be very handy with the ability to swing the ball back into the right hander. Look forward to his transition into senior cricket.

- **Seb Donnellan**

While I am sure Seb sees himself as a batter, has developed into a fine medium paced bowler, who has become extremely reliable and effective at the end of an innings. Picked up wickets regularly and was rewarded with the bowling trophy – which is a great effort as an underage player. 3-23 & 2-48 against Surrey Hills & 3-20 against Trinity Willison the highlights. Batting wise he was unlucky with opportunity, but I'm sure as an older age player he should open the batting & look to bat long next year. Managed school, Craig shield, U16A and senior cricket well. At times probably thinks too much and needs to live the moment – but clear to all super talented and I expect big things from Seb in the years to come.

- **Joseph Barnard**

Opening batsmen who under instruction from the coach batted time to allow the stroke players in the middle order the play with freedom. A couple of scores in the 20's for reward and clearly the next step is to turn the 20s into 50s – but Joey has the potential and aptitude to do it. Again, transitioned into senior cricket and it showed with the patience and willingness for the battle. A great team man and I look forward to Joey opening the batting in the seniors for years to come. Bowling wise limited opportunities but needs to work on being consistent and wickets will come!

- **Leo Daffey**

Did not think he was good enough to play U16A, but again showed why that was wrong. Wanted to take on the responsibility of keep wickets for the year and to be honest was amazing. Keep back to Green/Oliver/Davis and up to the stumps to James on both hard wickets & slow low turf tracks – while being was clean, enthusiastic and took most chances that came. Batting was offered many opportunities, but as he showed against Surrey Hills has the talent to bat Top 5 next years as older age player & score runs. Great year Leo and keep persisting with the gloves.

- **Joel Dichiera**

Again, another player who had to be convinced he was good enough to play U16A. A very handy swing bowler and hard-hitting batsman. At times very down on himself, so needs to relax and just work on the next ball. Innings against Trinity Willison and Surrey Hills of 16 & 11 showed ability and with opportunities next year I am sure will score big runs. With the ball 4-28 against a very good Donvale the highlight & reinforced he has the ability to complete at the level. Needs to pick up a yard to ensure he gets maximum use of his ability to move the ball. Managed Craig shield, senior Saturday & Sunday cricket – so well done & look forward to massive things next year as a top age U16. Keep being positive Joel!!

- **Tom Worn**

Tom had a year riddled by injury & illness. Though he managed to impact the game against Trinity Willison and Mont Albert with bowling spells rewarded with wickets. An excellent fielder with a rocket arm, which was instrumental to us winning the game at Trinity Willison. A frustrating year with the bat, which unfortunately we have all experienced. Clearly talented – but his success next year will be up to Tom through application & effort. A great teammate – who was always chatting & entertaining – a bit too much at times 😊

To those children who junior cricket career has now come to an end – well done & make sure you keep playing the game, the club has many turf & synthetic grades that will ensure a smooth transition to senior cricket. To those moving to the U18 or still U16 – ensure you practice as you play and enjoy every moment, especially when you are going well as cricket is unforgiving most of the time. Thank you for your effort and persistence, you were a pleasure to coach.

Enjoy the winter – Go Burra



Brad Shadbolt

## **U16B Maroon**

It was a big step up for the boys from U16B Maroon as success in the previous season meant the boys had moved up a division. While the team lost Chris Oliver to the 1's, Finbar Kennedy, David Oliver and Pablo Gooi moved into the team.

With the season's format changing to 40/40s, the boys had to shift their focus back to the longer format. The season got off to an unfortunate start with both weeks of the first round being rained out, but this only meant the boys were raring to go for the round 2 match against Box Hill.

Playing Box Hill at home wasn't going to be an easy task, so the boys won the toss and chose to bat. A huge opening partnership between Finbar Kennedy (46) and Toby Littlejohn-Sims (50) set the tone, and middle order scores from David Oliver (52) and Duncan McKie (39\*) powered us past 200. Rain called a halt to play in the 35<sup>th</sup> over which meant we finished up at 5/222. Rain once again played its part and the next week was called off, meaning the boys were unable to follow up their incredible batting performance.

Round 3 was a bye which meant the boys had 2 weeks in training to hone their skills in the nets.

Round 4 saw the boys play their first home game of the season against Templestowe. Rain had left McCutcheon oval sodden, meaning the bowlers would play a major part. We won the toss and bowled first, hoping to take advantage of the conditions. A decent opening partnership for Templestowe was ended by a great runout courtesy of Samuel Evans. Another quick wicket left the visitors 2/18, however the remaining opener and his new partner dominated, taking Templestowe to 2/68 before Duncan McKie broke through. The boys piled on the pressure, bowling the visitors out for 101, with Ollie Orr taking 3/7, Liam Ukovic with 2/7 and Toby Littlejohn-Sims with 2 in 2 balls.

However, a total of 101 on a wet ground was not to be sniffed at. The boys started the batting innings well, with the opening combination of Toby Littlejohn-Sims (27) and Finbar Kennedy (12) once again providing the runs. A collapse in the middle order saw the boys lose 5 wickets for 3 runs, and Burra were reeling at 5/47. Duncan McKie played valiantly

### **U16B MAROON SEASON 2022-2023**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Zac Bennett

Samuel Evans

Pablo Gooi

Harry Gruenert

Archie Johnston

Finbar Kennedy

Toby Littlejohn-Sims

Duncan McKie

Freddy Marmo

Henry Nelson

David Oliver

Oliver Orr

Jack Smith

Liam Ukovic

#### **COACH**

Archie Gruenert

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Kellie Evans

with a score of 23, but it was not enough, and the boys were left disappointed after being bowled out for 89.

Round 5 would prove to be a big game against top of the ladder Ivanhoe. Edinburgh looked to forget last week's batting performance as they were sent in to bat. Early wickets saw the boys struggling at 4/30, before a superb partnership between crafty Henry Nelson (19) and Duncan McKie (53) boosted us past 100. Our tail wagged, and the boys were bowled out for 153. With a small amount of time left, the boys were able to bowl for a quickfire 5 overs before the end of the days play. Zac Bennett fired up the boys, and Harry Gruenert and Ollie Orr both took a wicket to break through Ivanhoe's star opening partnership.

Ivanhoe started next week at 2/18, and incredible bowling from Ollie Orr (4/20) and Zac Bennett (2/14) kept the wickets flowing. However, Ivanhoe's captain was batting well, and it took a brilliant catch from Henry Nelson on the Boundary to dismiss him. Samuel Evans starred in the fielding, taking 4 catches as Ivanhoe were bowled out for 130, giving the boys their first win of the season.

Round 6 was a 20/20 at Brunswick Street Oval. The boys batted first and great Innings from Toby LittleJohn-Sims (22), Samuel Evans (16), Duncan McKie (33) and David Oliver (13) meant we set Canterbury 124 to win. The game was in the balance the whole innings, with both Canterbury and Edinburgh looking to be in front at different stages of the game. Good fielding kept us in the box seat, with Henry Nelson taking a good catch and Finbar Kennedy with a stellar direct hit runout. Pablo Gooi broke through with an important wicket, and Jack Smith bowled a maiden at a crucial point in the game. However, the stars of the show were Harry Gruenert and Liam Ukovic, who's death bowling restricted the runs for Canterbury, and the boys came out as 10 run winners.

Round 7 was the first game back after the break, but rain once again showed its face, and the boys had to wait another week.

Round 8 was set to be a top of the table clash, as the boys travelled to play first place North Alphington. North Alphington sent us in to bat on a tough pitch, as the council had recently dumped sand around the ground to improve drainage. North Alphington took advantage, taking wickets consistently. Freddy Marmo (9) and David Oliver (10) stemmed the flow of wickets, but runs were hard to come by on the sandy outfield. The boys hobbled to 7/47, before a brilliant 8<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership between Duncan McKie (40\*) and Zac Bennett (11) brought the boys to a defendable total of 108.

Edinburgh started well, with 2 runouts leaving the hosts at 3/20. However multiple missed opportunities meant the hosts took control of the game. Three late wickets left the hosts at 7/107, but it was not enough as North Alphington took the win. Henry Nelson took a great

wicket on his first ball of the match, and Samuel Evans took 4 catches to add to his growing tally.

Round 9 was the final round of the Season, with the boys needing a win and other results to go our way to play finals. However, it would prove to be a tough clash as Bulleen Templestowe were 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder. The boys won the toss and chose to bat. Good middle order batting from Freddy Marmo (7) and Duncan McKie (58) left the boys at 3/60 at the 20 over mark, before explosive hitting from Ollie Orr (42) powered the boys past 100. A crucial 32 run last wicket stand between Pablo Gooi (11\*) and Archie Johnston (15\*) helped the boys to a very good score of 9/182.

Bulleen Templestowe were a very good batting side however, and top order wickets would be incredibly important. Jack Smith (2/10) and Finbar Kennedy (2/27) stepped up. Finbar took 2 in 2 balls to leave the visitors at 4/66. However, a ginormous 64 run 5<sup>th</sup> wicket stand had Bulleen Templestowe in the ascendency, with Ollie Orr (4/44) providing the breakthrough. Sadly, it was in vain, as Bulleen passed our score to win by 2 wickets, bringing our season to an end.

Yet another fantastic season by the boys. Their camaraderie and sportsmanship meant they were a joy to coach. The boys finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place with 2 wins, 3 losses, and 4 no results.

A massive thanks to star team manager Kellie Evans who made this year go by smoothly with her incredible organisation skills. Thanks to the parents who turned up in their numbers week in and out to support this great team.



## U16B Gold

Unfortunately, the season got off to a bad start, as the first two games were called off due to rain. Finally, we got underway against Richmond City. We were bowled out for the low score of 39 in the first innings which was disappointing for the lads, however we had a great effort with the ball limiting them to 8-126. **Angus Corrie** taking the best figures of 2-12. Then in our second innings we finished up on 3-65 which was a big positive as it proved we are good enough to make scores and stay out in the middle. A promising 29 not out was scored by **Jay Christie**.

The next game saw us take on Balwyn. Captain **Tom Wavish** won the toss and batted, he set the tone scoring 75 runs which would go on to be the top score of our season. There were also good scores of 39 from **Jay Christie** and 26 from **Hamish Waddell**. We finished up on 9-184. After a very tight bowling performance, Balwyn just reached the total in the last over after wickets from **Hamish Waddell**, **Austin Ioannou** and a run out from **Michael Wong**. The boys put in a great effort and were very unlucky not to get over the line.

Up next was Burwood at Fairfield Park, unfortunately we were convincingly beaten. The highlights of our game being 2 wickets each for **Oscar Warne** and **Angus Corrie** and 3 for **Hamish Waddell**. Runs for **Tom Wavish** and Jay once again including a not out for **Oliver Phegan**.

Surrey Hills was the last game before the Christmas Break. We were light on numbers with some players already away for summer break, however we still put in a good performance. Batting first we made 115, the key scorers were **Jay Christie** once again and **Francesco Nikolich**. **Francesco** was just one shy of his 50, scoring an impressive 49 off 26 balls including 4 sixes! In the end Surrey Hills chased down the total with ease, but it was good to see the lads still put in an effort with less than a full team.

Our first game back, after the break, was against Richmond Union. We looked like we would be bowled out quite cheaply in the first innings, however some good hitting towards the end by **Michael Wong**, got us to a score that could be defended. With the ball, we then had Richmond 7-77, thanks to wickets from **Jay** and **Francesco**. However, in a similar manner to

### U16B GOLD SEASON 2022-2023

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Jack Chianta

Jay Christie

Angus Corrie

Angus Davis

Austin Ioannou

Francesco Nikolich

Oliver Phegan

Hamish Waddell

Oscar Warne

Tom Wavish

Michael Wong

Tommy Vergers

Zac Kurzbock

#### COACH

Dom Hooper

#### TEAM MANAGER

Peter Corrie / Gary Wong

us, Richmond's tail end scored runs and got them over the line. Richmond sent us back in and it was good to see **Tommy Vergers** open the batting and get a quick 20. New boy **Angus Davis** also finished not out.

We finished our season away to Burwood, and were sent in to bat. **Tom** and **Jay** got us off to a good start, which they have done on several occasions this season, with a 50 partnership. There were also contributions from **Hamish** and **Ollie Phegan** and we finished up on 145. We got off to a great start with the ball limiting Burwood to 5-87, however they had key partnerships later in the innings and just scraped over the line, as our bowlers tired. **Michael Wong** being the pick of the bowlers with 1-7 off 3 overs.

Overall, I am happy with how the lads performed this season. This may be strange to say after not coming out with a win, but with most of the lads experiencing their first year in the u16s. This doesn't come at a shock.

Most importantly I feel like everyone improved throughout the season, individually and as a team, and everyone grew with confidence. Next season will be one to look out for and I'm sure there will be many more highlights to come.

## U16C

After a couple of years of COVID interrupted sport it felt like this season we would get a clear run at a full season, that is until the fickle Melbourne weather had its say with the first two rounds of the season washed out and another game in February. When we finally got to play the team quickly jumped out of the blocks winning three of their first five games before a run of injuries (unrelated to cricket) stalled our momentum and we narrowly missed playing finals.

Our squad of 13 players were all in their first year of U16 cricket and with the growth spurts amongst our and other team's players, there was plenty of fast bowling and big hitting throughout the season.

This season we adopted a leadership group of Taj, Daniel, Samuel Healy, and Bianca to lead and manage our bowling and fielding rotations during the games. All four exhibited great game awareness and ran a tight ship with the help of their teammates.

Thanks to all the support from the club in getting us on the ground each week, and the parents who helped with the various roles. Finally, a very big thanks to Peter Healy for his diligent team management and for filling in as coach for me when I was overseas.

Here's the individual player's report cards for the season.

### Teo Aucar

Teo has had a good season and has contributed well, particularly with his bowling. He has best bowling figures of 2/6 against Burwood earlier in the season and a total of 3/12 in both games against this team. Teo had an unlucky run with the bat (not often a direct hit from a throw from the boundary runs you out) but never dropped his commitment to the team. Teo took a couple of smart catches during the season.

### Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano

Bianca had a great season, particularly in the early games and was a key reason for our initial successes. She made 41 in the first game, followed up with a 20 and 30 so was in very strong form. Her accurate bowling also kept pressure on the opposition batters.

## U16C

SEASON 2022-2023

### TEAM MEMBERS

Teo Aucar

Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano

Fred Burton

Taj Cairns

Ash Denmead

Sam Francis

Lucas Gillingham

Sam Healy

Jack Hill-Smith

Daniel Hodgson

Harvey MacDonald

Tommy Mortimer

Frankie Wright-Smith

### COACH

Stewart Denmead

### TEAM MANAGER

Peter Healy

Unfortunately for Bianca her season was cut short over the school holidays with a broken collarbone, and she could not return until our final game. Bianca was our go-to first slip fielder and picked up 4 wickets for the season.

### **Fred Burton**

Fred has made several solid batting contributions during the season with a top score of 36 against Burwood. Fred stepped into the opening batting spot when Taj was injured and his batting with Tommy gave us a solid platform in two of our late season run chases. When we were bowling, Fred was vocal encourager of teammates, a safe pair of hands in the in-field, and with a bit more luck with the ball he could have taken many more wickets.

### **Taj Cairns**

Taj played the roles as attacking opening batter, and tidy wicketkeeper. He played both roles well and made double figures in most innings and top score of 42, ensuring the team was able to get off to a good start. Unfortunately, Taj also was cut down by injury during the school holidays. As one of the leadership group he was a strong contributor to put forward his ideas for team success. Taj is a solid trainer and sets the standard.

### **Ash Denmead**

Due to an extended family overseas holiday, Ash had a late start to the season and did not play his first game until December. He quickly hit his straps though and made several positive contributions with both bat and ball. He took a telling catch in the outfield to help secure our win over Glen Iris, one of the top teams. It was reminiscent of the John Dyson catch from many years ago - an airborne, overhead catch at full stretch on the boundary. Ash also picked up 8 wickets for the season to win our bowling award.

### **Samuel Francis**

Sam also made a positive start to the season, with two scores of 40 plus in the first few games. In the first 40 innings were some of the best cover drives you could see. In the last few matches, he revisited his early season form and with some good innings, the highlight a retired not out 40 of only 24 balls that included a thunderous six over mid-wicket.

### **Lucas Gillingham**

We looked to Lucas to lead the opening bowling for the team. He did this with great effectiveness until he suffered a wrist fracture after round 3 and was out of the team until after the school holidays. He only played in 4 matches, bowling 8 overs for a miserly 13 runs, and taking 1 wicket. In his first batting opportunity he slammed 3 fours in a quickfire 14 to show us his all-round talent. Lucas is a vocal contributor in the field and plays in the right spirit and always with a smile.

### **Samuel Healy**

In only his third season, Sam took on the role that no one else wanted – opening the batting with Taj. He made some solid contributions to team success in the early games and recently made his highest score of 37no to help with the game for us against Glen Iris. He and Frankie were there at the last ball of the match to secure the win. Sam also added variety to the bowling attack with his leg spinners. As one of the leadership group, he stepped up his responsibilities when Taj, Bianca and Daniel were injured in our game against Glen Iris (where he also got his highest score). Sam was also a reliable back up wicketkeeper.

### **Daniel Hodgson**

Daniel's energy played a big part in the team's attitude and intensity on the field and at training. Always a vocal contributor when fielding, he was the unofficial "leader" of the leadership group. Daniel puts everything into his bowling, taking three wickets for the season. Another player struck down with injury in the second half of the season he showed his passion and commitment for the team by still coming to and being involved in training and games.

### **Jack Hill-Smith**

In only his second season, Jack worked hard on his game, his fielding getting better week on week. He also played a few games in South Australia during the holidays to keep on track. Jack's bowling got straighter and fuller as the season progressed, finishing with 6 wickets, including two in one over against Glen Iris that helped turn the game in our favour.

### **Harvey MacDonald**

Harvey is a very keen wicketkeeper and with the injury to Taj we relied on Harvey in the second half of the season. Harvey is also a handy bowler and when not behind the stumps he bowls a tidy line and length and was rewarded with a couple of wickets late in the season. Harvey did some work on his batting in the preseason and developed some off-side shots in his repertoire.

### **Frankie Wright-Smith**

Frankie batted well early in the season and was consistent with his bowling, taking 6 wickets in total to narrowly miss getting the bowling award. Frankie's fielding improved dramatically over the season, and he took a couple of nice catches in our final games, including one where he had just come onto the field against Glen Iris. Frankie is another vocal contributor on the field, positively encouraging teammates, and it was fantastic to watch him calmly complete an exciting run chase against Glen Iris.

### **Tommy Mortimer**

Tommy was out for the start of the season with a broken collarbone and only returned just before Christmas. He started well in his first innings with a quickfire 20 and then took on the tough opening batting sport with Fred, and then in the final game of the season made his highest score of 40 retired not out. When our leadership group was injury depleted, Tommy stepped into this role without prompting with his clever field placing and bowling change suggestions. Tommy was another handy back up wicket keeper when required.

## U18

Like everyone else, the U18s 22/23 season was significantly impacted by weather, and the opportunities to actually bat and bowl for long periods for each individual player was frequently restricted. When the weather allowed, the group played with tremendous determination and spirit, improved significantly as individuals and as a team and seemed to enjoy themselves most of the time.

The team chose three captains **Connor Hastings, Sam Olsen** and **Noah Dekker**. This model worked very effectively as each brought slightly different qualities to the role and all three were very engaged when they were acting as captain or when supporting their co-captain. **Connor won the batting aggregate** and had a **highest score of 87 not out**. He is a star player at this level and his batting and bowling set the very highest example for his teammates. His approach to each and every training session and all aspects of his cricket preparation enables him to always bring his absolute best. **Sam** has already made the move to Premier cricket on Saturdays and approaches the development of his game with absolute determination, focus and great humility. He played some really important innings for us. He also is an absolute top shelf wicketkeeper and a very good leg spinner and a great student of cricket strategy. **Noah Dekker** is an extremely talented and very well organised batsman and a really promising leg spin bowler. Noah works very hard at his game and is a natural leader of his peers and is the model team player. These three outstanding leaders set the standard for the team.

The **coaches award was won by Will Doyle** who is the 'Mr Cricket' of our team. If it was possible Will would play cricket every moment of every day. His love of the game and his irrepressible good humour are incredibly infectious. This season through sheer hard work, he made real progress with his keeping and batting. Will is an outstanding fielder and picked up a few wickets with his medium pace and spin bowling. Special coaches mention also to **Roland Balint** and **Luke Campbell**.

**Roland** played his first ever cricket with us this season. Roland is a gifted sportsman who applied himself to learning the complicated skills of the game with patient dedication. He finished the season playing some senior cricket in the 7ths which is a testimony to his hard work and his developing love of the game. **Luke** had a serious hand injury during the footy season and the cricket season was spent rehabbing from two surgeries. Luke is an outstanding individual and a central member of our group. We missed

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#### TEAM MEMBERS

Roland Balint
Francis Cameron
Noah Dekker
William Doyle
Asher Dunning
Tom Graham
Connor Hastings
Lachlan Haydon
Will Kaye
Daniel King
Joseph Martin
Jack Oldfield
Samuel Olsen
Thomas Romano
James Wickett

#### COACH Jon Graham

#### TEAM MANAGER Bronwyn Wickett

him playing but it was great to have him bowling at training, participating in fielding practice and scoring for us on many occasions. Many thanks Luke.

**Jack Oldfield won the bowling aggregate** and had an absolutely standout performance of **6 for 13 against Northcote**. Jack is a casually brilliant cricketer who bowls quick and can hit the ball out of sight, he is also a great team player man who takes great pleasure in the performances of his team mates. **Daniel King** and **Joe Martin** are both very accomplished medium fast bowlers who have played a lot of senior cricket for the club and bowled very capably for the U 18s this season. Both worked very hard over the season on their batting which was reflected in their strong performances with the bat as the season evolved. It is very important for the development of both of these cricketers that they continue to get plenty of opportunity to develop their batting. **Tom Romano** played mainly this season as a medium fast bowler but had a big breakthrough innings of 46 at better than a run a ball in his final game for the season. Tom is very talented and will be a really capable senior cricketer going forward.

**Francis Cameron** and **Will Kaye** returned to cricket this season and showed more than enough to suggest they should stay. Both are natural clean strikers of the ball and were a bit unlucky with some of their dismissals. Will did a fair bit of the wicketkeeping which he does with competence and casual ease. Francis worked hard at his batting technique and was showing the real benefits of this in the last couple of games.

**Asher Dunning** and **Lachlan Haydon** are great mates and both put in a whole lot of work on their games this season that will prepare them for next season. Asher has worked very hard on his bowling and his batting and also played regular of senior cricket. His confidence and understanding of his game has grown with every match and every training session. Lachie has a tremendously attractive classical batting technique and hits the ball incredibly well. He also bowls big spinning leg breaks and is an excellent fielder. The building blocks of his game are very solid and he is extremely well placed to take his cricket to another level.

**James Wickett** was the life blood of the team. He always has a smile on his face and a joke or a new nick name for a team mate to make sure all feel included. His casual approach can distract from the fact that he is a very talented cricketer who had a very promising season. He bowls a combination of off spin and leg spin, fields very capably and bats strategically with a good range of strokes and excellent judgement of a run.

**Tom Graham** was asked to open the batting in challenging conditions on a couple of occasions. His batting strengths are his calm temperament, strong defence and his running between wickets. Tom is a very reliable fielder and an occasional leg spin bowler. Tom is very well placed to leave junior ranks and continue his senior cricket



Special thanks to **Sarah Barber**, who is a professional cricketer from South Africa with the club for this season. During training, in the second half of the season, Sarah worked one on one with a number of the players on skill development with obvious benefit to those individuals and the team performance.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents of the players for getting them to the games on the Friday nights, supplying afternoon tea, scoring, umpiring and supporting the boys. I would especially like to acknowledge the hard work of **Bron Wickett**, the team manager who made sure it all worked. This team is a tremendous group of young people who have been an absolute pleasure to work with. Best wishes to all for next season and the future.

## *Outstanding Individual Achievements*

### 50+ runs in an innings

<b>Player</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
Holly Scammell	57	7	Girls 2 Maroon	Richmond Union Mooney
Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano	52*	3	Girls 3 Gold	Canterbury
James Shadbolt	93	8	U16A	Donvale
	56	3	U16A	Balwyn
	53	5	U16A	Mont Albert
Connor Hastings	87*	3	U18	Northcote United
Tom Wavish	75	4	U16B Gold	Balwyn
Leroy Hinds	75*	5	U16A	Mont Albert
	78	9	U16A	Surrey Hills
Harry Dichiera	70*	10	U14A	Camberwell Magpies
Harry Dichiera	50*	7	U12A	STC South Camberwell
Max Barton	70*	8	U12B Gold	North Alphington Red
Christopher Oliver	62	4	U16A	Trinity Willison
	54*	8	U16A	Donvale
Samuel Olsen	57*	5	U18	Holy Trinity
Duncan McKie	58	9	U16B Maroon	Bulleen/Bulleen Templestowe
	53	5	U16B Maroon	Ivanhoe
David Oliver	52*	2	U16B Maroon	Box Hill
Theo Nikolich	50*	5	U14A	Richmond Union
Luca Rhodes	50*	5	U14A	Richmond Union
Toby Littlejohn-Sims	50	2	U16B Maroon	Box Hill
Nicholas Berry	50*	3	U14B Maroon	STC South Camberwell
Dougal Fraser	51*	9	U14B Maroon	Richmond Union
Hamish Gunthorpe	50*	8	U14B Maroon	Clifton Hill Blue
William Tehan	50*	9	U14B Gold	Box Hill

## 40+ runs in an innings (compulsory retirement at 40 runs in 16C)

Player	Runs	Round	Team	Opponent
Samuel Francis	40*	3	U16C	Clifton Hill
	42*	6		Burwood
	40*	16		Boroondara
Tommy Mortimer	40*	16	U16C	Boroondara
Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano	41*	3	U16C	Clifton Hill
	41*	7		Glen Iris

## 5+ wickets in an innings

Player	Round	Team	Opponent
Jack Oldfield	13	U18	Northcote United

## Selected in representative teams 2022-2023

### Girls

#### VMCU Carnival ECA

##### **U12**

Lola Whiley

##### **U17**

Meg Orr

Acacia Shipper

Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano

## **Boys**

### **VMCU Carnival ECA**

#### **U12**

Xavier McIntosh

Harry Dichiera

#### **U14**

Luca Rhodes

Theo Nikolich

#### **U16**

Mitchell Money

Leroy Hinds

#### **U18**

Max Daphne

### **VSDCA Craig Shield U15 Boys**

Joel Dichiera - Preston CC

Sebastian Donnellan - Preston CC

Lachlan Green - Ivanhoe CC

Chris Oliver - Ivanhoe CC

### **CV Dowling Shield U17 Boys**

Connor Hastings - Melbourne University CC

James Shadbolt - Northcote CC

Sam Olsen - Camberwell Magpies CC

**Youth Premier League Boys U16**

James Shadbolt - Northern Falcons

**Victorian U19 Male Team**

Tom Mileto

**Victorian Second XI**

Doug Warren (former ECC junior player)