



Edinburgh Cricket Club

Junior Season Report 2019-2020

Junior Coordinator's Season Report 2019-2020

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Last May when Stephen Connelly asked me if I would consider taking over the Junior Coordinator role from him that was my immediate concern. Having observed and participated in “key” dramas in the prior two seasons as a Team Manager could I step into the fray?

Reflecting now on what has been a very successful season for the junior teams at Edinburgh it was only late in the season when some key dramas surfaced. What I hadn't anticipated after the country has lived through one of the worse droughts on record was that rain would be the biggest headache we would face for the season. For future reference if the Bureau of Meteorology starts to talk about the Indian Ocean Dipole turning negative around September then prepare for an interrupted season!

We fielded 25 teams in total this season; in the weekend competition we had 6 x U10s teams, 8 x U12, 5 x U14, 2 x U16 and four girls' teams playing mid-week. The challenge of having such a large compliment of teams is accommodating them on the grounds we have available, particularly working around the turf wicket area at BSO with all the wet weather we experienced. Thanks to everyone for accommodating these challenges.

The performance of our girl's teams was nothing short of outstanding, marred only by grand finals being cancelled due to the COVID outbreak. The Stage 3 girls team were due to play their fourth grand final, and our two undefeated Stage 2 teams were facing each other in an inter-club final. In the weekend competition we had four teams out of a possible eight that made it through to the finals, with the U12A and U14A's playing off in the grand final but unfortunately falling short on the day. The U14A's also played off in the T20 decider without success. Such a high participation rate in the finals speaks volumes for the work that the club has done over a number of years in developing capable young players who strive to do their best in the spirit of the game.

In a coordinating role like this it is those that are at the frontline that deserve the most praise and recognition.

Firstly, a big thanks to Stephen Connelly, my predecessor in this role, for all the great systems and documentation that he had put in place, and for the wise counsel he has provided me over the season. It is a role where you really “don't know what you don't know” until the various issues present themselves. I really do appreciate your support throughout this season.

The reality is that it is the coaches and team managers who do the heavy lifting week-in week-out during the season and without exception you all did a fantastic job which I evidenced through the minimal issues that presented themselves come Monday. My sincere thanks to you all - without you putting your hand up the game would not go on.

The Age Level Coordinators (ALCs) play a significant support role for coaches, team managers, parents and players across the club. To Paul Grover (Girls), Stephen Connelly (U16), Matt Drew (U14), Tim Dichiera (U12) and Louise Dichiera (U10), a big thank you from me for taking on the ALC roles. Louise took on the U10 coordinator role in addition to being an amazing Club Administrator, and carried out both tasks exceptionally well.

Finally, thanks to club President Stuart Whiley and the executive who genuinely put the junior program at the top of the priority list given it forms the pipeline of talent for the senior teams of tomorrow.

I hope all families enjoyed the season and look forward to welcoming everyone back to the club in 2020-21.

Cameron MacDonald – Junior Coordinator

Girls Stage 1 Report 2019-20

The 2019/20 season has definitely had its ups and downs from our first game being played in the rain to winning off the second last ball in last game. We started the season of with 9 players with 1 moving up to stage 2 after Christmas. Overall throughout the season the girls have done well and should be proud of what they have achieved, finishing 3rd overall after Christmas. The girls have shown great potential throughout the season improving each week and supporting each other on and off the pitch. It's been a pleasure to be able to help them develop their knowledge and skills of the game. I would like to say a big thank you to Caroline who was our team manager for all her hard work this season. I would also like to thank the parents for getting the girls to training and games and helping with the scoring and teas each week.

Mabel Blake: Mabel is a valuable member within this team with her encouragement on and off the pitch. Mabel has shown great potential throughout the season with her outstanding fielding, bowling and batting she is a real all-rounder. Well done this season and continue working hard and enjoying your cricket.

Lucia Brouwer: Lucia's positivity and energy around the team this year has been excellent to see! Her encouragement when on the pitch and off the pitch can be heard by everyone. Her bowling has improved every week and is now one of our main bowlers. I can't wait to see what your cricketing future holds! Keep up the good work

Clara Dessi: Clara's bowling impressed me from the beginning of the season and has improved every week. She consistently bowls in the right areas and has got some pace when bowling. Her fielding has improved massively with her now backing up every ball and taking most catches which come to her! Great work this season!

Maggie Harrison: Maggies all round game has improved throughout the season with her batting and fielding coming on massively. When Maggie wasn't talking about Harry Potter she was encouraging and cheering her team mates on. Well done this season! Keep up the hard work.

Sana Srivastava: Sana's game has improved massively since the beginning of the season. Her energy and attitude towards improving have shown throughout the season. Sana's batting and running between the wickets has improved significantly and she is now one of our key batters. Keep up the hard work Sana! I can't wait to see what the future has instore for you.

Indianna Pereira: Joining late into the season Indie immediately impressed me with how quickly her batting and bowling improved. Your confidence when out on the field has played a huge part in the team. Good work! Well done this season.

GIRLS STAGE 1 SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Eadie Blackman

Mabel Blake

Lucia Brouwer

Clara Dessi

Maggie Harrison

Saskia Kingston-Armstrong

Anika Krishnapillai

Indianna Pereira

Sana Srivastava

COACHING/UMPIRING

Danielle Collins

MANAGER

Caroline Sharpe/Lisa Redfern

Saskia Kingston-Armstrong: Saskia is a valued member of the team with her batting, bowling and fielding she is a great all-rounder. Her batting this season has been outstanding this year and her knowledge of the game has improved significantly and has shown in games. Her encouragement helps to keep the team lifted when at training and games. I'm excited to see what our cricketing future holds! Well done this season.

Eadie Blackman: Eadie was a valued member of our team before moving onto stage 2. Her consistency with both the bat and the ball really showed off her talent as a young player. Good luck in the future

Anika Krishnapillai: Anika's all round game has improved throughout the season with her bowling become very important. She has been a great character to have around the team! Always making the girls laugh and making sure they have a good time. Good luck in the future

Girls Stage 2 Gold Report 2019-20

What an incredible year the girls have had. We had a rocky start to the season, but with the talent we have in this team, it was inevitable that we would end on a high. I can't wait to see how well they all go in future seasons.

Then we come to 2020, we had not lost a game with the girls heading towards the finals. The Final was scheduled between the two Stage 2 Edinburgh girls' teams at Hislop Park. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the league made the decision to cancel the final and share the title between the two teams. So, both Edinburgh teams came away with a Premiership!

We lost Bianca after Christmas to the stage 3 girls, and she killed it! Couldn't be prouder of her achievements. However, we gained 3 new members from Dennis CC, Eva, Ada and Lucy. They were great additions to the team giving us strength in numbers.

The girls have always been brilliant with the ball, constantly getting wickets every week. But after Christmas we bowled our first team out! This showed that the girls had been working hard on their wicket balls and also building pressure with dot balls. We started the season bowling over 20 wides and no balls but ended the season keeping it to under 10.

To the batting, the girls improved so much from the start of the season. In the first season the girls were able to knock singles around, but after Christmas, there were constant boundaries being hit as well as those singles to rotate the strike. As all of you know, I was always looking for cut shots, pull shots and defensive shots. With the last couple of rounds the girls were playing more extravagant shots which shows how much they had progressed.

The girls improved week by week which made me so happy to watch and be a part of, I hope they all continue to blossom in the upcoming seasons. I wish them the best of luck.

Bianca Broadbent- Siciliano is an all-round great player. She is very keen, is always at training and eager to go. Bianca is very consistent with the ball and knows where to pitch the ball to different players. She is also a very confident batter and is always keen to hit the boundaries every time. She also made her senior debut and played a massive part in the team!

Eva Cormie joined us after Christmas as a very confident bowler, bowling big in-swing. Eva has a lot of potential with the ball and I'm very excited for her future. With the bat, she improved over the couple of months being at Edinburgh, especially with her confidence. Eva is very good at rotating the strike, running between the wickets and hitting that bad ball. I hope to see Eva back at the Burra next season.

GIRLS STAGE 2 GOLD SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano

Eva Cormie

Elinor Hastings

Ruby Kaye

Georgie Kozka

Olive Nicholson

Hannah Olsen

Meg Orr

Madeleine Reid

Ada Ryan

Lucy Ryan

COACHING/UMPIRING

Laura Jackson

MANAGER

Keli Symons

Elinor Hastings was a joy to be around and always had a smile on her face. Elinor, every week, was constantly getting wickets as the batters could not face her unique bowling style. As the season went on her batting became better as she learned to slide her bat in when running between wickets. It was lovely to see her confidence grow and even open the batting last game of the season.

Ruby Kaye is a little pocket rocket who came up from Stage 1 from last season. Ruby is another player who can do anything. She is very consistent with the ball and usually gets a wicket every week. As a batter, ruby is amazing, her cut shot is by far her best shot which is very difficult to play on synthetic wickets at her age. Ruby also is a wiz around the field with a very strong throw.

Georgie Kozka is probably the most improved player I have coached. I first started coaching Georgie 3 years ago and the improvement she has made is amazing, she is like 2 different people. Georgie was working on getting the ball on this pitch this season and by the end, she wasn't bowling any and was maintaining a consistent line. With the bat Georgie was able to hit a good ball and was rotating the strike. I could not be prouder of Georgie this season.

Olive Nicholson was another very improved player over the season. Her bowling got a lot more consistent with all the hard work she put in during the training sessions over the 6 months. Olive was never afraid to get in front of the ball and put her body on the line, nothing would faze her. To show how much she has improved, her batting in the last game of the season says it all. Olive faced 28 balls and scored 39; this is an amazing score especially with only facing 28 balls. Olive is a great player.

Hannah Olsen is a player who is always putting her hand up to do everything. She gets stuck into the game every week and is always supporting her teammates in the field. Her bowling is amazing and always bowls it in the right areas and rarely bowls a bad ball. Hannah is also a confident batter who loves a pull shot, definitely don't bowl in that area! She is always eager to keep learning.

Meg Orr is a confident player and the team can always count on her every week. She bowls lovely in-swing bowling which tricks the batter every time and she continues to take loads of wickets every week. Meg has been brilliant with the bat this season, her strength in playing the shots helps her every week when she isn't afraid to strike the ball over the infield and bowlers head, scoring boundaries every time. She is always a player I can rely on in the field, and is constantly looking at ways to back up the wickets even if she is on the other side of the field.

Madeleine Reid has really come out of her shell this year and is growing week by week. Maddie's bowling has really improved this year and we have tried different ways for her to be more consistent, she was nailing this every week towards the end of the season with lots of hard work at training. Her batting is good and is able to hit a hard ball, scoring boundaries when she needs to. Maddie has improved in leaps and bounds this year and I'm excited to see how she goes next season.

Ada Ryan joined us after Christmas and has been a great addition to the side. Ada is a very consistent bowler and batter who is also very energetic in the field. Her bowling is very difficult to face as a batter with the medium pace that it comes down. She is a very

complete bowler who always restricts the runs that is scored against her. Ada has improved her batting since coming to Edinburgh and every week is rotating the strike better with her running between the wickets. Ada also surprised me with her wicket keeping skills, her footwork is amazing behind the stumps.

Lucy Ryan is the other player that joined us from Dennis and she was very eager to play. Lucy is very strong with the ball and knows exactly where to land it. Every week she is keen to improve her batting at training, looking to hit every ball, running in between the wickets and building a good partnership with the other batter. I hope to see Lucy back next year at Edinburgh as she is a big character in the team.

Girls Stage 2 Burgundy Report 2019-20

The girls in the Burgundy 2 team this year had a very consistent year with 3 wins and 4 losses before Christmas and 6 wins and 1 loss after Christmas. Before Christmas we had a slow start but also had some very narrow losses - the girls always fought it out to the end. As a group they are always very positive and encourage each other without any guidance from the coach.

It became pretty obvious to most that Richmond had a much older more experienced side than anybody in stage 2 destroying all teams, our round 7 clash with them was in my opinion our best game for the season. Richmond batted first and we fought really hard to keep them to 2/104 off their 20 overs. The highlight was we had only 4 extras for the innings, with Acacia leading the way with 1/11.

Our batting innings began and again the girls showed so much fight against a much older and stronger opposition. We compiled a great score of 2/98 just 6 runs short. Kiera 15no and Meg 10no led the way with the bat and Maddy 13no tried to get us over the line at the end but we were just short. This game did really set us up for the second half of the season and showed we may be younger and a lot physically smaller but we can match it with the best of them.

The second season after Christmas began slowly with a loss against Edinburgh gold. The coach takes responsibility for that as obviously still in holiday mode! After that we have compiled a very nice run of wins and our batting hasn't let us down scoring over 100 just about every week. But again, our bowling and fielding have been our main strength. The highlights being bowling out Boroondara for 28 and keeping Clifton Hill to 7/36.

I seem to say this every year but these girls are an absolute pleasure to coach. They listen to what we have to say and try to improve all the time. They are extremely competitive without being disrespectful to the opposition but more importantly they are very close as a team and it shows in how they celebrate each other's successes.

Kiera Grover: Kiera is our most experienced player who has had a very consistent year with the bat. She also has kept all year for us and does a great job in denying extras. Her running between the wickets is a highlight and is starting to rub off on other players.
Pre-season assignment - Work on bowling fuller with your head up.

GIRLS STAGE 2 BURGUNDY SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Eloise Bisley

Eadie Blackman

Charlotte Delahunt

Madelyne Delahunt

Siena Dowsing

Keira Grover

Gabrielle McCue

Liv Robertson

Acacia Schipper

Charlotte Silver

COACHING/UMPIRING

Julian Delahunt/Sarah
Campbell

MANAGER

Paul Grover

Eloise Bisley: Eloise is a very good role model for all the younger players. Her batting and bowling this year has improved a lot since last season. Eloise batted very well especially in the game against the Gold team making 22. Her bowling has got a lot quicker and always puts her body behind the ball in the field.

Pre-season assignment - Bowling more consistent line and length balls.

Acacia Schipper: Acacia had a very solid year with the bat and continued to work extremely hard on her bowling consistency. She had two scores of 20+ and has started to hit the ball both sides of the wicket and compiled 132 @ 14 along the way. Her bowling has also improved and has started to get a good rhythm and bowl faster and more consistent. Acacia along with Maddy drive this team to be competitive and push to the victory no matter the situation.

Pre-Season assignment - Defending a good ball.

Gabrielle McCue: Gaby became our second wicket keeper and did a good job behind the stumps. Her batting also improved and she started to use her power in some of her shots. She took some great catches both behind the stumps and in the field.

Pre-Season assignment - Working hard on your concentration.

Liv Robertson: Liv is our quiet achiever. Her bowling has been excellent all year except the sunscreen game and along with Maddy D has lead our bowling attack. Liv bowls very consistent and full balls and it shows with her 10 wickets @ 13.10. Liv keeps working hard on her batting and had her best game of 18no against the gold team. Another great season Liv.

Pre-Season assignment - Not letting your back foot back away while batting.

Madelyne Delahunt: Maddy had another year of improvement with both bat and ball and loves playing against the bigger older girls. Her bowling was consistent and is starting to develop some real pace. She lead the attack with 12 wickets @ 12 and also averaged 22 with the bat. Maddy's competitiveness can't be questioned and against the older stronger teams is when she scored most of her runs.

Pre-Season assignment - Running between the wickets.

Siena Dowsing: Siena is taking batting back to the Bradman era. Siena did not go out for the entire season which means in her career so far she has been out once in 27 innings. Siena's career average is 158 which is fantastic. Siena worked hard on her bowling and she has started to bowl out swing. Siena is also a great fielder and got a couple of run outs with that rocket arm.

Pre-season assignment - Working on more scoring shots.

Eadie Blackman: Eadie joined us after dominating Stage 1. She was a great recruit for our team. After starting a little nervously, towards the end of the season she looked as good as anyone playing stage 2. Both her batting and bowling developed and her confidence grew with her best bowling game being a 2/9 against Clifton Hill. Batting her top score was 9 no against Holy Trinity. Eadie improved every week so I hope she continues with us next season.

Pre-season assignment - Body behind the ball in the field.

Charlotte Delahunt: Unfortunately for Charlotte she missed a lot through injury but when she plays she is always encouraging her team mates and is vocal in the field. She has improved with her consistency with her bowling and batting over the season and we hope she gets a good run next season.

Pre-season assignment - Realising your hands/wrists when you are batting.

Charlotte Silver: Like Charlotte D, Charlotte S was struck down with injury and only played the first half of the season. She started well with the bat and ball and is always a positive teammate who works hard at training to improve these skills. Her keeping was again at a very high standard and is always looking to improve.

Pre-season assignment - Staying healthy!

Firstly we would like to thank Paul for being team manager. You allow us to coach the girls and not worry about all the admin stuff. And we would like to thank all the parents of all these girls. They are the most respectful, well-mannered group I have ever come across, they listen and try to improve themselves as cricketers every week and are becoming a very tight group. See you all next season. Go BURRAS!

Julian Delahunt
Sarah Campbell

Girls Stage 3 Report 2019-20

Coach's report: Hannah Mansell

The stage 3 girls have continued their winning streak from the previous two seasons and have shown us that they are stronger than ever, remaining undefeated so far. Having coach Hannah back for a third season has solidified these girls as a team and developed some true consistency amongst the play.

We began the season thinking we had 11 players, however, sadly Charlie Young had to undergo a knee reconstruction which meant she was out and then Caitlin Jack injured her back early in the season and was unable to return to play. We had Anna out until late November with VCE and Ella overseas on exchange until late January. We were down to just 7 players, the minimum number the girls can play with, but that didn't stop our girls from putting on a show every week.

We had a bit of a slow start with a couple of teams having to forfeit but have been incredibly lucky with the weather, managing to avoid any cancellations due to rain. It has been a long season, with 15 rounds and then a final – a slightly different format to that of previous years whereby the girls played a split season, with two finals.

We had a convincing win against Nth Balwyn in the second round – we made 160 runs with Ella *41, Mikaela *26 and Abby *21. There was some very tight bowling by Mikaela - 3/5. Nth Balwyn only making 37 runs in the end.

We came up against Heatherdale in Round 4 and it was a very close game, with the Burra birds winning by only one run, Phoebe starring with the bat, making 35. We met Heatherdale again in Round 9 this time winning a bit more convincingly on our home ground with Phoebe *23 and Abby *22.

Round 10 saw a convincing win against Canterbury at Highfield Park – thanks to Simon (Senior Women's coach) who stepped in as coach for the day in Hannah's absence. The Burra's had them all bowled out in the 16th over and then had the game won in their innings by the 6th over! Mikaela took a great first wicket (first ball) and then Phoebe and Katy bowled exceptionally well, 2/4 and 2/5 respectively.

In round 11, we came up against Holy Trinity again at BSO. It was another close game, our higher order batters dropping like flies and it was thanks to Mina and Abby (at #7 and #8) who held it together for the game. We won 6/76 verse 3/72.

GIRLS STAGE 3 SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano

Madeleine Hennessy

Wilhelmina (Mina) Holmes

Caitlin Jack

Mikaela Kennedy

Kate Livingston

Abby Moulday

Phoebe Nelson

Katelyn Shadbolt

Ella Smallacombe

Anna Stephens

COACHING/UMPIRING

Hannah Mansell

MANAGER

Georgia Hogg

The Stage 3 girls were very lucky to be able to have Bianca step up from Stage 2 in round 12 against Nth Balwyn and she really proved her worth in that game, taking two wickets and retired *14. Great batting by Ella *41, Mikaela *26 and Abby *21. Mikaela bowled well, 3/5.

We were lucky enough to get a game on with Nth Alphington in Round 13, who thankfully allowed us to begin play with only 6 players. We managed to win with Phoebe *58!

Whilst the rest of Melbourne was being rained on in round 14, we were able to see out and win a close game against Heatherdale at Heatherdale with some amazing batting from Phoebe *51 and Mina 11, who kept the team going to the end. Great catches were taken in the field by Anna, Ella and Maddy. After a big knock to the elbow, Katy reluctantly took to the crease but then bowled an amazing few overs, 2/7.

Our opening bowler, Mikaela, has continued her supernatural ability (from previous seasons) to bowl out players first ball of the game, across several games. Katy Shadbolt declared at the first game of the season that it was her aim to remain positive throughout the season and she has truly lived up to that declaration, always cajoling the girls with great spirit and enthusiasm. Kate may have found her new thing with opening the batting and well Ella... Ella learned to speak German. Each and every girl has had something great to look back on throughout the season and they should be extremely proud of themselves! It has been a joy to watch all the girls play in this Stage 3 team, showing great talent.

Coaches tribute to each player...

Mikaela Kennedy (C): Mikaela has had another truly amazing season. I don't know how she does it but she's overtaken her tally of taking a wicket first ball of the game from 3 last season to 5 this season. Her bowling is outstanding and mature. Playing alongside her and watching her dominate in the senior women's, it's been a pleasure to watch her almost play around in the junior league this year. Mikaela would say her season has been a frustrating one but I think it's been one where she's learned to wait for the ball, something that's required when no-one bowls as quick as her! Being our captain this year I gave Mikaela most of the responsibility and it was great to watch her naturally lead and sort the girls out in the field but also help them off it too. In the field I think it's fair to say Mikaela throws herself about the field whether it be successful or not it's her willingness to help constrict runs and help the bowler out that makes her a brilliant team player... but some of the dives I have to say are extremely entertaining to watch! It's not very often you come across such a rare talent so I'm glad I got to be a part of Mikaela's journey! I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching Mikaela for the last 3 years and I'm confident you'll see her name in the big leagues in the future. Congratulations on your fantastic season Micky, I'll miss you... rory starc and everyone's favourite parents so much!

Phoebe Nelson: Phoebe's season has been nothing less of perfection. Now I'm pretty sure no junior has ever scored over 350 runs in a season, so when I found this out I wasn't even surprised that Phoebe had smashed this record to pieces. Phoebe's whopping score of 395 runs at an average of 131 is pretty incredible. She is such a natural talent and her hard work

and dedication to the sport has paid off. Phoebe has gone from strength to strength over the last 3 seasons and I've loved being able to watch her develop into a wonderful cricketer. When I first arrived at Edinburgh CC, Phoebe was the first burra I met and immediately I knew she was going to be a special talent. Her ability to hit to all parts of the ground makes it extremely hard for bowlers to dismiss her and more often than not she bats out a whole innings and guides the team to victory...and that's not when she's wicketkeeping! I have no doubt in my mind that in a couple years' time Phoebe Nelson will be a well-established name in not only junior cricket but in senior cricket too. Congratulations on your record-breaking season, I'm going to miss you lots and I wish you the best of luck for the future!

Katy Shadbolt: Katy's had a terrific season in all aspects of the game. Being our super star keeper, Katy threw herself into the keeping this year and I have to say I was very impressed! Katy is one of the only cricketers in the team to loudly encourage the bowlers to the point where she barely has a voice left by the end of the game. This shows me that she is a true team player. Katy's batting is the thing that has impressed everyone this year, not only can Katy occupy the crease but she demands runs when there too. She's a very mature and dominating batter who can hit to all parts of the ground and this is why she has been so successful this season. Katy when in the field makes her presence known...gliding along the outfield to create run out chances, that sometimes weren't even there. A very knowledgeable cricketer and one that is still eager to learn. This is why I'm confident Katy will accomplish everything she sets her mind too with cricket. Katy isn't far off giving her dad a run for his money that's for sure! Katy was like the little sister I never had so I suppose I could say I was a little harder on her than the rest, but only because I wanted her to do well. She certainly doesn't need my help anymore! Congratulations on your wonderful season, I know this isn't goodbye it's more of a see you later sis! Carry on working hard...Darrrr!

Wilhelmina Holmes: Mullet Mina's season has been one of great development. One that she should be extremely proud of! Bowling mina has found a way of making batters think twice about how to play her. Focusing more on line and length and not necessarily speed has given mina an advantage over the opposition. Mina being so tall, when she bowls, creates a very hard angle to play at considering most the girls we play aren't that tall. The bounce and variation Mina gets makes it hard for them to even hit the ball. With the batting side of things, Mina has shown great determination and willingness to develop and learn about her game. She has stuck with it all season and is always asking questions. I often find myself messing up the overs and Mina especially knows how nerve wracking that can be for a player...having to bowl the last over of a very close game... IN A GRAND FINAL!!! Mina showed me on that day that she can stand up and be counted when needed and is a vital part of the team. To be able to bowl a final over of a grand final and only have 2 runs conceded from it is pretty spectacular if I do say so myself. Mina's ability to cope with pressure has won us not just that game but a few others too! Mullet Mina you should be so proud of your season, you've done amazingly well! Hope to see you and your magical mullet again!

Anna Stephens: Anna's season has been great to watch. Having finished her year 12 exams Anna joined us nearly halfway through the season and she came with a job to do. Working with Simon, the Women's first team coach, Anna's batting went from being able to keep her wicket to being able to score runs and occupy the crease as well. Anna's hard work has

brought her game up onto a new level and one that she should be proud of. With the ball Anna has her own style and it works, getting nice little away swingers going which when on the spot can surprise a batter and catch her out. Not only batting and bowling improvements but in the field Anna encourages everyone until she's blue in the face. Being the oldest in the team, Anna is someone who brings maturity and calmness to the side. You should be so proud of yourself Anna and I've no doubt you'll be smashing it in the seniors next season! Good luck and hopefully see you sometime soon!

Madeleine Hennessy: Madeleine's season has yet again been a fabulous one. Just like the previous couple of seasons no one has managed to figure out how to play against her bowling. This gives us a huge advantage having a spinner in our team. It's very rare within the league to actually have a spinner and for them to actually spin the ball! Time and time again Madeleine proves that she can confidently occupy the crease helping the team out to claim the victory. In the field Madeleine is confident and gets the ball in quickly and efficiently, which contributes massively in the game situation. Madeleine also did a great challenge this season... shaving her head for charity. Now this took immense courage and selflessness to do and it did have its positives for cricket... it made her run quicker and her helmet fit a lot better! All jokes aside you achieved a great thing this season not only off the field but on it too. You should be super proud of the lovely young women you are growing up to be and an exceptionally talented cricketer as well. I wish you all the best for the future and hope you carry on playing as the game is lucky to have you!

Kate Livingstone: Kate has had a great season and one that hopefully she has found her place within the team. Kate this year opened the batting on several occasions and on all of those didn't disappoint. Her hard work at training and at games paid off and she began hitting the ball to all parts of the ground. One thing that stands out about Kate is that she will always take on a challenge without a thought. This is what Kate did with her batting and it was brilliant to watch.

With the ball Kate wasn't too keen on bowling and that's perfectly fine as she knew she would rather do her job with the bat for the team. However, on occasions when I needed to switch the bowling up Kate was always someone I could turn to without any complaints and wouldn't take herself too seriously, but would get the job done! In the field Kate is commanding, especially along the boundary. With a quick pick up and a rocket arm you can always rely on Kate to get the ball in to stop runs and help towards run outs. Always plays with a smile on her face (even when I make her bowl) and she has been an absolute delight to coach the past couple years! I wish you all the success for the future on and off the field!

Ella Smallacombe: Ella season has been one where she has scored runs and also learned to speak German. Ella had to leave us half way through the season for an exchange programme, which meant we didn't have our 6 hitter or 4 smasher in the squad. But when Ella did play she made herself known. Once again this season Ella has made an impression with the bat. Hitting the ball so cleanly and so powerfully is something that comes naturally to Ella and this is why she makes the perfect batter. Able to hit over and around fielders, bowlers often find themselves looking past the boundary to see how far Ella just hit the ball. In the field Ella also packs a punch. I have Ella in the same fielding position all game every game (boring for Ella I know but it works!) as more than likely Ella gets a run out at least once if not twice a game. Her ability to cleanly and quickly pick the ball up and throw

the ball with precision hitting the stumps 9 times out of 10 makes her the most dangerous person to take on in the field. I honestly don't know how she does it! Ella you have consistently made myself and the team smile with your infectious personality and great cricketing skills. I wish you all the best for the future and hopefully see you soon!

Abby Moulday: Abby's season has been one which has consisted of plenty of runs and wickets and considering Abby had some school cricket commitments, which meant she only played 8 games however, she didn't fail to leave her mark. Smashing the ball all around the park Abby is an extremely destructive batter that leaves the bowler stunned and confused as to where to bowl to her next. Abby's bowling has come a great deal this season with her ability to bowl a consistent line and length means she can confidently dry up runs from one end, which takes the pressure off other bowlers, which is an extremely good thing to be able to have on a team. Not only does Abby contribute with both bat and ball, she is one of the best fielders in the side, throwing herself around and diving to stop the ball and restrict runs. With a fast arm and big throw Abby is able to get the ball in quickly and efficiency which creates so many chances for us as a team. Abby also has very good anticipation of where the ball is going and backs up both ends of the wicket even if that means running to the other side of the pitch! Abby, you've had a great season and I hope your form continues into the next one! I wish you luck for the future!

Bianca Broadbent- Siciliano: Bianca my little pocket rocket! Halfway through the season Bianca had caught my eye at training and her scores for her stage 2 team. I knew it wouldn't be long until she was making her case for the stage 3 girls team. That came soon enough and Bianca played her first official game in the stage 3 team. Now I don't know how to stress this enough but for any 11/12 year old girl, making a move from stage 2 to 3 is a big deal and would frighten most players... not Bianca! In Bianca's first game she made a good score and took 3 wickets... the standard performance I learned to expect from her. Bianca's batting is technically sound and there wasn't much I could teach her she didn't already know. Being able to hit all around the ground I knew that Bianca wasn't out of her depth. Bianca has a way of making batting look very easy and at times I would find myself asking how on earth she would get a ball that pitched on off to the deep square boundary! Bianca's bowling came on throughout the season (it must be that legend of a bowling coach she had!) and with her ability to naturally swing the ball in, she would often catch batters out and bowl them. Bianca you've had an outstanding season and I'm excited to see what the future holds for you! You've been a pleasure to coach... even if it did cost me a few bags of lollies!

Thanks for a great 3 seasons with you all! You are all exceptionally talented cricketers and I hope you all continue having fun whilst playing the game! We aren't 4 from 4 for no reason right!

GO BURRA!

Girls 3 Team Manager's report: Georgia Hogg

The stage 3 girls have continued their winning streak from the previous two seasons and have shown us that they are stronger than ever, remaining undefeated. Having coach Hannah back for a third season has solidified these girls as a team and developed some true consistency amongst the play.

We began the season thinking we had 11 players, however, sadly **Charlie Young** had to undergo a knee reconstruction which meant she was out and then **Caitlin Jack** injured her back early in the season and was unable to return to play. We had **Anna** out until late November with VCE and **Ella** overseas on exchange until late January. We were down to just 7 players, the minimum number the girls can play with, but that didn't stop our girls from putting on a show every week.

We had a bit of a slow start with a couple of teams having to forfeit but have been incredibly lucky with the weather, managing to avoid any cancellations due to rain. It has been a long season, with 15 rounds and then a final – a slightly different format to that of previous years whereby the girls played a split season, with two finals.

We had a convincing win against Nth Balwyn in the second round – we made 160 runs with **Ella** *41, **Mikaela** *26 and **Abby** *21. There was some very tight bowling by **Mikaela** - 3/5. Nth Balwyn only making 37 runs in the end.

We came up against Heatherdale in Round 4 and it was a very close game, with the Burra birds winning by only one run, **Phoebe** starring with the bat, making 35. We met Heatherdale again in Round 9 this time winning a bit more convincingly on our home ground with **Phoebe** *23 and **Abby** *22.

Round 10 saw a convincing win against Canterbury at Highfield Park – thanks to Simon (Senior Women's coach) who stepped in as coach for the day in Hannah's absence. The Burra's had them all bowled out in the 16th over and then had the game won in their innings by the 6th over! **Mikaela** took a great first wicket (first ball) and then **Phoebe** and **Katy** bowled exceptionally well, 2/4 and 2/5 respectively.

In round 11, we came up against Holy Trinity again at BSO. It was another close game, our higher order batters dropping like flies and it was thanks to **Mina** and **Abby** (at #7 and #8) who held it together for the game. We won 6/76 verse 3/72.

The Stage 3 girls were very lucky to be able to have **Bianca** step up from Stage 2 in round 12 against Nth Balwyn and she really proved her worth in that game, taking two wickets and retired *14. Great batting by **Ella** *41, **Mikaela** *26 and **Abby** *21. **Mikaela** bowled well, 3/5.

We were lucky enough to get a game on with Nth Alphington in Round 13, who thankfully allowed us to begin play with only 6 players. We managed to win with **Phoebe** *58!

Whilst the rest of Melbourne was being rained on in round 14, we were able to see out and win a close game against Heatherdale at Heatherdale with some amazing batting from **Phoebe** *51 and **Mina** 11, who kept the team going to the end. Great catches were taken in the field by **Anna, Ella** and **Maddy**. After a big knock to the elbow, **Katy** reluctantly took to the crease but then bowled an amazing few overs, 2/7.

We met Canterbury in the final round on an early Sunday morning. They went into bat first and made 96 runs. Our young **Bianca** bowled superbly, taking 2 wickets in the one over.

Our opening bowler, **Mikaela**, has continued her supernatural ability (from previous seasons) to bowl out players first ball of the game, across several games. **Katy Shadbolt** declared at the first game of the season that it was her aim to remain positive throughout the season and she has truly lived up to that declaration, always cajoling the girls with great spirit and enthusiasm.

It has been a joy to watch all the girls play in this Stage 3 team, each and every one of them showing great talent. Sadly, I can see the club will lose a few of the older girls to Junior cricket as they move on to play for the Senior Women only next season.

Under 10 Gold Report 2019-20

The season has truly been a tremendously enjoyable experience. Plenty of fun and memorable moments as the players discovered abilities within each other from practice sessions to match day.

After our initial introduction, being able to assess how we could find a balanced level of improving together, the focus has been for the players and coaches to work through the following

- Movement patterns = field awareness to stop and catch, running between wickets, bowling run ups
- Confidence = leadership, decision making, having a go, handling batting and bowling orders
- Happiness = sharing roles, practice drills around match patterns in working together,

A summary of how each player has been observed from our experiences in the development of their cricket skills and personal character in a team environment:

Alex

Skill: Initiative in finding a reverse sweep, spin bowling variations.

Character: Always willing and happy to go first with confidence.

Charlie

Skill: Bowling accuracy, hitting placement, energy between wickets, high catches.

Character: Selfless towards others, gained belief after not wanting to bowl at start of season.

Daniel

Skill: spin bowling flight persistence, straight bat with determination.

Character: Calmness, reliability, encouraging others, listens well.

Fynn

Hitting straight, accurate bowling, clean hands in field.

Character: Adapting to different roles, acutely aware of match position.

George

Skill: Power in shot when balanced, slower ball variations, getting to the stumps.

Character: Good decision making, space and time to think, understanding of role.

Joe

Skill: Hitting straight zones, bowling good length, movement to ball.

Character: Calm, supports with a smile, enjoys others doing well.

UNDER 10 GOLD SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Joseph Bridges

Thomas Donnar

Charlie Donnar

Daniel Giles

Alexander Haratsis

Liam Head

George Kerr

Xavier McIntosh

Raife Patel

Fynn Walton

COACHING/UMPIRING

Andrew Walton/Ryan
Donnar/Randolph
Head/Rakesh Patel

MANAGER

Jacqueline Shady

Liam

Skill: Clever placement and judge of run, good calling, reliable hands when keeping.

Character: Enthusiastic, cheerful, supportive of others, logical.

Raife

Skill: Intelligence in looking for gaps in field to score, smart support movement in field.

Character: Clever in assessing situation, measured in thinking, cheerful.

Thomas

Skill: Control of shot, good head position at contact, high catches.

Character: Shows good initiative, willingness to handle any situation, wholehearted.

Xavier

Skill: Hitting through off side, well considered bowling tactics.

Character: Asks good questions, thoughtful.

Thanks to the coaches and parents for helping with the scoring, catering and support. We had plenty of smiles and laughter, the occasional tear and lots of energy that was mostly directed towards cricket 😊. Thanks to Will and Ethan for being the extras at practice and matches and also to Ben and Ari for their help at practice.

Thanks especially to the families for allowing your sons in starting their cricket experience at what is truly an iconic and historic venue for Australian cricket as the home club of the great 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'D' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Under 10 Burgundy Report 2019-20

Henry Ashton: Henry is amazing all-rounder, with a high score of 24 with the bat and a best bowling of 2/15. We were very impressed by Henry's bowling and batting this season, as well as his soccer skills in the warm ups at training. Henry was a pleasure to coach this year and will be a great cricket player if he continues to play next season.

Charles Baker: Charles had an outstanding 2019/2020 season. Charles made the most runs for the team, with his score reaching double figures most games. He was also the only kid in the team to hit a six; a monstrous strike that sailed over the mid-wicket fielder easily. Charles also proved a handy bowler, bowling both pace and spin consistently and successfully. On top of this he achieved 6 run outs as well as a catch. However, most impressive was Charles' ability to strategize in the middle of a game, to either figure out a batsmen's flaws or how to best combat a bowler. This will help him greatly in seasons to come and I encourage him to keep coming up with his own way of figuring problems out on the field. Best of luck next season!

Harry Cockayne: Harry C had a very successful season across 2019/2020. This was evident in his massive improvement with the bat and in the field. Harry C is one of only four kids in the team that was able to complete a run out, which shows his dedication to the game as a whole. He also increased his aggregate amount of runs from 48 to 71 this season showing ongoing improvement! Harry C brought bubbling energy to both training and match days and was a joy to coach! Good luck next season, you will be great!

Lukesh Krishnapillai: Lukesh was one of the biggest improvers in the team this year. One of Lukesh's season highlights was when he took a whopping three wickets for 12 runs in round seven against Surrey Hills Red, the same game which featured his third top score. Lukesh's batting improved steadily across the season, as evidenced by the increasing number of runs scored per match as the season progressed. Lukesh is a kind-hearted boy; he was a joy to coach and it was a pleasure having him in the team. Good luck with everything in the future!

Jem Legge: Jem has the potential to be a great keeper if he should continue to follow his passion for wicket keeping; the way he was able to keep up to the stumps and take the ball cleanly was great to watch. Jem's batting saw a massive improvement throughout the season, culminating in a fantastic last round where he played some cracking shots on both the leg side and off side which had all the fielders back on the boundary.

UNDER 10 BURGUNDY SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Henry Ashton

Charles Baker

Harry Cockayne

Lukesh Krishnapillai

Jem Legge

Henry Morrow

Noah Ross

Harry Talbot

COACHING/UMPIRING

Max Daphne/Ben
Donnellan

MANAGER

Kate Evans

Henry Morrow: Henry was a talented bowler for our team all season, always bowling a good line and length and picking up crucial wickets. Henry also contributed with the bat having multiple scores in double figures. Henry has the potential to be a great all-round cricketer in seasons to come at the Burra.

Noah Ross: Noah had an amazing 2019/2020 season. This was led by his economical bowling – our opposition always had a tough time scoring runs when Noah was bowling. Most memorable was round eight against Boroondara Blue where he took two wickets for five runs, a terrific effort. Another memorable moment of Noah's was an incredible one-bounce-four he hit in the last game of the year, a fitting way to finish for someone who desired, throughout the season, to improve. Most impressive though was his gratitude after each of the one-on-one batting sessions we had in the nets. This is a trait that I believe is harder to teach than any cricket-related skill. Noah was a pleasure to coach this season. Best of luck with things to come!

Harry Talbot: Harry was one of the most reliable batters in our team this year scoring consistent runs in every game, with a high score of 20. Harry was also a very consistent bowler all year, continuously bowling at the stumps or outside off and taking plenty of wickets. Harry will do really well in future years of cricket at the Burra.

Under 10 Green Report 2019-20

Comprising an even split of returning players and debutants, it was a delight to the U10 Green boys slip straight into a cohesive team from match one. The support and encouragement the boys give each other is testimony to the fantastic guidance from coaches Alex and Jarrod.

Skills have progressed in leaps and bounds throughout the year, especially from the younger players. We had season result of 10 wins and 3 losses with some very entertaining games towards the end of the fixture. A standout game being the intraclub derby, won from a great exhibition of fielding and run outs on the field and gutsy running between the wickets when batting – teamwork at its best.

Thanks to Alex and Jarrod for all their time and effort and all the parents for their assistance. We had a lot of fun.

A reflection on each team member ...

Callum Winkett:

Super skill: The sweeping 4 through the gap - left handers always confuse the field.

Best performance: 20 runs not out with x3 4's vs Edinburgh White.

Leroy Fratto:

Super skill: Tim Paine wicket keeping - nothing gets past.

Best performance: 3 wickets for 3 runs and 1 maiden vs. Trinity Wilson Graves.

Ned O'Connor:

Super skill: The floating yorker ... always claims a scalp.

Best performance: 20 runs not out with x4 4's vs Hawthorn.

Flannery Byrne-Chandley:

Super skill: Dead eye throw at the wickets from side on. Claimed many a run out.

Best performance: Match winning fielding and runouts vs. Edinburgh White.

Jarvis Tyrrell:

Super skill: Rocket powered throw from the outfield. Don't attempt sneaking another run when he's on the other end of it.

Best performance: 5 wickets for 2 runs and 1 maiden vs. STC South Camberwell.

UNDER 10 GREEN SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Flannery Byrne-Chandley

Leroy Fratto

Heath Griffin

Charlie Kitt

Noah Komarnycki

Jack Newman

Edward O'Connor

Jarvis Tyrrell

Callum Winkett

COACHING/UMPIRING

Alex Newman/Jarrod
O'Connor

MANAGER

James Griffin

Jack Newman:

Super skill: Lightning fast between the wickets. Not bad at a having a word with the umpire either ... especially when his Dad's on duty.

Best performance: 20 runs not out with x4 4's vs. Hawthorn.

Heath Griffin:

Super skill: the not quite a hat trick ... he had 2 of them.

Best performance: 22 runs with x4 4's vs. Burwood Uniting Canterbury.

Noah Komarnycki

Super skill: the legs spread, forward lurching, full blown screaming appeal.

Best performance: 2 wickets for 3 runs vs. STC South Camberwell.

Charlie Kitt:

Super skill: The super 6ers – it's out of there.

Best performance: 5 wickets for 8 runs vs. Edinburgh White ... oh and that caught and bowled vs. STC South Camberwell was unforgettable as well.

Under 10 Maroon Report 2019-20

It's been a great year for a bunch of great kids who had never played in a cricket team before. We have a spread of ages between 7 and 9, and we've learnt a lot about working together to support each other and have fun along the way.

It was certainly not an auspicious start. We showed up for our first game against Mont Albert on their pile of dirt and we got absolutely thrashed by 90 runs or so. The Mont Albert kids all looked about 9 and $\frac{3}{4}$ years old and had at least one or two seasons under their belt. They outdid us in all respects apart from one, and that was our enthusiasm.

While the parents of our team were scratching their heads at the end of that game and thinking we were probably going to be in for a pretty long and difficult season, someone forgot to tell our kids. Almost as soon as the match finished, they were back out in the middle again for an impromptu game amongst themselves. From that point on I could tell it was going to be a fun season and the results on the scoreboard were barely going to matter.

Firstly, a big thanks to the Wednesday afternoon coaches, Peter, Ben and Simon, for taking time off work each week to be at Brunswick St Oval by 4.30 and making sure the kids developed their skills outside of a match environment, and keeping it fun so the kids kept coming back. These 3 coaches have also done a great job in focusing on "team goals" rather than match results – little things based around skills, teamwork, concentration and focus. It's a great way to approach the game and it has worked.

I also want to thank Vanessa, our team manager. With her husband Jake often working on Saturdays; the task of organising our team has not been a straightforward one, particularly on match days. But Vanessa has been excellent in making sure everyone knows where they need to be, and surviving in a high pressure environment when surrounded by a bunch of kids who all know want to know how many runs they scored and whether we are winning or not every two minutes.

Thank you also to Louise and Tim for overseeing the junior competitions and making sure things have run smoothly. The documentation issued to coaches and team managers at the start of the season was a bit daunting for those of us who have not performed those roles before, but Louise and Tim have been super helpful throughout the season.

Now to our kids...

UNDER 10 MAROON SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Leo Bosidis

Toby Cook

Oscar Corrie

Matthew Donnelly

Owen Elletson

Oscar Gaymer

Daniel McAlpine

Ziggy Read

Sam Shortt

COACHING/UMPIRING

Ken McAlpine/Simon
Gaymer/Peter Corrie/Ben
Bainbridge

MANAGER

Vanessa Sutherland/Glenn
Cook

I'm not sure if any of them are listening to the coaches half the time, but it has been a pleasure to be the on-field coach on Saturdays and watch them improve each week. Well, each week that the rain has not messed things up.

We have some really young kids in our team. At the start of the season **Owen** was in Grade 1 and **Matthew** in Grade 2, and for many weeks they have been playing against Grade 4 kids.

Owen in particular has been a weapon in the field. I think opposition players have finally realised it is silly to take a run when **Owen** has the ball in his hand, because his aim at the stumps is as good as Ricky Ponting.

Owen, Matthew and **Oscar C** lead our team's tactic of "flossing", which not only is fun for our kids in the field but it also has the added benefit of breaking the concentration of the batsmen when they see our kids busting out dance moves.

Our pace battery has got us a lot of wickets this year, led by some of our younger players **Toby, Owen** and **Leo. Dan** has also done a fair bit of damage and kept the runs down. The bowling of all 4 has been accurate, fast and fearsome.

Ziggy and **Sam** have absolutely confounded the opposition this year with some spin bowling that featured enormous variety and guile, often rewarded with wickets when the batsmen missed the sneaky straight one.

We missed **Oscar G** for most of this year due to a significant injury that required surgery. But we have all really enjoyed having him back, and he spent the last few games making up for lost time with both bat and ball. I don't know what he is going to do when the cricket season ends because he loves the game more than is probably healthy.

We've made sure all of the kids had at least a couple of stints as wicket-keeper, and the most enthusiastic and durable player behind the stumps has been **Matthew**. He almost cooked himself under the helmet on a particularly humid morning earlier this year but he throws himself around and keeps up the enthusiasm in the field like a good 'keeper should.

All players improved their batting during the year, quickly getting used to wearing pads and helmets. We were proud to see how each player found their scoring shots and our score increased each week because of it. **Toby** top scored for us with a 20 in one game and many others scored 10 to 20 runs or hit a four. We also perfected the sneaky run!

Thank you once again to everyone, to the kids and to the parents who have ferried them to games and training each week, as well as learning how to score, umpire and cater to the culinary whims of a bunch of hungry cricketers.

We look forward to another great season at Edinburgh Cricket Club next summer. It can't come soon enough!

Under 10 Yellow Report 2019-20

This year, more than anything else, was fun! It was great to see every single one of the boys engaging in their own development, whilst playing some good cricket along the way. Each of the boys made progress not only in their cricket ability, but also the manner in which they behaved and their social skills.

The boys seemed to be excited about training each week (I think continuous cricket might be played in a few backyards over the winter) and they really seemed to love the various activities and games that we played, whilst also being able to recognise what they thought they needed to improve on and how to achieve it. There always seemed to be a lot of smiles and laughter at training, which is great to see amongst a group of kids.

Match day was always enjoyable, with the boys showing how passionate and competitive they are through some great individual and team performances. A big thanks to all the parents as well who helped out every week with morning tea, umpiring, scoring (a big thankyou to Pat Devery there), and the extra bit of coaching on match day. A very big thanks to Francisca as well who was our team manager this year, she was instrumental in making the season run so smoothly.

Some of the personal highlights for each of the boys included:

Quinn Devery: Quinn has been consistent all year long with both bat and ball but particularly after Christmas he came back and wreaked havoc with the opposition batters, displaying some exceptionally accurate bowling. When at training Quinn always has a smile on his face, usually one of most vocal and involved when we play a game scenario. But when it comes game day, he has a great deal of focus and always wants to do well.

Oscar Dunne: In his first season with the team Oscar showed us how passionate he is about his cricket, highlighted by his willingness to appeal for almost anything in true fast bowler style. He has shown some real good skill with both bat and ball, with a willingness to open the batting and play some 'old school' style of batting by placing a high price on his wicket. He also owns the best helmet of anyone at the club!

Giuliano Geronazzo: Gules was also new to the team this year and has shown that he can mix it with the older boys in the team, particularly when it comes to hitting his technically sound straight drives. With his bowling, despite only coming off a few steps can generate

UNDER 10 YELLOW SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Quinn Devery
Oscar Dunne
Giuliano Geronazzo
Mikael Hoffmann-Axthelm
Xavier McIntosh
Miles Nicholls
William Tehan
Tom Wilkinson
Archer York

COACHING/UMPIRING

Will Vickery

MANAGER

Francesca Hoffmann-Axthelm

some good pace whilst also being very accurate with his bowling. Can often be seen digging through the kit bag to find the keeping gloves at the start of training and not removing them til it's his turn to bat.

Mikael Hoffmann-Axthelm: Mikael was one of a few new faces this year and he certainly made an impact. Another who after Christmas came back and showed us how much he had developed over the season taking quite a few wickets and keeping hold of his wicket with the bat with a few not outs. Mikael clearly enjoyed his cricket, always turning up to training and a Saturday with a smile and a really positive outlook.

Xavier McIntosh: Probably the most agile member of the team, happy to get dirty or wet when in the field just to save a run. Has taken some excellent diving catches (and attempted ones) throughout the season, all usually quite close to the batter. Has shown some real promise with the bat in particular this year, with the ability to play some shots beyond his years on both sides of the wicket.

Miles Nicholls: Another of the new faces to the team, Miles was certainly one who always wanted to learn and think about how he could improve his cricket. Seems really keen to develop as a leg spinner, showing some really good accuracy and ability to spin the ball off the wicket at such a young age. His batting has also come a long way this season by showing he has an array of shots he can play.

William Tehan: Will is one of the older members of the team which I think has helped his development this year as he realises he can set an example for his teammates. He is strong with both bat and ball, shown in particular by hitting quite a few sixes in a number of home games, but his personal development and maturity over the season has been really great to see.

Tom Wilkinson: Tom is our typical fast bowler, tall with a big arm span, very accurate, and has the ability to swing the ball in both directions. In true fast bowler fashion he is able to play some very handy, hard-hitting shots when the ball is in his hitting zone. Tom has developed his batting over the season though, showing that he can play both hard-hitting and defensive cricket shots when needed.

Archer York: Archer contributed to the team every week showing off his skills with both bat and ball. His bowling developed each week, even during each of his overs on a Saturday. Has a lot of patience with the bat, never throwing his wicket away or playing an unnecessary shot. Archer also has the ability to play a cover drive off a rising ball, something which is hard to do by anyone twice his age.

Under 10 White Report 2019-20

What a fantastic season for U10 White in 2019/20! A cluster of early wins, minimal washouts, a loss and some late season hard-fought-for victories provided a fine backdrop for the team to develop their cricketing skills and also their cricketing character.

Improvement in the White's skills was evident weekly, in particular with regards to: bowling line and length over pace, calling & running between wickets, and backing up in the field. Team culture built every week, and it was lovely to see everyone encouraging each other in the field. Pleasingly this seemed to intensify after the free pizza incentivisation.

Thanks to all parents who contributed to making the games run so smoothly – square leg, lifts, feasts, scoring, helping out at training, set ups, general encouragement, coffee runs in challenging suburbs.

Special thanks to Team Manager, Tim Berry - who never missed a beat.

Some special mentions:

Tom Barker: Tommie takes his cricket seriously, a welcome attitude in U10s. A genuine all rounder who trains with intent and good humour, Tommie smashed it to all ends of the park this season with an array of always-elegant strokeplay. Tom also has a rock-solid defence and knows how to stay in – he didn't go out until Round 9! But Tom also backed it up with tidy and often-times dangerous bowling. Rounds 5 & 8 stats of 25 runs & 2/11, and 26 runs & 2/9 were highlights and typical of Tommie's metronome reliability. Congrats on a fine season Tommie!

Nick Berry: Nick is a cricketer who gets on with the task regardless of the conditions. Nick enjoyed a fine season with the bat, guarding his wicket carefully and scoring plenty of runs. In addition, no one can get Nick out – one miserly dismissal this season only, contributing to a career average of 48! But it was the explosive nature of Nick's bowling this season that really stands out: a hat trick in each of rounds 8 and 10, together with another 5 wicket haul in round 8! Unbelievable bowling figures for U10s that left opposition batsmen reeling, vulnerable, and confused. Well done Nick – this season with the ball you are "Nick the Destroyer"!

UNDER 10 WHITE SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Tom Barker
Nicholas Berry
Harry Dichiera
Harry Evans
Dougal Fraser
Daniel Houlihan
Albert Hubbard
Levent Kovac
Fin Wright-Smith

COACHING/UMPIRING

Mick Wright-Smith

MANAGER

Tim Berry

Harry Dichiera: Harry D brings with him an enthusiasm for the game that is electric and contagious. With a bowling combination of all out pace combined with legitimate leggies, opposition batsmen were genuinely fearful and bamboozled all at the same time, and wickets tumbled for Harry this year with a '4 for' and a '5 for' in rounds 3 and 7 some highlights. Harry also took to opposition bowlers with an aggression, always politely delivered, rarely seen in U10s cricket. Runs flowed and flowed for Harry this year, particularly from his signature pull shot, a 47 with boundaries everywhere in round 6 a highlight. Congrats Harry on a HUGE season!

Harry Evans: Harry E is a studious follower of all things cricket, and plays like a gentleman. Harry was Mr Reliable this season with the ball, accurate and pitched up, always dangerous. In between overs, Harry was always keen to get the gloves on and kept with skill. With the bat Harry had a sensational year, striking the ball to all ends of the ground. A swift 22 in round 7 combined with a measly 1/0 from three overs was sensational and typical of Harry's consistent cricket. Well done Harry on terrific all round cricket!

Dougal Fraser: Dougal is another U10s cricketer who brings a passion to the game that is serious, and deserves respect. Dougal loves to bowl fast, and also pitched it up this season, which resulted in the wickets tumbling around him including three '2 fors' when the team needed it. Dougal also knows how to bat, and despatched the ball to all ends of the ground, always taking on the field in his eagerness to pile on the runs. A swift 21 in Round 8 stands out. Another admirable feature of Dougal's game is his defence – Dougal only went out twice all season (excluding run outs), this was inevitable given Dougal's high standards. Well done Dougal on a tremendous season of fine cricket!

Dan Houlihan: Dan had a terrific season of cricket this year, and worked hard at training which payed off in spades as the season progressed. At training, Dan focussed on line and length bowling and when batting we practiced defence and the pull shot. It was really fantastic to see Dan implement his hard work from Wednesday nights into svelte cricket on Saturday morning, with Dan's bowling in particular improving immensely and culminating in a wicket in the second last round. Special mention to Dan also for his enthusiastic keeping all season. Great stuff Dan on a season of really massive improvement!

Albert Hubbard: Albert came to U10 Whites a credentialled wicket keeper, and from Round 1 he didn't disappoint. Really great stuff this season Albert on precise, focussed, and always brave glove work. Albert also produced the goods from the other end of the pitch when we were able to get the gloves off him – the characteristic short and laconic run/step up proving an effective method of delivery, a haul of 2/4 in Round 2 stands out. Runs also flowed for Albert this season, a string of scores totalling 44 between rounds 6-8 resulting from crisp stroke play was a highlight. Congrats Albert on a fabulous season, particularly with the gloves on!

Levent Kovac: Levvie joined the Whites this season and settled down quickly to the task of producing class cricket. Levvie was always keen to get the gloves on, and made for a fine keeper when he got his chances. Composed at the crease, Levvie can play all shots and had a swing when given the opportunity which resulted in some very handy run contributions. Levvie really shone with the ball, however. With a relaxed delivery style, pitched up and straight, Levvie starred in Rounds 5 and 13 in particular – producing outstanding figures of

3/6 and 4/15. Well done Levvie on a fine season, and in particular congrats on your bags of wickets!

Fin Wright-Smith: Fin was lucky, although not necessarily happy, to enjoy his coach's attention not just on Monday nights training – but also on the beach, in the car, backyard etc. With the bat, Fin worked hard on his defensive stance this year and proved tough to remove. But this didn't stop Fin scoring and after practising the pull/hook shot in the nets, Fin produced a number of boundaries in that region. Fin also worked hard on his bowling this season, and produced a couple of sterling spells in particular – in rounds 6 and 14 Fin finished with 2/2 and 2/8. Also, Fin gets the prize for team encouragement this season. Cries of “send the bails to NSW” and “come on X, get a wicket” were fairly constant and always very audible from Finnie this year. Congrats Finnie on a great season of cricket, and in particular on always revving the team up!

Under 12A Report 2019-20

(not submitted at time of publishing)

UNDER 12A SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Isaiah Barton

Jules Cameron

Leo Daffey

Joel Dichiera

Sebastian Donnellan

Lachlan Green

Zac Henderson

Zac Kurzbock

Oliver Phegan

Luca Rhodes

Jeremy Thorpe

Thomas Wavish

COACHING/UMPIRING

Matt Green/Paul
Daffey

MANAGER

Jennie Hutton

Under 12B Green Report 2019-20

With most of our players coming from two 2018/19 teams, our combined team came together as a unit very quickly this season. There was always an atmosphere of fun around training and games. We could really score too: our team posted the highest scores in our division for both one-day and two-day matches.

Thank you to all of the parents who supported their sons and us as coaches so well throughout the season, and who helped create such a good feeling around the team at all of our games. Special thanks to Katherine and Mike for being great team managers, always ready to do the extra things to make sure everything ran smoothly in background so we could just go out and play.

Oh, and these guys get a mention too:

Miles Parfitt: Miles kept batters guessing with his unpredictable deliveries, taking an impressive 2/7 against Trinity. He showed great sportsmanship on the field, often graciously congratulating other teams' players for a good performance. But next time you bring BBQ Shapes to training Miles, how about some for the coach!

Spencer Kinsey: Spencer would never tell you how good he is, so we'll have to do it for him. He was one of our top run-scorers and biggest hitters, including an innings of 35 not out, plus a massive 6 at training which went onto Brunswick St! Spencer's fielding was also a highlight, including two catches in one game.

Evan Crone: 'Evigan Elevigan' was always hungry for runs, and ended the season with the third most in the team, including a sizzling 34 not out off 30 balls against Mont Albert. And if you were wondering how he got to be so tall despite being one of the younger players on the team, we did spot him walk back onto the field in the last match carrying a couple of extra sandwiches from morning tea!

Fred Burton: 'Fredigan's all-round talent was recognised by the A team, which he filled in for a couple of times during the season. We joked that he had been 'demoted' to the As. Maybe the joking got to him because he turned them down to play the last game with us. He probably wanted us to think it was his dedication to the team, but we suspect it was really to add to his run tally with 35 not out taking him to second in runs scored for the season.

Michael Wong: When Michael wasn't trying to keep Ollie and Echo from 'fielding' balls, he was walking back to the edge of the field to steam in for his fast and deadly deliveries. Batsmen struggled with his pace and accuracy, and Michael ended the season with the equal most wickets, and a brilliant 2/5 in one game. His batting was stronger than he realized himself.

UNDER 12B GREEN SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Noah Boeckmann

Fred Burton

Frank Burton

Jack Chianta

Jay Christie

Evan Crone

Angus Davis

Spencer Kinsey

Miles Parfitt

Edward Spiteri-Stevens

Misha Tsoi

Oscar Warne

Michael Wong

COACHING/UMPIRING

Scott Davis/Kaman Tsoi

MANAGER

Katherine Ong/Michael Christie

Jack Chianta: ‘Jackigan’ loves cricket, puts in lots of extra time in the nets, and it shows. Smashing balls all over the field didn’t stop at training and Jack topped our run-scoring for the season, with lots of fours along the way. And his bowling was so fast it scared not only the opposition batsmen but also our wicketkeepers. We always needed a ‘Jackstop’ in the field when Jack was bowling.

Frank Burton: ‘Franco’ was our team player of the year. Despite having a broken arm, he was always at training and games with good energy and humour, and suprising one-armed dexterity. When he did finally return from his injury he showed us what we had been missing, batting through to retire not out in his first innings back.

Edward Spiteri-Stephens: It’s hard to believe this was the first season for ‘Eddie Eddie Eddie’ AKA ‘Edigan’. All the time practising with his brother Raphael and playing extra games with Raphael’s U14 team helped him develop his skills at an incredible rate. He ended the season one of our most successful bowlers, with 2/9 against Laburnum as well as a 22 not out against Trinity.

Angus Davis: Angus brought daring and a fearless attitude to our team (and also to the U14 teams he filled in for throughout the season). As a batter, he has with a big swing and is ready to use it from the very first ball. He was always eager to pull on the keeping gloves too and played the role perfectly, collecting some excellent catches along the way.

Noah Boeckmann: ‘Nazza’ had just started playing cricket midway through last season and quickly became a much-loved member of the team, always making us laugh in games with lines like ‘spin it like a ballerina’. At the end of 2019, Noah announced that he would be playing for his school team in 2020. So at the end of that game, he was chaired off by some of his teammates, while being drenched in water by the others.

Oscar Warne: The film Joker won two Oscars at this year’s Academy Awards. We could do with two Oscars, one the spinner we know and love, and the other the less-sighted but equally effective pace bowler. He finished the season with a team-high 8 wickets, including 2/9 in one game and an incredible variety of deliveries that he could produce at will.

Jay Christie: Jay is a real student of the game, with talents in every role. His bowling figures were especially impressive, with the lowest average runs conceded per wicket. He also took some spectacular catches in the field. His warm up throw-downs with Oscar were something special too, with Jay able to reproduce the playing styles of virtually any player in world cricket!

Misha Tsoi: ‘Mishigan’ had an excellent season with the ball in particular, including a wicket maiden in one game. He was also influential in our last game victory over the ladder-leaders Surrey Park, swinging the ball from left to right to take an important first over wicket, and then ending the game with lightning reflexes, taking a brilliant catch at cover off a cut shot fired at him like a bullet.

Under 12B Yellow Report 2019-20

Team Manager's Report: Bron Wickett and Bridget Smith

The U12B Yellow team has had a fun season of cricket. The team's enthusiasm and passion was consistent, and every member improved enormously through the course of the season. One of the most impressive attributes of the team was the positive vibe and the way in which they supported each other.

The parents seemed to enjoy watching them play, improve and yell when they thought the umpires had missed something! Our coaches did a fantastic job and kept them interested and engaged throughout the season.

Coach's report: Matt Broadbent and Declan Kelly

This was a season of two halves. The pre-Christmas half which saw us go winless, and the post-Christmas half which saw us build and improve and get closer and closer to some much-deserved victories, culminating in 2 wins and a very close loss in our last 3 outings.

I would like to say it was the expert coaching, but it appears that cheap confectionery (lolly snakes) were the motivating factor. But I guess what it really showed was that when they all applied themselves and kept focus for the whole match, we were a pretty good team. All our batters showed themselves capable of smacking boundaries and stealing runs, and all bowlers had purple patches at various stages.

It was great to see all the kids show so much enthusiasm, high spirits, and camaraderie, even if that did test the patience of the coaching staff at times. No shrinking violets on this team! Bring on 20/21, looking forward to seeing these players develop and improve even further.

Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano: Watching Steve Smith on TV over summer Bianca decided she wanted a bit of that and adopted his slightly unusual stance and movement at the crease. It saw her smash boundaries and become almost impossible to get out towards the end of the season, culminating in her leading the run tally. Must be something in that technique. Her bowling also showed massive improvement, purely from her desire to improve and become a dangerous all-rounder. A top season.

UNDER 12B YELLOW SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano

Samuel Francis

Lucas Gillingham

Sam Hodnett

Ruby Kaye

Juniper Kelly

William Long

William Saunders

Jack Smith

Gabe Spencer-White

Reuben Teague

Toby Wickett

Frankie Wright-Smith

COACHING/UMPIRING

Declan Kelly/Matt
Broadbent

MANAGER

Bridget Smith/Bronwyn
Wickett

Samuel Francis: Sam also is a genuine all-rounder, as shown from his top 3 finish in the batting and bowling. It was great to see him take on board tips with regards to footwork at the crease. He showed a real desire to improve and it showed with him flaying bowlers to all points late in the season. A reliable bowler and great team player. Positive, encouraging, a pleasure to coach. Who says nice guys come last!

Lucas Gillingham: Lucas bowls with genuine pace and as his accuracy improved throughout the season, he became almost unplayable. Fast and accurate, a deadly combo. His yorkers remind you of Jeff Thompson's sandshoe crushers. I'm tipping he will bruise a few toes in his time. Would come a close second to Sam Hodnett for the most ambitious appeals. A really enthusiastic team member, a great fielder, and a more than handy batter who showed a massive leap in maturity this season, particularly with regards to accepting the umpire's call.

Sam Hodnett: The most wickets and third most runs in a season show that Sam is a genuine all-rounder. There is real pace and sting in his bowling, he has a beautiful clean action which will hold him in good stead for the future. He finished the season with a flurry of well-deserved wickets as his accuracy improved, he became very difficult for opposition batters to face. If there was an award for most appeals, he would win that too! As coaches, we had real confidence that when we threw him the ball, sparks would fly which they invariably did.

Ruby Kaye: Ruby joined halfway through the season and immediately the team balance shifted. To gain another player who was really committed and enthusiastic, as well as being more than handy with the bat and ball, saw our team come closer and closer to wins culminating in two wins and a close loss from our last three games. Her efforts as wicket keeper to our fast bowlers were particularly impressive, no backwards steps from her. She took on all suggestions, was positive and encouraging, an absolute pleasure to have in the team.

Juniper Kelly: Juniper is more than capable of smashing a four or two, and it's no coincidence that when he made a decent score the team won our first game. His scampering between the stumps was first rate. Sure, it may have been the lure of a lolly snake for stealing a run, whatever. When he applied himself, he got results. Always cheerful and level-headed, always willing to take on suggestions, he was a pleasure to coach.

William Long: The quintessential quiet achiever here. Never kicked up a fuss, took dismissals on the chin, a real level-headed team player. Was probably our best outfielder, constantly getting his body behind the ball, rarely let one past. Developed a handy batting defence technique by the end of the year which will hold him in good stead. Put his hand up to keep in the last match and he handled it really well. Always listening at training and wanting to improve, Will came a close second in the coaches award.

William Saunders: Will probably gets the award for most hits to the body whilst batting for the year. Which means he was always getting his body behind the ball, never taking a backwards step. Really courageous. His long innings in our second last match which fell one ball short of being not out (controversially given out stumped by dad), went a long

way towards us almost pulling off a victory. Showed real grit and determination.

Jack Smith: Won the coaches award for constantly taking on board suggestions and showing a real desire to improve. Jack is always looking at trying the impossible, ramp shots, reverse sweeps, top spinners. I blame the 20 over game. But that desire to try new things and find new ways to score runs and get batters out will be a real asset in seasons to come. Quite capable of playing bowlers to all parts of the ground on his day, reliable with the ball in hand. A great season.

Gabe Spencer-White: Gabe left at the halfway point due to school sport commitments, but up till then was a positive and happy member of the team. Always at training, always at the game, always with a smile on his face. He developed a solid defence technique at the crease which made him pretty hard to get out.

Reuben Teague: Despite a rough trot of fluky dismissals (stepping on stumps, run outs, lucky catches) Reuben kept fronting up to bat with a positive attitude. Carried his bat in last innings in a long overdue return to form. His bowling showed great improvement as he focused on getting the ball pitched up and on the stumps. Bring on the lbw rule, he had plenty of batters plum in front towards the end of the season.

Toby Wickett: When we asked which players actually wanted to wicket keep, Toby put his hand up straight away. He proved to be one of the best keepers in the team. Not afraid of getting his body behind the ball, he wore a few fast balls, copped a few bruises, but never took a backwards step. Very impressive. Took the most number of catches for the season and provided the most on ground feedback with regards to the coach's deficiencies!

Frankie Wright-Smith: Frankie's batting showed possibly the most improvement throughout the season. By the end of the year he had developed a rock-solid defence at the crease which made him hard to remove and he invariably finished his innings unbeaten. This will be a great platform to build on for future seasons. Being able to hold out the good balls and smash the loose ones is pretty much the secret to batting. Hit a memorable hook shot boundary in our last game. Not shy in coming forward with field setting suggestions either, possible captaincy material here.

Under 12B Black Report 2019-20

Harvey “Harmac” McDonald: true to his style Harvey was a true team player with a clear passion for the game. Always wanting to be in the mix to contribute, he never shied away from putting his hand up to play a much needed role. Whether it was jumping behind the stumps to hone his keeping skills or throwing down some bamboozling spinning deliveries from either side of the wicket. Using his height to his advantage he took 5 key wickets at important times, helping the team to turn matches when needed most.

Harvey “I will do everything possible to not give up my wicket”

Harris: what a cracking year for one of the team’s leading performers and vying for the title of the biggest ‘cricket tragic’ (hint; that’s a good thing!). Harvey’s love of the game shone through with his meteoric rise in performance through the year. Whilst not always one to love the art of bowling, he still snared 5 important wickets, yet it was his batting that was next level. Harvey lives by the mantra of ‘protect your wicket’ which in a year where we were prone to the occasional rapid tumbling of team wickets, he was often called upon to be our ‘rock’. He NEVER gave his wicket without a fight yet also started to emerge as a clean hitter and genuine stroke player. With a batting average of 28.75 and a top score of 27, what an awesome season!

Freddie “Fireball” Cole: The first member of our ‘fast bowling cartel’ Freddie always brought the passion and the speed. Keeping himself to high standards, he strove to take a wicket every delivery and never stepped onto the ground without giving his all to rattle the stumps. Many an opposition batsman trembled as they nervously watched Freddie steaming in to bowl. Coming off a (self-confessed) lean year with the bat the prior season, Freddie entered this season with a mission to break his previous years tally and he easily achieved his goal - impressive! Most pleasingly, Freddie emerged at the end of the season as one of our most vocal fieldsmen, giving a constant and invaluable voice to the team.

Whether it was throwing some support to a teammate or just letting the opposition know that Burras were pumped up and ready for the challenge, Freddie let ‘em know!

Ben “Effort” Head: now if we were ever after someone in the team to take on a challenge and give it his all - it was Ben. Always willing to chase down a ball in the field, throw down an important over or leap up the order to take on a tricky batting situation, Ben was always willing to put his hand up. Definitely the recipient of some VERY unlucky dismissals, he finally got his chance to stamp his authority on the match when we faced the Boroondara Blues when he smashed a commanding 20 runs. What an innings! Sometimes guilty of rocking up with last weekend's grass stains still evident, he was always quick to replace

UNDER 12B BLACK SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Freddie Cole

Elliott Cook

Leo Cooper

Jimmy Gordon

Harvey Harris

Benjamin Head

Elliott James

Harvey MacDonald

Riley Pfisterer

Alexander Sarah

Drew von Ess

COACHING/UMPIRING

Ben Pfisterer

MANAGER

Will Gordon

them with fresh stains as he threw himself into every opportunity to put in maximum 'effort'! We also started to see him challenge for a place in the 'fast bowling cartel', so I definitely expect to see a breakthrough season with the ball next year - hints of bowling dominance on the horizon!

Jimmy "Reg" Gordon: The second member of our 'fast bowling cartel', Jimmy emerged as genuine quick. Whilst the wicket tally for the year was lean, his speed threatened any batsmen which often caused them to nervously 'put away the shots', often tying them down and drying up their scoring. A breakthrough year with the ball is approaching fast! Not complete with being labelled just a bowler, his batting developed enormously with flashes of brilliance (top score of 20!) which also hints of more to come in the future. Jimmy was also one of the most 'coachable' players on the roster and was always keen to get tips or try something new to pick up some extra pace or smash through a batsman's defence.

Drew "Pockets" von Ess: the first one to gain a nickname for the season, "Pockets" struggled to get his hands out his pockets in the field through the colder games, but when he did, boy, what a skillful player he was. Pockets wears the title of an 'allrounder' with ease, as he comfortably took the keepers gloves, threw down some handy deliveries, was one of the safest pair of hands in the field and showed some clean hitting and strong stroke play with the bat. Not shy of exhibiting a bit of humour at training he thrived on a bit of competition, so you always got a huge effort and level of concentration when it was his turn to contribute. Super valuable member of the team and threatens to have a breakout season next year!

Leo "Iceman" Cooper: The third member of the 'fast bowling cartel' and coming off a successful 2019, Leo continued his great form and was once again a valuable asset to the team. Known for being a solid 'allrounder', his hard-hitting batting was again a stand-out along with his trusty batting partnerships with EJ. Whenever the team needed a batsman to solidify our score, Leo was always determined to lock down, yet also looked for some runs with some powerful hitting. Little did we know that we'd also discover he had a new asset - his catching. Dominating catching drills at training he quickly gained the nickname of 'Iceman' due to his ability to take tough catches under the most difficult circumstances. Finishing the year with a top score of 31 and a bowling performance of 3/3, his allrounder status is unquestionable.

Alex "the Arm" Sarah: coming in new to the team Alex started the season ready and willing to improve his all round cricket skills. Alex should be super proud of his improvement throughout the season, which led him to build up a solid defensive technique to lock out bowlers and protect his wicket in crucial times of the season. Determined to develop his bowling, his improvement has HUGE, the more he tried throughout the year, highlighted by an awesome 2/14 bowling performance at a time when we needed wickets most. This year also uncovered Alex's secret weapon as he threw down the stumps twice to make crucial runouts at important stages of matches. He has an arm not to be underestimated - Glenn Maxwell look out!

Riley "Rockets" Pfisterer: rounding out the fourth member of the 'fast bowling cartel' Riley's bowling this year was an asset to the team. Putting his name up in lights early in the

season with a hat trick in the first game he rounded out a great season with the ball, coming in as runner up in the bowling stats. Although unable to match his prior year heroics of hitting the season's only six, he definitely complimented his bowling with his laser sharp fielding as he took in a couple of 'screamer' catches and runouts, at critical moments of matches. With a year highlighted by his 3-13 bowling performance Riley looms as a threatening fast bowler in years to come. Batsmen look out!!

Elliot "E" Cook: If you're looking for an awesome batting technique, look no further than "E". Building upon a solid base from last year, Elliot took his batting to the next level this year. In an era of unorthodox batting techniques, Elliot's is flawless which allowed him to be a formidable batting asset to the team. By the end of the season he had formed an incredible batting partnership with Harvey Harris, culminating in some top batting performances. With an amazing average of 32.33 and a top score of 24, his stats say it all. To add to his great year with the bat, Elliot also had a cracking year with the ball. Taking out the bowling award with the most wickets, his accuracy and placement was second to none, resulting in a bag of well-deserved wickets and miserly average of 8.5.

Elliot "EJ" James: Elliot had a great year. Don't be fooled by his nonchalant wicket celebration, he was one of the team's fiercest competitors. Always open to feedback and working out how to improve, he didn't give up his wicket easily which enabled him to build up an impressive batting average and often stand tall for the team when we needed him most. Twice he put in huge efforts, with top scores with 21 in separate, dominant batting displays. Making up the either half of the trusty batting partnerships with Leo, he is a true team player and all-rounder and gave every aspect of his game his all when we needed it most.

Under 12C Gold Report 2019-20

Wow, what a great year of Under 12's cricket. There were moments where it felt like we were taking a step backwards to go forwards, but by the end of the year we were coming home with a wet sail as we played the game with technique and skill that will translate into much higher grades of cricket in the future.

We consistently bowled less wides and no-balls, lost less wickets and played less slog shots than our opposition, which ironically led to a few more defeats as we gave them more balls to hit, shared the batting evenly amongst our team and didn't rely on 20/20 bashing to win our games. I'm really proud of the kids' effort and training and I'm looking forward to them all trying out for the A and B teams next year.

There were many highlights throughout the season, but my proudest was in the last game when we recovered from 3 for 4 to make 94. It takes team work and team spirit to do that, and that to me is what sport is all about. If you told me at the start of the year that we would almost make 100 with Will, Thurston and Fred all making ducks, I would have said "you're dreaming".. You're a great bunch of kids and I've loved watching you evolve into great cricketers, but more importantly, developing friendship you will keep for life. Well done. A quick player report is called for;

Oliver Tyrrell

Nickname: Johnny Farnham, you're the voice!!

Superskill: Team spirit.

Highlight for the year: 21 off 26 balls. TWICE!!! Plays for the team and is a great friend to all.

Samuel Fratto

Nickname: The Happy Hooker

Superskill: Avoiding eye contact with his Dad when he doesn't take an easy single when batting

Highlight for the year: Final game where his brilliant knock that steadied the team, included patience and some great aggressive hook shots as well. I think it even got a thumbs up from his Dad.

Thurston Walch

Nickname: The Silent Assassin

Superskill: Cricket

Highlight for the year: Hands down the best batsman in the competition I reckon. Played both sides of the wicket, has the technique to go far. Not to mention, a great bloke who laughs at my jokes, which makes him highly intelligent as well.

UNDER 12C GOLD SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Oscar Albone

Fred Ballard

Will Chamberlain

Felix Crilley

Samuel Fratto

Joshua Hopkins

Joe Melzak Parr

Oliver Tyrrell

Thurston Walch

Henry Wapling

COACHING/UMPIRING

Nick Parr

MANAGER

Michelle Suche

Fred Ballard

Nickname: Still Mr Cricket

Superskill: Changing between spin and medium pace half way through his delivery.

Highlight for the year: Lots of highlights for Mr Cricket, but his batting with Thurston and Joe in partnerships showed a maturity and skill that will make him a valuable player in very good teams.

Joe Melzak Parr

Nickname: The Speed Machine

Superskill: Accuracy

Highlight for the year: Most weeks Joe was challenged with bowling to the best opposition batsman and with an average of 3.5 runs an over against his bowling, he kept us in more games than most. Against Richmond he had 1 ball to go and I told him I needed him to get their best batsman out (we really needed to get him out, he was seeing them like water melons), which he did with a cracking delivery taking out middle and leg.

Oscar Albone

Nickname: Mr Jingle (cause he's so "catchy", get it?)

Superskill: Catching.

Highlight for the year: So many highlights, but his batting in the last game to help us to 94 was magnificent and showed how valuable he is.

Henry Wapling

Nickname: Cadbury All Sorts (because his bowling has them in all sorts)

Superskill: Bowling like Bruce Reid, one of Australia's greatest lefties.

Highlight for the year: Hard to go past his blistering 2 for 11 in the last game of the season, but also bowled many of the best balls of the season. Exciting future ahead..

Joshua Hopkins

Nickname: The Missile

Superskill: Laser guided accuracy

Highlight for the year: His 14 runs against Kew Orange, saved us from what would have been a very embarrassing day. Another of the super economical bowlers too.

Will Chamberlain

Nickname: Chambo, Willinator, Captain Chatsalot

Superskill: Wicket Keeping!!!

Highlight for the year: If being the best keeper in the comp wasn't enough, by season's end he'd turned into one the most reliable opening batsmen as well. Looking forward to Ollie and Will joining together to release a compilation album where they sing the greatest hits of Barry White.

Felix Crilley

Nickname: SOL (Son of Lance)

Superskill: Channeling his Kiwi forefathers to bowl and bat like Lance Cairns

Highlight for the year: His opening stand with Will against some vicious Richmond pace

bowling was fantastic and in the same game he bowled 3 overs for 12 runs with 3 catches dropped by his team mates. Great first year of cricket.

Anthony Fratto

Nickname: Fratts Domino

Superskill: The evil eye for not taking an obvious quick single

Highlight for the year: Not punching me in the nose for forgetting my ball counter week in week out. Thanks mate!!!

Another great year, and I hope all the kids come back next year where I will encourage them to take it to the next level and represent this great club in either A or B teams!!!

Under 12C Maroon Report 2019-20

Well done U12C Maroon, you have all had a great season with many of you playing your first season for the Mighty Burra! I feel that you all have improved your cricket during the season and are capable of trying out for the "B" Team or beyond next season.

It has been a pleasure and a lot of fun to coach you, and I have seen you all develop throughout the season. The team has grown together, and supported each other throughout the season. Our last game against Boroondara Cobras was a highlight where the team worked well together to give their best in all aspects; batting, bowling and fielding, and their coach Rob highlighted that 'our team had improved so much'.

All have batted throughout the order and opened the batting. I know that Simon, technical coach, has been impressed with the improvement in the running between wickets, many with some aggression as pointed out by a couple of opposition coaches.

Everyone has bowled well, throughout the season and all have taken wickets, some even by caught and bowled.

There are a number of fantastic and enthusiastic wicketkeepers in the team, and everyone has been given the chance three or four times to be keeper throughout the season.

Fielding has been excellent. Our players are capable of throwing the ball far and accurately, and this has resulted in all our team being involved in many run-outs or close calls during the season. Our team's end of training session 'toilet' exercise (a catching game) was always enthusiastically enjoyed by all, has ensured our team have been confident catchers, and at least four matches had three or more catches taken.

WELL DONE TEAM. I hope you are as excited as I am for more cricket next season. Thank you for making it so enjoyable for me.

Thank you for the support of all our parents, but Special thanks to Rakesh for stand in coach whilst I was away and volunteering to score our practice matches, and our excellent team manager, Victoria, for all her organising so I could concentrate on coaching the team.

Thanks also to the club coaches, Simon, Laura, Luke George and Hannah, that we have used for small group technical sessions at training. Not forgetting the great support and communication from the club and the volunteers that make it happen. I hope everyone is back for more next season. I am certainly up for coaching again.

THREE CHEERS FOR THE PARENTS.

UNDER 12C MAROON SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Hamish Gunthorpe

Zachary Kings-Lyons

Benji Kotsonis

Timothy Ma

Ari Patel

Noah Prendergast

Holly Scammell

Jack Trainor

Liam Walsh

COACHING/UMPIRING

David Scammell

MANAGER

Victoria Trainor

Jack Trainor: Jack, in his first season, has worked hard on his cricket techniques, excelling at wicket keeping and bowling. Jack's bowling is consistently accurate with good length, he has one wicket at economy rate of 5.5, best bowling was 1/8. In the field, Jack has taken one catch, and one run out through his accurate throwing, hitting the stumps several times. Jack's batting has been steadily improving during the season, hitting 2 boundaries and has retired not out 4 times. In the last match, Jack was ready to hit out when returning to bat, but had only to face the last ball of the innings. Jack scored 26 runs with a high score of 10no. Jack's match ball performance, Round 7: Hit 2 fours and ran hard between the wickets, retiring not out.

Well done Jack, please come back for more U12 cricket next season.

Benji Kotsonis: Benji, in his first season, has worked hard, and, as a result, his whole game has improved for which he is awarded the Coaches Award. Benji's cricket confidence has grown throughout the season, he is not afraid to go in for the catch or stop the ball with his body, and made one run out. Benji's bowling accuracy improvement has been rewarded with 4 wickets, best bowling 1/19. His batting has been steadily improving too, he clearly calls for a run or not, backing up well when at the non-strikers end, he has hit 2 fours and finished with 34 runs at a strike rate of 50.8 and a high score of 10. Benji's match ball performance, Round 5: Captain's innings facing 51 balls, most of the balls in the innings. One run out.

Well done Benji, please come back for more U12 cricket next season.

Timothy Ma: Timothy, also in his first season, has improved in all areas of his game. Timothy is not afraid to go for a catch, in one match taking two consecutive catches to set up a hat-trick moment. His wicket keeping has been excellent too, not letting many balls pass his gloves. Timothy has made one run out - no it was not one of his 'mankad' moments! Timothy enjoys bowling, I hope he does as his run is from just inside the boundary, and has been rewarded with 6 wickets, third most in our team, best bowling was 1/15. Timothy likes to occupy the crease when batting, he makes clear calls to run or not, and his running between wickets has steadily improving throughout the season. Timothy has 32 runs and a high score of 6. Timothy's match ball performance, Round 9: Great running and backing up at non-strikers end, scoring high score of 6. One wicket, clean bowled.

Well done Timothy, please come back for more U12 cricket next season.

Ari Patel: Ari, another in his first season, is an enthusiastic cricketer and has excelled in his fielding and batting. He has taken an incredible 8 catches in the field or as wicket keeper, more catches in the season than any other U12 playing for Mighty Burra for which he is awarded the Fielding Award. Ari loves being in the action in the field, we can all hear him, he is great at backing up and enjoys calling out for 'Bowlers' end. Ari's bowling can be accurate, he has picked up 4 wickets, one c&b, one maiden, with best bowling of 1/4. Ari is a fantastic runner between the wickets, always ready to capitalise on a bye, and his calls for a run can be heard from the boundary. Ari likes to freely swing his bat, he has hit one four and not out 5 times. Ari has 46 runs, with a high score of 9 no. Ari's match ball performance,

Round 13: Three catches in the field at mid-wicket. One caught diving in front and just holding on.

Well done Ari, please come back for more U12 cricket next season.

Holly Scammell: Holly, in her second season, has built on her cricket techniques, excelling at batting and bowling. In the field, Holly will go for a catch and has a strong accurate throw. She bowls an accurate line and length, this has rewarded her with 8 wickets, the most in our team, at an economy rate of 6.2, one hat-trick moment (note: batter not out due to no golden duck rule), one c&b, best bowling of 2/13. Holly is a fantastic runner between the wickets, and is able rotate the strike and always ready to capitalise on a bye. Holly enjoys playing her favourite hook shot, sending leg side balls for four. Holly has hit 6 fours and has been not out 5 times. Holly has 84 runs at a strike rate of 59.6, with a high score of 23no. Holly's match ball performance, Round 3: Completed a hat-trick including caught & bowled. Fantastic running between wickets, faced 32 balls not out.

Well done Holly, please come back for more U12 cricket next season.

Liam Walsh: Liam, in his third season, excels at batting and bowling and leads by example. In the field, he has taken one catch and made a run out. We know Liam enjoys bowling and is consistent line and length. He has 5 wickets at an economy rate of 5.5, one c&b, 3 maidens, best bowling 2/8. Liam had an awesome hat trick moment when Timothy caught two off his bowling and the third ball bobbled up, too far from nearest 'allowed' fielder. Liam has been a consistent performer with the bat, losing his wicket only twice. He is a quick runner between the wickets, but is aware of his batting partner running capability too making sure they could make the run. Liam has a range of shots, has hit 9 fours and not out 9 times. Liam has 100 runs, third most in our team, at an average of 50.0 and a strike rate of 77.5 with a high score of 20 no. Liam's match ball performance, Round 11: Hat-trick moment, two catches at point then bowling the perfect delivery but no fielder allowed close enough to take the catch

Well done Liam, please come back for more U12 cricket next season.

Noah Prendergast: Noah, in his first season, has been keen to fine tune his cricket skills and has improved in all areas of his game. Noah lets everyone, including the spectators, know his enthusiasm for cricket and is always keen to encourage team members in the field. Noah is dynamic in the field, ready to catch, throws the ball accurately and backs up the bowler, and he is often calling for the ball at the 'Bowlers' end, sometimes alongside Ari! Noah has improved his consistency with the ball towards the end of the season, this has been rewarded with 7 wickets, second most in our team, at an economy rate of 4.8. Noah has improved his batting and running between the wickets, he is keen to swing his bat, he has hit 8 fours and been not out 5 times this season. Noah has 71 runs, with a high score of 14 no. Noah's match ball performance, Round 14: Removing the two opening batsman for a hat-trick moment and forcing the batter to play a defensive shot on the hat-trick ball. Great running between the wickets scoring 4 runs off 15 balls retired not out.

Well done Noah, please come back for more U12 cricket next season.

Hamish Gunthorpe: Hamish, in his first season, has improved his all-round game to become a confident cricketer, keen to offer coach tips. Hamish is an excellent dynamic fielder, always ready to catch, taking four catches, he throws the ball accurately and backs up well. Wicket keeping comes naturally to Hamish and he is not afraid to be close-up to the stumps, and balls rarely pass his gloves. Hamish has a fast arm when bowling and is accurate if the ball doesn't slip out of his hand. Hamish has 3 wickets at an economy rate of 5.0, one maiden, best bowling of 2/7. Hamish is an excellent batter with a range of shots including a fantastic cover drive and is a quick runner between the wickets, he has hit 14 fours and been not out 5 times. Hamish has 155 runs, second most in our team, at an average of 22.1 and a strike rate of 95.09 with a high score of 37 no. Hamish's match ball performance, Round 8: Aggressive running between the wickets, hit 3 fours and facing 50 balls for 37 high score no.

Well done Hamish, please come back for more U12 cricket next season.

Zachary Kings-Lyon: Zachary, in his first season, has improved his all-round cricket skills, often putting in additional practice in the backyard. In the field, Zachary is always ready to catch and throw the ball far and accurately, taking two catches and three run outs. Zachary likes to vary his bowling to the conditions, using pace or spin, he has as accurate line and has improved his length throughout the season, this has been rewarded with 5 wickets at economy rate of 5.0, one maiden, best bowling 2/14. Zachary is a hard hitting batter with a range of shots and a quick runner between the wickets stopping for no one, he has hit 18 fours and not out 5 times. Zachary has 161 runs, the most in our team, at an average of 26.8 and a strike rate of 125.78 with a high score of 37 no. Zachary's match ball performance: Round 2: Hitting 6 fours, scoring 31 runs off 39 balls not out. One catch and a run out.

Well done Zachary, please come back for more U12 cricket next season.

THREE CHEERS FOR OUR TEAM, U12C MAROON

Under 12C Red Report 2019-20

Under 12C Red was made up of a bunch of seasoned U12 campaigners and four new players to Under 12s.

Right from the start, the team showed a fantastic supportive culture, and this came to the fore in our first game when rallying together in a run chase to steal a tie against Canterbury when all seemed lost! Throughout the year this positive team culture helped us enjoy some close wins and move on quickly from some narrow losses, as well as have plenty of fun along the way!

We rotated our batting and bowling each week which allowed players to experience different game scenarios, and whilst everyone had their favourite spots, they all gave their best no matter where they were batting, bowling or fielding. Week by week our bowling got more accurate, our running between the wickets and scoring rate got quicker and the players support and encouragement in the field became our team mantra.

Of course, this all needs a support crew behind it so thanks to all parents and family members (so great to see Grandparents involved as well) who contributed to making the games run so smoothly – square leg, morning tea feasts, scoring, set ups, general encouragement and some coffee runs in challenging suburbs!

A special thanks to Rowena and Ben for Team Managing and making it all look easy!

Go Edinburgh!

Stewart

Here's the individual player's report cards:

Aidan Ihle: Aidan is Under 12 Red's exclusive member of the 'six' club, clearing the boundary rope on 3 occasions during the season, including a spectacular last-ball-of-the-innings six in one of our home games – the crack of leather on willow making a fantastic echo across BSO. Aidan's top score of 32 not out was also on BSO and featured two sixes in one over.

Aidan's bowling was right on the mark: he was accurate and his great yorker picked up most of his 7 wicket haul.

Aidan rounds out his cricketing skills as one of our most reliable fielders. He took a great high catch off his brother's bowling in the last game and his strong throwing arm kept opposition batters on their toes running between the wickets.

UNDER 12C RED SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Taj Cairns

Ash Denmead

Daniel Hodgson

Lucien Ihle

Aidan Ihle

Henry Lee-Evans

Tommy Mortimer

Tom Opray

Finlay Wolstenholme

Isla Wolstenholme

COACHING/UMPIRING

Stewart Denmead

MANAGER

Rowena Orr/Ben Ihle

Taj Cairns: Taj loves his cricket and works hard on his game, often at the BSO nets an hour before home games to practice. His dad got in plenty of bowling by the looks of it!

This hard work paid off for Taj, and over the season he developed some fantastic off-side shots, the cut-shot being a trademark. His top score of 20 not out featured some ripping examples of this, and what also impressed was his patience in keeping out good deliveries and waiting to pounce on the bad ones.

It's no secret that Taj is always eager to be the wicky – I can't recall a training session where he didn't ask "Is it my turn to keep?". His glove work was always tidy in games and he also kept the pulse of the team going with his active encouragement.

When we could get the keeping gloves off Taj, he was a lively fielder and took the catch of the year at Hays Paddock by snapping a fantastic low catch at square leg.

Finlay Wolstenholme: Fin is one of the team's quiet achievers as well as one of our most effective bowlers. Often the bowling order fell to Fin to bowl when a wicket or tight over was required. He delivered this in his calm fashion, either by putting the brakes on the scoring or by taking one of his 6 wickets for the season.

Fin's batting and running between the wickets really got going as the season progressed and he featured in some handy partnerships when we needed to consolidate an innings. He possesses a classic cover drive that he plays with ease, a highlight of his batting. In the field, Fin sensed when the team needed a spark and kept the positive encouragement going when things got a little flat.

Tom Opray: It is amazing to think that it's Tom's first year of cricket! He displayed such a tremendous amount of skill in all facets of the game, and in our final game showed some textbook cricket shots. His bowling was very impressive also, and had to be one of our unluckiest bowlers, with deliveries finding ways to just miss the stumps or catches not going to hand. Hoping that this will turn around in the future and he will have a bumper haul of wickets to his name.

One of Tom's great skills is how he anticipates where the ball is going in the field, getting to the ball quickly to cut off runs and make catches out of nothing. He hung onto a fantastic catch in the last game where the ball was belted at him from close range.

A special mention also: Tom is perhaps the fittest player in the team. He rode his bike to many games both home and away.

Tommy Mortimer: Tommy had a great year in all facets of his game, boasting a Bradman-esque batting average at times during the season and had a well-earned reputation amongst opponents that he could not be dismissed...in fact it only happened three times in the season and once was run out! Tommy had the ability to play shots on both sides of the wicket which made him a challenge to bowl to, and his speed between the wickets meant he stole singles under the noses of opposition fielders.

In the field Tommy possessed a rocket arm with a deadly aim; he executed a couple of stunning run outs in the season that would make any highlight reel. And not forgetting his bowling, his out swingers managed to snag 10 wickets in the season.

Whilst Tommy's great skill and deeds gave his teammates confidence, he also provided great on-field leadership with his support and encouragement of teammates.

Ash Denmead: Ash was "lucky" enough to have his dad as a coach and as a result he probably got more cricket advice than he asked for. But some of it must have rubbed off as he had a fruitful season with the bat scoring 139 runs.

Ash gets on with shots from ball one and is always looking to score. He injected life into the scoreboard when it was needed and featured in some handy partnerships. Over the season he added some off-side strokes to his already strong leg side ones and managed the team's top individual score of 33 not out on BSO.

From my spot as umpire, I got to see Ash bowl some great overs, and little bit like Tom, he seemed to have a knack of just missing the wickets or an edge, so was unlucky not to have a few more wickets on his tally. Ash gave his all in the field and his accurate throw picked up a couple of run outs during the year.

Lucien Ihle: Lucien placed a high price on his wicket throughout the year and I can't recall a time when he got out playing a rash shot. In our first game he played an intelligent knock in a last wicket partnership with Tommy to help us 'steal' a tie from Canterbury when the game seemed lost.

Lucien was another calm influence on the field when a match got close by providing positive encouragement for teammates. He also used his good leg speed to cut off many singles in the infield. His bowling accuracy really improved over the season and as did his pace - he let a Yorker fly in our last home game that split a bail in half!

Isla Wolstenholme: In her first year of cricket, Isla really applied herself to learning the skills of the game. Always asking for throw downs at practice and before a game, she worked hard on her defence to protect her stumps. In games she showed her resolve and courage by facing up to fast bowlers and not backing away. She also got behind the ball in the field, once wearing an errant overthrow that crashed into her shin. It must have hurt, but she didn't show it!

Isla worked on her bowling as well and every game was building up to taking her first wicket. She was unlucky not to take a couple of wickets in our penultimate game, but her patience paid off in the last game when she took her first wicket – a perfect delivery just on off stump that took the batter's edge through to the wicketkeeper. It was a great reward for all the hard work she had put in and it showed in her smile afterwards!

Daniel Hodgson: Daniel really gets himself and his team mates revved up to play and was a very positive influence on the team's culture. No matter what the game situation was, Daniel got things going our way through his words and actions. If we were flat in the field, perhaps thinking about the cakes and sausage rolls on offer at morning tea, Daniel got the team back on task with a "dot ball's a good ball" or "catches win matches" call. He often

fielded at mid-off and took it upon himself to keep the ball in good condition by shining it, as well as offering sensible advice to our bowlers.

When it was his turn to bowl, Daniel put everything into each a delivery. It felt like a wicket could happen at any moment, and quite often it did. With 8 wickets for the year, a few ripping middle stump out of the ground, you could tell by his celebratory fist pumps he really enjoyed his bowling.

His batting showed great game sense in several situations, where he put away his big shots and worked singles to keep the score going along, or to consolidate the innings after we had lost wickets.

Henry Lee-Evans: Another of our quiet achievers. Henry has a relaxed style that belied his competitiveness. He gives his batting great thought in how to approach an innings. He can crack a ball when he needs to and takes advantage of loose bowling, a top score of 20 not out at BSO showcasing his strong offside play.

It's also worth noting that Henry used the team kit bat which is slightly on the heavy side, after he had to abandon his own new bat when evacuating from bushfires on his holiday camping trip.

When bowling, Henry has his own distinct style and was deceptively hard to score off. He got great bounce with his looping deliveries and during the season four batters underestimated his variances in pace and bounce and paid with their wickets. Lots of potential to work on for future seasons with both the bat and ball.

Under 12C Burgundy Report 2019-20

The U12C Burgundy team delivered an exciting and memorable season of Cricket in 2019/20.

We formed a brand-new team this season and I'm just so impressed by the way the boys went about establishing a fantastic team culture. There was plenty of commitment to developing new skills, great support for one another and loads of laughs.

We started the season with a big focus on basic skills and game awareness and the team's hard work at training was regularly on display in matches. From the outset the group focused on the importance of getting the basics right. Bowling good lines, defending the stumps and tight work in the field. There was always plenty of entertaining banter and encouragement in the field, with a number of opposition coaches commenting on how lively and supportive the team was.

As the season progressed, each of the boys worked incredibly hard at training, setting personal goals for developing their bowling and fielding and big hitting.

After three rounds the team had managed a hard-fought draw and a couple of losses where we just struggled to make enough runs. Following a wash-out in round four, we joined with the U12 Maroon team for a scratch match at training where we went about improving our running-between-wickets. What an incredible turnaround!

The boys won the next seven games in a row, beating all of the top sides and leading the ladder. It is a mark of the team's approach to cricket that even with match success, each player continued to set personal goals and work really hard on improving their cricket. Well done boys.

A little bit about the players.

Felix Howard

Felix Joined the team in round three as an express bowler that was also handy with the bat. Felix work incredibly hard on improving all aspect of his game, eventually picking up a batting award with a total of 82 runs for the season.

Isaac Thirlwell

Issac was one of the team's big wicket takers and was always keen to get the ball in his hands. Isaac worked incredibly hard each week at training to improve his bowling action and

UNDER 12C BURGUNDY SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Ivo Archer

Tom Freame

Felix Howard

Jasper Louey

Liam Murphy

Kes Nair

William Nicholls

Luke Scammell

Isaac Thirlwell

COACHING/UMPIRING

Dan Nicholls

MANAGER

Jane Scammell

batting technique. It paid off and Isaac picked up one of the bowling awards with eight wickets.

Ivo Archer

Ivo was one of the team's impressive allrounders. Big hitting, pace and spin bowling, always full of voice in the field and running between the wickets that kept us all guessing! Ivo was a great team player that helped build our fantastic team culture. Well done Ivo.

Jasper Louey

Jasper joined the team this year for his first season of cricket as a superstar straight out of the box. Jasper was a great with the gloves, always picked up runs and delivered fierce leg cutters. Topped with some incredible running between wickets, it was a big loss for the team when Jasper spent a few weeks sidelined with injury. We look forward to seeing you back at the club next year.

Kes Nair

Kes was the teams champion player this year picking up top awards for both batting (151 runs) and bowling (10 wickets). An amazing performance and always delivered with plenty of positivity and spirit. Kes backed up this performance in the field with lots of talk and some great catching and accurate throwing. A great season from a great team player. Well done Kes.

Liam Murphy

Liam was another one of the team's workhorses. Whether batting, bowling or fielding Liam was always focused and determined and set high expectations for his own performance. Liam produced a number of the season's memorable moments with two catches off his own bowling (unluck to not pick up a third), some big hitting and leaving behind a fingernail in Kew. Liam worked really hard on his fielding this year and picked up the team's fielding award.

Luke Scammell

Luke was another one of our class allrounders this year. Luke is a true team player and a genuine cricket tragic. There's no greater compliment Luke. Alongside demonstrating some outstanding cricket skills for his first year in U12s, Luke always played to the game plan, worked diligently at training and enjoyed each moment. This year I awarded Luke the coaches award for his effort on the field, at training and for his contribution to the team.

Tom "Choo Choo" Freame

Tom consistently delivered fantastic performances with bat and ball this season. Importantly Tom also provided leadership in building our wonderful team culture. Tom injected real personality into the team, leading some great chatter on the field. Tom was always reliable with the bat, retiring week in, week out and received a bowling award this year with 7 wickets.

Will Nicholls

Last but certainly not least is Will. An exciting allrounder with bat, ball and in the field, Will is a great team-player, working incredibly hard at training and in games each week.

Will delivered some blistering batting performances this year, with massive hitting alongside unbeatable defence at times to get us across the line in close matches. Will's fielding also deserves special mention with great catching and a couple of seemingly impossible direct-hit run outs. Will picked up a batting award this year with an impressive 143 runs. Well done buddy!

Jem Legge

A special mention to Jem Legge who was our ever-reliable fill in from U10s. Jem is an incredibly talented and mature young cricketer who was always willing to step up perform when we were short. Jem picked up a couple of wickets and plenty of runs across the three games with us. Thanks Jem.

Finally, a special thanks goes out to our supporters. A crack team of parents, carers and siblings who were up early each Saturday, working together to get us to the games the on time, cheering from the sidelines, providing fantastic morning teas and managing the scoring, umpiring and set up. This came together week after week thanks to the calm and diligent organisation and team management skills of Jane Scammell. All I had to do was the fun stuff. Thankyou Jane!!

Dan Nicholls (coach)

Under 14A Report 2019-20

Sam Olsen (134 runs, average 22.33, 10 Matches, 3 wickets, average 13.67)

Sam continues to go from strength to strength with his cricket in 2020. He quickly settled the nerves for the side on Friday's when opening the batting, and his positive approach to batting always gave confidence to others in big games. Sam's wicket keeping has been sharp all season and is one to watch for the years to come. As the only spinner in the side, Sam's leg spin was the 14's secret weapon and it really does show his versatile sporting talent. Congrats on a great season Sam, and well done for leading by example. A polite, respectful and considerate player who was a pleasure to coach.

Xavier DiScala (196 runs, average 28.00, 10 Matches, 3 wickets, average 38.33)

Friday nights really were Xavier's playground, where he regularly dispatched bowling attacks with style and ease. Xavier dominance opening the batting was a delight to watch this season and a player who also calmed our side's nerves up top. Xavier has been a player who regularly turned up when the side needed him the most, and he has contributed with the bat and ball all season round. Xavier's innings against Boorondara in the T20 finals and against Camberwell were real highlights. With one of the best cover drives in the competition, Xavier will have a bright cricketing future. Well done on a great season Xavier, keep working hard on your game.

Connor Hastings (179 runs, average 25.57, 10 Matches, 5 wickets, average 18.20)

Connor has shown a real maturity about his cricket this season. With an abundance of skill, Connor has shown on regular occasions that he can take a game away from a team with both the bat and the ball. A powerful striker of the cricket ball and a player who has a fine touch, Connor possesses the combination of skill that would get him into any cricket team. Connor's innings of 73 against Kew was highly impressive, where he often dispatched pull shots over the boundary with ease. Well done on a great season in the 14's and the seniors. I'm excited to see where your cricket takes you.

UNDER 14A SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Finn Cleary

Xavier DiScala

Tyler Drew

Connor Hastings

Leroy Hinds

Louis Hodder

Daniel King

Jack Moston

Samuel Olsen

Sascha Pereira

James Shadbolt

COACHING/UMPIRING

George Humphries

MANAGER

Matt Cleary

Jack Moston (93 runs, average 18.60, 9 Matches, 1 wicket, average 36.00)

Jack has been a real pleasure to coach this season. A polite, respectful and hard working character, Jack has shown great skill at the top of the order. His innings against Trinity Willison Green was like a piece of fine art and it was a pleasure to watch. Jack has so much potential and talent in his game that I have no doubt he will continue to go from strength to strength. Jack's no fear innings in the grand final was something to remember and a situation I hope he learns from in the years to come. Well done Jack - and sorry for the bruise on your leg from net practice!!

Finn Cleary (183 runs, average 26.14, 10 matches, 1 wicket, average 52.00)

As the captain of the 14's this year, Finn has led by example. A real motivator and team player, Finn has demonstrated skills above his years this summer. Finn is an attacking batsman that has put pressure on teams regularly and has learnt the skill of digging in this year. Finn's innings in the grand final (49) was one of the highlights of the season for me. Again, taking that no fear approach to his game saw Finn smashing the ball into the next suburb!! Playing seniors this year has helped Finn's game massively, he has taken it up and relished the challenge. Thank you for supporting the team so well and taking up the job as skipper - it's been great to help coach the team with your leadership. Well done on a great season Finn!

Leeroy Hinds (93 runs, average 23.25, 10 matches, 17 wickets, average 4.82)

Leeroy's cricketing skills continue to develop year on year. Leeroy has not only been a great addition to the 14's but an impressive contributor. Leeroy was often sent into bat in difficult conditions where he displayed great courage and determination. Leeroy has an impressive ability to find gaps where others may struggle, which is why he has been a rock up at the top of the order. A real talent, genuine all rounder and a player that has been a great asset to the 14's. With a bowling average of under 5, Leeroy has caused chaos in the league, and has taken the most wickets out of any player in the league. Well done on a great season, I hope you have enjoyed playing for the 14's this year and learnt more about your game - keep up the good work.

James Shadbolt (12 runs, average 2.40, 10 matches, 5 wickets, average 25.20)

Jimmy has been a pleasure to coach this year, a real danger with the ball and a player well beyond his years with the bat. When given the new ball, Jimmy has consistently made a number of batsmen look silly. Jimmy has shown great skill, determination and also courage in tough situations. Being a true all rounder and a jet fielder has moulded Jimmy into a massive asset to the 14's this summer - keep working hard Jimmy, excited to see where your cricket takes you.

Louis Hodder (59 runs, average 29.59, 10 matches, 5 wickets, average 11.00)

Louis's outgoing and humorous personality has provided me with endless chuckles this season. A player who wears his heart on his sleeve, Louis has often dug the team out of tricky situations. His attacking batting nature has produced some of the shots of the season and with an average of 29, he should be very pleased with his performances. Well done Louis!

Daniel King (58 runs, average 14.50, 10 matches, 12 wickets, average 9.67)

Having a player who is taller than the coach is always a key advantage in any team. Dan has opened the bowling with great pace and consistency this year and has been a daunting player to come up against. Dan's batting this year has also been a real highlight, when given the opportunity he has taken it with both hands and is developing very well into an all rounder. Dan's 4fer in the grand final was a pleasure to watch and has led the attack with confidence this season. Well done Dan - you've had a fantastic season.

Sascha Pereira (17 runs, average 3.40, 10 matches, 7 wickets, average 17.29)

As a strike bowler in the team, Sascha has shown real skill with the ball this year. Often claiming early wickets, Sascha has given the team the upper hand in many games this year and has been an important cog in the teams' wheel. Sascha has been an athlete in the field this season, stopping boundaries and throwing his body all round the field. A player who is always giving 110% with a fantastic attitude towards the game. Sascha has also shown great developments in his batting this season and is a player that everyone in the team wants to do well. Well done Sascha - a very impressive season indeed.

Tyler Drew (70 runs, average 14.00, 10 matches, 6 wickets, average 12.67)

Tyler's energetic and enthusiastic nature has given the team heaps of positivity and motivation this season. Tyler has produced some of the deliveries of the season, often leaving players bamboozled and seeing their stumps all over the ground. Tyler's aggressive and hard hitting batting style has proved dangerous against opposition this season, and is one of the biggest ball strikers in the side. Tyler's innings against Camberwell gave me a real 'proud coach' moment - keep putting in lots of effort into your cricket Tyler, you have so much potential and you have developed in maturity a lot both on and off the cricket field this year. Well done on a great season Tyler - a true entertainer on the cricket field.

Other players

A big thanks to all the other players who helped the U14's out on Friday nights this year and for the T20 final. Your efforts and contributions did not go unnoticed and I hope you enjoyed the experience and team culture.

Coach's Final Words

It's not often a coach is gifted a group of such talented, mature and rounded players. Each and every team member of the 14A's this year has helped me grow as a cricket coach in many ways, it really has been an absolute pleasure to have coached you all this year.

Thank you for the memories and for putting in so much hard work throughout the year, you have all improved massively and formed a formidable cricket team.

We may have finished runners up in the grand final, but you are all winners in my eyes. We have bonded as a team and I hope you all continue to enjoy your cricket in the years to come.

Thank you to Matt Cleary for being an excellent team manager (and for bringing the best cheese and wine platter to most games). Thank you to the players parents for your support and faith in me as coach, and thank you to Edinburgh CC for a wonderful summer of cricket.

Take it easy!

Cheers,
George Humphries

Under 14B Maroon Report 2019-20

The 2019/20 season was a very much filled with success and great improvement. With the majority of them having already played cricket together and knowing each other through their school groups, it didn't take long for the boys to build a team bond.

Round one came along and we played a far better team in Boroondara that showed us what type of competition we were up against. The next 5 rounds past and we had only recorded one win to our name seeing us second bottom of the ladder. Credit to all the boys as every week constantly turned up to training this allowed Mark and I to work on areas that were constantly letting us down in games. Round 6 came around and it was the last game of the 2019 year. Needing 9 runs off the last over to win, the lower order held on magnificently and we were able to record our second win of the season, which became the turning point of the season.

The beginning of 2020 we were rained out against the best team in the competition securing a handy three points. Finals seemed a long way away but with two big wins against teams higher than us on the ladder we were in with a huge chance but just missed out on 4th place by 0.5%. Overall the season was very rewarding to watch and coach as we improved enormously and gave it a red hot go.

This was Mark and I's first season as coaches and we very much enjoyed it seeing the improvement throughout the year and seeing smiles on the boys faces. I would like to thank all the parents for making this season possible through the various roles you performed on match day and driving your boys to the games and supporting them through the long season. Thank you very much it does not go unnoticed.

Joseph Barnard: Joey is a kid who went about his business very quietly. He loves the game of cricket and was always the first to be at training and padded up to face some balls before 4:30. Joey's confidence around the group grew and with that so did his cricket talent as he went to become our best batsman with an average of 30 and one of our strike bowlers with 7 wickets and bowling average of 10.29. Joey's highlights of the year were 35 against Canterbury following it up with 38 the next game against Camberwell. It was a pleasure coaching Joey and we wish him best of luck in the rest of his Edinburgh career as he develops himself into a great all-rounder.

Luca Conduit: Luca, a quiet yet cheeky lad who always had a smile on his face. His bowling this season came with no luck, a great opening bowler who swung the ball yet constantly had the batsmen playing and missing. Luca took 4 wickets with best bowling figures of 1/6

UNDER 14B MAROON SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Joseph Barnard

Luca Conduit

Otis Craven

Samuel Evans

Angus Kossatz

Toby Littlejohn-Sims

Henry Nelson

Henry Nicholls

Oliver Orr

Jack Schipper

Thomas Worn

COACHING/UMPIRING

Jon Graham-Perez/Mark Foster

MANAGER

Meg Kossatz

off 5 with a very wet ball, bowling us to a very important win. Luca also was handy with the bat hitting 73 runs over the season with a top score of 25 runs and keep the team in the game with a 70 run odd partnership with Otis. He was a very good fielder who had a very strong throw on him earning him two run outs for the season! Luca is a great kid who loves his beloved Chelsea and I wish Luca success in his future endeavours with cricket. You'll Never Walk Alone.

Otis Craven: Otis had a fantastic season, a very confident and loud kid that added great energy in our team. He had a great season especially with the ball. Our leading wicket taker of the season with 8 with best bowling figures of 3-1 at an average of 10.38!! Otis was a very accurate bowler who you could rely on to get a wicket or two. His batting as well was very handy with 75 runs throughout the season and a high score of 39. Otis's vocal support in the field was fantastic as well, supporting all the boys. Otis is a very good cricketer and I wish him well in his future with Edinburgh.

Samuel Evans: The 2019/20 season for Sam was one of great improvement within his cricket and his confidence around the group. Our resilient keeper behind the stumps, putting his body on the line to stop the ball. Sam struggled with getting enough power in his batting to pass the fielders but through constant practice he learnt to use to pace of the ball to split the fielders. He scored a very handy 10 runs in the last game of the season at number 4 and helped the team get the win. His bowling became very consistent as the season went on and got 4 wickets with best bowling of 2/17. He was able to gain more control of where he wanted the ball to go and did that through constant questions and training and he was a very keen learner. His keeping was fabulous, one of the only ones that wanted to keep and he began to love it and would put his body on the line to take the catch or stop the ball. Sam's cricket career will go from strength to strength especially the way he goes about it, it was a pleasure to coach him and we wish him good luck for next season!

Angus Kossatz: Gussy - what great cricket player. Angus was a pleasure to coach and see him grow over the season. His batting was all or nothing and with not many defensive shots played Angus found himself struggling a bit for runs early in the season. Angus though was keen to learn on how to improve and began to keep his head still and then the big shots became bigger and bigger as Angus posted 19 and 28 in the last two games of the season with some big sixes. Angus scored 78 runs for the season at an average of 13. Angus' bowling was very good with best figures of 2/10 and a bowling average of 16.40 and if he didn't keep he would have taken plenty of more wickets. His fielding and keeping was always very good to watch and the team could always rely on him to take any chance in the field. Angus is a very good cricketer and we wish him all the best next season!

Toby Littlejohn-Sims: It was Toby's first ever season of cricket and what a first season it was. Toby's cricket talents went from strength to strength this season with bat, ball and in the field. Toby's batting technique for a first year player was amazing and would always take on the challenge of opening the batting. His best innings came against Box Hill opening the batting making 13 runs during a collapse and helping us gain control. Toby's bowling was fantastic as well and was one of our most economical bowlers. His best performance came in the last game where he took 1/5 off 2 overs! Toby loved the position of fine leg and did his role very well through supporting the keeper and usually Toby's voice would be the only

voice we would hear for every ball. Keep playing cricket Toby, you are only going to get a lot better.

Henry Nelson: Henry our resilient opening batsmen and loopy leg spinner. From the first training session Henry was a stubborn batsman with a solid technique. Henry began the season struggling to gain any momentum throughout his innings, but with constant practice and some hard running he slowly built confidence. His best innings coming up against Kew Junior with a very well deserved 50 - the only one of the season! Henry's bowling as well was very handy especially when he spun us the to win against Camberwell where Henry took 2/11 off 4 overs with a very wet ball. Henry was an absolute pleasure to coach this season and wish him all the best of luck in the future.

Henry Nicholls: Henry had a very good cricket season. Henry was voted into captaincy and he grew into this position throughout the year learning tactics and certain field positions, leading to us winning games. Henry is a very confident kid who is a very handy batsman and bowler. Henry struggled a bit with the bat this season but in a captain's knock managed a 28 against Camberwell and a 15 against Canterbury. Henry's bowling this season was very accurate with best bowling figures of 1-4 off 3 against North Balwyn Gold (the best batting line-up we faced). Henry's bowling limited the batsman from scoring a lot of runs and ended up with one of the best bowling averages in the team 20.45. Henry's leadership this season improved dramatically and he listened and grew to Mark and I's advice about cricket knowledge. We wish Henry a bright future with cricket and hopefully has many more seasons to come at the Burra!

Oliver Orr: What a season for Oliver! Transforming himself from a bowler who wanted to bat lower in the order to a very confident all-rounder. Oliver early in the season struggled with the bat as most kids did but the last game of 2019 in the T20 Oliver showed what talent he had. Oliver came out at number 5 and whacked a very fast 40 with a huge six to put the team in a winning position! Oliver in the last game then made 29 to further show what talent he had with the bat, earning him 3rd in the batting with 81 runs at an average of 13.50. Oli's bowling was consistent throughout the year and collected best figures of 1/5 off 3 overs in the last game of the season. Oliver's fielding also improved a lot throughout the season. We wish Oliver all the best for the rest of his cricket career, Good Luck!

Jack Schipper: Jack the mighty opening bowler of our side. Always taking the new ball Jack was a fantastic opening bowler for us allowing the ball to swing and regularly dismissing the best bats in the opposition teams. We could always rely on Jack to grab a quick wicket or two in the first few overs, exposing weaker batsmen in the other teams. Jack's bowling grew throughout the season and by the last game he bowled 2/11 off 4 overs grabbing his best figures of the year. Jack's batting also was handy at the back of innings especially earning us a last over win against Glen Iris to win us the game. Jack's fielding as well improved dramatically taking a fantastic catch against Camberwell to kill their innings. I wish Jack all the best for the rest of his cricket career!

Thomas Worn: Tom joined the team later in the season and what an inclusion he was to the team. A kid that goes about his business quietly, he was able to add a lot to our team as an all-rounder. A great batting technique earning him 102 runs at an average of 20.60. Tom

finished second in the batting in 7 innings, his best innings coming against Camberwell with a 36 to put the game back into our control. His bowling also was very handy with best figures of 1-9 off 4 overs with a wet ball and on a very small ground against Camberwell. Tom was a fantastic fielder who constantly placed his body on the line and was very supportive towards all his teammates. We hope Tom continues his cricket with Edinburgh and he is able to expand his game. Good Luck!

Under 14B Burgundy Report 2019-20

The under 14B Burgundy team won 3 games this season, had 2 games called off and lost 4 games. Overall I thought we had a good season as a team with all players skills improving in all aspects of the game. The highlight of our season was beating Box Hill (who went on to make the grand final) in round 4 by one wicket when we chased down there score of 125 in a two day game by putting on 23 runs for the 10th wicket partnership.

Our season wasn't without bad luck, we lost two games by less than 15 runs, firstly to Donvale when we lost by 13 runs in round 5 and secondly a loss to Clifton Hill by 4 runs in round 8. I was also really proud of the boy's efforts against our local rivals Clifton Hill in round 8 where we were chasing 150 in a two day game, where it rained for our whole batting innings. The fighting spirit the boys put up was really good to see, at one stage we were 5/36 in our chase of 150 and only ended up losing by 4 runs.

A big thanks to all the parents this season that helped with the scoring, square leg umpiring, bringing the food, ground setup and pack up. Also thank you for the effort you all put in to bring the players to and from training and games all season long.

Jack Mortimer: Jack was one our co captains this year and did a great job. Jack is a very good all-round cricketer. He can bat, bowl and field. Jack batted middle order for us this year and made 73 runs this season with his high score of the season coming in round 5 against Donvale when he made 24. Jack's bowling was also very solid this year, he only picked up the 2 wickets but his season bowling economy of 2.5 was outstanding. Jack wins our fielding award this season for his great all-round fielding at mid-off this season which isn't the easiest place to field. He took 3 catches and got 1 direct hit run-out for the season.

Francis Cameron: Francis was our other co-captain this season and our main wicket keeper. He had a very good first half of the season with the bat. He wins our 2nd place batting award. Francis made huge improvements batting in the top order for us this season. Francis made 107 runs this season at a batting average of 17.8 with a top score of 32* in round 3 against Glen Iris. Francis continued his great batting form in round 4 also when he made 30 against Box Hill also. Francis keeping also improved heaps this year, he finished the season taking 3 catches, taking 2 stumping's and also being involved in 6 run outs.

UNDER 14B BURGUNDY SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Francis Cameron
Fred Culham
Sebastian Donnellan
Pablo Gooi
Finbar Kennedy
Freddy Marmo
Harley Mileto
Mitchell Money
Jack Mortimer
Joshua Murray
Liam Watt
James Wickett

COACHING/UMPIRING

Lucien John

MANAGER

Anthony Watt/Kyle
Mortimer/Luke
Donnellan

Finbar Kennedy: Finbar won our 1st place batting award this season. Finbar improved his batting drastically this season if I look at the start of the season compared to the end of the season. Finbar made 124 runs this season at a batting average of 31 with a highest score of 45* in round 8 where he helped us nearly chase down 150. The consistency of his batting in his last 3 knocks of the season was great to see, he scored 30*, 45* and 20 in his last 3 knocks. Finbar batted predominantly in the top order for us this season. Finbar is also a very capable bowler and fielder, he took 3 catches this season and was involved in 2 run outs.

Joshua Murray: Josh was our main opening batter this season. He wins our 3rd place batting award. Josh made 78 runs this season at an average of 26 with his highest score coming in round 3 against Glen Iris in round 3 where he made 26*. He also made a very important 22* in round 4 against Box Hill where he was involved in the 10th wicket partnership that won us the game when we were chasing 125 for victory. Josh was also a very important bowler for us this season. He picked up 4 wickets this season at an average of 8.3 and a season economy 2.1. Josh can field very well too, taking 2 catches this season.

James Wickett: James wins our 1st place bowling award this season. James is a pace bowler who normally bowled 1st or 2nd change this season. James took 7 wickets this season at an average of 10.3. His best bowling figures came in round 2 against Ashburton where he picked up 4/16 off 5 overs and single handedly got us back into the game. James also made some handy runs for us in the last 2 games of the season particularly in round 8 against Clifton Hill where he put on 21 for the 10th wicket partnership with Finbar to nearly win us the game. James also picked up 5 catches and 1 direct hit run out this season.

Mitchell Money: Mitch was one of our opening bowlers this season. Mitch is a pace bowler who wins our 2nd place bowling award. Mitch took 7 wickets this season at an average of 14.1. His best bowling figures came in round 8 against Clifton Hill where he picked up 2/14 off 6 overs. Both his 2 wickets came in the first over the game which was great to see. Mitch is also a brilliant fielder and very good attacking batsman. His highest score came in round 2 against Ashburton when he made 19* in a very good counter attacking knock where he hit the bowlers to all parts.

Liam Watt: Liam was our other opening bowler this season. Liam is a very good leg spin bowler who bowls the ball with a lot of flight and air which is always good to see. Liam wins our 3rd place bowling award this season. Liam took 6 wickets at an average of 18.2 this season. His best bowling figures came in round 4 against Box Hill where he took 2/19 off 6 overs. Liam is also a solid fielder and batter. Liam's highest score with the bat this season came in round 3 against Glen Iris where he made 17* batting in the middle order.

Seb Donnellan: Seb is a great all round cricketer. He bats very well, is a solid bowler and can field also. Seb can also keep, he was our back up keeper this season for when Francis needed a switch. Seb's highest score with the bat this season came in round 3 against Glen Iris when he made 19* batting in the lower order. Seb's best bowling figures came in round 9 which was the last round of the season against Burwood when Seb picked up 1/7 off his 2 overs. Seb also took 3 catches this season and was involved in 1 run out.

Freddy Marmo: Freddy is a left handed batter and also a very good left arm leg spin bowler. Freddy wins the coaches award this season, I found he was very easy player to coach this season and would always listen closely to any tips or feedback I would give him about his

skills. Freddy picked up 5 wickets this season with his best bowling figures coming in round 4 against Box Hill where he picked up 3/11 off his 4 overs. Freddy averaged 17.6 with the ball this season and didn't take a catch this season but was involved in a run out.

Fred Culham: Fred can do it all. His batting, bowling and fielding are all very solid. Fred made his highest ever career score this season when he made 23* against Glen Iris in round 3 which was a very good counter attacking knock batting in the lower order where he did really well to pick the right balls to play his attacking shots. Fred also picked up 4 wickets with the ball this season at an average of 20.8. His best bowling figures came in the last round of the season (round 9) against Burwood where he picked up 1/1 off 1 over.

Harley Mileto: Harley is a very good pace bowler, he normally bowled towards the start for us this season. Harley took 4 wickets this season at a bowling average of 16.5. His best bowling figures came in round 4 where he took 3/12 off his 5 overs. Harley also lead the team for maidens this season, bowling 6 which is a great job. Harley can bat too, his highest score came in round 2 against Ashburton where he made 19* when our innings was in trouble. Harley is also a very good slip/gully fielder, he took 4 catches this season.

Pablo Gooi: Pablo is a right arm pace bowler and a right-handed batter. Pablo picked up 3 wickets this season at an average of 20.5 and a season economy of 3.2. Pablo's best bowling figures came in round 5 against Donvale where he picked up 2/9 off 3 overs which included a very important maiden for the team. Pablo made some very important batting knocks too this season, firstly against Box Hill in round 4 helping us chase down 125 when he made 11 and then in round 8 against Clifton Hill when he made 13 which got us very close to chasing down 150.

Under 14C Yellow Report 2019-20

The U14C Yellow for the 2019/2020 played in the JD Norman Competition consisting of 9 cricket matches (5 two day fixtures, 2 one day fixtures and 2 abandoned fixtures). With having 10 members of our team we often relied on 1 or 2 players from the U12 teams to fill in, so I would like to initially start by thanking those who helped the Yellows throughout the season with their contributions both on and off the field.

With the majority of emphasis on enjoying the game, the social environment on Thursday and Friday evenings and improving skills and experience as first year under 14s, the amount of impressive individual performances across the squad was very pleasing.

Results on the field unfortunately didn't quite reflect the talent amongst the group or the standards which were shown in training week in week out, but the boys never gave up and always played with smiles on their faces.

I would like to give a big thank you to all parents who helped out with the scoring, making the teas and setting/packing up the ground, also for bringing the players to and from training and games.

A special thank you must also go out to Veronica for being so on the ball this season as Team Manager, making sure everyone knows where we're playing that week, organising the roster and keeping me updated on how many players we have and need for the game so thank you.

Henry Wallace:

Batting: 97 runs @ 19.40

Bowling: 6 wickets @ 18.17

Henry is a very smart cricketer who had a very good all-round season contributing regularly with bat, ball and in the field. He can be best described as someone who displays terrific potential as a fast bowler and a punishing batsman. Aside from his cricketing ability, his enthusiasm towards the game is a real strength of his and is only going to benefit him as he gets older and develops as a cricketer.

Austin Ioannou:

Batting: 86 runs @ 12.29

Bowling: 3 wickets @ 23.33

Austin excelled as one of our key batsmen this season opening the batting and scoring runs in the process. As well as being our opening batsman, Austin reliable with ball in hand and

UNDER 14C YELLOW SEASON 2019-20

TEAM MEMBERS

Connor Bretherton

Angus Corrie

Austin Ioannou

Ben Martin

Edward Saunders

Chiron Scacciante

Tommy Vergers

Alex Vocisano

Henry Wallace

Toby Wickett

COACHING/UMPIRING

Ali Batey

MANAGER

Veronica Saunders

often got us a wicket or two in his spell. Keeping Austin's high class fielding in mind, it's no doubt that he was a valuable member of the team with his all round skills.

Alex Vocisano:

Batting: 91 runs @ 13.00

Bowling: 6 wickets @ 17.17

2019-20 has been a strong season for Alex whose leg-spin bowling was often unplayable. Looking at other leg spinners in the competition I think it's safe to say Alex can rank himself up there as the best. On top of his bowling credentials, Alex has been a big part of our batting line up and is someone who has both the technique and patience to become a very good all-rounder.

Tommy Vergers

Batting: 85 runs @ 12.14

Bowling: 2 wickets @ 36.50

The all-round ability in which Tommy showed throughout the season has been a huge inclusion for this team. With both bat and ball Tommy has shown to be very dangerous. With the ball Tommy showed us week in week out that he was a very reliable bowler who could bowl with some good speed as well as having the capability to bat to the game situation showing real maturity.

Connor Bretherton

Batting: 66 runs @ 6.43

Bowling: 1 wicket @ 100.00

A solid all-round season from Connor who didn't only contribute valuable runs and wickets in most games but his outgoing and enthusiastic character added to the positive culture amongst the group. His destructive style of batting was a big feature for us this season enabling him to go in and score quickly in the middle overs while his consistent bowling was key to our bowling attack.

Edward Saunders

Batting: 35 runs @ 5.00

Bowling: 3 wickets @ 35.00

Edward has showed to be extremely reliable when opening the batting for us this season, improving game on game. Edward's main strength with the bat this year was having the patience to bat for prolonged periods when facing good bowling, keeping the good balls out while punishing the bad balls. As well as his batting credentials, his bowling has been just as handy for the team by picking up some vital wickets.

Ben Martin

Batting: 33 runs @ 4.71

Bowling: 4 wickets @ 22.25

Ben has been great this season, always showing up willing to play and wanting to improve on his game all the time. Ben's batting has looked solid all season and when he has come onto bowl, he has more often than not, managed to deliver. His fielding has gone from strength to strength this season and has established himself as one of the leaders in the field.

Chiron Scacciante

Batting: 22 runs @ 3.67

Wicket Keeping: 2 catches, 1 stumping

Chiron had a very consistent season behind the stumps who very often put his body on the line. It was very noticeable that his wicket keeping improved game on game...unfortunately the same couldn't be said about his sledging behind the stumps. Another key aspect to his game was his batting and very often he led by example with showing a mixture of patience, aggression and playing clever cricket.

Angus Corrie

Batting: 21 runs @ 4.20

Bowling: 1 wicket @ 121.00

Angus was a valuable member of the team this season taking key wickets at crucial times and performing with the bat in some difficult situations. He's always willing to work hard not only on the pitch but at training too. Combining this positive attitude with his unique left arm bowling style I have no doubt that Angus will develop into a very good cricketer.

Toby Wickett

Batting: 16 runs @ 1.78

Bowling: 2 wickets @ 76.00

Toby's infectious enthusiasm for the game was a feature every week. Throughout the season Toby has opened the bowling for us and has led the attack very well. He has worked hard on improving the accuracy of his bowling within training sessions and as a result has taken some big wickets at vital times in games, making him an invaluable member of our team.

Under 14C Green Report 2019-20

The U14C Green season has been one of ups and downs, but most importantly... lots of fun!

Having some of the season rained off and heated off, the games we did play were played in the right way and everybody developed massively along the way.

Surprisingly to everyone (I think...) U14C Green made it to the semi-finals! This goes to show all the hard work that they boys have put in time and time again during the season, it had finally paid off. Unfortunately, we were outplayed by the opposition and missed out on a finals place.

The team, parents and I would like to thank team managers Sonya and Dennis for their work behind the scenes. It's an extremely hard job to undertake and both of them took it in their stride and made everyone's lives a lot easier. A massive thankyou to you both... you can finally relax!

To the parents, thank you for getting your children to the game and in other cases getting other parents' children to the games! For the parents who managed to get to every game, well done! Hope you all enjoyed the season as much as the team did!

To the players, your efforts this season have not gone unnoticed and I want to thank each and every one of you for making this season so memorable for me. You have all progressed so much and I'm glad I was there to be a part of it. Carry on playing cricket because I have no doubt that you are the future of Edinburgh Cricket Club, and what a lucky club they are to have you all.

Tributes to each player;

Liam Ukovic: Our opening bat Liam has had a remarkable season. He's a player who can consistently deliver in game situations and shows maturity when at the crease... maybe a little less off the field! Being our leading run scorer, you would think Liam wouldn't star as much with the ball...but somehow, Liam also excelled with the ball. Throughout the season he's been someone the team can count on to take wickets when needed and bowl a consistent line and length. He is an exceptionally talented cricketer and I look forward to seeing his name star in the senior ranks in the future.

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TEAM MEMBERS

Jack Amiet

Zac Bennett

Geordie Beveridge

Fred Burton

Leo Daffey

William Doyle

Henry Harrison

Madeleine Hennessy

Lytton McAteer

Edward Spiteri-Stevens

Raphael Spiteri-Stevens

Liam Ukovic

COACHING/UMPIRING

Hannah Mansell

MANAGERS

Sonya Bennett/Dennis
Ukovic

Zac Bennet: Zac has been our captain for the majority of the season and is a player who is keen to take on every responsibility possible. He's had a brilliant season but I'm sure he'd argue with me and give me something he could work on...

I honestly can say I have never come across a player who loves the game and wants to improve his personal game more than Zac does, and that shows when he bats and bowls. Being someone who can steady the ship with the bat and provide wicket taking opportunities with the ball Zac is a very important part of the team. In the field Zac is a player who not only works hard for himself but also more for the team...a rare thing to find. Zac has been a delight to coach and I've no doubt he will get everything he deserves in the future. Keep working hard Zac!

Henry Harrison: Henry has been an instrumental part of the team as he opens the bowling. Quick and accurate left arm round leaves batsmen stunned with late swing and movement. Henry has a brilliant attitude towards the game and that's why I think he is so successful. His batting has come on leaps and bounds this season and it's all down to Henry's hard work, smashing boundaries any chance he gets! Both on and off the field, Henry shows great sportsmanship and is a very good role model for the younger team members. Henry you have been a pleasure to coach this season and I wish you all the success for the future!

Will Doyle: Where do I start with Doyle... The most energetic member of the team and is also one of the hardest workers on the team. His positive energy is contagious and whether I liked it or not he made me, teammates and opposition smile and laugh. Always the first one at training and games and this effort came through on the field. With the bat Doyle had his own method that works which is see ball hit ball! Not only does he bat well but he is our wicket keeper. This I can say with confidence, his wicket keeping has single handedly won us games during the season. His willingness to learn and try new skills is great to watch and to be able to coach him this year has been a great pleasure! Keep at it Will because you're a very talented cricketer!

Madeleine Hennessey: I think it's fair to say Madeleine's season is one that has required a great amount of patience... and that's not because she is part of a team with 13 boys! So often I have thrown Madeleine into bat in the top 3 so she can see off the better bowlers to the capitalise on the not so great bowling coming down after! Able to hit all around the ground bowlers find it extremely hard to get rid of her. Madeleine has time and time again proved why she is one of the best players in the team if not in the league we played in this season. Bowling spin is a skill not many can say they've mastered but Madeleine can. Her loopy bowling confuses batters and they often end up getting themselves out. As per the other 2 seasons I've coached Madeleine, she has been a delight to coach and I wish her all the success in the future!

Jack Amiet: Jack's first season playing cricket has been a great one! For someone who's never played before to become one of the most solid and reliable batters in the side is fantastic! Jack's commitment to not only his personal game but training is outstanding. Jack has been determined to improve his skills the season and one that has come on is his bowling. Jack's left arm over always leaves the batters wondering whether to hit it or not... and when they do they hit it straight to a fielder! Jack took his first wicket this season and it was one I hope he will never forget! It was all down to him and the hard work he put in at

training and at home. Congratulations on your great season Jack, I'm positive your next one will be just as good if not better!

Raphael Spiteri-Stevens: Raph has had a brilliant season in all aspects of the game. He is by far the quickest bowler in the U14C league and with that comes swing. Batters often shake with nervousness after facing the first ball knowing they've got to again face another rocket sent down by Raph. Not only does Raph possess a natural talent with the ball, his batting has taken a strong leap. Becoming more confident getting behind the ball, Raph has shown he holds the ability to hit to all parts of the ground. In the field he always puts 100% effort in and regularly saves boundaries and cuts those easy 2's into singles. Raph is an excellent cricketer and I've no doubt that he is a name to look out for in Edinburgh's bright future. A delight to coach and I wish you all the best in your cricketing career!

Lytton McAteer: Lytton has had a great season where both batting and bowling has come on strongly. Whenever on the field Lytton always puts in the hard yards for others, and off the field is always asking questions on how he can improve or learn something new. Having taken the joint most catches in the team this season, (only 2), this is still proof that practice pays off and when given an opportunity he will grab it with both hands... literally! All bad cricket jokes aside Lytton is an awesome cricketer to coach and I hope you continue grabbing those opportunities!

Geordie Beveridge: Another beginner to cricket this season and what a season geordie has had! Joining the team half way through Geordie slotted straight in like the missing piece we had needed. Geordie was open to improving straight away and after a couple training sessions Geordie seemed to have sussed cricket out. Taking his first wicket ever was a special moment and I don't even think he could believe it! All his hard work has paid off! Geordie showed great determination and commitment to developing his game and it showed with him being able to occupy the crease and become a dangerous bowler that left batters confused. Congrats in your season Geordie you are going to be great!

Leo Daffey: Leo Leo Leo... this is what I'd say to myself when he told me he was going to play himself in and then proceed to whack an opening bowler for 4 off a good ball... most games! One of the younger members of the team, Leo showed he was certainly not out of his depth. Hitting the ball as cleanly as anyone and so hard too, it was almost impossible to stop the ball as it cruised to the boundary. I don't know where such strength came from in a 11/12 year old boy, so myself and everyone else just stood there and watched! Leo's bowling was entertaining too. Bowling both types of swing Leo was practically unplayable. Whilst bowling he also showed great knowledge of where to bowl to batters and bowled to the field very well. Although you didn't hit a 6 this season Leo, I think next season is your year! Congratulations on a fantastic season and I look forward to hearing all about how far the 6 went next season!

Fred Burton: Fred was also another young member of the team but I'm telling you now, something's up with these U12's, they're just too good! Fred's season has been a brilliant one, with both bat and ball. It's always entertaining to watch Fred play as he has a funny thing of making stuff happen out of nowhere. If we need a wicket...Where's Fred? A quick 10 or 20, I'm looking for Fred. A very funny but a cool calm and collected cricketer who seems to know just what type of cricketer he is. In the field Fred is always throwing himself

around to try and stop the ball. A very safe pair of hands when the ball comes to him, which is hard to say when you're only 11. An excellent young cricketer and one I'm confident will achieve everything he wants to with the sport. A pleasure to coach and good luck for next season!

Ed Spiteri-Stevens: Again, another U12 but like the rest of them Ed fitted right into the squad. By far one of the most enthusiastic cricketers I've had the pleasure of coaching and his positive attitude towards the game shone through into his performances. Being young I would not have expected Ed to know so much about the game, but I was surprised! The knowledge and maturity that Ed shows is incredible and for someone who plays nearly all the time he just gets better and better! With the ball Ed bowls consistent line and lengths and makes batters think twice about where they can hit it. With the bat, Ed has the ability to hit 360 degrees and works hard to pick those singles and find the gaps. Both Ed and his older brother Raph are always at the nets whether it be training or not they just can't seem to get enough of it! I hope you never lose that passion and keep on being the best you can be! An absolute delight to coach and I wish you all the success in the future.

To all the other players who have helped out and filled in at the last minute, I wanted to say a massive thankyou to you and your parents for coming to the games and being a part of a great season for the U14C Greens. We couldn't have done it without you!

One last thankyou, to everyone from the U14C Greens, you have all made my season a much more enjoyable experience. Hope to see you all again in the future!

Hannah Mansell (coach)

Under 16A Report 2019-20

To sum up the 2019/20 cricket season in one word, would be 'wet.' Bright and moderately sunny weather during the week unluckily turning to rain, hail and waterlogged synthetic pitches on Friday nights. The U16A's had 4 games washed out to what I can only describe as what most people say, 'welcome to Melbourne.' The team, consisting of 12 strong and extremely talented boys, finished 3rd on the ladder at the end of the season only losing the first game of the season and going undefeated for the remainder.

Led by the one, the only, Benny Donnellan, the first game saw the mighty 'Burra take on Burwood Black, where the opposition scored an impressive 3/144 to our 8/110 in reply. Our only defeat for the season would probably turn out to be a blessing in disguise as it was a little wakeup call for boys that they wouldn't just walk to competition. North Balwyn left the boys nervous for a week in round 2 as they managed to score 9/202 on what I could call, a flat and small Alfred Cricket Oval. However, the magnificent opening partnership of 129 between brought the home crowd to ease as the team finished 5/205 (Benny - 73 and Eamon - 86). Then came the rain ... the U16A's posted a mammoth 6/242 in the first week against Trinity Wilson with a brutal batting display from Benny(86), Chris(60) and Tom(56), only to deny us of what I could call, an easy 6 points.

Game 4 was one of the most interesting and exhilarating cricket games I have watched in a long time, with the match against Canterbury ending in a 126 run tie. A decisive bowling change saw Dash demonstrating he is not only a specialist batsman/fielder, but a top class bowler. As the score was poised at 5/114, he somehow managed to dismiss the remaining 4 out of 5 batters leaving Canterbury stranded on 126. In return the boys couldn't quite clinch the victory, needing 1 to win and Massimo on strike, an attempted pull shot hit a little too high on the bat and was caught out. The new ball specialist Miles destroyed the top order of Glen Iris in game 5 taking a magical 6/15 off his 6.4 overs leaving Max, Kirin and Tom to share the rest. Making light work of the 79 runs Glen Iris had scored, the U16A's shared the runs around between themselves finishing on a total 8/117 (Tom - 34, Max - 12, Dash - 16*, Miles - 14). The final game before the Christmas break really emphasised how far the team members had come individually, but more importantly together as a tight unit. Sending Buroondara into bat, they could only manage 5/85 off their entitled 21 overs. Michael learning from previous experience, bowled very neat line and length to finish 1/14 off his 5 overs, supported extremely well by Tom (2/18), Miles (1/21) and Chris (1/18). The second innings saw light work of total with Benny (41*) and Tom (35*) showing great leadership to see the team home with ease.

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TEAM MEMBERS

Michael Daffey

Max Daphne

Ben Donnellan

Miles Fricke

Ethan McKenzie

Tom Mileto

Massimo Nodin

Eamon Pereira

Christopher Ross

Dashiell Spencer-White

Archie Taylor

Kirin York

COACHING/UMPIRING

Luke Robinson

MANAGER

Charlotte White

The Christmas break was yet again filled with hot weather and sunny days, meaning when it came to the first game back (Round 7), of course, it would be washed out. Round 8 on the other hand, at least for the first week, gave the opportunity for a few of the lads to reveal the talent I knew they were itching to showcase. Winning the toss and electing to bat first, a controlled and patient innings from Michael (32) set a strong platform for the team allowing Ethan (24), Eamon (41), Miles (21) to blast some quick runs towards the latter end. This would see the end of Round 8 as once again, Mother Nature won the battle. Round 9 and finals guaranteed permitted the U16A's to have a little fun in their last game seeing everyone bowl at least 1 over. Burwood Black finished 5/88 with the broken arm specialist Archie taking 1/6, just under shadowed by an 11 ball Donnellon over. Tom (53*) led the way with Dash (21) chipping in along with the rest of the lads leaving Edinburgh on 4/119.

Ben Donnellan: Benny has had an excellent year with the bat scoring a total of 295 runs @49. Opening the batting most weeks, not only on synthetic but turf wickets too can prove tricky at times, but he has demonstrated his class and skill. The fact he has applied himself and taken the responsibility to get the team off to a good start shows what a great leader he has been and will continue to be for Edinburgh. Captaining any side can always prove difficult but with the team being such a tight knitted unit, it allowed Benny to enjoy himself, listen and take on board the input from team members. I look forward to seeing where he takes his cricket in the near and distant future.

Tom Mileto: Tom has been phenomenal with the bat this season, scoring an impressive 232 runs @58 despite being bounced out for 0 in his first game (we all heard the kit being thrown). His technique is almost perfect and this allows him to score freely and hit the ball in any area he wants to. A few times over the season he has brought home the goods and delivered with an important knock which again shows great team morals and leadership traits. His bowling has really come on this season, taking some crucial wickets in important games. I also look forward, in the foreseeable future, to following his career in premier cricket.

Chris Ross: Chris has had an impressive season scoring 118 runs @30 with some crucial and handy knocks during the season. It is always difficult coming in at 5, either when the team is three for not many or only having a few overs left to bat. The fact he can adapt in any situation and always put his hand up to bat higher or bowl shows his willingness to get involved and determination to give it everything. With the wash outs this season, he hasn't had the ability to bowl much on turf which is lucky for the opposition because they can't play him on synthetic at the best of times. I would like to see Chris play senior cricket on Saturdays as he is such a talented young man with the bat and ball.

Dashiell Spencer-White: Dash has had an exceptional year in my eyes; in the consistency with bat and ball in hand. Opening the batting in the two day games or dropping down the order in the one day games portrayed his eagerness to be a team player. Growing in confidence throughout the season allowed Dash to be more vocal in the team, become more involved (apart from fielding at training) and always in the ear of the skipper for a bowl. He has scored 90 runs @12 and has 4 wickets @7.5, statistically our best bowler.

Massimo Nodin: Massimo has been a delight to coach and work with throughout the season. He began the year with a promising start with the ball in hand, but we unfortunately

lost him to Futsal shortly after Christmas. The way he attacks the crease and bowls that away swinging delivery challenging the batsman every ball, has been a joy to watch and I am very pleased he is able to return for finals.

Ethan McKenzie: Ethan has a lot of talent but is a player who sometimes lacks confidence with the bat. He demonstrates his natural ball striking abilities every single week in the nets and we finally got to see that at Balwyn with his 24. When Ethan concentrates, there is no one better on a cricket field, his natural sporting talent and hand eye co-ordination is truly fascinating to watch and with a little belief, who knows how far he can go.

Michael Daffey: Michael has come a long way with the bat this season showing his determination and grit to dig in at the top or middle of the order and score runs. He averaged 22 this season and the pinnacle of his season was again like Ethan, against Balwyn where he dug in and scored a very impressive 32. He only took 4 wickets for the year which is an understatement of how talented a bowler Michael is, just hitting back of a length and letting the ball talk. I look forward to hearing about Michael's career progress over the next few years.

Max Daphne: Apart from being run out with facing a ball first game of the season (thanks a lot Benny), Max has had a very good season. He has played a huge role with the ball, mixes his pace extremely well and has a natural away swinging bowling action. The pressure he builds when he bowls at batsmen is next to none which has allowed the team to squeeze the opposition to a below average total. I know Max has probably not batted where he wants too, but with his talent and eye for the ball, he has the potential to take the game away from the opposition which is what I have seen when he plays for the 7's on weekends.

Eamon Pereira: Eamon brings diversity and destruction to the Edinburgh batting line up. His ability to rock on the back foot and pull the ball into next week has been a familiar sight this season and has been demoralising to many bowling attacks. He has scored 179 runs @25 and has been such a pivotal part of the batting line up. Eamon only took 4 wickets this year, however averaged 11.5 showing his talent with the ball which puts him in the category of a brilliant 'all round cricket.'

Archie Taylor: Archie is a naturally talented bowler but unfortunately broke his arm which put him out for the middle of the season. He was always the first to training and keen to put his pads on and never afraid to get involved. He finally demonstrated his capability in the final game of the season taking 1/6 and scoring 4*. Hopefully next year he is a little more careful and I would be keen to see where his cricket takes him in the future.

Miles Fricke: Miles is a seriously talented bowler, which he has demonstrated throughout the season consistently. His natural pace and consistent lines have accredited him with wickets and a low economy rate for the entire season. Leading the way with 12 wickets @9.5, he has been a crucial part of restricting the opposition to low totals by removing the top order. Miles natural change ups show his maturity with the ball and also that he is constantly thinking how to remove a batsman. Not only with the ball. Miles has had a few important knocks this year too which again puts him in the category of a very good 'all round cricketers.'

Kirin Nodin: Kirin is an extremely smart bowler, shaping the ball in and setting up the batsmen. With the new ball, Kirin is making big strides to generate more pace and establish himself as a renowned opening bowler. Unfortunately due to a bad shoulder from playing men's cricket on Saturdays and Sundays, it has hindered his performance on Friday nights. Nevertheless, Kirin is a reliable bowler with a lot of skill and I am looking forward to seeing his progress over the next 5 years as he moves up through the ranks of Edinburgh CC.

Overall it was a fantastic experience on my behalf, taking on an under 16A team and seeing how far they could actually go in the competition. I have enjoyed myself throughout the season and would just like to give a few shout outs along the way. I would like to thank Charlotte who has been a great team manager, very helpful and organised which made my life a whole lot easier. To the parents who have helped score, set up the grounds and provide half time teas, a big thankyou to you because it wouldn't be possible without your lift giving and support for the lads. To see the talent on offer throughout Edinburgh CC, it has been a privilege to be apart from and it wouldn't be a surprise if most of these players continue to hopefully have a healthy, long and successful cricketing career in the future. Thank you for everything and have a fantastic winter GO BURRA!

Under 16B Report 2019-20

We had a tough year with the bat this season, though all the boys have massive potential. Some are great at anchoring the innings and the others can get a quick score and hit a long ball.

With the ball, the boys have been brilliant! They take the crucial wickets when needed and the amount of support that they give each other is incredible. Some of the figures from this season are exceptional and they should all be proud of themselves.

This season we had a huge squad of 14 which was difficult at times for the batting order. But not once did anyone complain and they continued to train hard. The numbers we had at training were amazing which is everything you want as a coach. We were able to plan the sessions easily and work on what needed to be worked on.

I have never laughed so hard before when coaching a team. They never failed to put a smile on my face and each other's, sometimes the parents too. I hope everyone is proud of how they played this season, I know they had plenty of fun.

A huge thank you from me and I'm excited for what is coming next as you all improved immensely.

Joe Anderson is a great all rounded player. He is very strong with the bat and I can rely on him to hold down an end and score at the same time. With the ball he is in another league, with a best performance of 2/1. Joe was a vital team player this year. I hope he plays U18s next year!

Noah Dekker was a great player for the team this season. His bowling is unplayable and puzzles the opposition every time with the flight he gets. Noah is also a great anchor with the bat and is constantly looking to score whenever he can. Best bowling was 3/19 with a high score of 51! Noah was joint captain with Matt this year and they both helped each other and got the job done every week.

Luke Campbell was a very consistent bowler for this team and the captains could always rely on him to slow the run rate down or take some crucial wickets. Luke is also another player who is good at holding down an end and supporting the batter at the other end. Best figures were 2/19. Luke's fielding massively improved during the season and can confidently get his body behind the ball.

Matthew Federico was our other captain this season and was very eager for the whole team to do well. He was constantly supporting the team and was trying to get the best out of his teammates. Matt is a very good bowler, attacking the stumps almost every ball and his best figures were 2/22. With the bat, he is a clean striker of the

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TEAM MEMBERS

Joseph Anderson

Asher Baade

Dut Bol

Luke Campbell

Noah Dekker

Jack Esposito

Matthew Federico

Oliver Gay

Tom Graham

Rory Kennedy

Joseph Martin

Dylan Murphy

Jack Oldfield

Thomas Romano

COACHING/UMPIRING

Laura Jackson

MANAGER

Sally Dooley

ball and can get a quick score when the team need it, his high score was 37*. Matt is also very reliable in the field and at training he is always supporting his team.

Tom Graham has a lot of potential for the Burra. He is a delight to coach and will always put a smile on your face. Tom is great with the bat and ball and has been consistent most weeks holding down an end with Noah and getting the team off with a good start. His high score was 33. Tom with the ball confuses other batters bowling a great length, his best figures are 2/35. I have seen a massive improvement from Tom this year and I've loved seeing him play in the Senior 5th XI with his dad and Noah on a Sunday.

Oliver Gay has been a pleasure to coach this season and has shown a will to learn, asking questions on how he can improve. Oliver is a good all round player and is very consistent with his bowling and has amazing figures of 1/1. Oliver has a good straight bat while in the middle and is constantly looking for the singles.

Joe Martin is a great asset to the team which the captains can call upon to take some crucial wickets or to bat a decent number of overs in the game. Joe's bowling has been great this year with amazing consistency constantly hitting that right line and length, his best figures this year was 1/8. Joe has a great eye for the ball and has got a lovely forward defence when the team were in tough situations.

Rory Kennedy is the heart of the team this year who is constantly making everyone laugh. Rory was a huge asset to the team with the ball this year who was always attacking the stumps and looking for that wicket ball. At training he was always trying to learn a change up ball that he could use in the game. Roz could hit a long ball also and never went down without a fight. He was a joy to coach this season and I hope to see him back next year.

Jack Esposito is another player that was a joy to coach, he turned up to training week in and week out. He was always asking what he could improve on with his batting and was very eager to get out onto the pitch, he is a massive team player. Jack is also good at bowling with his best figures being 1/9 against North Alphington. Jack always had a smile on his face and I hope to see him playing again next year.

Tom Romano is a great all rounded player who can do everything. He is very keen in the field and wants to chase down every ball. Tom had best figures of 1/3 this year which he should be proud of to restrict the batters. Tom also had a high score of 16 with the bat this year, his role tended to be up the order when the team would need someone to stick around, which he was able to do. He would always listen and is a player to watch for the future.

Dylan Murphy was very important to the team this year, he is a massive team player, always supports his friends and is always at training every week excited to learn more. Dylan took the gloves this year and was not afraid to put his body on the line for every single ball. He massively improved this year with just a few tweaks at the start of the season, his technique is brilliant. I wish Dylan the best of luck for the future, he has so much potential.

Asher Baade is a joy to coach and he's been with me for the past 2 years, this year he has really come out of his shell. Asher is a great team player, throws himself around in the field and always asking how he can help the team out. Even when Asher was injured, he would still come to training and games to support his friends. He is very reliable with the bat and

has improved so much over the past 2 years and he has so many scoring shots and knows how to get his power through the ball.

Dut Bol was a late addition to the team this year with being new to cricket. He put time and effort in this year coming down to the nets in his own time so he can improve and help the team. Dut is very consistent with the ball and bowls a great pace that the batters don't like while landing the ball on a good length. With the bat Dut has hugely improved and anything wide of off stump Dut punishes and goes a long way. Dut has greatly improved this year and it was nice to see his confidence grow each week.

Jack Oldfield was a character around the team this year and made many friends. Jack was very confident with the ball and had a lot of pace behind him trying to get the batter on the back foot straight away. Jack was committed the whole season turning up to every training session, his improvement from the start of the year to the end was brilliant to see. You can really see Jack's cricketing brain improving game by game.

Outstanding Individual Achievements

50+ runs in an innings

Player Name	Score	Round	Team	Opponent
Ben Donnellan	86	3	U16A	Trinity Willison
Ben Donnellan	73	2	U16A	North Balwyn
Christopher Ross	60	3	U16A	Trinity Willison
Connor Hastings	73	3	U14A	Kew Junior Blue
Eamon Pereira	86	2	U16A	North Balwyn
Henry Nelson	50*	3	U14B Maroon	Kew Junior Red
Noah Dekker	51	5	U16B	Clifton Hill
Phoebe Nelson	58*	13	Girls 3	North Alphington
Phoebe Nelson	51	14	Girls 3	Heatherdale
Phoebe Nelson	50*	7	Girls 3	North Balwyn
Tom Mileto	56	3	U16A	Trinity Willison
Tom Mileto	53*	9	U16A	Burwood Black

5+ wickets in an innings

Player Name	Round	Team	Opponent
Miles Fricke	5	U16A	Glen Iris
Jarvis Tyrell	5	U10 Green	STC South Camberwell
Harry Dichiera	7	U10 White	Wyclif Green
Charlie Kitt	12	U10 Green	Edinburgh White
Jules Cameron	4	U12A	Boorondara
Nicholas Berry	5	U10 White	Hawthorn

Hat trick

Player Name	Round	Team	Opponent
Holly Scammell	3	U12C Maroon	Richmond Union Red
Jules Cameron	4	U12A	Boorondara
Nicholas Berry	8	U10 White	Hawthorn
Nicholas Berry	10	U10 White	Wyclif Green

Selected in representative teams 2019-20

Youth Premier League Boys

U16 Inner South East Scorpions - Ben Donnellan

U16 Northern Falcons - Miles Fricke & Tom Mileto

U14 Northern Falcons - James Shadbolt

Youth Premier League Girls

U16 Inner South East Scorpions - Mikaela Kennedy

U16 Northern Falcons - Katelyn Shadbolt

U14 Inner South East Scorpions - Madeleine Hennessy

U14 Northern Falcons - Abby Moulday

VMCU Boys Carnival with ECA

U16 ECA - Eamon Pereira & Max Daphne

U14 ECA - Leroy Hinds, Sam Olsen, Connor Hastings & Xavier DiScala

U12 ECA - Lachlan Green, Sebastian Donnellan & Jules Cameron

VMCU Girls Carnival with ECA

U16 ECA - Phoebe Nelson & Madeleine Hennessy

U14 ECA - Acacia Shipper, Megan Orr, Abby Moulday & Eva Cormie