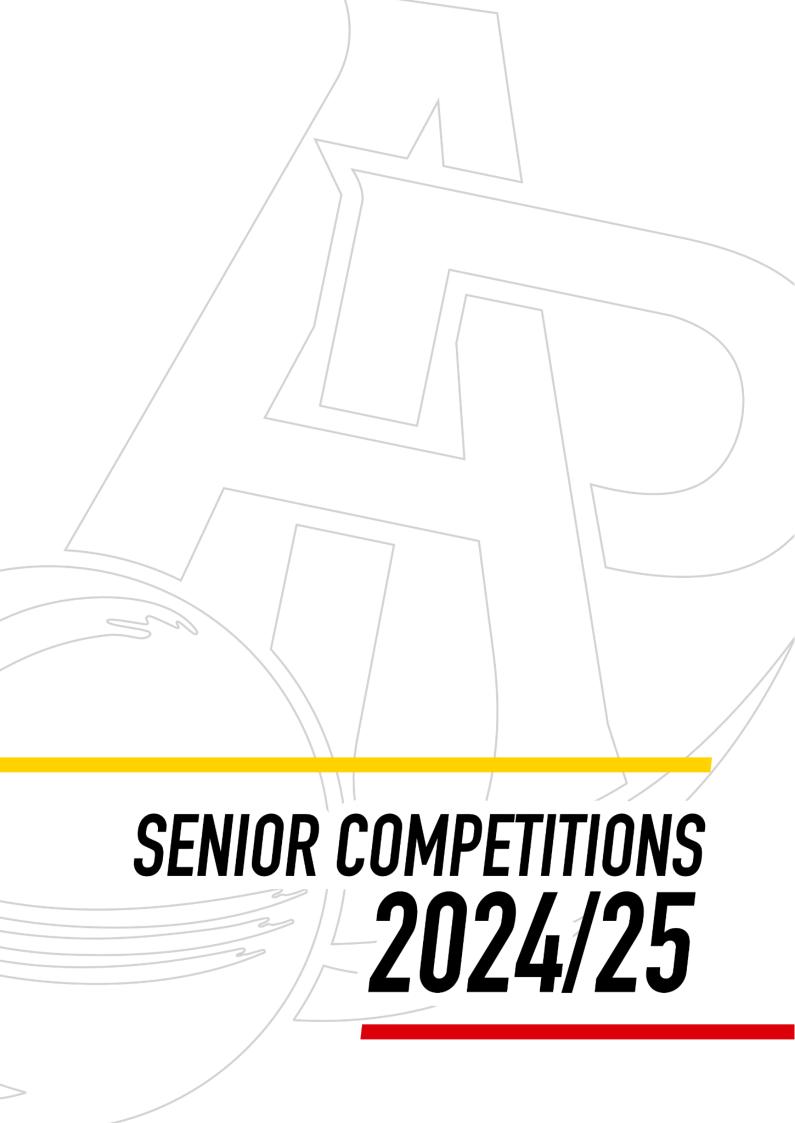


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Trollope Shield (1st XI)

It's fair to say it turned out to be a tough year overall for the 1st XI. After losing some key personnel in Dave Killen and Tom Stray for most of the season, we knew we'd need others to step up to cover those big holes, but I was confident we could do that and still challenge.

We started well, dominating Kilsyth in round 2, before falling into a bit of a hole. We struggled to regather momentum, and it all came down to the wire. We fought off relegation with a dominant final-round win over Montrose. That last game summed up what we're capable of when we play committed, team-first cricket. Under real pressure, we delivered. The performance was a reminder that our best is still good enough, and we've got the players to produce it.

Whilst we know we need to be better, we still have many positives to look back on during the year. The last six weeks of the season is something we can draw real confidence from going into next season. We knocked off South Croydon, then beat North Ringwood, rolling them for 94. We challenged another finals team in Norwood but just fell short, then that last round demolition of Montrose, whilst our young T20 were also crowned champions in between all that. It was an impressive finish, and we did it playing our brand of selfless, team cricket.

Jake Tucker led the bowling group again, finishing with 20 wickets for the season. Ethan Stone backed him up well, finishing with 17. When we were able to stay disciplined and create constant pressure, we looked dangerous. But across the season, we weren't consistent enough at both ends to sustain the pressure. Jimmy Johnstone's 4 wicket haul against Lilydale, who ended up runners-up, was another bright moment. Lewis Davison's 4 wickets against Nth Ringwood was also a significant highlight.

Another standout was Jake's opening spell against South Croydon in Round 6. He was near unplayable

and almost single-handedly reduced them to 5/9, finishing with 4/53 off 23 overs. It was one of our best team fielding efforts of the season too, and a day where we set the tone early with whole team pressure.

With the bat, it was a tough year. Only three players in Aydn Sier (233), Dillon Bettess (228), and Max Moss (220) went past 200 runs. That's a big drop from where we've been in recent years. Too often, we gave away wickets far too cheaply and didn't dig in in the battle for momentum through our innings. We need to be harder to get out and more willing to grind when the conditions are tough.

There were some important individual efforts near the end of the season in particular. Tom Stray made a brilliant unbeaten 113 against Norwood in Round 13, he gave everything in that innings and reminded us what it takes. Under pressure, Coby Arbuckle stood up in the last two rounds with key performances that helped us stay up. His application was outstanding.

Notable Performances

- Jake Tucker 79 vs Kilsyth, Round 2
- Tige Ridley 64 vs Croydon Ranges, Round 3
- Dillon Bettess 52 vs Montrose, Round 5
- Aydn Sier 57 vs Sth Croydon, Round 6
- Tom Stray 113* vs Norwood, Round 13
- Tom Stray 60 vs Montrose, Round 14

A huge thank-you to our scorer Stuart Minetti, who rode the bumps with us again and never missed a beat. Thanks again to the committee for their unwavering support in what was a tough year, and thanks again to Nicole for being there through it all. Thanks to all the players in the 1st XI for your efforts during the season, we got there in the end!

Trollope Shield (1st XI) cont.

They say the most learning happens when you lose or fail, and I think we've learned a lot about how we need to attack next season. In the end, our biggest challenge was consistency in all facets. We know the highs we can reach and know what our best looks like, but building consistency is about bridging the gap between our best and worst. That is next season's challenge and our last six weeks are the blueprint, so let's get to work.

Leigh 'Roy' Jones 1st XI Captain

Trollope Shield (1st XI)

Summary

Captain	Leigh Jones						
100s scored	Tom Stray		113*	V	Norwood		Round
			70		177 11		2
50s scored	Jake Tucker		79	V	Kilsyth		2
	Tige Ridley		64	V	Croydon Ranges		3
	Dillon Bette	255	52	V	Montrose		5
	Aydn Sier		57	V	South Croydon		11
	Tom Stray		60	V	Montrose		14
				Runs		Averag	2
Batting Average		Aydn Sier		233		23.3	
Bowling Average		Ethan Stone		Wicke	ets	Averag 19.12	e
Phil McCallum Av		Oscar Seegets					
Bolt Medal Winne (1st XI)	er	Jake Tucker					
Most Runs		Aydn Sier (233	3)				
Most Wickets		Jake Tucker (20	0)				
Most Catches		Dillon Bettess	(12)				
Highest Team Tot	tal	7/215 v Norw	ood (Rd. 13)				
Lowest Team Total	al	73 v Norwood	(Rd. 4)				

Trollope Shield (1st XI) **CONT.**

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye	
14	5	8	1	0	0	0	

Season scores

Round	APCC Score	Opponent	Opponent Score	Result
1	6/137	North Ringwood	-	Draw
2	5/209	Kilsyth	98	Win
3	156	Croydon Ranges	9/334	Loss
4	73	Norwood	6/215	Loss
5	151	Montrose	2/152	Loss
6	8/197	South Croydon	196	Win
7	9/130	Kilsyth	3/133	Loss
8	8/145	Lilydale	2/149	Loss
9	152	Croydon Ranges	6/228	Loss
10	109	Lilydale	224	Loss
11	5/146	South Croydon	143	Win
12	8/95	North Ringwood	94	Win
13	7/215	Norwood	3/216	Loss
14	9/204	Montrose	89	Win

Trollope Shield (1st XI) CONT.

Batting

	Games	Innings	Not outs	High Score	Average	Runs
Aydn Sier	10	10	0	57	23.30	233
Dillon Bettess	14	15	1	52	16.29	228
Max Moss	11	11	1	47	22.00	220
Jake Tucker	14	15	2	79	14.77	192
Tom Stray	2	2	1	113	173.00	173
Brendan McGuinness	11	11	1	32	17.20	172
Tige Ridley	11	11	0	64	15.36	169
Coby Arbuckle	10	10	1	45	18.22	164
Leigh Jones	13	13	2	41	10.09	111
James Johnstone	14	12	5	23	14.43	101
Oscar Seegets	9	7	4	15	14.33	43
Lachlan Francis	6	6	2	14	10.00	40
James Hunter	9	6	1	8	4.20	21
Ethan Stone	13	6	2	16	5.00	20
Lewis Davison	5	3	2	6	11.00	11
David Killen	1	1	0	10	10.00	10
Rowan Peters	1	1	0	2	2.00	2

Trollope Shield (1st XI) CONT.

Bowling

	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Balls	Average
Jake Tucker	14	20	43	417	805	20.85
Ethan Stone	13	17	16	325	513	19.12
Lewis Davison	5	9	6	207	336	23.00
Oscar Seegets	9	8	1	207	246	25.88
James Hunter	9	8	11	166	286	20.75
Leigh Jones	13	7	25	339	636	48.43
James Johnstone	14	6	4	260	316	43.33
Brendan McGuinness	11	3	2	44	96	14.67
Tom Stray	2	2	0	20	34	10.00
Lachlan Francis	6	1	1	125	102	125.00
Tige Ridley	11	0	0	65	54	-
David Killen	1	0	1	48	42	-

Pascoe Shield (2nd XI)

After last year's strong season finishing runner's up, I was super optimistic about taking over the captaincy and leading the 2nd XI for season 2024/25. I just want to start by thanking Sean 'Karl' Minetti for his incredible efforts and leadership as captain of the 2nds. Have definitely left a positive imprint on anyone that's played under your leadership.

This season was looking to be a really good one, with some of our young talent having really good preseasons and pushing their cases for higher level cricket and others improving on what they achieved last season. We had 27 players play at least one game. In the seconds this year and had at least one change in every game but to everyone's credit, we always played as a team and made each game enjoyable regardless of the result.

The season got off to a good start and we had won 6 of the first 9 rounds (with one washout). We built some great momentum early and had some really positive performances across the board. We played some really good team cricket but some of the stand out performances before the Christmas break included Coby making 106* in round 2 along with Deano continuing on from last year with a 92 in the same game, Taj was leading the way with the ball taking multiple wickets in each of the first 3 games including 4 in rd 2.

Lewis Davison put in a match winning bowling performance in the first 2 day game of the year and earned him the nickname 'Mr. Clutch'. He took a magnificent 6/50, helping us win the game by just 2 runs. Special mention to Taj and Josh Connor for their batting efforts in the first week and helping us get to a winning total.

Lachie Francis came back into the team in rd 6 after playing first XI cricket and strengthened our side straight away highlighted by a match winning performance in rd 7 with 56 off 50 and a crucial 3/37 off 8 at the death. Dave Killen made an appearance in rd 8 and showed he was way too good for the grade making 78* and taking 3fa (and 3 catches) in an all round performance. He was well supported in the batting innings by Marcus Allan and Karl helping us get into a match winning position.

We finished the first half of the season with a massive win against Croydon Ranges and a good team performance. Highlighted by Lith and Taj doing the damage with the ball and Row making a well made 55* in the run chase. We sat well in the top 4 at the break and luckily had a big enough gap to 5th as the second half of the year wasn't too good.

We didn't manage a win after Christmas and showed some inconsistencies with the bat which made it tough on the bowlers. With the side being the youngest the 2s have been for some time we could expect some inconsistency but to everyone's credit we showed up very week and gave 100% effort and as a captain that's all you can ask for.

The standout performers in the second half of the season were Karl and Taj who were consistent throughout. Oscar came into the team and found some form which was great to see. Lith and JC both had great seasons and showed some really positive improvements to their games. Very bright futures for these young men.

Mallan and Coma were both in and out of the side throughout the season but gave great efforts when they were in the team. Lewis played in the ones after Christmas and that was well deserved after his start to the season. Was great to have Will Killen back at the club this year, his voice in the field, middle order experience and encouragement to the younger players in the team was a great help.

Pascoe Shield (2nd XI) cont.

Jack Evans kept for us again this season and got better each week. Coby and Deano both had great starts to the year with the bat and left big shoes to fill when they went out of the team. Coby went up to the firsts and showed that he deserved to be there with a great season and unfortunately Deano had a couple of nasty injuries, both of which required surgery.

Taj Johnstone had a massive year in the twos, showing very consistent performances each week and was by far our best player this season. A big preseason and first XI isn't far away. Most impressive thing to see from Taj this year was his temperament with the bat in tough situations, never being fazed by pressure, very promising to see from such a young player.

Huge thanks to Rowan for his efforts this year and helping with the captaincy in the games I couldn't play, it was greatly appreciated! Also a big thanks to Karl for his guidance throughout the year too. Would also like to thank Leigh Jones for his amazing efforts leading our great club. Thanks to Darren and all the other captains for your help and guidance this season.

Massive thank you to Sue Minetti for scoring this season and making game day easier for us all, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Lastly I'd like to thank my wife Teaghan for her support this season. It was a tough start to the year with you having a broken ankle but your support didn't go unnoticed, thank you for everything!

Well done to all the award winners and 4th XI premiers.

See you all next season!



Pascoe Shield (2nd XI) cont.

Summary

Captain	Josh White				
					Round
100s scored	Coby Arbuckle	106*	V	Kilsyth	2
50s scored	Cameron Eustice	69*	V	North Ringwood	1
	Cameron Eustice	92	V	Kilsyth	2
	Coby Arbuckle	68	V	Yarra Junction	5
	Josh White	80	V	Kilsyth	7
	Lachlan Francis	56	V	Kilsyth	7
	David Killen	78*	V	Warrandyte	8
	Josh White	55	V	Croydon Ranges	9
	Rowan Peters	55*	V	Croydon Ranges	9
	Sean Minetti	59	V	Warrandyte	10
	Josh White	62	V	North Ringwood	12
	Sean Minetti	56	V	Norwood	13
	Sean Minetti	61	V	Yarra Junction	14
	Josh White	58	V	North Ringwood	EF
5+ wkt	Lewis Davison	6/50	V	Croydon Ranges	3
	Josh White	5/70	V	North Ringwood	12
D. 111 - 5			Runs	Average	
Batting Average	Josh White		382	34.73	
			Wickets	Average	
Bowling Average	Taj Johnstone		19	18.53	

Pascoe Shield (2nd XI) cont.

Alan Wadsworth Award (Best Team Player)	Josh Connor
Bolt Medal Winner (2nd XI)	Taj Johnstone
Most Runs	Josh White (382)
Most Wickets	Taj Johnstone (19)
Most Catches	Taj Johnstone, Josh Connor (9)
Highest Team Total	5/243 v Kilsyth (Rd. 7)
Lowest Team Total	75 v South Croydon (Rd. 11)

Pascoe Shield (2nd XI) cont.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye	
15	6	8	1	0	0	0	

Season scores

Round	APCC Score	Opponent	Opposition Score	Result
1	5/154	North Ringwood	-	Draw
2	2/214	Kilsyth	130	Win
3	187	Croydon Ranges	185	Win
4	6/145	Norwood	5/146	Loss
5	3/158	Yarra Junction	157	Win
6	196	South Croydon	226	Loss
7	5/243	Kilsyth	5/232	Win
8	6/192	Warrandyte	169	Win
9	2/144	Croydon Ranges	9/143	Win
10	137	Warrandyte	3/141	Loss
11	75	South Croydon	2/76	Loss
12	149	North Ringwood	9/224	Loss
13	181	Norwood	207	Loss
14	9/151	Yarra Junction	7/154	Loss
EF	176	North Ringwood	2/178	Loss

Pascoe Shield (2nd XI) cont.

Batting

	Games	Innings	Not outs	High Score	Average	Runs
Joshua White	11	11	0	80	34.73	382
Sean Minetti	8	8	0	61	31.63	253
Cameron Eustice	5	5	2	92	82.67	248
Taj Johnstone	15	14	5	44	25.00	225
Coby Arbuckle	4	4	1	106	65.00	195
Rowan Peters	11	11	1	55	16.8	168
Will Killen	14	13	4	35	18.11	163
Lachlan Francis	8	9	1	56	16.25	130
Jack Evans	13	12	0	37	7.08	85
Darren Walles	8	6	2	29	21.00	84
Joshua Connor	12	6	1	35	16.6	83
David Killen	1	1	1	78	-	78
Marcus Allan	6	5	3	29	26.00	52
Max Moss	1	1	0	31	31.00	31
Lewis Davison	10	4	1	19	10.00	30
Oscar Seegets	5	4	1	22	9.33	28
Matthew Delahunty	8	3	0	10	7.33	22
Lithika Dharmasena	12	7	2	7	2.60	13
Ben Spieth	2	2	0	6	4.00	8
Tige Ridley	1	1	0	6	6.00	6
Joshua Hood	3	2	0	4	2.50	5
Josh Bettess	1	1	0	5	5.00	5
Trent Sier	1	1	0	4	4.00	4
James Hunter	1	1	1	3	-	3
Matthew Barr	2	2	0	1	0.50	1

Pascoe Shield (2nd XI) cont.

Bowling

	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Balls	Average
Taj Johnstone	15	19	16	352	557	18.53
Lithika Dharmasena	12	13	17	318	599	24.46
Joshua Connor	12	13	15	252	448	19.38
Lewis Davison	10	13	4	273	376	21.00
Joshua White	11	12	18	353	625	29.42
Lachlan Francis	8	6	5	186	282	31.00
Matthew Delahunty	8	5	20	171	383	34.20
Darren Walles	8	5	8	107	252	21.40
Oscar Seegets	5	3	7	139	252	46.33
David Killen	1	3	0	23	48	7.67
Marcus Allan	6	2	0	54	60	27.00
Will Killen	14	2	1	31	47	15.50
Trent Sier	1	1	0	12	30	12.00
Josh Bettess	1	1	0	10	11	10.00
James Hunter	1	0	0	23	24	-

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI)

After a successful premiership season in 2023/24 we began 2024/25 as the hunted with only 3 players playing from the premiership winning side.

Unfortunately, we started the season with an abandoned game halfway through our batting innings. We managed to get on the park for round 2 in totally opposite conditions to the week before. Montrose won the toss and elected to bat first on their small ground, they got off to a flyer but after some tight bowling from Shippa (2/21 off 8) through the middle as well as Mallan (0/25 off 8) closing out at the death they finished on a very chaseable 6/219. We started poorly with the bat and were 4/26 when Daisy joined me at the crease. Daisy played his role perfectly, keeping the good balls out and rotating the strike as I was hitting the ball quite well. Daisy departed with the score at 5/95 and then we were 6/112 when Syksey came to the crease. Sykesy and I then put on 79 to get us right back in the game and really brought the run rate back down. Sykesy departed for a very well made 45 from 47 balls with the score at 7/191, unfortunately I departed 2 overs later for 90 off 81 balls and the score was then 8/198, ultimately being bowled out for 206 with 14 balls to spare. An incredible effort considering the early trouble we were in.

Round 3 we took on Hoddles Creek and batted first losing our first wicket for 38, Row on his return to cricket joined Shippa at the crease and the pair put on 101 when Shippa departed at 2/139 for a well made 85. After Coma came and went, Barry O joined Row and took the score to 4/154 when Row was dismissed for 34. Barry O and Sykesy then finished the innings together with the score at 4/198, making 23* and 21* respectively. Our bowling saw us take regular wickets with 1 guy in particular for them doing all the damage but once he was out the game looked in our control for the most part. After what looked like a tight finish, we restricted them to 8/187.

This was our 1st win of the year and took us on a stretch of 7 in a row!

Round 4 we played St Andrews and had 3 young debutants in Xavier Walles, Jobe Walton and Harvey Baker-Flett. We batted first and after losing an early wicket Peg and Hoody looked in cruise control until Peg got out for 34 with the score at 2/98. We then lost 3 guick wickets and were all of a sudden 5/125. Shanksy and Jobe came together and ticked the score along with Jobe showing maturity beyond his years finishing 36* very well supported by Shanksy finishing 39*. Defending 209 St Andrews came out of the blocks hard and were 2/120 at drinks. Xavier in only his first game bowled a sensational spell through the middle finishing with figures of 1/31 off 8 but more importantly putting a stop to the run flow along with Mallan also finishing with figures of 1/32 off 8. With 2 overs left and St Andrews only needing 9 runs to win with 4 wickets in hand Peg and Daisy managed to take 2 wickets each resulting in us winning by 2 runs with 1 ball remaining. Once again a great fightback but this time we were on the winning end!

Rounds 5 & 6 saw us have comfortable wins against Warranwood and Wonga Park with multiple standout performances across the 2 games, Shippa and Mallan both made 50's in a comfortable chase of 117 against Warranwood. We then played Wonga Park in a 2 dayer with DK, Mallan and Coma all taking 3 wickets each. Coma then followed up his bowling with 104*, Karl also making 104* to ensure we had no chance of losing.

Round 7 we played Montrose for the 2nd time and saw us have another young fella debut in Blake Gregson. They won the toss and batted, we bowled really well from the start resulting in consistent wickets which meant we had them all out for 122. Xavier took his first 5fa finishing with figures of 5/24 off 7 and Duggy chimed in with 3 wickets of his own as well. Blake opened the batting in his first game

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI) cont.

with Hoody, unfortunately Hoody fell early but Blake continued to bat and was out for 20 with the score at 2/50. Daisy then joined me at the crease and we finished up 2/124 with 11 overs in hand, myself finishing 45* and Daisy 25*.

Round 8 we came up against Wandin, the only first XI in the grade. We had another debutant in Kento Inoue. Once again, our bowling came up trumps with Xavier and Jobe taking 3 wickets each, Shippa with 2 and Kento with 1 on debut, Wandin finishing 9/151. We lost Shippa early but then Hoody and Blake got us to 2/70 in quick time. Unfortunately, this was the start of a collapse and all of a sudden we were 5/78 when Daisy joined me at the crease. Daisy and I got the score to 6/131 when I was dismissed but Crooty had no interest in dragging it out, hitting a few boundaries to make sure of it. We finished 6/152 with Daisy top scoring with 30*.

Round 9 we Played Hoddles Creek with Ben Walles making his debut. We bowled first and they batted well to post a score of 9/222 with no one standing out for us with the ball. With the bat we got off to a flyer largely thanks to Shippa who finished 140* off only 97 balls. We finished 4/226 with 8 overs to spare.

We came back after the Christmas break to play Wandin in round 10 and after a beautiful 102* from Nugget we managed to scrape to 8/206 with cameos from Barry O (27) and Peg (31). Wandin then chased this comfortably finishing 3/210.

In round 11 we got to see Archer Croot make his debut against Wonga Park. I batted first and we made a sub-par total of 10/182. Spiethy stood up with his first 50 finishing on 54, supported by myself (46) and Jobe (23). Chimp took our first wicket at 1/43 and then had another the very next ball to put himself on a hat-trick that he came very close to taking. After this it was again regular wickets to Jobe and Xavier

through the middle that resulted in us rolling Wonga Park for 116.

Round 12 we played Warrandyte in a 2 dayer and had them 3/120 at tea with the game even poised. It was after tea that Chimp broke the game open and saw himself on a hat-trick for the 2nd time in 2 weeks which again he came very close to taking. Chimp finished with an incredible 6/39 off 19. Chasing 189 to win we had 19 overs to bat on day 1 and Shippa and Hoody batted the whole 19 overs together with Hoody hitting a massive 6 on the 2nd last ball of the day to finish 32* and retire as he was unavailable for week 2 the score at 0/69. Shippa took care of the rest on day 2 finishing 112* with Shanksy there at the end on 17*.

Against St Andrews in Round 13 we were 5/99 before tea but with a sensational 140 from Crooty and some lower order support from Daisy, Xavier, and Syksey all passing 20 we managed to get to 8/351 after scoring over 200 runs after the break. We came back week 2 and it was very wet and overcast getting through 25.3 overs before the rain got the better of us St Andrews finishing 2/71. With any points received we locked up top sport and a home Semi.

The last round against Warranwood turned into a 1 dayer after we were heated off in week 1 and unfortunately, we were off our game from the very start being bowled out for 133 with 5 overs remaining. Warranwood chased our score 5 down with 5 overs remaining with Shippa doing his best to keep us in the game despite being a fielder short for the entire 35 overs.

Finals

The semi final saw us play against Wonga Park, they won the toss and batted. After not much luck early it took a run out for us to break the game open. Chimp then took the next 5 wickets himself, and they were 6/53. Wickets fell regularly from this point, as we bowled them out in 42.3 overs just after tea for 106,

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI) cont.

Chimp with another outstanding performance with 6/32 off 15.4 supported by Mallan with 2/20 off 12. With the bat Shippa and Hoody made sure the chase was always in our control, Shippa falling for 33 at 1/59, Blake joined Hoody and those 2 put on 20 before Blake fell at 2/79 as I came to the crease. Hoody then fell at 3/104 just 3 runs away from the win and 2 short of his 50. With little cameos from Crooty, Daisy and myself (22*) we finished up 4/135 at the end of the day and erased any chance of a reverse outright.

We always knew a Grand Final against Wandin was going to be tough with how our games had gone during the season. They had no hesitation in batting first. Xavier broke through early with a huge wicket of a guy that had made over 600 runs for the year. After the next 2 put on over 50 together Coma came on and looked threatening right from ball 1. It was when Mallan struck at 2/78 that the game swung in our favour with Coma taking 3 quick wickets including the big wicket of a set batsmen to have them 5/89 just before tea. After tea it was slow going, wickets every once in a while but the scoreboard never got away from us due to some tight bowling from all the bowlers. Eventually bowling Wandin out for 145 off 68.3 overs. Only using 4 bowlers showed how well they all bowled doing exactly what I asked and it was Coma that was the star with 6/38 off 23.3 (all in 1 spell), supported by Mallan (2/46 off 20) and Xavier (1/29 off 14).

This left us 11 overs to bat on day 1 and we finished 2/21 at the end of the days play with 125 runs left to win on day 2. Shippa and I started off, Shippa went early and then after Hoody copped a stinker first ball, we were 4/25 and in a lot of trouble. Daisy was then dismissed at 5/42 and not long after we were 6/45 when Coma joined me at the crease. Coma did what Coma does best and went on the attack and helped get a bit of momentum back our way. Ultimately it was always risky and didn't pay off this time as we

went into drinks 7/73. I was dismissed at 8/81, and Mallan was the 9th wicket with the scores the same. Leaving your 10 and 11 to make over 60 runs for the last wicket is always a very tough ask but to Xavier and Pegs credit they both faced over 50 balls and put extreme value on their wicket and did everything they could to get us back into the game. Ultimately the damage was done early and at 4/25 it was always going to be a very tough ask, we ended up all out for 99.

Thank you to all the boys in what was another fantastic season. Thank you to the committee for giving me the opportunity to lead this side again. A massive thanks to all the club's volunteers and other captains for your ongoing support. Lastly to Stu for scoring our grand final, as always you did an amazing job!



Don Smith Shield (3rd XI)

Summary

Captain	Matthew Barr					
						Round
100s scored	Darren Walles	104	V	Wonga Park		6
	Sean Minetti	104*	V	Wonga Park		6
	Trent Sier	140*	V	Hoddles Creek		9
	Sean Arbuckle	102*	V	Wandin		10
	Trent Sier	112*	V	Warrandyte		12
	Nathan Croot	140	V	St. Andrews		13
50s scored	Matthew Barr	90	V	Montrose		2
	Trent Sier	85	V	Hoddles Creek		3
	Josh Hood	62	V	St. Andrews		4
	Trent Sier	51	V	Warranwood		5
	Marcus Allan	52*	V	Warranwood		5
	Ben Spieth	54	V	Wonga Park		11
5+ wkt	Matthew Delahunty	6/39	V	Warrandyte		12
	Matthew Delahunty	6/32	V	Wonga Park		SF
			Runs		Average	
Batting Average	Trent Sier		516		51.6	
			Wickets		Average	
Bowling Average	Xavier Walles		17		14.12	

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI) **CONT.**

Jeff Berry Award (Best Team Player)	Dale Warren
Bolt Medal Winner (3rd XI)	Trent Sier
Most Runs	Trent Sier (516)
Most Wickets	Xavier Walles (17)
Most Catches	Josh Hood (15)
Highest Team Total	3/358 v Wonga Park (Rd. 6)
Lowest Team Total	99 v Wandin (GF)

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI) **cont.**

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye	
16	10	4	2	0	0	0	

Season scores

Round	APCC Score	Opponent	Opposition Score	Result
1	7/126	Warrandyte	-	Draw
2	206	Montrose	6/219	Loss
3	4/198	Hoddles Creek	8/187	Win
4	5/209	St. Andrews	207	Win
5	1/119	Warranwood	6/117	Win
6	3/358	Wonga Park	153 & 1/65	Win
7	2/124	Montrose	122	Win
8	6/152	Wandin	9/151	Win
9	4/226	Hoddles Creek	9/222	Win
10	8/206	Wandin	3/210	Loss
11	182	Wonga Park	116	Win
12	3/194	Warrandyte	188	Win
13	8/351	St. Andrews	2/71	Draw
14	133	Warranwood	5/135	Loss
SF	4/135	Wonga Park	106	Win
GF	99	Wandin	145	Loss

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI) **CONT.**

Batting

	Games	Innings	Not outs	High Score	Average	Runs
Trent Sier	12	12	2	140	51.60	516
Matthew Barr	13	13	2	90	32.09	353
Joshua Hood	10	9	1	62	27.75	222
Nathan Croot	5	5	1	140	44.00	176
Darren Walles	6	5	1	104	42.25	169
Dale Warren	16	13	4	30	16.00	144
David Sykes	13	8	3	45	23.00	115
Blake Gregson	7	7	0	29	16.00	112
Leigh Walles	11	8	1	34	15.86	111
Ben Spieth	9	6	1	54	21.20	106
Sean Minetti	2	2	2	104	-	105
Sean Arbuckle	1	1	1	102	-	102
Marcus Allan	10	5	1	52	23.75	95
Jobe Walton	6	3	1	36	30.50	61
Mark Francis	4	4	0	20	14.75	59
Dylan Shanks	5	2	2	39	-	56
Xavier Walles	10	5	2	34	16.67	50
Andrew Johnstone	2	2	1	27	50.00	50
Rowan Peters	1	1	0	34	34.00	34
Troy Harbinson	2	2	0	15	10.00	20
David Killen	1	1	0	19	19.00	19
Brendon Freeman	3	2	0	12	6.00	12
Troy Harris	3	2	0	11	5.50	11
Kieran Crowe	1	1	0	10	10.00	10
andrew Peters	5	1	0	8	8.00	8
Paul Moulton	1	1	1	5	-	5
Matthew Delahunty	6	2	2	2	-	3
Nick Delahunty	8	1	0	2	2.0	2
Mark Sealey	1	1	1	1	-	1

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI) **CONT.**

Bowling

	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Balls	Average
Xavier Walles	10	17	16	240	462	14.12
Matthew Delahunty	6	16	9	170	393	10.63
Trent Sier	12	13	7	171	306	13.15
Marcus Allan	10	12	21	315	566	26.25
Darren Walles	6	11	14	114	346	10.36
Jobe Walton	6	9	3	213	226	23.67
Nick Delahunty	8	6	1	178	198	29.67
Matthew Barr	13	5	5	224	347	44.80
Nathan Dugdale	5	5	0	53	56	10.60
David Killen	1	3	6	31	78	10.33
Dale Warren	16	3	1	31	54	10.33
Ben Spieth	9	2	3	148	198	74.00
andrew Peters	5	2	3	85	168	42.50
Bailey Klewer	1	2	0	34	48	17.00
Andrew Johnstone	2	2	0	27	24	13.50
Leigh Walles	11	2	0	14	17	7.00
Troy Harris	3	1	0	55	66	55.00
Kento Inoue	1	1	0	35	42	35.00
Sean Minetti	2	1	1	16	30	16.00
Sean Arbuckle	1	1	0	13	24	13.00
Benjamin Walles	1	1	0	11	6	11.00
Mark Sealey	1	0	2	39	48	-
Troy Harbinson	2	0	2	30	42	-
Rick Forster	1	0	2	20	27	_
Paul Moulton	1	0	0	44	24	-
Harvey Baker-Flett	1	0	0	21	18	-
Dylan Shanks	5	0	0	10	12	-
Blake Gregson	7	0	0	1	1	-

Ian Dench Shield (4th XI)

Round 1

Round one beginning of auspicious circumstances with the finding that our storage facility located at Gracedale Park had now become a home for some of those less fortunate over the winter months. And in usual pre-Christmas form Melbourne displayed her wonderful weather. With heavy rain predicted we took to the field against Bayswater Park and were sent to bat. Struggling our way to 7/94 once the rain came it ended all hope of the game continuing any further. The game was literally a batting practice session and for those who were at the crease, everyone blew out the cobwebs and played under match conditions, which was beneficial.

Round 2

Round two saw us hosting South Croydon at Gracedale and this week the game went all the way to the end. South Croydon compiled a very competitive 4-136 off their allotted 36 overs. With the bowling, we saw the emergence of Xavier and Kento, who were backed up by Pea and Hayden. When it was our turn to bat, we struggled along the way with contributions in the mid 20s from Kieran, me and Xavier. It was with a final flurry from Shanksy, we were able to get the chocolates in the last over. To win a tight one this early in the season would set us up for greater things to come.

Round 3

Match abandoned due to rain.

Round 4

We ventured over to Montrose for round four and it saw us going into bat first and finish compiling a very healthy total of 4-189. Kieran and Harry were magnificent both compiling 32 and 52*. Xavier and Shanks took it to them at the end both getting high 30s. When we bowled we were consistent all the way through. Montrose eventually bowled out for 148 and with this we saw a strike bowler appear in the form of Nugget Arbuckle. A very solid victory.

Round 5

For round five, we travelled over to Wantirna South. Again we were put into bat early and the boys didn't disappoint. We saw the first ever 50 from Blake Gregson, Bluey had his cut shot in fine form, Nugget held the innings together with a fine 50 and Luke Bullen made a brilliant 42 before I completely torched him and ran him out. With the ball we went through their top order very quickly and this gave a great chance for some young guys to bowl longer spells. We saw seven overs a piece from Archer and Jack Simpson, and Benny Walles got to bowl five overs. The chief destroyers were Hayden and Kento with two wickets each and it would be remiss of me not to mention a great bowling effort from Ryan Willmott. Another great day out from the boys.

Round 6

Round six was the top of the table clash with our eventual grand final opponents, Vermont. At this stage both teams were undefeated. We were back at home at the comfortable confines of Gracedale Park and things couldn't have gone any better. After batting our 36 overs we got to a wholesome 5/232. There were contributions across the board. Nugget with 46, Kieran with 50 retired, Harry with 53 retired and Xavier again chipping in at the end with a brilliant 38 not out. In the field we were electric, and we ended up bowling them for out 101 in 29 overs. Hayden picked up three as did Xavier, and Kento got a couple. A great win that showed we can mix it with the best. The confidence was growing.

Round 7

Match abandoned due to Seville leaving the division.

Round 8

Match Drawn due to rain.

Round 9

Round nine saw us head over to Vermont to play them on their home deck. They were looking to

Ian Dench Shield (4th XI) CONT.

account for their loss in the previous game. This game held special moments for me as Wade and his son Liam came over to play with us. Vermont elected to bat and it couldn't have gone any better for us in the field. Again, our fielding was at a fever pitch, side on direct hit run outs, great catches and tight bowling saw us get through them for only 97. Kento got three and Barry O bowled sensationally. Our batting innings only lasted 18 overs as Bluey once again got the cut shot out and put them to the sword compiling a wonderful 52 not out with 10 boundaries. This victory showed that if we play our best then we will be very hard to beat.

Round 10

We headed over to Sasses Avenue to take on Bayswater Park. Batting first we set an ominous total of 2-249. Kieran made a brilliant 48 and Harry, Barry O and Shanksy all got 50. In the field we kept them to 7/151 with the game never in doubt. One of the guys from Bayswater Park commented on our batting saying that we never stopped attacking. That kind of feedback is gold. We then headed into the Christmas break undefeated and in great form.

Round 11

Coming back for our first game of the New Year we took Wantirna South at Gracedale. Sending them into that it didn't take long to get stuck into the middle of water and we ended up having them 9–108. Cubes, Kento and Pieter V all got two wickets each. Chasing the small total was made easy by Aba knocking up a wonderful 50 and with help from Cubes who was batting at three we finished the game very quickly.

Round 12

Once again, we were playing Bayswater Park at Gracedale and we went into bat first getting into a healthy total of 6-186. Kieran and Barry both got 40s. Nugget and Cubes chipped in at the end. In the field, Rick did the damage with the ball, knocking over the top order to claim 3/17 from his six overs. We held

Bayswater Park to 7/128 and claimed another victory in the bag.

Round 13

We headed out to Montrose again on their home deck to play out what was a great game of cricket on a very hot day. With Montrose heading in first, they batted really well, after getting off to a flier, we knuckled down, put the screws on and held them to gettable total of 198. Our batting was consistent through the overs keeping us within striking distance, and when Joel keeled over from heating exhaustion, we needed a spark. This brought Harry to the wicket and with Xavier they brought it home for us. Harry putting on a show for the crowd and retiring on 50 and Xavier carrying his bat all the way through to hit the winning runs in a thriller in front of all the players from the thirds, seconds and firsts who made their way to the ground because their matches finished early. This was my favourite victory for the year as we still got it done even when the whips were cracking.... And our community of supporters made it a finals atmosphere.

Round 14

For this game, we headed up into the hills to take on Mount Evelyn on one of cricket's smallest grounds. High runs were to be expected and after Mt Evelyn went in, we were chasing a total of 252. Hayden and Nugget were the best of the bowlers, snaring three wickets each. As we had done in the new year, we were changing the batting around and this game was no exception. Kento went to open the batting with Kieran, and they got us off to a very good start. Kieran got 34 Kento and Shanksy both got 47, but it was a spritely young Andrew Peters who fell short of his 50 by one run on 49 batting at four. Harry and Nugget took us across the line and this game showed that our best cricket was chasing totals.

Round 15

Bye.

Ian Dench Shield (4th XI) CONT.

Round 16

Match abandoned.

Round 17

After a two week break, we took on Mt Evelyn back at home. With Gracedale being lightning quick at this point Mount Evelyn compiled a decent score of 159. Hayden jagged two, well Nugget was the star four wickets in his bag. Chasing the total was always under control, Kento again opened the batting with Kieran and along with Joel they all got into their 40s. Archer went out and had a hit and we finished up chasing the total down in 31 overs. It was a great feeling finishing the year undefeated but finals are a different story and we would find ourselves playing Mount Evelyn again for the third week in a row.

Semi Final

As finals time came around, we had the pleasure of playing at Lord's on our home turf at Ainslie Park. This was a real treat for the players. Mount Evelyn elected to that first and as always, our bowling was consistent all the way through. And although we didn't field as well as we would've liked we still managed to ratchet them down and keep them to a total of 143 from their 36 overs. When we batted, we did what we do best and batted consistently. Constantly ticking the strike over and never letting the game get beyond us. In the end Mt Evelyn were probably 50 runs short of where they would've liked to be. We passed the total comfortably with plenty of overs in hand. Nugget was the main stay with 40 and Barry O cooked himself in the heat with a fine 32. A real solid victory to take us into a grand final.

Grand Final

We were pipped up against Vermont for the final game of the year with the action to take place at South Croydon's home ground of Cheong Park The first week of the grand final seemed to take forever as we were heated off for the first Saturday then rained off the next day on Sunday.

But nevertheless, we turned up the next week ready to battle it out.

Vermont won the toss and elected to bat and after getting off to a very healthy start we again got to work and bought the total down finishing up bowling them out for 128. Vermont had a very different side to what we played in the two preliminary matches and when we went out to bat they showed their bowling prowess by having us in trouble with early wickets. But Nugget, resolute as always, made a magnificent 50 creating the platform for the next few batters to come and bring the premiership flag home to where it belongs. Sykesy was brilliant keeping the score ticking over and taking the game away from Vermont one run at a time.

I had the absolute privilege of being at the crease with my brother Joel to get the winning runs and capping off a fantastic season of cricket. I said to the boys on the ground in the presentation that I was so proud of each and every one of them for their cricket journeys this year. It was a real treat for me to watch it and to captain it was the icing on the cake.

Thanks

Well done to each and every one of the players who played with the side during the season everyone made vital contributions along the way but the most important part for me was the camaraderie and the teammates who loved being in the company of one another having a laugh and most importantly, having fun which is the fundamental reason of why we play this game. Thanks guys.

I want to make special mention of three players that played roles within the team during the season.

The first is Pieter Vanderberg. Pete took the gloves for the great part of the season and for a guy who's never kept before did a sterling job, he was unbelievably unlucky against Mt Evelyn to cop a blast back to his ankle which put him out for the remainder

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of the season. But in true Ainslie Park fashion he was there as a scorer for the final series. I just want to say a big thank you to Pete because that type of team first mindset is what this club is about.

The second is Archer, he's one of our next wave of juniors who is coming up through the ranks and I know how good a cricketer this kid is going to be. The Apple hasn't fallen far from the tree with this guy and being a left armer, he'll be the first bloke I look to next year to take the new ball. I can't wait to see it.

And last, but not least is Cubes. I can't begin to say how much I respect this guy, but I can tell you how much he's loved by all the players. The conversations we had during the season, the laughs, the stories. They're all an integral part of what makes cricket fun and Cubes brings it in droves. It was my pleasure to play with him all year. He's a legend of the club and a great friend. I thank lan for this year. Him being around makes cricket even more enjoyable for me.

I would also like to thank everyone at the club, the players, the Mums and Dads, everyone from the selection committee to all the unsung heroes working behind-the-scenes so we can get out there and play. That's everyone on the committee, the coaches, the people in the canteen, the people in the bar, the people running our social events, running our merchandise, the Thursday night dinners and running our club. Without them, Ainslie Park does not happen. So, they get the biggest thanks of all.

Captaining the side was a blast and to quote Dad:

"We all come back next season and do it all over again"

Go Parkers!

Colin Guye
4th XI Captain



Ian Dench Shield (4th XI)

Colin Guye

Summary

Captain

					Round
50s scored	Troy Harris	52	V	Montrose	4
	Sean Arbuckle	51	V	Wantirna South	5
	Blake Gregson	51	V	Wantirna South	5

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Sean Arbuckle	51	V	Wantirna South	5
Blake Gregson	51	V	Wantirna South	5
Troy Harris	53	V	Vermont	6
Kieran Crowe	50	V	Vermont	6
Glen Thomas	50*	V	Vermont	9
Troy Harris	51	V	Bayswater Park	10
Andrew Johnstone	50	V	Bayswater Park	10
Dylan Shanks	55	V	Bayswater Park	10
John Auchterlonie	50	V	Wantirna South	11
Troy Harris	54	V	Montrose	13
Sean Arbuckle	52	V	Vermont	GF

		Runs	Average
Batting Average	Troy Harris	267	133.5
		Wickets	Average
Bowling Average	Hayden Lace	17	14.53
Stephen Lithgow Award (Best Team Player)	Pieter van der Berg		
Bolt Medal Winner (4th XI)	Kento Inoue		
Most Runs	Kieran Crowe (333)		
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Most Wickets	Hayden Lace (17)		

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Most Catches	Troy Harris, Sean Arbuckle, Colin Guye (6)
Highest Team Total	4/255 v Wantirna South (Rd. 5)
Lowest Team Total	7/94 v Bayswater Park (Rd. 1)

Ian Dench Shield (4th XI) CONT.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye	
19	12	0	5	0	0	2	

Season scores

Round	APCC Score	Opponent	Opposition Score	Result
1	7/94	Bayswater Park	-	Draw
2	7/141	South Croydon	4/136	Win
3	-	Seville	-	Draw
4	4/189	Montrose	148	Win
5	4/255	Wantirna South	7/92	Win
6	3/232	Vermont	101	Win
7	-	Bye	-	Bye
8	-	South Croydon	-	Draw
9	2/98	Vermont	97	Win
10	2/249	Bayswater Park	7/151	Win
11	2/109	Wantirna South	9/108	Win
12	6/186	Bayswater Park	7/128	Win
13	5/200	Montrose	6/198	Win
14	4/253	Mt. Evelyn	8/252	Win
15	-	Bye	-	Bye
16	-	Wantirna South	-	Draw
17	5/163	Mt. Evelyn	9/159	Win
SF	3/149	Mt. Evelyn	8/148	Win
GF	5/131	Vermont	129	Win

Ian Dench Shield (4th XI) CONT.

Batting

	Games	Innings	Not outs	High Score	Average	Runs
Kieran Crowe	14	12	1	50	30.27	333
Troy Harris	12	8	6	54	133.50	267
Sean Arbuckle	12	8	5	52	80.00	240
Dylan Shanks	10	9	4	55	38.00	190
Xavier Walles	7	5	3	42	77.00	154
Andrew Johnstone	9	5	3	50	73.00	146
Kento Inoue	14	4	2	47	63.00	126
Colin Guye	15	8	4	33	26.25	105
Joel Guye	14	9	4	41	20.80	104
Glen Thomas	4	3	2	50	95.00	95
Blake Gregson	7	5	1	51	17.75	71
andrew Peters	9	2	0	49	32.50	65
John Auchterlonie	3	1	1	50	-	50
Luke Bullen	1	1	0	42	42.00	42
Ian Cubitt	12	4	1	19	13.67	41
Nathan Croot	2	2	0	24	12.50	25
Joshua Hood	2	1	0	23	23.00	23
Wade Guye	1	1	1	18	-	18
David Sykes	2	2	0	13	8.50	17
Hayden Lace	14	1	1	15	-	15
Trent Sier	5	1	0	15	15.00	15
Nick Delahunty	3	1	0	9	9.00	9
Jobe Walton	5	2	0	8	4.00	8
Archer Croot	6	1	0	5	5.00	5
Pieter van der Berg	9	2	1	5	5.00	5
Benjamin Walles	2	1	0	1	1.00	1

Ian Dench Shield (4th XI) CONT.

Bowling

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	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Balls	Average
Hayden Lace	14	17	6	247	384	14.53
Kento Inoue	14	13	7	206	283	15.85
Sean Arbuckle	12	12	3	137	234	11.42
andrew Peters	9	6	3	150	229	25.00
Rick Forster	6	6	1	137	179	22.83
Ian Cubitt	12	5	0	106	162	21.20
Xavier Walles	7	5	0	104	156	20.80
Andrew Johnstone	9	5	2	63	132	12.60
Archer Croot	6	3	2	79	144	26.33
Troy Harris	12	2	5	86	120	43.00
Dylan Shanks	10	2	0	83	84	41.50
Nathan Dugdale	4	2	0	45	54	22.50
Blake Gregson	7	2	0	38	47	19.00
Pieter van der Berg	9	2	4	23	47	11.50
Jobe Walton	5	1	0	45	60	45.00
Nathan Croot	2	1	1	21	54	21.00
Ryan Willmott	3	1	1	9	42	9.00
David Sykes	2	1	1	21	36	21.00
Iranga Dharmasena	1	1	0	20	36	20.00
Liam Guye	1	1	0	22	36	22.00
Leigh Walles	2	1	1	16	24	16.00
Nick Delahunty	3	1	0	12	18	12.00
Brendon Freeman	2	1	0	23	18	23.00
Paul Moulton	3	1	0	8	12	8.00
Joel Guye	14	0	0	28	42	_
Jack Simpson	1	0	1	20	42	-
Benjamin Walles	2	0	0	14	30	_
Colin Guye	15	0	0	20	18	-

Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI)

Round 1

Season started with us playing Warranwood at 'The Chris Allan Oval' Croydon Primary. Weather looked ominous from the start but we managed to finish our innings before the rain set in forcing a drawn game. We made 7/176 thanks to Nathan Croot 54 no. who also got to bat with son Archer. Luke Bullen and Paul Moulton gave us a solid start of 63. Great help from Chelsea Thomas and Ange Minetti which helped us field a team.

Round 2

Round 2 kicked off with us playing South Croydon. I won the toss and put them in to Bat. SC finished with 6/74 due to tight bowling and a very slow ground. Star with the ball was Benny Walles with figures of 3/9 off 6 overs. Dee Walles opened the batting in her first game of cricket and fought hard for 14 balls. Luke Bullen (38 no) and Archer Croot (19 no) got us to victory for the loss of only 2 wickets. Young Jack Simpson (Big Lenny's Son) also made his senior debut in this game.

Round 3

4ths and 5ths called off due to Captain's call.

Round 4

Playing Bayswater Park at Sasses Ave and had an impressive win. We bowled tightly and restricted them to 8/106. Abba and Willow helped us out with numbers. We lost 2 wickets in the chase with John Ridley making 45 no. Jack Simpson, Archer Croot and Ryan Willmott all took 2 wickets.

Round 5 - (Bye)

Round 6

Playing perennial 4ths bunny Wantirna at Lipscombe. Batting first on a good batting deck we posted 6/209 with Archer Croots Dad making 53 no, Pammy Moulton 43 no. and Freeza 39. We bowled them out for 122 using all our 7 bowlers who all performed well. Benny Walles 3/26 and Pammy 2/10 were the standouts. Sadly, Parko due to health reasons had to Retire from Cricket which we will miss his experience.

Round 7 & 8

Washed Out

Round 9

Because of last 2 rounds being washed out we ended up playing Wantirna 2 games in a row with this one a complete turnaround as we lost easily. We made 5/150 with the highlight being a partnership of 47 between budding Junior Superstars Jas Freeman and Archer Croot. Wantirna made easy work of the chase (2/158). Rob Stacey made his senior debut in this game.

Round 10

Playing Warranwood at Lipscombe we were able to keep them to 8/151 with young Jack Simpson taking 2/17 and the old stager Rick Forster on the comeback trail with 2/17. Archer was the pick of the bowlers and performed well under pressure. We chased the score down in under 30 overs finishing with 4/152. Pammy 34 and a hard-hitting cameo from Matt Forster 44 no. This game led us into the Xmas break sitting 2nd on the ladder.

Round 11 - (Bye)

Round 12

First game after the break for us was round 12 v Warranwood again at the 'Chris Allan Oval' Croydon Primary. Won the toss and thought it was a good idea to put them in on a dodgy wicket and grey skies. Not such a great idea after they put together 4/279. Benny Walles 2/37 was the pick of the bowlers. In our chase John Ridley retired and Big Brad Shorney's return to the club made 38. Jack Simpson and Ben Walles had an unbeaten partnership for the 9th wicket of 40 to round out the innings.

I - Grade

Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI) cont.

Round 13

V Bayswater Park and learnt my lesson from last game and batted first. We made 6/198 with Abba (51 ret), Nick Dela got his highest score of 36 and Freeza 40. We then restricted them to 6/184 with some brilliant out fielding by Kento, Duggy, Nick and Pammy. Duggy also bowled well with 3/28. Jarrod Crowe made his senior debut opening the bowling.

Round 14

We played St Andrews for the first time this season and had a win. We passed their score of 5/136 in the 29th over for the loss of only 4 wickets. King Archer Croot was the standout bowler again with 2/16 of 7 and following his return from an early grave the much maligned 'Steve Stevens' impersonator (Dela) made 36, Bluey retired on 52 and Freeza 28no. Sadly Luke Bullen broke a finger whilst fielding finishing his season.

Round 15

Taking on the much-vaunted J Grade specialists and serial out of grade performers Wonga Park at Lipscombe we restricted them to 5/197 and passed them 6 down in the 32nd over. Abba (52 ret) and Freeza (50 ret) were the stars also well supported by Johnny Rids (28) and Chimp (29)

Round 16

Bye

Round 17

Off to Allambannan to play St Andrews again. They won the toss and set an imposing target of 5/243 which unfortunately wasn't helped by poor fielding which we had previously been good at. Nick Dela's bowling was the best with 2/31 off 7. We gave a good chase finishing 9/216. Johnny Rids (56) Steve Stevens in his 2nd game back (32) Jack Simpson (26). Young Ben Warren and Nick Dela both hit their first 6's which was a highlight. We were now Finals bound.



Semi Final

That left us 2nd on the ladder facing an experienced outfit in Bayswater Park at Lipscombe. At the 12 overs drinks break we were well placed on 2/57 but we lost Abba first ball back from the break for a well-made 39 and then struggled to recover the score and set a good target but John Ridley (56) and future 'Tom Stray' Xavier Freeman 26 off 34 balls were the only Batters to reach double figures and we were all out for 158. Bayswater Park had little trouble in the chase and passed us one down in the 30th over.

I - Grade

Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI) cont.

Season Summary

We had 4 juniors in our last game that all tasted finals. I consider our season successful and we overall played 37 players including 12 Juniors and 3 Ladies. The development of all of these Juniors is the most pleasing thing and had pressures placed on them that all goes well for the future. Above all else I loved the way the older guys and youngsters have supported/encouraged each other.

I would like to thank all the players I played with this season (especially Dela who I got to open with v St Andrews) for their efforts and support. We had a few games short of players and appreciate all those who helped out including Ben Lamont. Special thanks to Jas Freeman who scored for us over multiple weeks and also thanks to the Committee for giving me the Captaincy and also the selection panel of Leroy, Whitey, Matty B, Col and Coma. We had some very interesting discussions during selection.

In finishing I pass on my congratulations to Col and the 4ths for their Flag winning efforts which was a hard-fought win. The u16/1s for their flag was a great effort. We are all part of a well-run club and success comes from hard work which we must continue for the coming seasons.



Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI)

Summary

Captain	Garry V	Valles				
						Round
50s scored	Nathan	Croot	54	V	Warranwood	1
	Nathan	Croot	53	V	Wantirna	6
	John Rid	lley	50	V	Warranwood	12
	John Au	cterlonie	51	V	Bayswater Park	13
Glen Thor		omas	52	V	St. Andrews	14
		cterlonie	52	V	Wonga Park	15
	Brendor	n Freeman	50	V	Wonga Park	15
	John Rid	lley	56*	V	St. Andrews	17
	John Rid	lley	56	V	Bayswater Park	SF
				Runs	Average	
Batting Average		John Ridley		256	51.20	
				Wickets	Average	
Bowling Average		Ben Walles		10	14.20	
Bob Colverson Av (Best Team Playe		Archer Croot				
Bolt Medal Winn (5th XI)	er	John Ridley				
Most Runs		John Ridley (256)			
Most Wickets		Ben Walles (10)			
Most Catches		Brendon Fre	eman, Irang	ga Dharmasena	a (4)	
Highest Team To	tal	6/209 v War	itirna (Rd. 6))		
Lowest Team Total 2/77 v Sout			roydon (F	Rd. 2)		

Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI) CONT.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye
15	7	4	4	0	0	3

Season scores

Round	APCC Score	Opponent	Opposition Score	Result
1	7/176	Warranwood	-	Draw
2	2/77	South Croydon	6/74	Win
3	-	Wonga Park	-	Draw
4	2/108	Bayswater Park	8/106	Win
5	-	Bye	-	Bye
6	6/209	Wantirna	122	Win
7	-	Wonga Park	-	Draw
8	-	South Croydon	-	Draw
9	5/150	Wantirna	2/155	Loss
10	4/152	Warranwood	8/151	Win
11	-	Bye	-	Bye
12	8/189	Warranwood	4/279	Loss
13	6/198	Bayswater Park	6/184	Win
14	4/142	St. Andrews	5/136	Win
15	6/202	Wonga Park	5/197	Win
16	-	Вуе	-	Bye
17	9/216	St. Andrews	5/243	Loss
SF	158	Bayswater Park	1/162	Loss

Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI) CONT.

Batting

	Games	Innings	Not outs	High Score	Average	Runs
John Ridley	10	8	3	56	51.20	256
Brendon Freeman	11	8	2	50	31.83	191
John Auchterlonie	7	6	2	52	47.25	189
Paul Moulton	12	10	1	43	20.44	184
Luke Bullen	11	7	1	38	30.00	180
Nathan Croot	7	2	2	54	-	107
Glen Thomas	9	6	1	52	16.40	82
David Delahunty	2	2	0	36	34.00	68
Nick Delahunty	4	4	1	36	19.67	59
Iranga Dharmasena	11	6	1	28	11.00	55
Jack Simpson	14	6	4	26	27.00	54
Matt Forster	1	1	1	44	-	44
Archer Croot	9	4	3	19	42.00	42
Brad Shorney	1	1	0	38	38.00	38
Benjamin Walles	9	4	1	17	12.33	37
Xavier Freeman	7	3	1	26	15.00	30
Matthew Delahunty	1	1	0	28	28.00	28
Garry Walles	13	3	1	15	13.00	26
Jasmine Freeman	1	1	1	25	-	25
David Parkinson	1	1	1	20	-	20
Jarrod Crowe	3	1	0	8	8.00	8
Ben Warren	7	1	0	8	8.00	8
Robert Stacey	2	1	0	7	7.00	7
Hayden Lace	3	1	1	7	-	7
Kento Inoue	1	1	0	7	7.00	7
Andrea Minetti	1	1	0	6	6.00	6
Matt Thomas	4	1	0	3	3.00	3
Nathan Dugdale	3	2	1	3	3.00	3
Benjamin Lamont	5	3	0	3	1.00	3
Dee Walles	1	1	0	1	1.00	1
Jobe Walton	2	1	0	1	1.00	1

Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI) CONT.

Bowling

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	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Balls	Average	
Benjamin Walles	9	10	4	142	180	14.20	
Jack Simpson	14	9	8	187	271	20.78	
Archer Croot	9	5	5	112	186	22.40	
John Ridley	10	4	0	157	198	39.25	
Nathan Dugdale	3	4	0	62	78	15.50	
Paul Moulton	12	3	1	108	150	36.00	
Ryan Willmott	2	3	5	16	72	5.33	
Rick Forster	3	3	0	32	60	10.67	
Iranga Dharmasena	11	2	2	151	228	75.50	
Nick Delahunty	4	2	1	86	90	43.00	
Hayden Lace	3	2	2	50	60	25.00	
Brendon Freeman	11	2	0	19	30	9.50	
Xavier Freeman	7	1	0	180	132	180.00	
Ben Warren	7	1	1	116	108	116.00	
Matthew Delahunty	1	1	2	24	36	24.00	
Glen Thomas	9	1	0	40	30	40.00	
Jasmine Freeman	1	1	0	36	18	36.00	
Jarrod Crowe	3	0	3	83	102	-	
Harvey Baker-Flett	3	0	2	19	72	-	
Garry Walles	13	0	0	36	30	-	
Matt Forster	1	0	0	11	18	-	
Brad Shorney	1	0	0	20	18	-	
Kento Inoue	1	0	0	12	18	-	
Matt Thomas	4	0	1	5	18	_	
Jobe Walton	2	0	0	13	18	-	
John Auchterlonie	7	0	0	13	12	_	
Chelsea Thomas	2	0	0	2	6	-	
Robert Stacey	2	0	0	10	2	-	

Women's D-Grade (1st XI)

I had the privilege of being able to captain this wonderful team in our second full season, our first solo venture as Ainslie Park. Although only playing 3 games of cricket ever and basically not knowing a thing about the rules, I was ready for the steep learning curve! We had a team ready to learn and ready to create bonds we would use to lead our team into a second grand final!

We had many on field antics like Mexican waves, 'frog in a blender' moves, and our 'unyielding fielding'. Each week we set out three goals on each discipline, helping us to look at the smaller achievements within our game.

This year D grade looked a little different, with 6 teams, lots of experience, and a new one-day format, but we were up for it! We thank all the teams for allowing us to grow and challenge us as cricketers!

Each and every member of our team this season brought an important value to our side, helping to create an environment where we can all thrive.

Ange, our foundation. She's always there to support everyone, bring us back to our values and step up when we needed. On the cricket pitch, don't be fooled by her pirouettes out on the crease, she could hit the ball with ease and even played her first cut shot.

Kat, our team spirit. Her encouragement and determination to ensure we were the loudest and proudest was unmatched. She is an All- rounder and although having to venture out of point this season, it did not stop her from taking catches. She could hit a four in her sleep and we could rely on her bowling every single week.

Jo, our encourager. She is always there to encourage, support and provide advice. She had many highlights including, taking her first wicket, making plenty of runs and taking her position anywhere on the field, not letting a single ball past our 'great wall of Jo'.

Em, our voice. Em could always make you laugh and will always cheer you on. She was honest and was always willing to put anyone before herself. She became one of our opening bowlers, taking many wickets in those first crucial overs and would pluck the occasional screamer.

Jas, our mentor. She came in each week with a positive attitude and was there to always help us learn. During training and on game day she would come to us with her expertise to help us grow our skills and knowledge of the game. Her batting, bowling and fielding gave us the perfect example of determination and hard-work.

Matilda, our experience. She was always there to provide us with match experience and a wealth of knowledge to improve our game during various match situations. She was our opening bowler, stump destroyer and provided us with many wickets early on in the game. She made contributions with the bat when called upon to.

Bri, our music queen. She was always there at training and games with a smile, a willingness to learn, some music and good vibes. Her batting improvement throughout the season was amazing, becoming a very reliable batter. Out in the field, she was determined and stopped everything that came her way.

Kelly, our determination. She was always wanting to learn, improve and progress each week at training. She would teach us all about new shots and techniques, driving us to learn too. She puts her hand up for anything and you could rely on her, with a bat or ball in-hand, out in the field or behind the stumps.

Elsie, our bundle of good vibes. She always puts a smile on your face, makes us all laugh and encourages each and every one of us. She played each week with a positive mindset and ensured her teammates were enjoying their Sunday. She was a

Women's D-Grade (1st XI) cont.

fantastic bowler, taking many wickets, was a very reliable batter and was one of our wicket keepers. We all strived to play in her spirits each week.

Chloe, our enthusiasm. She was new to the team this year but bonded straight away. She brought a great personality to the team and was willing to give absolutely anything a go and she did it with great enthusiasm and a smile. Her improvement in the game is testament to her determination to learn this new sport.

Chelsea, our confidence. Her knowledge of the game and the opposition was always there to give us the confidence boost we needed. She was a great batter, bowler and also became our substitute wicketkeeper under Semi-final pressure. She was a very good fielder, taking catches and having a great arm in the field.

Dee, our effort. She was new to the team this season and immediately fit right in. She gave 100% effort in every area of the game which motivated us to do the same. She was a natural at batting and also showed great improvement in the bowling department giving us many wickets. She was fast out in the field and stopped everything in her path, becoming the designated square leg.

All these qualities helped us build a team where we had each other's backs and could rely on each other on and off the field.

I would like to give a shout out to all our juniors who helped us out this season. We loved every minute of having you all with us out on the field and supporting us from the sidelines too! Zoe, Ella, Minuki, Bani and Emma, we cannot thank you enough!

Our season started off with a hike to Officer, where we won our first game of the season by 12 runs! One of the highlights was Dee on debut, scoring 43 not out and the team starting the season with such great spirits.

In our first ever one dayer, we played Norwood, winning by 5 wickets. The highlights of this game were Em taking a wicket in the very first over and our big batting scores of Kelly (43) Ange (29) and Jas (26) despite starting the game off with a blood nose. Everyone on the team made an impact this day and it gave the confidence we needed against those experienced teams.

For our first game for 2025, we played Templeton, on a scorching 34-degree day, although many think it definitely got much hotter than that! This game came down to the wire, with us winning by just 3 runs! A highlight was Zoe taking a crucial wicket in the last over, Kelly making 55 and Dee making 34.

In our second game against Wonga, we came home with a win against the Reigning premiers winning by 25 runs! This game's highlights included Chloe taking a crucial wicket of Jaz Hood to change the game completely. Some batting highlights was Jas and Matilda's partnership making 25 and 12. This helped us learn the power of a game changing moment and perseverance in our game.

After finishing second we hosted Wonga Park in our semi-final. We knew this would be tough, but we knew we could rise to the occasion. We batted first but unfortunately lost early wickets, but little did Wonga Park know, we had a long batting line-up. Ange and Jas top scored with 20 and 37 respectively, and the lower order chipping in with Bri running hard between the wickets almost lapping Jas! Chelsea and I also nudged away at the end giving us 127 on the board. Our bowling innings got off to the best of starts with middle-stumps worst nightmare, Matilda sending stumps backwards. Tilda was the pick of the bowlers taking 4 wickets for 13 off her 6 overs.

Despite the carnage of stumps flying everywhere, a crucial wicket was needed. Kat would get the wicket

Women's D-Grade (1st XI) cont.

of Jaz Hood after Em took a catch, we will all never forget. Running back from mid-off she plucked it out thin air, with the whole team celebrating and getting around what would be our moment to seize victory.

In the Grand Final, we played Templeton. It was a lovely Sunday afternoon; we had a great turn out of supporters. We won the toss and elected to bat first. We met our umpire that looked like he had just been mowing the lawns at the primary school. Full of nerves Kat and Dee walked to the crease, and despite the grand final jitters and the dicey bowling they seemed to hold their own, with Kat being centimetres away from hitting a 6. Although we lost consecutive wickets, our juniors stood up to the task, with Jas, Chelsea and Matilda chipping in with the bat with 27, 14 and 11 respectively. We fell short of our overs but still gave Templeton 122 on the board.

Our bowling innings began like many others with Matilda and Em opening the bowling. We restricted them to a slow start which led to Kat getting the opening breakthrough. Our consistent bowling was backed up with one of our best fielding performances of the season with the likes of Dee being a brick wall at square-leg. Templeton showed their depth and their strength of experience by playing well under the pressure of our bowling and fielding. Matilda and Jas got breakthroughs after the second drinks break which gave us some momentum. Templeton would get over the line 4 wickets down and with 4 overs remaining. We left the field holding our heads-up high knowing that we played our best cricket and gave it our best shot and with the promise, we will come back stronger.

We could not have done this without our coaches. Nick and Pieter, you made us all better cricketers and helped us to create a team that could make it into a second grand final. You both helped me learn how to captain and also provide more strategic advice for our games. Both your support on and off the field was very much appreciated and we cannot thank you enough! To Brendon, thank you for helping us with scoring, setting up the frog box and thank you to Thomo for taking the time to run the canteen each home game.

We would also like to thank the committee for their continued support of the women's program. Thank you to all our supporters for cheering us on each week!



Women's D-Grade (1st XI)

Summary

Captain	Georgia Priestley					
						Round
50s scored	Kelly Dohle	55	V	Templeton		11
			Runs		Average	
Batting Average	Jasmine Free	eman	139		27.8	
			Wickets		Average	
Bowling Average	Matilda Jarre	ett	8		8.13	
Best Team Player	r Emily Robin	son				
Medal Winner (Women's 1st XI)	Dee Walles					
Most Runs	Jasmine Fre	eman (139)				
Most Wickets	Matilda Jarr	ett (8)				
Most Catches	Jasmine Fre	eman (5)				
Highest Team To	tal 5/157 v Ten	npleton (Rd.	11)			
Lowest Team Tot	al 73 v Norwo	od (Rd. 8)				

Women's D-Grade (1st XI) cont.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye	
17	6	4	5	0	2	0	

Season scores

Round	APCC Score	Opponent	Opposition Score	Result
1	1/109	Officer	4/97	Win
2	6/92	Wonga Park	2/93	Loss
3	5/148	Norwood	5/143	Win
4	88	Templeton	4/89	Loss
5	-	Montrose	-	Draw
6	-	Wonga Park	-	Draw
7	-	Officer	-	Rec. Forfeit
8	73	Norwood	2/75	Loss
9	2/85	Montrose	6/84	Win
10	-	Officer	-	Draw
11	5/157	Templeton	4/154	Win
12	-	Norwood	-	Draw
13	8/99	Wonga Park	74	Win
14	-	Montrose	-	Rec. Forfeit
15	-	Templeton	-	Draw
SF	7/127	Wonga Park	7/103	Win
GF	122	Templeton	4/123	Loss

Women's D-Grade (1st XI) cont.

Batting

	Games	Innings	Not outs	High Score	Average	Runs
Jasmine Freeman	10	6	1	37	27.80	139
Andrea Minetti	13	9	2	33	18.57	130
Dee Walles	15	10	2	43	16.00	128
Kelly Dohle	14	9	1	55	14.38	115
Kat Bullen	10	5	0	31	13.40	67
Briony Cossar	15	9	2	19	8.86	62
Chelsea Thomas	12	6	3	22	16.33	49
Matilda Jarrett	11	4	2	16	22.00	44
Georgia Priestley	13	7	0	19	6.00	42
Elsie Dohle	12	5	3	11	14.00	28
Emily Robinson	13	4	1	14	8.33	25
Jo Chong Wah	13	2	0	11	8.50	17
Chloe Siddall	14	4	1	1	1.00	3
Minuki Vidanagamage	4	1	0	0	0.00	0
Emma Lamont	1	1	0	0	0.00	0

Women's D-Grade (1st XI) cont.

Bowling

	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Balls	Average
Matilda Jarrett	11	8	2	65	160	8.13
Jasmine Freeman	10	6	3	50	147	8.33
Emily Robinson	13	5	1	109	146	21.80
Kelly Dohle	14	4	0	98	126	24.50
Chelsea Thomas	12	4	1	98	108	24.50
Kat Bullen	10	4	0	74	102	18.50
Chloe Siddall	14	3	0	70	66	23.33
Elsie Dohle	12	2	1	97	94	48.50
Jo Chong Wah	13	2	0	44	30	22.00
Zoe Walles	5	1	0	45	54	45.00
Andrea Minetti	13	1	0	44	42	44.00
Minuki Vidanagamage	4	1	0	12	30	12.00
Ella Walles	4	1	0	17	24	17.00
Dee Walles	15	0	1	53	66	-
Georgia Priestley	13	0	0	42	55	-
Bani Jhinger	3	0	0	31	42	-
Emmazelle Oelofse	1	0	0	13	18	-
Emma Lamont	1	0	0	12	6	-
Briony Cossar	15	0	0	0	0	-



Bill Wilkins Shield

Under 16-1

Season 2024/25 began with some changes to the side, with the introduction of two new players. Jack brought down his mate from school, Will Ladd, who previously played at North Ringwood, whilst we also welcomed Mason O'Neill from Norwood. Both players brought great maturity and experience, and they fit into the outside effortlessly.

With a challenging year before as a bottom age side, the boys were keen to use this experience playing in the division to kick start a strong 2024/25 campaign. As the year progressed, the difficulties of the previous season were turned into lessons learnt as the boys got more and more confident.

The season started with five one day matches. This gave the group an opportunity to play every side and see where we ranked amongst the competition. We won comfortably against Kilysth in Round 1 scoring a whopping 156 runs in 25 overs.

As confidence grew the boys were able to show a dominating display restricting eventual runners up North Ringwood to 6-82. It was a difficult challenge in the early part of the season rotating our batting and bowling whilst maintaining team chemistry as most weeks we only required 5-6 batsmen.

Our first two-day match started, and the boys were excited to have the opportunity to spend more time in the middle. We registered a strong score of 247, with new player Mason making his first century. Norwood challenged us chasing the score and a one stage 2-80. Ultimately, we finished the job, bowling Norwood out for 204 and reminding ourselves as a group not to get ahead of ourselves.

As the Christmas break arose on us the boys were sitting pretty at the top of the ladder, undefeated.

It was an opportunity for a well earned break for some but for the majority of our rep carnivals began with 8 of our boys representing representative teams across Melbourne, which was a great achievement for the club.

The boys continued the winning streak following the Christmas break with convincing wins over the competition. The boys had a last round scare against Warranwood, being bowled out for 149. Warranwood were sitting comfortably at 3–96 until leg spinner Luke Spencer was brought on, taking a match-winning 6 wickets and seeing us winning by 14 runs. Ultimately, this was the scare we needed with the boys showing determination and resilience to get over the line. As finals came upon us, the group had 12 wins from 12 matches, resulting in an unbeaten home & away season.

We played Warranwood in the first Semi Final where we registered 211 runs, thanks to half-centuries from Cooper and George. We knew Warranwood had a strong batting lineup, but the boys proved far too good at bowling Warranwood out for 60 in an ultimate team display.

A home Grand Final dawned on us as we played third-place North Ringwood. Taj won the toss and batted as we scraped together 161 hard earned runs, our lowest score in two-day matches all season. As a group we were disappointed with the score and knew we had to bowl well to give ourselves the best opportunity to win the following week.

Day two of the grand final couldn't have started worse, with North Ringwood motoring at 0-77 off 13 overs. With the game almost out of reach, the boys came together to take 10 wickets for 60 runs in a display of resilience, mateship, and a never-say-die attitude. It was a great team effort with six individual wicket

takers and a crucial run out. Having your back against the wall in a grand final is a difficult task but the boys stuck together, making holding that premiership cup feel even sweeter.

Bill Wilkins Shield

Under 16-1 cont.

Team Stats

Mason O'Neil

328 runs @ 82, including one Century against Norwood & a half century vs Kilysth, winning our batting average. Mason also took 11 wickets @ 8.91

George Lyons

352 runs @ 44, including 3 half centuries & 7 wickets @ 13.43

Luke Spencer

20 wickets @ 7.7, including 6 wickets vs Warranwood, winning our bowling average. Luke also made 113 runs @ 11.3

Taj Johnstone

219 runs @ 31.29 & 12 wickets @ 16

Cooper Doughty

14 wickets @ 13.93 & 194 runs @ 27.71 including two half centuries vs Kilsyth & Warranwood

Jack Evans

185 runs @ 30.83 & 6 catches / 7 stumpings as wicket keeper

William Ladd

156 runs @19.5 & 8 wickets @ 13.25

Blake Gregson

8 wickets @ 13.5 & 55 runs @ 6.88

Xavier Walles

35 runs @ 11.67 & 6 wickets @ 17.67

Mitch Cliff

11 wickets @ 19.27 & 152 runs @ 19.0 including half century vs Kilsyth

Kalen Tahirovski

64 runs @9.14 & 13 wickets @ 11.92

Jobe Walton

3 wickets @ 10.33 including two crucial wickets in the Semi Final.

Thank Yous

I want to give a massive thank you to my team manager Adele, who once again organised the team brilliantly. Adele was a massive support to not only the boys but to me as a coach. Her organisation skills and leadership made my life as a coach so much easier. From organizing rosters to providing match day support, I couldn't be more thankful for Adele.

Captaining a premiership side is no small task; Taj conducted his role as captain with great maturity, and resilience, showcasing what a great leader he is. The playing group really looked to Taj as a role model and he was able to present himself in a way that would make the Cricket Club proud.

Thank you to Nathan Croot, Darren Walles and Brendon Freeman for running the junior program. They all gave me great support in allowing me to coach these boys. The junior club couldn't be in better hands.

A final thank you to the parents of the boys. From umpiring, running the canteen and setting up the ground at home games, I couldn't be more thankful. Thank you for trusting me to coach these young boys; you have all raised not only talented cricketers but also excellent young men.

Will Macklin

U16-1 Coach

Under 16-1

Summary

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Captain	Taj Johnstone				
					Round
100s scored	Mason O'Neill	101*	V	Norwood	6
50s scored	George Lyons	54*	V	Kilsyth	8
	Mason O'Neill	52*	V	Kilsyth	8
	William Ladd	51	V	Monash-Glen Waverley	10
	Cooper Doughty	52	V	Kilsyth	11
	Mitchell Cliff	60	V	Kilsyth	11
	George Lyons	82	V	Warranwood	12
	George Lyons	63	V	Warranwood	SF
	Cooper Doughty	51	V	Warranwood	SF
			Runs	Average	
Batting Average	Mason O'Ne	eill	328	82	
			Wickets	Average	
Bowling Average	Luke Spence	er	20	7.7	
Most Runs	George Lyo	ns (352)			
Most Wickets	Luke Spend	er (20)			
Most Catches	Blake Greg	son (8)			
Highest Team Tot	tal 6/247 v No	rwood (Rd. 6)			
Lowest Team Tota	al 3/66 v Mor	nash-Glen Wa	verley (Rd. 5)		

Under 16-1 CONT.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye	
15	13	0	2	0	0	0	

Season scores

Round	APCC Score	Opponent	Opposition Score	Result
1	3/156	Kilsyth	86	Win
2	5/87	North Ringwood	6/82	Win
3	4/85	Norwood	9/82	Win
4	2/104	Warranwood	6/99	Win
5	3/66	Monash-Glen Waverley	58	Win
6	6/247	Norwood	204	Win
7	4/99	North Ringwood	8/97	Win
8	8/204	Kilsyth	7/92	Win
9	5/123	Norwood	8/121	Win
10	6/216	Monash-Glen Waverley	96	Win
11	5/168	Kilsyth	164	Win
12	163	Warranwood	149	Draw
13	-	Monash-Glen Waverley	-	Draw
SF	9/211	Warranwood	60	Win
GF	161	North Ringwood	137	Win

Under 16-1 CONT.

Batting

	Games	Innings	Not outs	High Score	Average	Runs
George Lyons	14	11	3	82	44.00	352
Mason O'Neill	14	12	8	100	82.00	328
Taj Johnstone	15	13	6	30	31.29	219
Cooper Doughty	15	12	5	52	27.71	194
Jack Evans	13	11	5	43	30.83	185
William Ladd	15	11	3	51	19.50	156
Mitchell Cliff	15	11	3	60	19.00	152
Luke Spencer	15	12	2	25	11.30	113
Kalen Tahirovski	15	8	1	13	9.14	64
Blake Gregson	15	10	2	13	6.88	55
Xavier Walles	15	8	5	8	11.67	35
Jobe Walton	5	2	2	7	-	9

Bowling

	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs scored	Balls	Average
Luke Spencer	15	20	9	154	329	7.70
Cooper Doughty	15	14	4	195	332	13.93
Kalen Tahirovski	15	13	4	155	258	11.92
Taj Johnstone	15	12	7	192	342	16.00
Mitchell Cliff	15	11	9	212	402	19.27
Mason O'Neill	14	11	3	98	171	8.91
Blake Gregson	15	8	6	108	228	13.50
William Ladd	15	8	1	106	162	13.25
George Lyons	14	7	1	94	144	13.43
Xavier Walles	15	6	4	106	222	17.67
Jobe Walton	5	3	0	31	42	10.33
Jack Evans	13	0	0	18	18	-

Under 16-5

We welcomed season 2024-25 with a very similar side to the previous U14 season, with the addition of spin twins Kento and David, and later in the season Will. Each of these players slipped into the team seamlessly and we had a well settled side that grew in confidence throughout the year.

We were not sure at the start of the year which grade we would fit into with mostly bottom aged players and a couple still eligible for U14's, however as the year progressed this was certainly the right grading for our side and we were competitive in all games.

We started the season with a loss to Templeton (eventual Grand finalists) and it looked like our young side might be up against it. This was followed by a loss in Rd 2, washout Rd 3, win Rd 4 and a loss Rd 5. So we were 1 and 3 after 4 completed games.

However I felt through those early rounds we were very competitive in each of those games and not out of our depth by any means, we also didn't know that we had now played 3 sides that would make up the top four at the end of the year.

From here we found our groove and for the rest of the season I felt we were in every match and still in finals contention going into the last round, which was ultimately heated out and our season was done with a 5th placed finish (equal on points with 4th and only a game behind 3rd place).

Our depth was our key – and also our challenge at times when selecting batting and bowling orders - as most can bat and ball at almost equal levels on any given day!

The boys should be proud of their efforts this year, we had some good wins, the attendance at training was exceptional and this resulted in good growth across each of the playing group.

Some quick Highlights

Jobe Walton was the winner of our batting average, not only making the most runs in the team (257) but at a very impressive average of 85.67 – along with his highest ever score of 97 not out (72 balls) in Rd 6. Exceptional considering he was eligible to play U14's.

Dave Jo Allen came into our side late into pre-season and we are glad he did – winning the bowling average with 7 wickets at an average of 17.14. His growth throughout the year was exceptional and he has a very bright future in spin bowling once he develops that consistency that comes with more cricket.

Our bowling across the board was pretty consistent and tight – we had 6 players that took between 6-8 wickets and all averaged between 17 and 21.

Our batting on reflection was probably our weakness for the year. We have plenty of players that can bat but at times we give up our wickets too easily. Jobe was our standout as mentioned above, while Marek (195 runs @ 48.75) and Kento (137 runs @ 22.83) were our only other real batsmen of note. We need to work on developing more scoring shots and valuing our wicket to see improvement in this area. It comes with facing as many balls as possible so we can work on technique and concentration

Once again, I thought Marek led the way with energy and talk in the field, while Harvey continued to be our best performing fielder.

With the loss of our part time wicket keeper Sam to school cricket, we had Robbie behind the stumps all year and he flourished in that role taking 12 catches and 1 stumping. An excellent year from Robbie with plenty of improvement, driven from his effort and endeavor, especially in the second half of the season that led to our overall team improvement – well done Robbie.

Under 16-5 CONT.

Thank you to Archer and Jobe as well for their captaining efforts this year. Captaining a junior side is a real challenge and the boys did a good job. There is always plenty to learn in this difficult role, but they will be better and more rounded cricketers for the experience.

To Len Simpson who assisted with our bowling coaching this year and Deb who again flourished as our team manager – thank you for all your support. And to all parents that worked behind the canteen, scored, provided refreshments, supported the players etc – thank you – we are lucky enough to have a great group of parents which makes it enjoyable each Saturday morning.

A massive thank you as well to Nathan Croot for all your efforts and support this year. You step in and assist with coaching where needed, you manage the junior side of the club very well and despite having your own hectic year outside of cricket, what you do for the club is enormous – so thank you

Hard to cover everyone so hopefully I haven't missed anyone (or anything), apologies if I have. I am sure there are some other personal wins there that will mean the world to the players as well, but as mentioned our biggest strength was our depth and camaraderie of the team. All players developed well, played in the right spirit and contributed so they should all be very proud of their efforts.

We hope to see you all back next year, whether it be in seniors or juniors. You play at one of the most successful clubs in the RDCA and you are now a big part of it.

Until next season



U16-5 Coach

Under 16-5

Summary

Captain	Archer Croot, Jobe Walton

						Round
50s scored	Jobe Walton	97*	V	Vermont		6
			Runs		Average	
Batting Average	Jobe Walto	on	257		85.67	
			Wickets		Average	
Bowling Average	Dave Jo Al	len	7		17.14	
Most Runs	Jobe Walt	on (257)				
Most Wickets	Kento Ino	ue (8)				
Most Catches	Robbie St	acey (12)				
Highest Team To	tal 308 v Ver	mont (Rd. 6)				
Lowest Team Tot	al 8/86 v La	burnum (Rd. 5)				

Under 16-5 CONT.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye	
12	5	5	1	0	0	2	

Season scores

Round	APCC Score	Opponent	Opposition Score	Result
1	88	Templeton	3/110	Loss
2	7/129	Glen Waverley	3/132	Loss
3	-	Bye	-	Bye
4	5/125	Wantirna South	4/124	Win
5	8/86	Laburnum	2/135	Loss
6	308	Vermont	221	Win
7	1/134	Glen Waverley	6/77	Win
8	108	Warranwood	8/83	Win
9	-	Bye	-	Bye
10	5/108	Warranwood	6/122	Loss
11	157	Templeton	9/221	Loss
12	3/115	Wantirna South	113	Win
13	-	Laburnum	-	Draw

Under 16-5 CONT.

Batting

	Games	Innings	Not outs	High Score	Average	Runs
Jobe Walton	8	8	5	97	85.67	257
Marek Rainczuk	10	11	7	40	48.75	195
Kento Inoue	9	10	4	33	22.83	137
Harvey Baker-Flett	10	10	4	25	18.33	110
Robert Stacey	10	10	2	21	11.50	92
Jarrod Crowe	10	10	4	22	15.00	90
Jack Simpson	10	8	4	18	17.50	70
Archer Croot	10	9	1	14	5.63	45
Benjamin Walles	10	9	2	11	5.71	40
archie bevins	10	9	2	16	5.29	37
Dave Jo Allen	10	8	5	7	8.33	25
Will Boehringer	5	3	0	3	1.33	4
Xavier Freeman	1	1	1	1	-	1

Bowling

	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Balls	Average
Kento Inoue	9	8	2	151	231	18.88
Jarrod Crowe	10	7	4	144	255	20.57
Benjamin Walles	10	7	3	141	234	20.14
Dave Jo Allen	10	7	3	120	180	17.14
Jobe Walton	8	6	4	107	162	17.83
Archer Croot	10	6	0	121	156	20.17
Harvey Baker-Flett	10	5	4	127	186	25.40
archie bevins	10	4	0	94	96	23.50
Jack Simpson	10	3	0	112	192	37.33
Marek Rainczuk	10	2	1	96	138	48.00
Xavier Freeman	1	1	0	18	18	18.00
Will Boehringer	5	0	1	29	48	-

Under 14-7

Our season started much the same as last year, once again, we were placed in the 14/7 grade which was a great opportunity for further development and for all the players to build on what we achieved last season.

First game of the season we were a bit rusty against Warranwood. We were competitive even though we weren't at our best. Highlights being a couple of run-outs to Jayden and Mitch and a 40-run opening partnership between Jasmine and Xavier.

Round 2 against Nth Ringwood was a similar contest, again we were competitive, but just not quite clicking with the ball or the bat. It was good to see us take a few more wickets in this match, Jayden and Mitch again getting a run out each, Chelsea was the best with the bat with 13.

Round 3 was abandoned due to rain, and Round 4 was a home game at Ainslie Park against Lusatia Park/Hoddles Creek who (although we didn't know it at the time) were one of the stronger teams in the grade. A couple overs in we had them 5/11 and although they fought back with a couple of partnerships, we ended up bowling them out which was great.

Ben was great with the ball taking 3/5 off 3.3 overs (all bowled), Jayden also taking 2/7 off three and was on a hat trick, Jasmine top scored with 13 not out.

Round 5 against Healesville we batted first and made a great score of 4/130 on a quick ground, which was our highest so far for the year, our first score over 100 and something we could defend. Some good individual performances were, Jasmine 27*, Kaize 22*, Mitch 15 and Xavier 14. Although we bowled well, Healesville were too good in the end.

Round 6 against Heatherdale we faced the top team and again got off to a good start making a defendable total above 100, Xavier standing out with 29*, Ben and Kaize both 12* and Shanil contributed with 10*.

Heatherdale passed us only 1 down, but we took it to the last couple of overs, this showed that we had narrowed the gap between us and Heatherdale who we had very heavy losses against last season.

Round 7 and 8 against Warrandyte and Chirnside Park were very similar, where we batted first, made good totals (4/138, Xavier 24*, Mitch 19* including his first 6, Ben 19, Cooper 12 and 2/119, Jasmine 27*, Ben 14*) and were nail biters where we were passed in the second last over. We also took many more wickets than we lost (8/141, Jasmine 2/8, Shanil 2/12 and 10/125, Kaize 2/5, Ben, Jasmine, Xavier, Elsie 1 wicket each and 3 run outs).

Round 9 was abandoned due to rain, and then Round 10 we were bowling first for the first time since round 4 and were able to restrict Warrandyte to 9/92 (Mitch 2/6, Ben 1/0, Kaize 1/2, Jasmine and Tanay 1/6, Jayden 1/7, Elsie and Emma 1/8). Unfortunately, we had a tough day with the bat and couldn't get across the line (Xavier 14*, Tanay 12).

After the match, as a team we discussed that the last few weeks we had either performed well with the bat or with the ball but not with both in the same game, so when we could put both together, we would see a bit more success. This was the first time since Round 4 that we were kept below 100 in our 25 overs and ended up being the last time it happened for the season.

Against Warranwood in Round 11 we were batting first again and put a competitive total on the board of 8/124 (Jasmine 21*, Xavier 11, Tanay 10) much like rounds 5 to 9.

We then managed to realise our potential with the ball, and although Warranwood got off to a bit of a flyer we restricted them well, took all but one of their wickets and kept them to 9/115 to get our first win of the season, Tanay was the standout bowler taking 4/8 off 4 overs, including bowling 2 at the death,

Under 14-7 CONT.

Cooper also did well behind the stumps with a crucial catch and stumping.

The last game before Christmas was Round 12 in Launching Place, on a hard, dry, quick ground. Again we were batting first and we put on 4/177 which was by far out biggest total of the year. Against a strong batting team on this surface, we weren't quite able to defend it, but it was great to see our team making a big score.

Highlights with the bat were, losing our first wicket at 104, Kaize with a blazing 45* (25 balls, including 7 fours and a six) Xavier 40* (27 balls, 6 fours) and Ben 32* (25 balls, 4 fours). Also, in this match we had a cameo from Irvin who took a catch and a wicket in his only match for the year.

Rounds 13, 14 and 15 were all very similar performances, another close one against Warrandyte and strong performances against Lusatia Park / Hoddles Creek and Healesville. We batted first in all games and made strong totals (6/121, 5/130, 2/131) but unfortunately were passed by good batting performances by the opposition. Highlights were:

Ben 22 (including 4 fours off his first 4 balls faced) Xavier 15, Mitch 13*, Shanil 1/7, Jasmine 1/9 against Warrandyte.

Xavier 25, Jasmine 22*, Kaize 13, Cooper 12*, Jas 1/13 and Elsie 1/15 against Lusatia Park / Hoddles Creek.

All of the top 5 retiring not out against Healesville – Jasmine 23*, Xavier 22*, Cooper 12*, Mitch 14*, Ben 20* and with the ball Elsie 2/12 and Emma 1/14 were our best bowlers.

Round 16 against Chirnside Park we were batting first again and made a good defendable total of 7/142 including a great partnership between Jasmine (23*) and Ben (21*) to take us from 7/116 to 7/142 in the final overs.

This time we put it together with the ball, bowling Chirnside Park out for 89. It was so great to see the team happy with their performance and getting reward for their efforts, wickets were shared around Kaize, Ben, Jasmine, Sean, Emma, Xavier all had 1 wicket, Mitch stood out with 2 overs 1 maiden 3/2 and Chelsea finished it off in her only over only needing to bowl 5 balls before clean bowling the last batter. We managed to take 6 catches in the 10 wickets as well.

Round 17 was abandoned due to bushfire danger and we then faced Healesville again in the last game of the year, batting first again we made another good total and although Healesville were too strong with the bat we finished the season off strongly with Sean taking a wicket with some great bowling in our final over for the season.

One great measure of improvement was our run scoring this year, 11 times we made more than 100 (all off 25 overs), compared to only once last season with pretty much the same team (and that was off 47 overs), this is a fantastic achievement for the team.

Other improvements were 1726 runs scored (1114 last season), 92 wickets taken (67 last season), 80 wickets lost (99 last season) 34 catches taken (26 last season).

We wanted to build on our progress from last year and I believe the team achieved this goal. Again, our attitude on the field was the best in our grade by far and was regularly complemented by opposition coaches and parents.

I am very proud of the improvement all players in this team made this year.

Under 14-7 CONT.

Thanks

- Trent for managing the team throughout the season.
- Brendan and Jo for organising the majority of scoring on game days.
- Nathan, Darren, and Brendan for helping with Wednesday night training.
- Nathan also for all his coordinating effort.
- All the parents who scored and brought morning teas to games, I didn't have to worry about scoring or morning tea all season, so big thanks for that.



U14-7 Coach

Under 14-7

Ben Warren

Summary

Lowest Team Total

Captain

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		Runs	Average			
Batting Average	Jasmine Freeman	237	79.00			
		Wickets	Average			
Bowling Average	Ben Warren	12	18.17			
Most Runs	Jasmine Freeman (237)				
Most Wickets	Ben Warren (12)					
Most Catches	Jasmine Freeman (6)					
Highest Team Total	4/177 v Lusatia Park/Hoddles Creek (Rd. 12)					

8/66 v Warrandyte (Rd. 10)

Under 14-7 cont.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye	
18	2	13	3	0	0	0	

Season scores

Round	APCC Score	Opponent	Opposition Score	Result
1	7/83	Warranwood	2/127	Loss
2	4/77	North Ringwood	5/127	Loss
3	-	Chirnside Park	-	Draw
4	7/74	Lusatia Park/Hoddles Creek	135	Loss
5	4/130	Healesville	4/168	Loss
6	5/101	Heatherdale	1/127	Loss
7	4/138	Warrandyte	8/141	Loss
8	2/119	Chirnside Park	125	Loss
9	-	North Ringwood	-	Draw
10	8/66	Warrandyte	9/92	Loss
11	8/124	Warranwood	9/115	Win
12	4/177	Lusatia Park/Hoddles Creek	7/238	Loss
13	6/121	Warrandyte	5/124	Loss
14	5/130	Lusatia Park/Hoddles Creek	4/179	Loss
15	2/131	Healesville	4/167	Loss
16	7/142	Chirnside Park	89	Win
17	-	Heatherdale	-	Draw
18	7/113	Healesville	4/145	Loss

Under 14-7 cont.

Batting

	Games	Innings	Not outs	High Score	Average	Runs
Jasmine Freeman	18	14	11	27	79.00	237
Xavier Freeman	18	15	9	40	38.17	229
Ben Warren	18	14	6	32	20.50	164
Kaize kewmaaz	15	13	7	45	25.33	152
Mitchell Thacker	17	14	5	19	10.33	93
Cooper Denham	17	14	3	12	6.36	70
Elsie Dohle	18	14	5	9	6.33	57
Shanil Trivedi	16	11	6	10	11.40	57
Tanay Hegde	5	4	1	12	14.33	43
Sean Cochrane	12	9	3	10	5.33	32
Emma Lamont	18	13	4	8	2.56	23
Jayden Bullen	13	2	0	0	0.00	0
Parv Patel	1	1	0	0	0.00	0

Bowling

	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Balls	Average
Ben Warren	18	12	4	218	285	18.17
Jasmine Freeman	18	9	1	197	234	21.89
Xavier Freeman	18	8	1	217	210	27.13
Mitchell Thacker	17	8	2	147	186	18.38
Elsie Dohle	18	8	0	183	180	22.88
Shanil Trivedi	16	7	1	162	180	23.14
Jayden Bullen	13	6	2	108	150	18
Emma Lamont	18	5	1	202	198	40.4
Kaize kewmaaz	15	5	5	173	192	34.6
Tanay Hegde	5	5	4	58	78	11.6
Sean Cochrane	12	4	1	89	108	22.25
Parv Patel	1	2	0	20	12	10
Cooper Denham	17	1	0	92	108	92
Chelsea Thomas	2	1	0	11	17	11

Under 12-3

With the majority of our under 12 side from 2023/24 returning, we embarked on a new challenge having been moved up into the 12-3 grade. We began the season with 8 players, however I was able to convince Jas to return and help out.

Having a side with nine players would ultimately prove to be a great advantage on the field and a welcome change from the previous season where fitting 12 players into a nine-a-side competition proved forever challenging.

Our season opener was against a combined Croydon North and Mooroolbark side, dusting off the cobwebs we fell short chasing 140 with extras and one player short in the field being our nemesis.

Round 3 against Healesville we got our first view of what would become an outstanding run scoring season for Xavier Freeman, he finished with 44* from 29 balls. Jono Boehringer chipped in with two wickets and we took the win.

We headed down the road to Silcock Reserve to take on the Croydon Ranges in Round 4, walking away with another win. Tanay Hegde top scored with 37 and took 2/7 with his leg spin. In an expert Jas Freeman took of her three catches in that match from Tanay's bowling.

Round 5 was possibly the highlight of the season and as good a junior match as I have seen. We took on a strong Chirnside Park side at home, winning the toss and electing to bowl first. We struggled to take wickets but the score didn't get too far away from us. Chirnside Park finished on 3/111 off their 23 overs, Jas Freeman with 2/7 off her three overs.

As our batting innings got underway, it was business as usual with Xavier and Tanay off to a flying start with a 30-odd run partnership, both had retired by the 6th over. From there things got interesting really quickly.

We lost two wickets in quick succession in the 8th over, followed by another in the 9th and 10th. Two more wickets fell in the 11th over and by the 13th over found ourselves hanging by a thread on 7/49, with just one wicket in hand and 10 overs to go.

Needing more than a run-a-ball to pinch victory, the message to Xav and Tanay was to stretch the game out to 23 overs and we'll just see what happens.

The boys batted superbly, protecting their wicket and putting away anything that was in their hitting zone, keeping the runs ticking over, they passed the target score in the 21st over to snatch the most unlikely of victories.

Xavier finished with his first ever half-century (54* off 50) and Tanay was dismissed on 45(41) in the final over. I couldn't have been prouder of how they went about the chase.

Round 6 we knocked off another strong side in Bayswater Park, who would go on to win the premiership. This was another cracker of a match, going down to the final over as we chased 115. We took 7 catches in this match, by far the best fielding effort and showed the results of the work done at training. Shanil Trivedi (2/14) and Tate Schneider (2/9) chipped in with two wickets each.

The heat arrived in Round 7, the instruction to proceed was given by the RDCA, but we reduced the game to a T20 in agreement with Warranwood.

Xavier continued his red hot form with another 50*.

Round 8 we played the only team to have beaten us, Croydon North/Mooroolbark, we continued our run of form winning easily in the end. Elsie Dohle was the pick of the batters with 36* from 23 balls including a big 6!

Round 9 was washed out after 14 overs against Bayswater Park.

Under 12-3 cont.

Round 10 was our first fixture against Eastfield at Benson Oval, despite a couple of players missing we finished with another win and Tanay finished with 2/7 off his 3 overs and Koa Crowe stepped into the side and took her first u12 wicket.

After 7 wins, we eventually encountered a night that wasn't ours. A hot night on the last day of school and a road trip to Healesville for a 5pm start. The kids just were not in the contest and we were a player short in the field for most of the match. Chasing 160, we gave it our best and fell 30 runs short.

A solid start to the season, we now head into the Christmas and New Year break with Jasmine (Carlton CC, Marg Jennings), Xavier (RDCA Keith Mitchell) and Elsie (RDCA Claudia Fatone) all earning spots in representative sides.

We returned to normal programming on the 24th of Jan, taking on Lilydale at home we snaffled another win. Xavier and Tanay once again leading the charge with 36* and 26* respectively.

Round 13 we were at home again, taking on Coldstream and we had another win. Xav lead the way again with the bat (32*) and chipped in with the ball too (2/8). Jas took 2/9 and a maiden off her 3 overs.

Up next was the Croydon Ranges at Ainslie, batting first we finished with 143 runs on the board (Xav 26*, Kaize 22*). We had to hold our nerve in the field as the Ranges drew closer, but ultimately walked away victorious, Xavier with another couple of wickets 2/6 off 3.

We had two more games left in the home and away season, both would be tough matches against sides that were challenging for the top spot that we occupied on the ladder.

Round 15 was the first of those matches and we took on Bayswater Park at home, this was another

highlight match for the season as we once again found ourselves in treacherous waters.

Winning the toss and batting first, things got off to the usual steady start with the opening pair retiring. Once again we lost consistent wickets and would be sitting on 7/84 in the 14th over. One wicket in hand and nine overs to bat. Both Xavier and Jono had retired and returned to the crease, the same message as with the Chirnside Park game earlier in the season, just stretch the game out, bat the 23 overs and things will happen.

What followed was a 59 run partnership, taking us from staring down a below-par score, to an almost certain victory.

I was so impressed with Jono (16* off 37) as he showed his determination, holding his end and rotating the strike. For a kid without too much cricket behind him, it was an exceptional fighting performance that allowed Xav (58* off 45) to go about his work at the other end. What an unforgettable moment for two best mates.

Chasing 143 was always going to be a big ask for Bayswater Park, but the kids knuckled down and held them to 7/111, with Koa Crowe and Elise Dohle both taking two wickets.

At that point we had secured top spot on the ladder and earned a spot in the finals, an outstanding effort that the kids should be really proud of.

Unfortunately we didn't put our best foot forward in the final match against Chirnside Park, though we briefly dared to dream of another miraculous escape as Xavier returned to the crease, to join Jas, with the score on 7/39. It was too big an ask and in the end it wasn't to be, we were bowled out for 82, chasing 130 with four overs to go. A real highlight in this game was Parv scoring his first ever boundary.

Under 12-3 cont.

We would fall short in our semi-final against Healesville, who I felt were the strongest team in the comp. After our 23 overs we had 100 runs on the board (Xavier 27*, Tanay 16 and Shanil 11*). We were unable to contain Healesville though, they took to the chase with a really positive attacking attitude and passed our score in 15 overs.

While it would have been a great experience for the team to go through to a Grand Final, they can really be proud of their achievements throughout the year. Finishing a game clear on top of the ladder is no small feat.

The improvement from last season was really noticeable and the enjoyment was there each week. Seeing nearly the whole squad training each week and it was great to see most of the team at some point making an appearance for u14s on Saturday mornings. This should hopefully lead in well to their progression into under 14 next season.

Congratulations to Xavier Freeman who, on the back of his under 12 season, took out the Junior Club Champion award and the RDCA u12/3 Batting Award. After the semi-final he finished with 509 runs at an average of 169.67, including three fifties.

Finally, thank you to Jo who covered scoring and team management throughout the season and to Kelly and Donna who helped out where they could.

Brendon Freeman

U12-3 Coach

Under 12-3

Summary

Captain	Xavier Freeman				
					Round
50s scored	Xavier Freeman	54*	V	Chirnside Park	5
	Xavier Freeman	50*	V	Warranwood	7
	Xavier Freeman	58*	V	Bayswater Park	15
			Runs	Average	
Batting Average	Xavier Free	man	509	169.67	
			Wickets	Average	
Bowling Average	Tanay Hego	le	12	18.42	
Most Runs	Xavier Free	eman (509)			
Most Wickets	Tanay Heg	de (12)			
Most Catches	Jasmine Fr	eeman (9)			
Highest Team Tot	tal 4/155 v Ea	stfield (Rd. 10))		
Lowest Team Tota	al 3/61 v Bay	swater Park (F	Rd. 9)		

Under 12-3 CONT.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye	
17	11	4	2	0	0	0	

Season scores

Round	APCC Score	Opponent	Opposition Score	Result
1	3/117	Croydon North/ Mooroolbark	4/140	Loss
2	-	Warranwood	-	Draw
3	2/127	Healesville	6/99	Win
4	133	Croydon Ranges	5/90	Win
5	124	Chirnside Park	3/111	Win
6	5/117	Bayswater Park	8/115	Win
7	5/131	Warranwood	1/86	Win
8	2/146	Croydon North/Mooroolbark	3/93	Win
9	3/61	Bayswater Park	-	Draw
10	4/155	Eastfield	5/76	Win
11	5/130	Healesville	5/159	Loss
12	4/124	Lilydale	1/93	Win
13	5/133	Coldstream	6/106	Win
14	4/143	Croydon Ranges	7/127	Win
15	7/143	Bayswater Park	7/111	Win
16	82	Chirnside Park	4/130	Loss
SF	4/100	Healesville	2/102	Loss

Under 12-3 CONT.

Batting

	Games	Innings	Not outs	High Score	Average	Runs
Xavier Freeman	16	16	13	58	169.67	509
Tanay Hegde	16	16	8	45	44.25	354
Jasmine Freeman	15	14	10	30	52.25	209
Elsie Dohle	15	14	4	36	12.90	129
Kaize kewmaaz	15	15	6	22	13.67	123
Jonathan Boehringer	15	14	9	16	18.40	92
Shanil Trivedi	14	14	6	15	9.75	78
Tate Schneider	12	12	3	3	1.44	13
Parv Patel	16	16	0	5	0.44	7
Koa Crowe	4	4	1	4	2.33	7
Emmazelle Oelofse	2	2	0	1	1	2

Bowling

	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Balls	Average
Tanay Hegde	16	12	3	221	282	18.42
Kaize kewmaaz	15	8	0	194	263	24.25
Xavier Freeman	16	7	3	141	185	20.14
Parv Patel	16	6	0	230	247	38.33
Shanil Trivedi	14	6	3	151	240	25.17
Jasmine Freeman	15	5	1	144	215	28.80
Jonathan Boehringer	15	4	0	148	156	37.00
Elsie Dohle	15	4	0	120	156	30.00
Koa Crowe	4	4	1	27	54	6.75
Tate Schneider	12	2	0	136	174	68.00
Emmazelle Oelofse	2	1	0	15	30	15.00

Girls Stage 2 Stars

The 2024/25 season was a fantastic journey for our Stage 2 Junior Girls team, a merged side between Ainslie Park and Croydon Ranges. From the outset, the team gelled quickly, building strong bonds both on and off the field.

We kicked off the season with great energy, notching up two impressive wins from our first three games. This strong start set the tone for a season that balanced competitiveness with development & enjoyment. In the following weeks, we faced three tightly contested matches against the teams that would eventually meet in the grand final. While those games ended in losses, they were valuable experiences that tested and sharpened our skills.

During this period, we rotated the captaincy among several players to give everyone a leadership opportunity. Eventually, we named Chelsea Thomas as our permanent captain. Chelsea led by example, and we congratulate her on stepping into the role with maturity and determination.

Leading into the Christmas break, the team really found its rhythm. We won three of our last four games before the holiday, showing just how much we had grown as a unit. Several of our players participated in the RDCA Representative Carnival over the break—an intense schedule of cricket that gave those girls a great boost in skill and confidence. Their improvement was immediately noticeable upon returning to club cricket.

We finished the regular season in a well-earned 3rd place on the ladder. With confidence high, we entered the finals eager to compete. We faced a strong South Croydon team in the semi-final and, although we were outplayed on the day, our girls showed great spirit and resilience throughout the match.

All in all, it was a season filled with development, fun, and camaraderie. The girls not only improved their cricket but also formed friendships that will last well beyond the boundary ropes. I'm incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their commitment, effort, and sportsmanship throughout the season.

Well done, girls!

Jason Boyd
Girls Stage 2 Coach

Girls Stage 2 Stars

Chelsea Thomas

Summary

Lowest Team Total

Captain

		Runs	Average
Batting Average	Elsie Dohle	256	42.67
		Wickets	Average
Bowling Average	Minuki Vidanagamage	13	12.31
Most Runs	Elsie Dohle (256) and Che	elsea Thomas (256)	
Most Wickets	Minuki Vidanagamage (13	3)	
Most Catches	Chelsea Thomas (4)		
Highest Team Total	3/168 v Lilydale (Rd. 1)		

8/53 v South Croydon (Finals Rd. 1)

Girls Stage 2 Stars CONT.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye	
16	7	8	1	0	0	0	

Season scores

Round	APCC Score	Opponent	Opposition Score	Result
1	3/168	Lilydale	6/77	Win
2	7/63	Hoddles Creek	3/115	Loss
3	3/155	Mooroolbark	2/139	Win
4	3/83	South Croydon	2/101	Loss
5	4/121	Heatherdale	5/129	Loss
6	7/83	Heatherdale	4/118	Loss
7	1/163	Blackburn	6/59	Win
8	-	Mooroolbark	-	Draw
9	6/91	South Croydon	0/115	Loss
10	6/76	Mooroolbark	6/67	Win
11	5/145	Blackburn	6/54	Win
12	4/104	St Andrews	5/97	Win
13	7/90	Mooroolbark	2/142	Loss
14	3/113	Heatherdale	4/120	Loss
15	1/121	Blackburn	8/104	Win
SF	8/53	South Croydon	3/116	Loss

Girls Stage 2 Stars CONT.

Batting

	Games	Innings	Not outs	High Score	Average	Runs
Chelsea Thomas	14	13	5	47	32	256
Elsie Dohle	16	15	9	35	42.67	256
Ashleigh Boyd	14	12	7	25	31.4	157
Emily Mulder	14	13	8	21	31.2	156
Minuki Vidanagamage	16	14	8	17	20.67	124
Bani Jhinger	12	10	3	24	8.86	62
Emma Lamont	15	14	3	13	4.18	46
Kiara Harris	15	14	4	7	3.4	34
Madeline Summers	13	10	6	6	6	24
Sara Rouhshad	7	5	0	6	2.4	12

Bowling

	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Balls	Average
Minuki Vidanagamage	16	13	2	160	216	12.31
Emily Mulder	14	9	2	135	215	15
Chelsea Thomas	14	8	4	123	183	15.38
Kiara Harris	15	7	2	193	204	27.57
Bani Jhinger	12	7	2	106	132	15.14
Elsie Dohle	16	5	2	117	162	23.4
Emma Lamont	15	3	1	183	222	61
Sara Rouhshad	7	3	0	80	90	26.67
Ashleigh Boyd	14	1	0	179	168	179
Madeline Summers	13	1	1	144	126	144

Girls Stage 2 Spirit

Summary

Captain	Sigourney Crocker					
		Runs	Average			
Batting Average	Emmazelle Oelofse	180	20.00			
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		Wickets	Average			
Bowling Average	Emmazelle Oelofse	9	18.44			
Most Runs	Emmazelle Oelofse (180))				
Most Wickets	Emmazelle Oelofse (9)					
Most Catches	Emmazelle Oelofse (1), I	Emmazelle Oelofse (1), Hermione Crocker (1) and Sigourney Crocker (1)				
Highest Team Total	4/145 v North Ringwood	4/145 v North Ringwood (Rd. 12)				
Lowest Team Total	7/18 v Warranwood (Rd	7/18 v Warranwood (Rd. 15)				

Girls Stage 2 Spirit CONT.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye
15	3	10	1	1	0	0

Season scores

Round	APCC Score	Opponent	Opposition Score	Result
1	3/71	Blackburn	3/94	Loss
2	4/145	North Ringwood	1/161	Loss
3	1/81	Eastfield	1/54	Win
4	2/119	Warranwood	3/113	Win
5	2/110	Heatherdale	1/131	Loss
6	4/102	Scoresby	5/100	Win
7	6/87	Vermont	5/167	Loss
8	-	Lilydale	-	Draw
9	6/74	Eastfield	3/148	Loss
10	4/105	Vermont	2/141	Loss
11	7/60	Templeton	5/170	Loss
12	6/81	North Ringwood	3/114	Loss
13	6/100	North Ringwood	2/144	Loss
14	4/113	Heatherdale	6/113	Tie
15	7/18	Warranwood	2/49	Loss

Girls Stage 2 Spirit CONT.

Batting

	Games	Innings	Not outs	High Score	Average	Runs
Emmazelle Oelofse	15	14	5	32	20.00	180
Hermione Crocker	15	14	5	30	16.89	152
Sigourney Crocker	14	13	6	23	14.57	102
Claire Rhodes	8	7	4	28	28.00	84
Georgia Stutsel	11	10	1	28	7.78	70
Bani Jhinger	4	3	2	47	70.00	70
Jackie Stutsel	13	12	6	13	7.83	47
Caoilainn Rhodes	14	13	4	7	2.78	25
Ashleigh Boyd	2	2	0	20	10.00	20
Gretel Dohle	3	2	1	6	10.00	10
Emily Mulder	1	1	1	9	-	9
Madeline Summers	1	1	1	8	-	8
Lucy Mulder	6	6	2	3	1.50	6
Sara Rouhshad	1	1	0	6	6.00	6
Emma Lamont	1	1	0	3	3.00	3

Bowling

	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Balls	Average
Emmazelle Oelofse	15	9	2	166	240	18.44
Hermione Crocker	15	4	1	161	204	40.25
Jackie Stutsel	13	3	1	208	186	69.33
Sigourney Crocker	14	2	0	256	216	128.00
Georgia Stutsel	11	2	0	194	162	97.00
Ashleigh Boyd	2	2	0	30	36	15.00
Caoilainn Rhodes	14	1	0	280	198	280.00
Claire Rhodes	8	1	0	91	96	91.00
Emily Mulder	1	1	1	8	18	8.00
Lucy Mulder	6	0	0	127	96	-
Bani Jhinger	4	0	3	39	53	-
Gretel Dohle	3	0	0	33	24	-

Girls Stage 1 (Koalas)

Another season has come and gone with a successful one for girls cricket at APCC. With 5 girls coming back for a second season they were joined by 2 new players to the game and one coming up from the previous season's Spirit team. A couple of new coaches and the season was underway on the first Sunday in October.

It was an interesting start to the season as the club requested for the team to remain in Stage 1 Stars but unfortunately the request could not be granted as there were not enough teams in that grade. So we started our grading in Stage 2 Spirit which the girls were nervous but happy to take on. The first few games the girls gave their all, but results didn't go their way. They were taking all the positives out of the first three grading games but then it became serious with us being graded in Stage 2 Spirit.

To say that the next 4 games were very difficult would be an understatement. The first game we had to forfeit due to numbers and the second one was a smashing losing 5/45 off 20 overs to 0/182 off Templeton's 20 overs. Due to low numbers, we had Grace Jones and Eva Edwards help out and we thank them for that. The following 2 games didn't bring much joy either, but the girls kept trying their guts out each and every Sunday morning.

These results were brought to light and discussed as a club as the girls were starting to lose the joy. The decision was made by the RDCA to put us back a grade as requested at the start of the season to Stage 1 Stars. We had 3 games in our new grade before Christmas and the results this time went our way. With the tough start to the season, I think this helped the girls as they showed great resilience. With the change of grade we also had a great addition to the side of Gretel which was great.

Not going to try and explain how the new ladder worked but at the break the girls started to enjoy their cricket a lot more and this showed with improved skills and confidence.

Christmas break came and went so onwards we went with the form we showed in December. A couple of good wins against North Ringwood before a loss to Knox Gardens and then another win against North Ringwood. With all results completed and the ladder changing we had a semi final against South Belgrave coming up.

Semi Final v South Belgrave

Two very even sides completed over 40 overs with the game going into the last over and the result going our way. South Belgrave batted first compiling 100 off their 20 overs. Pick of the bowlers was Zoe Walles 3 over 1/5 and Ayra Tikoo 2 overs 1/6. We went out to chase the score and finished up on 106 off our 20 overs which was very nerve racking towards the end. All batsmen batted in partnerships and it was a great effort to get over the line and into a GF.

Grand Final v Knox Gardens

Off to Knox we went with the clear underdog tag over our heads. The girls were confident that if they gave their all and did their best they would be in the game. That is exactly what they did and batted their 20 overs and compiled a magnificent 146 which is going to put us in the game for a long time. It did that with the game going down to the last over but unfortunately, they played the last over very well with some classy shots and the girls fell just short. I think all girls performed unbelievably well in the GF and although we didn't get the chocolates the season was a massive success and the girls are absolute winners in all our eyes.

Girls Stage 1 (Koalas) CONT.

Thanks to all the girls for the season we hoped you enjoyed it and thanks to all parents and volunteers during the season. Thanks to Jo for running the girls programs. Dave Sykes and Tacka as always have played their part in this girls team and we as always say thank you for that. The club as a whole is a massive support with the Women's and Girls programs and all I see is some great success in the near future. Well done to all the award winners for the season and unlucky to the ones that didn't because you all deserved it.

Leigh Walles & Kieran Crowe Girls Stage 1 Koalas Coaches

Girls Stage 1 (Koalas)

Summary

Captain	Shared
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		Runs	Average
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Batting Average	Koa Crowe	111	55.50
		Wickets	Average
Bowling Average	Zoe Walles	12	11.67
Most Runs	Koa Crowe (111)		
Most Wickets	Zoe Walles (12)		
Most Catches	Eliza Mallinder (4)		
Highest Team Total	149 v Vermont (Rd. 11)		
Lowest Team Total	5/45 v Templeton (Rd. 5)		

Girls Stage 1 (Koalas) CONT.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye
17	7	9	1	0	0	0

Season scores

Round	APCC Score	Opponent	Opposition Score	Result
1	3/68	North Ringwood	3/105	Loss
2	1/83	Blackburn	5/112	Loss
3	4/99	Heatherdale	3/112	Loss
4	-	North Ringwood	-	Forfeit
5	5/45	Templeton	0/182	Loss
6	4/69	Vermont	3/173	Loss
7	3/66	Scoresby	4/93	Loss
8	-	South Belgrave	-	Draw
9	111	St Andrews	70	Win
10	112	South Belgrave	95	Win
11	149	Vermont	119	Win
12	108	North Ringwood	92	Win
13	129	North Ringwood	81	Win
14	90	Knox Gardens	130	Loss
15	101	North Ringwood	66	Win
SF	106	South Belgrave	100	Win
GF	146	Knox Gardens	155	Loss

Girls Stage 1 (Koalas) CONT.

Batting

	Games	Innings	Not outs	High Score	Average	Runs
Koa Crowe	15	14	12	18	55.50	111
Ella Walles	16	15	13	13	52.50	105
Eliza Mallinder	14	13	12	21	90.00	90
Miela Crowe	15	14	11	17	27.33	82
Zoe Walles	15	8	6	23	34.50	69
Ayra Tikoo	13	13	11	10	34.00	68
Milena Lockwood	16	15	14	8	68.00	68
Scarlet Seaye	15	14	9	9	11.60	58
Gretel Dohle	7	7	7	8	-	34
Grace Jones	1	1	0	1	1.00	1
Eva Edwards	1	1	0	0	0.00	0

Bowling

	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Balls	Average
Zoe Walles	15	12	5	140	264	11.67
Miela Crowe	15	5	0	160	210	32.00
Ayra Tikoo	13	5	2	175	198	35.00
Scarlet Seaye	15	4	0	207	216	51.75
Koa Crowe	15	3	2	156	216	52.00
Gretel Dohle	7	3	0	72	84	24.00
Milena Lockwood	16	2	0	181	210	90.50
Eliza Mallinder	14	2	0	135	174	67.50
Ella Walles	16	1	4	150	198	150.00
Eva Edwards	1	0	0	22	18	-
Grace Jones	1	0	0	21	12	-

Mini Bash (Red & Yellow)

Under 10s are back!

For the first time in around a decade, Ainslie Park fielded Under 10s Mini Bash teams, a great sign of our recent growth. We were able to get two teams together this season, mostly comprising of graduates of our Woolworths Blast program which is amazing to see.

At this age group, the most important goal we aim for is creating an environment where the kids can fall in love with the game. For most of them, it was their first experience of playing competitive matches of cricket, so having fun while learning is most important. And if having fun and loving cricket was the goal, I think we nailed it!

Both Mini Bash teams trained and played with a smile on their face. They got on well with each other, encouraged each other, and had a heap of fun and laughs over the course of the season. Most of these kids have experience playing other team sports, so the fact they were all such good, caring teammates to each other didn't surprise me.

They all played some very handy cricket too! I was so impressed with how they listened and learned at training, and then were able to apply their developing skills in games. From both the Yellow and Red teams, encouragement in the field, running between wickets, loud communication while batting, and clean ground fielding were the team's consistent highlights all season. Their batting and bowling skills have also improved out of sight in only one season, especially their bowling accuracy.

From where we started in October, their skills and understanding of the game rapidly developed over the season. I'm looking forward to what all of these kids can do in their cricket over the next few years and beyond, as Ainslie Park's future is in good hands with this lot!

A big thank you to Pieter van der Berg for helping out coaching the Red team on match days on multiple occasions, and Nathan Croot and Brendon Freeman for helping there too. Thanks to all our parents for getting the kids there and helping with scoring, umpiring and bringing fruit and snacks. And thanks to the kids for a fantastic season full of fun and good cricket!

Leigh Jones
Mini Bash Coach