



ELSTERNWICK
CRICKET CLUB
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Navy Blue Newsletter

August 2023





James COLLINS

8/28 (17.3)
6 maidens

Mens 3XI

Chisholm & Gamon

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Apologies for the tardiness of this newsletter! There has been a lot happening in the off season at the Elsternwick Cricket Club with the transitio from My Cricket to PlayHQ, and a new website among other things! This newsletter will wrap up season 2022/23, with a newsletter focused on previewing season 2023/24 coming in early September.

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SENIORS

The season ended in jubilation for our men's third XI, capping a magnificent campaign with a well-deserved premiership.

Having qualified for the grand final against Box Hill, our Eels did a brilliant job restricting their opponents to just 135 from 78.1 overs. Calen Richmond led the way with three crucial top order wickets to finish with 3-23 from 14 overs, but he was well supported by the rest of the attack.

Paddy Homberg blasted 88 in less than two hours to mow down the bulk of the chase. While denied a century, by the time he departed the match was as good as over. At the other end, Steven Jackson served as a terrific foil for Homberg, making an obstinate 23, a final contribution in what was a great season mainly with the ball.

Ultimately the guys got home by seven wickets in just 37 overs.

It was a fitting end to a great season for the side led by Zach Peddersen, a regular contributor with the bat and gloves.

Unfortunately there was no such luck for our men's firsts, whose summer ended in a quarter-final loss to Kew. Connor Ridge stood up under finals pressure with 68 at the top of the order while Kalhan Sineth completed an outstanding campaign with 3-34, but the boys were beaten by five wickets.


Our Eels women finished the regular season in clear first place and stormed into a home grand final at the Holmes-Todd Oval. Despite a really competitive showing, the women fell at the final hurdle. It was a terrific effort in their 2nd season of cricket to win the minor premiership and make the grand final, and the foundations are strong for the women's program moving forward. Thanks to all the players and coach Dave Williams who led a very professional women's and girls program this season.

Dasuan Opanayaka claimed the prestigious Wickas award, edging Shannon Elphick and Kal Sineth. Congratulations to our club champions Dasun Opanayaka and Jocelyn Hurley, the BN Todd Volunteer award winner Ross McCulloch, and Jackson Hall for his 3rd Arthur Scott Under 21 Player of the Year award. Special mention to James Collins who took an incredible 8-28 in the men's 3rd XI semi final.



It was a season played with great spirit in which much ground was made. Thanks to everyone for their contributions. Onwards and upwards!

Daniel Cherny

**WOMEN'S RESULTS
GRAND-FINAL**



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WOMEN'S

ELSTERNWICK 82
S. Elphick 20* (25)
J.E. Hurley 16 (13)

DEFEATED BY

BEAUMARIS 94
E.C. Hurley 2/12 (2)
M.L. Goudie 2/14 (3.2)
S. Elphick 2/18 (4)

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**DASUN
OPANAYAKA**



1ST PLACE – 23 VOTES
WICKAS AWARD

**SHANNON
ELPHICK**



2ND PLACE – 21 VOTES
WICKAS AWARD

C S Fraser Club Champion Award:

Women's Club Champion:

B N Todd Volunteer Award:

Wickas Award:

A L J Scott U21 Player of the Year Award:

Training Award

Outstanding Batting:

Outstanding Bowling:

Men's 1st XI Batting:

Men's 1st XI Bowling:

Women's 1st XI Batting:

Women's 1st XI Bowling:

Men's 2nd XI Batting:

Men's 2nd XI Bowling:

Men's 3rd XI Batting:

Men's 3rd XI Bowling:

Men's 4th XI Batting:

Dasun Opanayaka

Jocelyn Hurley

Ross McCulloch

Dasun Opanayaka

Jackson Hall

Joel Menzies

Zachary Peddersen

James Collins

Dasun Opanayaka

Dasun Opanayaka

Shannon Elphick

Ellen Hurley

Conrad Rzechorzek

Jackson Hall

Zachary Peddersen

Utkarsh Vaishya

Bryan Hammer

Men's 4th XI Bowling:

James Collins

Men's 5th XI Batting:

Dylan Flavell

Men's 5th XI Bowling:

Neal Smith

U17 Batting:

Noah Portelli

U17 Bowling:

Thomas Paddington

VSDCA Club Championship

Club	Points
Kew Cricket Club	149.40
Werribee Cricket Club	143.60
St Bernard's OC Cricket Club	138.40
Brunswick Cricket Club	133.40
Caulfield Cricket Club	128.20
Oakleigh Cricket Club	126.60
Endeavour Hills Cricket Club	117.00
Brighton Cricket Club	115.40
Mt Waverley Cricket Club	109.20
Ormond Cricket Club	105.90
Balwyn Cricket Club	105.60
<u>Elsternwick Cricket Club</u>	104.70
Box Hill Cricket Club	101.40
Williamstown Cricket Club	101.10
Noble Park Cricket Club	94.50
Hoppers Crossing Cricket Club	93.10
Preston Cricket Club	90.40
Spotswood Cricket Club	89.10
Altona Cricket Club	87.30
Croydon Cricket Club	86.80
Melton Cricket Club	84.00
Yarraville Cricket Club	81.60
Malvern Cricket Club	78.60
Plenty Valley Cricket Club	76.80
Donvale Cricket Club	72.90
Coburg Cricket Club	64.80
Moorabbin Cricket Club	63.90
Taylors Lakes Cricket Club	58.50
Bayswater Cricket Club	56.40
Strathmore Cricket Club	48.70
Ivanhoe Cricket Club	48.60
Port Melbourne Cricket Club	39.30

JUNIORS

Mike McPhee and Bryan Hammer once again led a fantastic celebration of season 2022/23 at our junior presentation night. A large turnout recognised individual and team achievements from the year. We were delighted to welcome club 1st XI games record holder Arthur Scott and his wife Mamie to the presentation. Arthur is credited with starting the club's junior program in 1954 and has left an incredible legacy at the Elsternwick Cricket Club!

Congratulations to all award winners!

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>BATTING AWARDS</u>	<u>BOWLING AWARDS</u>	<u>COACH'S AWARD</u>
Under 16C	Alexander McPhee 167 @ 55.67	Brody Derricks 8 @ 12.88	Ollie Grant
Under 14B North	Nathaniel Watson 163 @ 54.33	Felix Carra 6 @ 9.50	Mason Tapping
Under 14B Central	Rio Keane 194 @ 27.71	Rio Keane 8 @ 10.38	Sam Perry

Under 14C	Matthew Travers	96 @ 32.00	Liam Rainey	7 @ 13.43	Alex Nolan
Under 12C North	Charlie McLean	75 @ 18.75	Charlie McLean	7 @ 9.00	Sebastian Braun
Under 12C Central	Benji Carr	190 @ 95.00	Benji Carr	5 @ 10.00	Reid Johnson
Rookies	Huxley Reed		Willis Webb		Ned Flavell
Under 17 Girls	Isabella Stooke	117 @ 29.25	Molly Goudie	5 @ 22.60	Phoebe Lerner
JG Craig	Ethan Olliver	151 @ 30.20	Thomas Baron	11 @ 13.00	Adi Reddycharla
Under 15A	Hayden Finkelde	319 @ 63.80	Oscar Liem	9 @ 12.33	Salil Gudup

*U17 award winners were presented at senior presentation night

Overall age group award winners:

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Under 17 Girls	Isabella Stooke 117 @ 29.25	Molly Goudie 5 @ 22.60

Brody Derricks was awarded the President's Award to recognise the outstanding way in which he has represented Elsternwick Cricket Club across his junior career spanning 8 seasons.

Sadie Newton won the Junior Girls' Club Champion award - the top 3 are listed below.

- 1 Sadie Newton
- 2 Isabella Stooke
- 3 Molly Goudie

Rio Keane won the Junior Boys' Club Champion award - the top 10 are listed below.

- 1 Rio Keane
- 2 Benji Miles
- 3 Brody Derricks
- 4 Benji Carr
- 5 Alexander McPhee
- 6 Henry Sims
- 7 Max Flavell
- 8 Nathaniel Watson
- 8 Luca De Crespigny
- 10 Mason Tapping

We also recognised the following 2 players for winning competition awards:

1. Jack Czosnek - Champion Player, J G Craig South Group
2. Alexander McPhee - Top Batting Average, SECA Under 16C Division





UNDER 12C CENTRAL WRAP

by Nathan Sims

The U12C Central boys had a very weather interrupted start to the season with rounds 1 and 2 abandoned and round 3 shortened to a 20/20. The boys improved their cricket in the lead up to Christmas and secured their only win for the season in the last game prior to the Christmas break. After the break the weather cost the boys a likely win in round 8 and a batting collapse in round 9 meant they couldn't quite get over the line, finishing the season 10th on the table.

Benji Carr lead the way with the bat scoring 190 runs at 95.00 with one of his two dismissals being a close run out. Luke Holden was a welcome fill in for 4 matches late in the season and his big hitting in round 6 was a big reason for the teams win. There were some solid contributions in various games from Rory Nankervis, Will de Boer, Mitchell Sims and Hugo Sheppard.

Benji Carr lead the bowling with 5 wickets at 10 and was well supported by the pace of Reid Johnson, Luke Holden and Rory Nankervis, the improving leg spin of Mitchell Sims, the wily left arm of Will de Boer and the medium pace of Lachlan Campbell and Archie Rainey.

In the field Hugo Sheppard did a great job as first choice keeper and over the season the boys general fielding improved immensely. Not many catches went to ground and if they can take more of the run out chances they create they boys will challenge plenty of teams in 2023/24.

The boys displayed a wonderful camaraderie and spirit throughout the season. Thank you to them all and to the families for taking their turn on the duty roster when scoring or providing the all

important morning tea!

Thanks to Nathan for this terrific season summary!

122nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 122nd Annual General Meeting was held on the 26th of July. To view the 2022/23 Annual Report, click the link below. Bravo Bryan Hammer for the production of this outstanding report and all the contributors.

Elsternwick Cricket Club

122nd

Annual General Meeting

7pm Wednesday 26 July 2023

**Caulfield RSL, 4 St Georges Road,
Elsternwick**



2022/23 Annual Report

PLAYER PROFILE - ROSS MCCULLOCH

Ross McCulloch was season 22/23's BN Todd Award winner. This award, named after the late great Barry Todd, recognises an outstanding volunteer in our community every season.

In February we were able to hold an event to showcase every 1st XI player to represent the Elsternwick CC in the VSDCA competition since 1908 and were able to assign a number to all 642 players. This was made possible by the incredible research Ross has completed over the past few years, gathering scorebooks, contacting other clubs, trawling through annual reports and scouring archived newspaper clippings. Players were presented with a pin to mark their number and place in our History, and this would not have been possible without Ross' stellar research and painstaking gathering of information. Ross was particularly chuffed when he tracked down evidence that one of Australia's all-time great cricketers and arguably it's greatest all-rounder, Keith Miller, played a solitary match in the club's 1st XI, a game in which he didn't bat or bowl (admittedly he was very young).



Ross in 1967 as a 17 year old before his first game at home versus Ivanhoe. He made a commendable 22.

Ross has always been interested in the Elsternwick CC's (and other clubs/associations) history. He felt it would be something he could do in return for the grounding and opportunity he received from the Elsternwick CC as, admittedly, a slightly wayward kid. Ross believes

that despite numerous challenges, the position the club finds itself in is a credit to the individuals who contributed over the past 30 years. We believe that Ross deserves a lot of credit too!



Ross in 1987 at a six-a-side game in Nottingham.

Ross McCulloch Player Profile and Playing Achievements

- RH Opening bat, part time RH leggie/offie depending on need.
- Played and batted with Bill Lawry whom he greatly admired.
- Started with ECC as a junior 1960/61 progressed thru to seniors 67/68.
- Captain u/17 66/67 Premiers, 67/68 R/Up.
- Played Vic Schoolboys u/16 v. Australian u/15 at MCG, made 50 retired!
- Half a season of football & cricket with Sturt 68/69 before returning to ECC.
- ECC 69/70, 70/71.
- Brighton 71/72.
- St.Kilda 72/73, 73/74.

- C/C Heatherton 74/75
- West Perth 75/76.
- ECC 76/77 to 79/80.
- Yarraville 80/81 to 86/87.
- After playing and coaching football and running Cricket tours, Ross returned to play for St Kilda from 96/97 to 99/2000.
- Played ~160 1st.X1 games with ECC, Brighton and Yarraville and made ~ 3000 runs.



Ross in a veterans game in 1997 playing for St.Kilda

FUNDRAISING

The Elsternwick CC Turf Pitch Mower Fundraising Project was a great success as we raised over 8k towards our fundraising target of 10k to purchase said mower. This along with a Bunning BBQ fundraiser has helped us raise enough funds for this project. Thank you so much to everyone who donated and everyone who volunteered at the BBQ!

In particular we'd like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their contributions:

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TOP FANTASY MANAGERS		POINTS
1	GAMAGE'S ACTION IS EELEGAL <i>Callum Sinclair</i>	9988.75
2	STANDARD FRIED <i>Kim Pioses</i>	9763
3	THE REEL DEELS <i>Joel Menzies</i>	8568.5
4	SUPER EELS <i>Conrad Rzechorzek</i>	8114
5	SWAG XI <i>Benjamin Hall</i>	8052.25

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MYCLUBTAP ELSTERNWICK FANTASY

TOP PLAYERS		POS VALUE	POINTS
1	DASUN OPANAYAKA	AR \$17.75m	1524
2	KALHAN SINETH	BOWL \$15.00m	1381
3	JAMES COLLINS	BOWL \$12.00m	1034
4	Z GRUNDMANN-PERERA	AR \$14.75m	967
5	STEVEN JACKSON	BOWL \$10.00m	837

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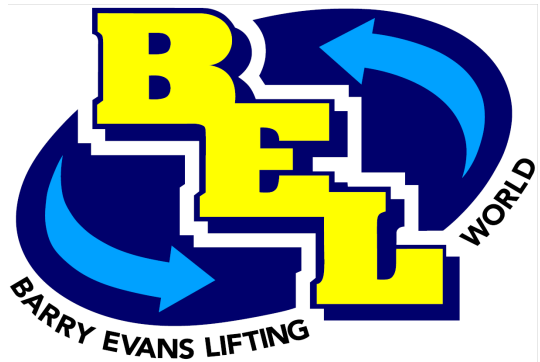
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- Shout to the world why your business is the best in its category!

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Contact Treasurer Tom Grinyer at treasurer@elsternwickcc.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

ACCOMODATION WANTED



ENGLISH CRICKETERS ARE HOPING TO PLAY WITH THE EELS IN SEASON 2023/24.

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