

Upper Hills Cricket Club



Year Book 2008-2009

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Upper Hills Cricket Club 2008-2009 Season

President's Report

The 2008-09 season was another great success for the Upper Hills Cricket Club.

Although we had become accustomed to winning at least one premiership amongst our teams in recent seasons, we still had one team qualify for the semis & they were unlucky not to make it to the final – congratulations to the U14's for achieving this & bouncing back to be contenders after missing out on the semis last season.

The U13's & U12 Lee teams were also very close to qualifying for the semis but just missed out.

All in all, the club fielded 13 junior teams again this year.

The club again had excellent representation in the HKHDCA representative teams.

Congratulations to these players for making these squads – they should be proud of their ability & dedication:

U19 - Durham Shield	Jono Leonard, Jacob O'Grady
U16 – Watson Shield	Ben Oakes , Jono Leonard, Jacob O'Grady
U15 - Weblin Shield	Scott Copperfield
U14 – Presidents Cup	Nick Summerhays
U13 – IDCA	Brodie de Kauwe
U12 – Arch Cawsey Shield	Aaron Crofts
U12 – Presidents Cup	Nicholas Carter
U10 – WG Foster Shield	Timothy de la Hoyde

The club encourages all gifted players to extend themselves in rep cricket. It's not always possible for club coaches to strike a fair balance between participation & achieving a victory at the completion of each match. Rather than depending only on club cricket to satisfy their appetite, our gifted cricketers should also look to rep cricket as an outlet for their talents.

Many thanks also to all the players who were new to the club and of course, those who re-registered this season. Thank you for joining our club and I hope you all had a great time. Win or lose, having fun in cricket and making new friends is always the greatest reward. I hope you all return next season.

The annual club coaching day will be held this year before the season starts – look out for the date at registration days next season & see you all there!

Acknowledgments

Without the involvement and generous donation of time and effort by all the coaches and managers especially, and of other parents who help with umpiring and scoring, our club would not be as successful as it is. We do it all for our kids of course, but this doesn't mean that the efforts are not appreciated. A huge thanks to you all.

I would like to make a special mention of the coaches. We have several coaches that keep backing up year after year – Anthony Eurell, David McVay, Craig Baglin, Mark Laurie, David Fergusson, Craig Lofts & David Coulton - that's a mighty effort.

I would like to especially thank Anthony Eurell who now finishes his coaching "tenure" now that his son finishes junior cricket. Anthony has coached the U16's team of this season for many years now with passion & dedication. Anthony is a club man through & through & he also played for as a junior! The club owes him a huge debt of gratitude.

We welcome & thank our new coaches – Jason Inwood, Scott Calvert, Norm Dong, Brett Perl & Andrew Drummond. Thanks for making the sacrifice. Certainly the club appreciates it and certainly, the teams & their sons or daughters also appreciate it.

The parents who have rep. players also deserve a special mention – without their support in time & effort, the rep. players would not be rep. players!

A big thank you also to our Senior club committee. There is always plenty of support for the juniors' from them and the great club morale is engendered from the Seniors. Thanks in particular to Dave Lea, Col Griffin, Peter Wright, Richard Arnott, Bruce Fraser, Jim Welsh, Dave Donnison, Alex Cable, Lachlan Woods, Neil Bailey & Aileen Bridgman, for their more direct involvements in the Juniors' in the areas of administration, coaching & player development, financial sponsorship, shirt sponsorship & shirt ordering & kanga support.

Robert Gerometta
Juniors' President

Season Report – Upper Hills U9 Clark

UNDEFEATED. With 4 games abandoned due to weather, Upper Hills U9 Clark had a season of 15 games for 15 wins. The team scored 1,535 runs for the loss of only 38 wickets for an average of 40.4 per wicket. We conceded only 963 runs and took 78 wickets, a bowling average of only 12.3 runs a wicket. Ever player contributed to the result with their enthusiasm and sportsmanship. When our better batsmen failed to score runs or our strike bowlers didn't take wickets, one or more of the other players would always rise to the occasion and score the additional runs or take the vital wickets necessary to ensure a win. Upper Hills U9 Clark has achieved its undefeated result by playing as a team, not as individuals.

It has been a pleasure to be associated with the team this season and I would like to thank not only the players but also the parents and grandparents who ensured the boys arrived at training on time and also help warm the team up before each game. A special thank you to our scorer, George Symons. Your time and effort was very much appreciated.

Upper Hills U9 Clark

Daniel Baker

A great all rounder whose contribution to the side was invaluable. Scoring 280 runs including 27 fours, with an average of 56 and a strike rate of 129.6% Dan was our second highest run getter. He also took 12 wickets at a strike rate of 17 balls per wicket and an average of 7.8 runs per wicket. Nine of his 12 wickets were clean bowled. Dan shares the honors with Jarrod as our fastest strike bowler. Dan was also our number one fieldsman taking 5 catches and scoring 5 of our 8 run-outs. Dan is one of the most enthusiastic players on the team and can always be expected to give his best.

Marcus Croese

A handy contributor when the going was tough, Marcus may not have taken as many wickets as others but they were taken when needed the most. As the season wore on Marcus also made considerable improvement in his batting and recorded a number of not outs against some good bowlers.

Hayden Fergusson

A consistent performer with 11 fours in his total of 131 for the year. Taking 6 wickets at an average of 20 runs per wicket his contribution with both bat and ball gave the team the extra momentum needed to notch up their wins. Hayden has a very good batting style and has continued to improve throughout the season.

Mark Godbee

Out only 3 times in the season and accumulating 178 runs including 11 fours at a strike rate of 109.2% Mark is a key batsman in the side. He backs up his good batting in the field taking 8 wickets at a strike rate of every 21 balls and an average of 14 runs per wicket. With best bowling figures of 4/15 his contribution to a winning side is clear. Mark is also an excellent fielder at mid-off taking 7 catches in the season.

Sean Inwood

Though not a prolific run getter, Sean knows how to protect his wicket and was out only 3 times in the season for a total of 121 runs. This helped maintain the team's averages. His unorthodox bowling style also saw him take 4 wickets and he claimed a great run-out.

Jarrold Knox

A star all rounder and our number one batsman, Jarrold scored 388 runs including 53 fours and was out only three times, twice in his last game. Jarrold went 10 consecutive weeks without losing his wicket and has a strike rate of 184.8%. Backing up his brilliant batting record, Jarrold also took 13 wickets with a wicket falling every 14.8 balls for a miserly 7.5 runs. Eight of those wickets were clean bowled. Jarrold is one of our fastest strike bowlers. In the field Jarrold also took 4 catches and without him it is doubtful that the team could have achieved the results they did.

Brett Murray

Although Brett was out 5 times in the year for a total of 189 runs he learnt after the fifth game the importance of protecting your wicket and has not been out since, an unbeaten run of 10 consecutive weeks without losing his wicket. Brett was also the side's number one wicket taker collecting a total of 15 wickets at a strike rate of a wicket every 14.4 balls at 7.5 runs per wicket. Brett is able to vary his bowling to take advantage of the batsman's weaknesses. Eight of his 15 wickets were clean bowled. A very good mid on fielder Brett claimed 10 catches and achieved 1 run-out. His ability to take wickets consistently against all comers contributed strongly to our winning results.

Michael Symons

Michael was the find of the season and our most improved player. Michael is a natural wicket keeper and within a fortnight of donning the helmet and gloves was stopping those extra runs that we had been giving away behind the stumps. He also continued improving with the ball, taking 9 wickets at 15.1 runs a wicket and a strike rate of only 21.3 balls. In our last game Michael had his best bowling figures of 3/9. At bat he scored 162 valuable runs including 6 fours. Michael is a key member of the team and a valuable contributor to our overall results.

Under 9 Clark

Batting						
Name	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	H/S	Avg	Catches
Brett Murray	15	12	189	32	37.8	10
Daniel Baker	15	11	280	39	56.0	5
Hayden Fergusson	13	6	131	17	18.7	0
Jarrold Knox	14	12	388	43	129.3	4
Marcus Croese	12	7	86	9	14.3	0
Mark Godbee	13	11	178	20	59.3	7
Michael Symons	15	11	162	27	27.0	3
Sean Inwood	12	9	121	15	40.3	0

Bowling						
Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Avg	Best Bowling
Brett Murray	36	6	15	113	7.5	3 /4
Daniel Baker	34	5	12	94	7.8	2/1
Hayden Fergusson	27	2	6	120	20.0	1/3
Jarrold Knox	32	7	13	97	7.5	4/3
Marcus Croese	26	0	3	154	51.3	1 /4
Mark Godbee	29	1	8	112	14.0	4/15
Michael Symons	32	2	9	136	15.1	3/9
Sean Inwood	24	0	4	137	34.3	1 /5

Highest Batting Aggregate: **Jarrold Knox - 388**

Highest Batting Average: **Jarrold Knox - 129.3**

Most Wickets: **Brett Murray - 15**

Best Bowling Average: **Brett Murray/ Jarrold Knox - 7.5**

Most Catches : **Brett Murray - 10**

Best Fielder: **Daniel Baker - 5 catches, 5 run-outs**

Most Improved : **Michael Symons**

Season Report – Upper Hills Under 9 Gilchrist

This year was the second year of U9's for the majority of the players in U9 Gilchrist, and what a difference a year makes. After struggling last year against some of the more accomplished teams this year we started with 7 consecutive wins!

The remainder of the year saw some of the newer teams become more competitive but we continued to hold our own and win our share of matches against even the best of them.

The development of boys cricket this season has again been fantastic. The boys have developed a much deeper understanding of the game and their skills have improved greatly. Bring on U10's and then the hard ball!

Below are a few highlights from each of our players for the year;

Harry Gaughan – Harry has had a great season this year, both with the bat and ball. His batting technique has improved significantly throughout the year and his bowling has gone from strength to strength. Whilst not the tallest in the team his fast ball is as fast as any in the competition and we can't wait to see what he does next year – well done Harry!

Adam Parslow – Adam has again improved significantly this year particularly in his bowling. Last year the pitch length posed difficulties but this year Adam was consistently pitching the ball up to the batter and this greatly improved his figures. On the batting front Adam continued to value his wicket highly only being dismissed on 3 occasions (equal best in the team this year!). Well done Adam!

Mitchell Mullins – As can be seen by our stat sheet, Mitchell has had a fantastic year. Not only did he top the bowling averages with 14.2 runs and 10 wickets, but he also scored a massive 214 runs for us. And to top things off he took the classic catch of the season in our last match to better the one that he took last year. We can't wait to see what Mitchell pulls out for us next year.

Joshua Inwood – Josh is one of the strongest all-round players in our team. He has a contagious enthusiasm for the game and his results both with the bat and the ball have been outstanding (2nd on both the bowling and batting averages). As one of our strongest catchers and wicket keepers he will no doubt be one of the players to watch next year. Great stuff Josh!

Simon Gosper – Simon was one the new players to our team this year and he has fit in extremely well. His batting improved greatly during the season, but his strength is his bowling. With a natural "Max Walker" bowling action Simon terrorised many of the opposition batters as shown by achieving our lowest aggregate runs. No doubt his natural pace bowling will develop over the coming years. Simon has been a pleasure to be around all season.

Arran Loganathan – Aaron was another new comer to U9's this year and he has shown great improvement. Aaron has a very sound bowling action and with continued practice will no doubt develop this skill. Aaron is another player that values his wicket when batting – no doubt a trait that will serve him well in years to come. Well done Arran!

Mitchell McDonald – Mitch is the player that every team has that loves the long handle bat! As shown by topping our aggregate runs with 227 Mitch loves to score runs, however this can at times come at the cost of wickets. However no coach or manager should ever try to temper this enthusiasm for runs so when it is there Mitch, give it a hit! Mitchell's bowling this year probably didn't get the wickets it deserved. Throughout the season he bowled very well creating many opportunities – no doubt they will turn into wickets next year.

Lachlan Mozdierz – Despite being his first year in the U9's, Lachlan's determination and commitment to all facets of his game have served him very well. Lachlan's bowling action is straight out of the coaches manual and this can only mean he has fantastic years of cricket ahead of him. Lachlan's sound bowling performance, coupled with the highest batting average of the team only just gives credit to Lachlan's great year of cricket – well done Lachlan!

Thanks must be extended to Jason for the great job he did in coaching the boys this year. Whilst we always had a great turn out of fathers to assist with the training (thanks guys!), it was Jason's guidance in the field that provided the boys with the confidence to enjoy their games as much as they did.

Looking forward to a great year next year!

Dave Parslow – Manager.

Under 9 Gilchrist

Batting						
Name	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	H/S	Avg	Catches
Harry Gaughan	17	11	170	20	28.33	?
Simon Gosper	16	11	161	21	32.20	?
Joshua Inwood	16	11	198	21	39.60	?
Arran Loganathan	14	8	78	10	13.00	?
Lachlan Mozdierz	15	12	119	15	39.67	?
Mitchell McDonald	16	7	227	30	25.22	?
Mitchell Mullins	17	9	214	21	26.75	?
Adam Parslow	15	12	112	13	37.33	?

Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Avg	Max Wickets
Harry Gaughan	35.0	n/a	6	138	23.0	1
Simon Gosper	31.0	n/a	4	129	32.2	1
Joshua Inwood	37.0	n/a	10	152	15.2	2
Arran Loganathan	26.0	n/a	1	158	158	1
Lachlan Mozdierz	32.0	n/a	3	148	49.3	1
Mitchell McDonald	37.0	n/a	3	139	46.3	1
Mitchell Mullins	38.0	n/a	10	142	14.2	3
Adam Parslow	32.0	n/a	3	172	57.3	1

Highest Batting Aggregate: **Mitchell McDonald**Highest Batting Average: **Lachlan Mozdierz**Most Wickets: **Joshua Inwood / Mitchell Mullins**Best Bowling Average: **Mitchell Mullins**Best Fielder: **Joshua Inwood**Most Improved : **Adam Parslow**

Season Report – Upper Hills Under 9 McGrath

It has been a great year for the Upper Hills U9 McGrath team. Most players came from Milo cricket last year so almost all were inexperienced in actual matches. The final tally for the year of 10 wins and 6 losses was fantastic. Three of the losses were also against teams that we came back to beat the second time around showing how much we grew as a team and as individuals through the year. All of the players showed great enthusiasm not only toward the game but also to each other. They have learnt a lot about the game of cricket and a lot about themselves. They constantly strived to do their best and when defeated took it in good spirit and then tried even harder the next time. I am very proud of all of them and look forward to next year as most of them are available for U9s again. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our manager Lauren Pearce for all of her hard work and support for the year. Thanks also to Greg McLaren for lending his expertise and time to help with the coaching and umpiring. Also to all the parents who learnt how to be scorers this year and drove the kids to training and to the matches. With a years experience under our belts we should all have even more fun next year.

Upper Hills Under 9 McGrath

William Pearce – Will had a great season this year both with bat and ball. He has a great attitude to the game and is developing a mature analytical side to the game that belies his years. He plays some great shots and is a big hitter of the ball. Also one of our best with the ball Will topped the bowling averages. All around a very stylish cricketer who loves being involved in the game. William will go on to big things in cricket if he continues to work hard at his game.

Nicholas Jones – Nick came to us from a season of baseball last year so this was his first season of cricket. The improvement in his game through the year and his never give up attitude have been great to watch. To see Nick in the last game of the season clean bowl someone middle stump and blast a massive 4 through covers brought a great smile to my face. I can't wait to see this continue next year. Well done !!!

Joshua Cottam – Josh is another gifted cricketer in our team. His attitude is summed up by the look of determination on his face when he bowls. Josh loves taking wickets and was our leading wicket taker for the year. He is also a free flowing batsman who loves the big hit, couple this with the fact that he was only dismissed three times this year and you can see he has power and concentration. Josh told me this year he wanted to be a professional cricketer when he grew up. Keep working hard on your game and this dream could become reality.

Jordan Willis – Jordan was a great asset to the side this year and as his game develops he will be a huge asset in the future for Upper Hills. To have someone so young bowling leg spinners is a great thing to see. He was probably our unluckiest bowler this year as he bowled many balls that were just too good and probably would have beaten batsmen some years his senior. Jordan is also an enthusiastic fielder and a very stylish left handed batsman who doesn't make it easy for opposing bowlers. He has a great batting technique and I would expect many runs and wickets from Jordan in the future.

Ryan Calvert – Ryan played Milo cricket last year and was one of our debutants. Ryan's batting was a strength this year passing 20 runs on more occasions than anyone else. He smashed plenty of fours and a six and has begun to develop some great drives and off side shots. His bowling accuracy was an asset and I expect Ryan will develop into a great all rounder. Ryan also shows a great team spirit and loves to see his teammates succeed.

Andrew McLaren – Andrew showed great leadership and encouragement to the younger members of the team. He likes to lead from the front with bat and ball. In the few occasions when we were down this season Andrew was always the first to be encouraging the bowler and fielders. Andrew showed great heart in his bowling having the third highest aggregate of wickets. Andrew is a great team man with a lot of cricketing talent. Another great all rounder in the making.

Thomas Shaw – Tom is a great little cricketer. His bowling has improved out of sight from the first game. He is a very accurate bowler who bowled more maiden overs than anyone. He is fast in the field with a great throwing arm. Tom is a very determined batsman and a great member of the team. With Tom's commitment to the game I see him going a long way in cricket.

Jordan Pardi – With limited appearances Jordan showed a lot of talent. He picked up the seasons best bowling figures of 3/2 and was always in the game. It would be great to see Jordan back for a full season next year where he can again show his talents.

Gabriel Pardi – Gabriel only played three games for us. He was a little fella full of spirit. Although one of the youngest in the competition Gabriel showed that he was more than ready to take on any challenge. He batted and bowled with determination. Good work Gabriel!!

Under 9 McGrath

Batting						
<i>Name</i>	Innings	<i>Not Outs</i>	Runs	H/S	Avg	Catches
Joshua Cottam	16	12	221	29	55.25	3
Jordan Willis	16	12	125	14	31.25	2
Nicholas Jones	13	7	101	17	16.83	2
Andrew McLaren	16	8	149	21	18.63	3
Ryan Calvert	15	7	227	27	28.38	3
William Pearce	14	6	276	29	34.50	3
Thomas Shaw	15	12	110	11	36.67	2
Jordan Pardi	7	5	62	19	31.00	1
Gabriel Pardi	3	0	18	8	-	0

Bowling						
Name	Overs	<i>Maidens</i>	Wickets	Runs	Avg	Best Bowling
Joshua Cottam	37	0	15	141	9.40	3/8
Jordan Willis	36	1	3	188	62.6	2/14
Nicholas Jones	27	0	3	126	42.0	1/6
Andrew McLaren	36	0	11	135	12.3	3/11
Ryan Calvert	34	2	6	138	23.0	2/4
William Pearce	31	0	13	110	8.46	3/6
Thomas Shaw	35	3	6	128	21.3	2/9
Jordan Pardi	14	0	5	65	13	3/2
Gabriel Pardi	6	0	0	27	-	0/6

Highest Batting Aggregate: William Pearce 276

Highest Batting Average: Joshua Cottam 55.25

Most Wickets: Joshua Cottam 15

Best Bowling Average: William Pearce 8.46

Most Catches :

Best Fielder:

Most Improved :

U10 Lee Season report 2008-09

Ethan Burt

Showed massive improvement with his bowling this season, ending up as one of our top wicket takers and took some great catches at mid-off. Well done Ethan!

Michael Casalis

Great debut season figuring amongst the top run scorers and wicket takers not to mention some freakish one-handed catches. One to watch for the future.

Tim De La Hoyde

Another great season for Tim featuring some fantastic batting and taking some vital wickets at crucial points in the matches. Keep working on the top spinners Tim!

Faisal Ebrahimi

Tenacious young fast bowler who is showing rapid improvement with both bat and ball. His determination is an inspiration to the whole team. Great job Faisal.

Alexander George

Our teams top fielder who figured in many run outs throughout the season. Alex also continues to improve with both his batting and bowling.

Daniel Johnson

Big, fast, left arm bowler who struck fear into the opposing batsmen. Another great year for Daniel who continues to show great promise.

Jackson Laurie

Stylish top order batsman who had an outstanding season with the bat, ball and wicket keeping gloves. Jackson also proved himself as a great team leader. Well done Jacko!

Max Laurie

Young gun of the team. A tenacious middle order batsman who saved us on many occasions from certain defeat. Max also took some fantastic wickets with his medium pacers.

Jamie Shaw

Hard-hitting top order batsman who created havoc for the opposition. Jamie also showed massive improvement with his bowling and took some wonderful catches in the outfield.

Aidan Quirk

Enthusiastic newcomer to the team who's consistent and accurate bowling steadied the team on many occasions. Aiden continues to grow in confidence with the bat. Great effort.

U10 McGrath 2008-2009

The season was a great one for the boys with Harrison, Jackson, James, Joe, Jordan and Matt from U9 McGrath returning for another season. We welcomed our new players, Jack, Jason, Josh and Patrick (the letter "J" a popular one in this team) and we had U10 McGrath!!!

The boys trained well all season and very rarely did anyone miss training – they were keen to train, play and have some fun.

This season saw all the boys make some runs and take some wickets. Over the season all the boys tried hard out on the field and can be proud of some great wins!!

Harrison

Highest runs : 25

Season Wickets : 10

Jack

Highest runs : 30

Season Wickets : 2

Jackson

Highest runs : 53

Season wickets : 9

James

Highest runs : 50

Season Wickets : 4

Jason

Highest runs : 44

Season Wickets : 11

Joe

Highest runs : 47

Season Wickets : 11

Joshua

Highest runs : 50

Season Wickets : 5

Jordan

Highest runs : 36

Season Wickets : 6

Matt

Highest runs : 37

Season Wickets : 8

Patrick

Highest runs : 48

Season Wickets : 7

Many thanks to Craig, our patient and fabulous coach and to all the parents who helped with scoring and umpiring through out the season – you know who you are!!

A fantastic season for U10 McGrath.

Season Report 08/09 – Upper Hills Under 11 - Lee

On a crisp and clear September morning our young chargers embarked on the first of many enjoyable Saturday morning adventures. They have stepped up into the realm of "hard" ball (core) cricket!

Our first game was against a very well-drill Hornsby team. We batted first but were a few players down due to various reasons. It was the proverbial trial by fire which saw us bundled out for not many. Hornsby batted and declared, but not before some of our debutante bowlers experienced the thrill of taking their first wicket. Our second innings the following week saw us with a few players short again. After a shaky start, a couple of gritty partnerships gave us enough runs to make the other team bat again. It was a great morale victory for the team which laid the foundations for a very rewarding season ahead. Unfortunately we did not prevail in that first game but it was a satisfying start to build upon.

During the season I was pleased to observe all the team grow as players and apply themselves to the various facets of the game as diligently and honestly for players of such a young age. Each player was exposed to all roles from batting, bowling, fielding and keeping. The enthusiasm to try each position and attempt the associated skills to the best of their ability was a credit to all of the boys. We may not have won all of our games however the very pleasing aspect of the season was the attitude of the players wanting to improve themselves and ultimately contribute to the team performance in all situations.

It was my pleasure to have been involved with the team's cricketing experience this season. I hope all the players step up again for the next season. Well done boys!

Upper Hills Under 11 – Lee: Player Synopsis

Matthew Byrnes – Matt came to the team late into the season. Having started with no cricketing experience, the few games that Matt has played with us has displayed his enthusiasm for the game and willingness to learn and try. His attitude and perseverance with both batting and bowling is a credit to his personality. Matt has the potential to improve his skills, his good nature and eagerness to improve will make this happen.

Samuel Dong – Samuel has been a very steady influence on the team. He approaches the game with good intent and skills. Samuel has batted with determination, trying to improve his technique at each opportunity. He has an enthusiasm for bowling and has been rewarded for his efforts with a number of wickets during the season (a cross between Mitchell Johnson and Max Walker in style – or so I've been told). Samuel's out-fielding is sharp possessing a good arm and accurate return. He is a positive influence on his team mates in the field demonstrating his mature approach to the game. Samuel displays an infectious enthusiasm for the game.

Daniel Guy – Daniel is another to have come into the team late in the season. He has a natural ability with all areas of the game, which is further matched with his enthusiasm. He has bowled and batted well for the few games that he has played. Daniel has a good awareness in the field and is always looking to become involved in the action. His overall cricketing approach shows his potential to improve further with his continued commitment.

Josh Hunter – Josh has approached his cricket with a great attitude. His batting reflects the style described for Stan McCabe, tough and fearless. Josh applies the same intensity he has for his batting to his bowling which has seen a steady improvement as the season progressed. His out-fielding and general cricketing attitude is highlighted with a difficult runout chance taken from side-on. Josh has shown a good application of his skills and a willingness to improve.

Samuel Mills – Sam has a good cricketing approach which he has applied to his batting to good effect. There were a number of solid individual innings and partnerships which demonstrated his team approach. Sam has a very smooth and rhythmic bowling action similar to Ray Lindwall returning a very economical rate. The general out-fielding and occasional keeping duties shows his versatility as a well rounded cricketer. Sam has shown a maturity to cricket that has helped him perform well not only individually, but also in helping his fellow team members around him.

Lucas Pearce – Lucas is a well skilled athlete. His bowling style is akin to Jeff Thomson, fast and imposing, which saw him take out the team honours for best bowling average. Lucas has a maturity and natural leadership potential enabling him to effectively organise the team on the field. As one of the more senior players, Lucas provides good support to the newer and younger players. His cricketing ability flows into his out-fielding which has seen him take a number of sharp run-out chances. Lucas has also improved in his batting by backing his abilities and placing a high value to his wicket.

Daniel Pieris – Daniel has shown himself to be a very determined individual. Quite often a game breaker (not unlike Doug Walters) with his bowling, he has taken a number of key wickets at times to inject a boost to the team morale. His success is shown through him having the second highest wicket aggregate for the team. Daniel also applies himself with his batting; his determination to do well is balanced with his enthusiastic approach to the game. Daniel has performed very well during the season.

Zach Stosic – Zach has showed a steady improvement throughout the season from game to game. He has a strong determination which has seen him apply to good effect with his batting which is similar in style to Victor Trumper. His strength and stature will make him more effective as he continues in his cricketing career. Zach has also bowled well, a skill he has diligently worked on and has been rewarded for his perseverance with his first wicket. His out-fielding has been sharpened with each match showing his maturity for the game.

Thomas Summerhays – Tom has played the season with good application and intensity. He possesses the Gary Gilmour type all-rounder style. Fast paced with the ball when bowling, resulting in his team high wicket aggregate, while batting with gusto and lusty hitting seeing Tom retiring his wicket (not out) on a number of occasions. His all-round ability was also displayed through the excellent ground-fielding with a number of very good outfield catches. Tom has improved steadily as the season has progressed with a willingness to perform at his best each time he plays.

Oliver Urwin – Here is a young player possessing glimpses the elegance similar to a Mark Waugh or Michael Clarke. Oliver shows a good potential with the bat and the ability to cope in all circumstances, whether as opener or later in the order. He is a very talented individual with equally good ground fielding and catching ability seeing him take the honours for most catches and best fielder. The economy of his bowling shows his ability to concentrate on giving the opposition no free runs. Ollie has a very mature approach for one of the younger players in the team.

Harrison Vardenega – Harry has come along in leaps and bounds with his cricket. A young Keith Miller in style, Harry has approached his cricket with an intensity and passion which motivates the players around him to follow suit. Never wanting to give up his wicket cheaply, Harry has applied himself to improving his batting as the season has progressed. His maturity in working with his batting partners reflects his desire to perform and his team-centred approach. Harry has worked hard on his bowling, taking a number of wickets, and also applied himself to his general out-fielding throughout the season.

Dylan Wilson – Dylan possesses a sharpness and awareness in all facets of the game. He has the glove-work of a Rodney Marsh and a very good aptitude for keeping wicket. Dylan is a very steady and economic bowler and is very enthusiastic and involved in the field. His batting style has the makings of a Ricky Ponting, watchful early on and building to allow free-flowing shot-making as the innings progresses. His success is reflected in his team high batting average and aggregate. Dylan is a very good all-round cricketer with a good cricketing mind.

Daniel Casatto – Daniel started the season with the team and later joined the other Upper Hills U11 team. Daniel applied himself to his cricket with great enthusiasm, eager to improve and do well. His batting was positive and without fear and his bowling was fluid. Daniel's contribution to the team, although short in time was well matched with his attitude and team approach.

Under 11 Lee

Batting

Name	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	H/S	Avg	Catches
Dylan Wilson	10	4	166	37	27.67	4
Oliver Urwin	9	4	103	24	20.6	6
Thomas Summerhays	8	2	91	40	15.17	4
Samuel Mills	7	0	70	31	10	1
Lucas Pearce	8	3	21	12	4.2	2
Zach Stosic	8	2	16	7	2.67	0
Harrison Vardanega	9	4	14	5	2.8	0
Daniel Pieris	8	1	7	5	1	0
Samuel Dong	9	1	6	5	0.75	0
Daniel Casatto	3	0	5	4	1.67	0
Josh Hunter	8	1	5	2	0.71	0
Daniel Guy	3	0	3	2	1	0
Matthew Byrnes	2	0	1	1	0.5	0

Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Avg	Best Bowling
Thomas Summerhays	34	8	10	126	12.6	5/8
Daniel Pieris	33	0	5	190	38	2/18
Lucas Pearce	24	7	4	50	12.5	2/5
Dylan Wilson	23	3	4	57	14.25	2/11
Samuel Dong	31	0	4	149	37.25	2/24
Josh Hunter	33	1	4	173	43.25	1/4
Harrison Vardanega	24	1	2	133	66.5	1/10
Daniel Guy	12	2	1	38	38	1/24
Samuel Mills	19	2	1	41	41	1/4
Daniel Casatto	13	0	1	42	42	1/19
Oliver Urwin	28	4	1	79	79	1/7
Zach Stosic	27	0	1	111	111	1/21
Matthew Byrnes	9	0	0	59	-	0/4

Highest Batting Aggregate:	Dylan Wilson (166)
Highest Batting Average:	Dylan Wilson (27.67)
Most Wickets:	Thomas Summerhays (10) – including B-B 5/8
Best Bowling Average:	Lucas Pearce (12.5)
Most Catches :	Oliver Urwin (6)
Best Fielder:	Oliver Urwin
Most Improved :	Harrison Vardanega

Season Report – Upper Hills Under 11 McGrath

The first year for the boys with the hard ball saw the whole team improve throughout the year immensely. The boys did very well without a full time coach this year and always listened and learned from the 'coach' of the day whether it was at training or the game.

The year started with a few very competitive losses against teams that ended up in the finals. As we improved the team were always getting closer to the first elusive win, and it was pleasing to see the hard fought win was not far away. It was even more pleasing to see the boys enjoy it so much.

There were some stand out performances from a number of the boys, but more pleasing was the fact that all of the boys improved. We hope they can all be back next year to keep the improvement going in the Under 12s.

Upper Hills Under 11 McGrath

Daniel Berry – Daniel showed that he was an all round cricketer with good stints with the bat and ball and even showed his hand at keeping wicket. His best effort came in a run chase partnership with Will to win the game when all seemed lost.

Matthew Cottam – Matt was another one to show all rounder ability. Some nice innings with the bat showed that he could hit the ball long and hard. Opening the bowling in one of the last one day games he started on the way to the win by giving nothing away. His strong arm from the outfield also provided a few run outs this year.

Samuel Dolores – A new comer to cricket this year, Sam showed improvement all year. A great team player and the excitement that he and the team showed when he took his first wicket was great to see.

Nicholas Dowdeswell – Another player who was always keen to bat and bowl. Nick's batting was very pleasing as you could see the effort he was putting in resulted in some good knocks with the bat and wickets with the ball.

Connor Holmes – Our spearhead opening bowler had the opposition quaking at the knees with his speed and accuracy. Connor also excelled with the bat and in the field and showed that he was the outstanding player this year.

Mitchel Pennell – Mitchel showed a more aggressive approach to his batting mid way through the season and this paid off. Always keen to go into the slips, he was a solid performer in the field taking a few catches in the field.

Mitchell Perl – Another opening bowler for the side, Mitchell's efforts with the ball worked well in tandem with Connor. Never giving many runs away and taking some crucial wickets he was always keen to bowl more.

William Said – Will was the top wicket taker for the year, always producing good spells of accurate bowling. This comes with some great wicket keeping, taking a few catches at the wicket. Top this up with some runs and you have a great all round player.

James Salvador – James was the best batsman for the year averaging over 50! Even when facing the opening bowlers James would find the boundary. Add James keeping and leg spinners to the equation and you have a good batting all-rounder.

James Venables – The late bloomer for the year, James' bowling seemed to come alive mid season. A few multiple wicket stints with the ball late in the season showed that James was one of our strike weapons with the ball.

Mitchell Vinton – Mitchell was another one of the all round cricketers and probably the best catcher on the team taking a few screamers throughout the year. Also good knocks with the bat (one memorable on-drive) and overs with the ball showed he was one of the better players this year.

Daniel Cosatto – Daniel only joined the team half way through the year but fitted in well straight away. By far his best attribute is his hitting strength as Dan always has a good strike rate when he comes in to bat.

Under 11 McGrath

Batting						
<i>Name</i>	Innings	<i>Not Outs</i>	Runs	H/S	Avg	Catches
James Salvador	7	4	159	50	53.00	
Connor Holmes	8	2	134	41	22.33	
Daniel Cosatto	5	1	83	39	20.75	
Daniel Berry	8	4	61	23	15.25	
Mitchell Vinton	7	1	56	16	9.33	
Matthew Cottam	4		34	29	8.50	
Will Said	8	2	49	16	8.17	
Mitchell Perl	5	1	29	17	7.25	
Samuel Dolores	5	1	24	9	6.00	
Mitchel Pennel	6		27	13	4.50	
Nick Dowdeswell	6		20	10	3.33	
James Venables	6	2	10	7	2.50	

Bowling						
Name	Overs	<i>Econ Rate</i>	Wickets	Runs	Avg	Best Bowling
Will Said	33	3.15	6	104	17.33	2/2
Mitchell Vinton	30	2.90	5	87	17.40	2/9
Matthew Cottam	31	2.84	5	88	17.60	2/2
Mitchell Perl	33	2.36	4	78	19.50	1/2
James Venables	30	2.60	4	78	19.50	2/8
Daniel Berry	32	2.91	4	93	23.25	2/12
Connor Holmes	38	2.00	3	76	25.33	2/5
Nick Dowdeswell	30	3.50	4	105	26.25	2/15
James Salvador	29	3.31	3	96	32.00	1/5
Mitchel Pennel	29	3.69	3	107	35.67	2/14
Samuel Dolores	26	4.31	1	112	112.00	1/7
Daniel Cosatto	16	2.88	0	46	-	0/3

Highest Batting Aggregate: James Salvador (159)
 Highest Batting Average: James Salvador (53.0)
 Most Wickets: Will Said (6)
 Best Bowling Average: Will Said (17.33)
 Most Catches : Mitchell Vinton
 Best Fielder: Connor Holmes
 Most Improved : James Venables

Under 12 Lee Team Report - 2008 - 09

What a difference a season makes at this age! Last season, this team finished last – courtesy of a tough draw – but this season ended up just one win short of making the semis. I was very proud of the development of the lads from last season – both in cricket skills & in mental application. Their overall team stats suggest they were actually the 2nd best team in the competition. This is a result that all the players should be mighty pleased with.

We began the season with numbers short of what we needed. We lost 4 lads from last year – losing 3 of those 4 was a surprise to me as these 3 had shown potential. We were fortunate however to replace them with 4 better players who in no small way contributed to the improvement of the team. With this injection of new talent, added to the marked improvement to quite a few key players from last year, the whole team lifted in confidence which resulted in many victories. It was extremely satisfying to the players, coach & parents to see the lads adapt so well to the 2nd season of the hard ball after an apprenticeship season last year.

The team's strength this season was their bowling & fielding. 3 players earned top 10 bowling stats in the Association. This enabled us to pull back any sub standard batting total to put us into a winning position. Nevertheless, without the batting totals achieved this season, which were hardly ever achieved last season, it would not have been possible to achieve the wins. Certainly, the improvement in batting was the more satisfying achievement of the team. The patience & skill shown in the batting, along with the confident calling of singles, was great to see.

A measure of the team's success this season was to inflict an outright defeat rather than be the victim of an outright defeat. This was an emotional highlight for the team (& the parents!).

Even though bowling & fielding was our strength, I have no doubt that if the concentration level of the players had been just that little bit better in the field, we would have made the semis. Reversing the result in 2 matches - a tie & a loss by 2 runs - due to wayward minds in the field, would have made the difference in making the semis. However, U12's are not adults, surprise surprise, so at the end of the season, the players' enjoyment of the game & sense of individual achievement & contribution to the team is really what counts more. I believe they were successful in this regard.

I would like to thank particularly Dom Surace for coaching with me at many of the training sessions. His experience was a mighty help. I would also like to thank John Allen for taking on the coaching afternoons when I was away on work trips & also to Rod Sillery for his assistance at coaching from time to time.

Nicki again was a huge help on game day with the scoring duties. Tony Lee & Dom again assisted with umpiring – many thanks.

Thanks also to the all the parents for supporting me all season.

Robert Gerometta - Coach

Player Profiles

Beau Allen

Beau improved in all aspects this season – particularly his confident calling of the runs while batting. Beau can really focus when he wants to. He corrected his bowling action to iron out that slight bend in the elbow! And again, his focus in the field was evident with his fielding technique.

Nicholas Carter

Nick became our first rep player this season! That had a nice ring to it! And he certainly stood up & played like a rep player. The maturity & concentration in his batting was a key ingredient to our success this season. Nick won us the game with the bat in the 2nd game of the season – our first competition win. His determination & patience through his long innings was the belief catalyst for his team mates for the rest of the season. Nick's bowling was difficult to score off & his slips catching was a game breaker. Nick also had a very handy rep season in U12 Presidents Cup – 2nd in batting, 3rd in bowling.

Ben Gerometta

Ben's bowling was definitely his highlight this season. His stats tell the story in this regard as well as winning the Association's top U12 bowler. Ben's success came from consistency in line & length, often bowling the top batsmen by displacing just the off stump bail. He won us the 4th game of the season against Normo, cleaning up 5 of their first 6 batsmen who had shown good form in previous games. I'm sure Ben was proud of his batting improvement also. In the same match, he slowly built a great partnership with Matt T to finish 110 after we were down 5/20. His defence improved remarkably this season.

Ethan Harvey

Ethan established himself as opening bowler with Nick this season. His right to this role was unquestionable. His fire & spirit along with his pace are classic opening bowler traits. Ethan's delivery approach became smoother as the season progressed which resulted in increasing pace & accuracy. Ethan also built on his batting from last season & really clicked towards the end of the season. His tonking became more consistent but it was a classic square drive at season's end that still lives in my memory.

Jarred Lee

Jarred's team attitude & maturity really developed this season – so much so that he became my first choice for captain along with Jourdan by season's end. Jarred stays more focused than most of his team mates & he doesn't forget to encourage them as the game wears on. Jarred's bowling consistently cleaned up the tail end batsmen – he ended up being 3rd in the Association for U12 bowlers. He also topped the wicket keeper dismissals for U12's in the Association. By season's end, I think we worked out that Jarred was best suited as a middle order batsman where he could be more relaxed in his naturally aggressive style.

Matthew McLaren

Matthew again this season showed he was a solid all round cricketer. He used his feet when batting, ran sharply between the wickets, & kept wicket very tidily. His bowling was swinging medium pace. Matt was invariably able to produce snicks into the slip areas. If the batsmen were getting set, I liked to ask Matt to have a bowl – he would make something happen. Matt was as always, reliable in the field & caught very well also.

Greg Quirk

Greg again hit a number of long innings at the crease. He has the ability to be patient as a batsman which is very admirable at this age. He opened the batting for most of the season. I remember one innings where he toughed it out against a severe swing bowling attack. He held on while 4 of his partners fell over until finally the ball stopped swing & Nick made a winning innings. His opening contribution in that game was significant in our winning of that match. When given the chance to be a middle order batsman, he could hit strokes with authority & power. Greg's batting certainly came along very well this season.

Blake Sillery

Blake was new to our team but had played just for one year before joining us. Blake was certainly accomplished with the bat & improved more & more as he straightened his technique. A highlight was when he hit a retirement score where he displayed patience & stroke making ability. Blake is quite strong on his off side which is a very good asset. Blake also kept wicket very well & enjoyed it I believe.

Matthew Thomas

Matthew was new to club cricket but what a find he ended up being by season's end. Matthew possessed natural speed in the field & his bowling was quite promising at first but it was his batting that was the real asset to the team. Matt was a classic example of developing steadily from the basics in defence then using that as a solid foundation to developing his attacking game. Matt partnered Ben in a defiant defensive innings in the lower order against Normanhurst which was huge contributor to winning that game. By close to season's end, he had the confidence in his defensive abilities to volunteer to open the batting & never looked back after that. I was so impressed with the confidence & judgement he developed to call the quick single - a vital ingredient for an opener. I know Matt was very disappointed to finish the season as he was just peaking.

Jourdan Whitfield-Horesh

Jourdan was also new to our club. From the first net session, we could tell that he knew what he was doing. With a little more luck, Jourdan could easily have been our best batsman. His foot work is very good & he is very strong on his off side. He was asked to open the batting quite often which he took on with maturity. Once Jourdan got through his nervous opening overs, he would relax & become probably our most commanding batsmen. Jourdan could bowl very quickly but could also swing the ball well when he backed off on the pace. Jourdan also was in the top 10, U12 bowlers in the Association. Jourdan was our best fielder also.

Kyle Zlatar

Kyle was our 4th valuable new recruit. Life gets exciting when Kyle comes out to bat. When he opens the shoulders at the crease, the field starts scrambling to all points. He can straight drive long & hard & with intimidation. Powerful leg side & off side shots are also in his repertoire. Yet one of his best innings was against Hornsby where I asked him to knuckle down for a while until we steadied the ship. Kyle can use his feet very well in defence when he puts his mind to it. I'm sure Kyle would also be very proud of the improvement in his bowling. After the Christmas break, he came back with a much straighter arm & his bowling became much more accurate but he also added bounce & swing to his mix. I know he had practiced a lot to get this result as he was determined to move up the bowling order which he did.

Under 12 Lee

Batting						
Name	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	H/S	Avg	Catches
Nicholas Carter	9	2	162	45	23.14	12
Jourdan Whitfield- Horesh	10	1	160	53	20.00	8
Matthew Thomas	9	1	108	25	13.50	3
Kyle Zlatar	9	1	107	32	13.38	2
Jarred Lee	9	1	94	22	11.75	12
Blake Sillery	9	1	79	42	9.88	6
Ethan Harvey	9	4	60	24	12.00	9
Matthew McLaren	8	2	41	20	6.83	6
Ben Gerometta	8	3	39	20	7.80	2
Aaron Crofts	2	0	30	28	15.00	
Greg Quirk	5	0	21	10	4.20	
Beau Allen	6	3	12	10	4.00	
Lachlan Carter	0	0	0	0		

Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Avg	Best Bowling
Ben Gerometta	49.0	9	22	125	5.6	5/7
Jarred Lee	36.0	3	15	105	7.0	3/5
Jourdan Whitfield-Horesh	51.0	9	14	120	8.6	3/6
Ethan Harvey	49.0	8	11	127	11.5	2/4
Nicholas Carter	67.0	19	11	127	11.5	3/16
Matthew McLaren	50.0	8	11	129	11.7	2/6
Kyle Zlatar	37.0	5	9	93	10.3	2/4
Beau Allen	21.0	2	5	65	13.0	1/3
Aaron Crofts	10.0	5	4	14	3.5	2/12
Blake Sillery	27.0		4	99	24.7	1-2
Matthew Thomas	32.0	3	3	111	37.0	1-5
Greg Quirk	8.0		1	28	28.0	1-2
Lachlan Carter	3.0		0	13		

Highest Batting Aggregate: Nicholas Carter (162)

Highest Batting Average: Nicholas Carter (23.1)

Most Wickets: Ben Gerometta (22)

Best Bowling Average: Ben Gerometta (5.6)

Most Catches : Jarred Lee & Nicholas Carter (12)

Best Fielder: Jourdan Whitfield-Horesh

Most Improved : Matthew Thomas

Upper Hills U12 McGrath – 2008 / 09 Season Report

This season turned out to be a rebuilding year for the side. The team experienced some turnover for this season with 4 boys leaving cricket for other sports and being replaced by 3 new team members playing their first year of competitive cricket.

Consistency was the challenge this season and at various stages throughout the year our batting, bowling and fielding let us down at important stages of games and enabled teams to post bigger scores than they should have and to dismiss us cheaply in a few games. However I think we learned some good lessons about pressing home the advantage when you have it and not getting complacent, which hopefully we can apply in games next season.

We finished a little lower than mid table after a year of mixed results. After winning our first 2 games we had a win a tie and 5 losses from the last 7 competition games. The team showed some encouraging late season form to win the 2 post season matches against higher ranked opposition, for an overall season of 5 wins, 5 losses and a tie. This tie was the highlight of the season for me – batting second and getting 180 to tie with Kissing Point after posting low scores in the previous weeks.

With only 11 in the squad we rarely played with a full team due to injuries and other absences and whilst overall the results didn't go our way, enthusiasm remained high and I was proud of the way the whole team conducted themselves on and off the field. All games were played in the right spirit and cricket skills improved over the course of the season.

The Team

Arran Bannatyne – Arran usually had the role of opening the bowling and then coming back into the attack for the final overs and he bowled with excellent economy. Arran strikes the ball well and always looked on the verge of a big score. This came in the last game of the year with a super 52 no which included a couple of sixes and plenty of fours. Arran also took some sharp catches and led the team with 8 for the year. Overall, a good all round season – well done Arran.

Camilla Bellstedt – Camilla joined the team this year and was enthusiastic in all disciplines of the game. Camilla's strength is her bowling and whilst restricted in the number of overs she could bowl due to being a dispensated player, Camilla often chipped in with some key wickets. Camilla's batting developed towards the end of the season and she was rewarded with her first boundary in the final match. Congratulations on a good first season Camilla.

Aidan Coorey – Aidan missed quite a bit of cricket this season through injury and illness. Aidan is an enthusiastic fieldsman who particularly enjoys the post wicket celebrations amongst the team. Aidan's bowling was again very economical and he played a couple of key knocks supporting other batsmen. Thanks Aidan and well done on another good season.

Lachlan Inwood – Another great all round season from Lachlan. Early in the season he carried the team with the bat including a blistering half century to secure our opening game of the year. Batting at 3, Lachlan scored 214 runs which was a great effort. Lachlan is also our fastest and most miserly bowler, bowling 50 overs for the season and conceding just over 100 runs. Lachlan is a fine fieldsman with an excellent throw from the deep. Great all round season Lachlan.

Ryan Jamie – Ryan is a keen cricketer who puts a lot of effort into training and the games. Ryan opened in a few games and whilst not scoring heavily, did a good job seeing off the new ball. Ryan also bowled some good spells and was unlucky not to pick up some more wickets as he often had the opposition batsmen hitting in the year. Great effort Ryan and well played.

Luke Mace – Luke is a good all rounder. A solid defensive technique means Luke is well suited to playing some long innings but he can also hit the ball powerfully. I can feel that next season will be Luke's year with the bat. Luke is also a good medium pace bowler who can swing the ball away from the right handed batsmen and he chipped in with some useful wickets. Thanks Luke and well done.

Matthew McVay – Matt had a great all round season. After a slow start with the bat Matt was very consistent throughout the rest of the season highlighted by a half century and a couple of scores in the 40's in consecutive games to finish with 222 runs for the year. Matt also led the team with 12 wickets at an excellent average with a combination of medium pace and off spin bowling. Matt was safe in the field, taking 8 catches. Thanks Matt – great all round season.

Bradley Mitchell – Brad stepped up to be our first string keeper this year and did a super job. When Brad was not keeping he effected some great run outs including a couple of direct hits. Brad deservedly wins the fielding award for the second consecutive year. Brad's batting was more dependable this year and he played some good innings highlighted by a 31 which was top score for the match. He also chipped in with some key wickets highlighted by a career best 3-4. Great effort this year Brad.

James Raeside – This was also James' first year of competitive cricket and he really applied himself to training and games. Whilst we had various opening batsmen combinations throughout the year, James was our most regular opener and did a fine job against the new ball. James bowled particularly well and he took 8 wickets and consistently beat the bat. James demonstrated he was a very good team player. Well done James on great first season.

Chloe Schumacher – This was Chloe's first year of any type of cricket and her first year has provided a good platform for further development. Chloe's batting technique improved as the year progressed and she took 6 wickets often at key times for the team. Chloe showed a lot of commitment to her cricket this year and I commend her for that. Well done Chloe on your first season of cricket.

Zac Speth – Zac had a great all round season. Zac was very consistent with the bat and paced the team in both the aggregate and average with 242 runs at 48. The highlight was a brisk 64 in our second game and a 50 no just before Christmas. Zac also took 9 wickets with a combination of medium pace and leg spin bowling and was a very capable fieldsman and back up keeper when required. Overall a standout season with the bat and good all round performance. Well done Zac.

I had alot of support on game day. Thanks to David Bannatyne, David Mace and Bryce Jamie who shared a majority of the scoring duties. Barry Mitchell also assisted with umpiring and scoring. Also thanks to:

- All the parents, other relatives and friends who supported the team throughout the season
- Upper hills Cricket Club Junior Committee for providing the boys with an opportunity to play for a well run local club.

I enjoyed the coaching this year and hope to stay involved with the side as they develop as cricketers.

David McVay

Coach

Under 12 McGrath

Batting						
Name	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	H/S	Avg	Catches
Zac Speth	10	5	242	64	48.40	5
Matthew McVay	10	3	222	52*	31.71	8
Lachlan Inwood	10	1	214	55	23.78	3
Arran Bannatyne	12	1	129	52*	11.73	8
Luke Mace	11	2	113	29	12.56	3
Bradley Mitchell	12	2	106	31	10.60	5
James Raeside	11	1	56	23	5.60	1
Aidan Coorey	7	1	29	7	4.83	2
Ryan Jamie	8	1	13	6	1.86	0
Camilla Bellstedt	10	1	17	7	1.89	0
Chloe Schumacher	11	0	3	1	0.27	0
Bowling						
Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Avg	Best Bowling
Matthew McVay	47		12	114	9.50	2-7
Lachlan Inwood	50		10	104	10.40	3-0
Zac Speth	40		9	112	12.44	4-9
Camilla Bellstedt	37		9	126	14.00	2-5
James Raeside	42		8	122	15.25	2-12
Arran Bannatyne	59		6	141	23.50	2-10
Chloe Schumacher	31		6	215	35.83	2-13
Luke Mace	48		5	171	34.20	1-9
Bradley Mitchell	34		4	120	30.00	3-4
Aidan Coorey	23		2	70	35.00	1-14
Ryan Jamie	28		2	141	70.50	1-8
Highest Batting Aggregate:	Zac Speth (242 runs)					
Highest Batting Average:	Zac Speth (48.40)					
Most Wickets:	Matthew McVay (12 wickets)					
Best Bowling Average:	Matthew McVay (9.50)					
Most Catches :	Arran Bannatyne & Matthew McVay (8 catches)					
Best Fielder:	Bradley Mitchell					
Most Improved :	Camilla Bellstedt					

Upper Hills Under 13 Team Report

Thanks to the team and their families for such an enjoyable season. The boys performed well all season, and only narrowly missed out on reaching the semi's. They dominated as one of the strongest bowling sides in the competition.

Most of the team has been together for a number of years, and it is gratifying to see the boys continue to develop their skills and understanding of the game. Just as importantly, the boys have demonstrated excellent sportsmanship during their matches, and continued to encourage and support one another.

Special thanks go to the many parents who have helped out with various roles, especially Sally Milliss, our enthusiastic manager, and Colin Oxenham our main umpire and back-up coach.

We are lucky to have such an enthusiastic group of players and supporters, and look forward to another rewarding season next year.

Andrew Drummond – Coach

Player Profiles:

Max Ceccato

Max showed great improvement in the field this year and took some difficult catches. His batting continued to develop during the season with him opening some of the innings. Max also continued to improve his bowling, and he chipped in with some handy wickets.

Brodie de Kauwe

Another great season for Brodie, batting extremely well, and achieving another excellent batting average. Brodie also performed very well with the ball and often led the side in both batting and bowling. Brodie has a good understanding of the game, and led the team very well.

Rohan Drummond

Rohan opened the batting this season, and often performed the role of anchor for the innings. He took on the role of wicket-keeping this year and kept well, especially considering the pace of some of our fast bowlers.

Saahil Ebrahimi

Saahil once again was our spearhead for attack and bowled very well during the season taking a number of vital wickets. He is also a handy batsman, often coming in to add some stability to the middle order.

Keiran Henderson

New to the team this year Kieran added more strength to our bowling attack with a fine display of swing bowling, taking many good wickets. He is also a keen fieldsman, and a solid middle-order batsman. Kieran's improvements this season were due in no small part to his dedication at training.

Lachlan Holmes

Also new to the team this year, Lachlan showed good skills as an opening batsman, and excellent slips catcher. Lachlan's spin bowling was very good this season, resulting in him taking some fine wickets.

Under 13

Batting						
Name	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	H/S	Avg	Catches
Brodie De Kauwe	11	6	382	78	76.40	3
Cameron Mitrovich	11	2	182	37	20.22	3
Lachlan Holmes	12	2	157	42	15.70	8
Kieren Henderson	9	1	94	27	11.75	5
Rohan Drummond	12	1	89	27	8.09	3
Saahil Ebrahimi	7	1	85	28	14.17	4
James Milliss	9	2	83	23	10.38	6
Luke Sproats	10	5	69	20	13.80	3
Brendan Vaz	10	3	53	19	7.57	0
Aaron Muston	9	0	45	14	5.00	2
Daniel Stowe	9	1	36	10	4.50	2
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Jordon Oxenham	6	1	13	4	2.60	1
Bowling						
Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Avg	Best Bowling
Cameron Mitrovich	54	14	17	110	6.47	3/2
Brendan Vaz	54	5	17	139	8.18	3/3
Aaron Muston	51	10	15	110	7.33	3/1
Brodie De Kauwe	47	10	14	96	6.86	3/2
Kieren Henderson	54	16	14	130	9.29	3/1
Lachlan Holmes	41	8	12	117	9.75	3/4
Saahil Ebrahimi	59	18	11	93	8.45	2/2
James Milliss	20	1	9	59	6.56	3/6
Daniel Stowe	22	1	6	82	13.6	2/1
Max Ceccato	22	4	4	96	24.0	1/4
Luke Sproats	31	2	4	137	34.2	1/5
Jordon Oxenham	11	0	2	81	40.5	1/4
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James Milliss

James's spin bowling improved greatly this season, and saw him take some good wickets and achieve a very good average. He also assisted with the wicket-keeping, and took some fine catches as our main close-in fieldsman. James is the team hitter and continues to work on his shot selection.

Cameron Mitrovich

Cameron led the bowling average this season with fine display of fast bowling. His pace often struck fear into the opposing batsmen (not to mention his teammates at training!). Cameron has also developed into a powerful middle-order batsman, with the ability to score quick runs when needed. His achievements this season reflect his efforts in training.

Aaron Muston

Aaron has developed into an excellent fast bowler this season, and as such has become one of our leading wicket-takers. Aaron is improving as a fieldsman, and performed well in the field during the year. He is a keen trainer, both during training and in his own time.

Jordon Oxenham

Jordon is a good team player. Jordon's fielding and catching showed great improvement during this season, taking some good catches, and saving some certain boundaries. His batting continues to improve.

Daniel Stowe

Dan's batting showed great improvement during the season due to better shot selection and more patience at the crease. Daniel was very enthusiastic in the field, chasing down runs and taking some very good catches. Dan's left-arm swing bowling continues to develop and he had some great spells during the season.

Luke Sproats

Luke's bowling improved during the season and he took some important wickets. He continued to develop as a strong middle-order batsman, and is very fast running between the wickets. Luke's performance in the field was once again excellent, saving many vital runs.

Brendan Vaz

Brendan had another good year with the ball and the bat. He is a very good attacking swing bowler with the ability to create a lot uncertainty in the batting side. Brendan is also an excellent fielder and a good attacking batsman. Brendan enthusiasm at training also continued on the field during the game.

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Season report under 14 2008/09

When the season began we were a little unsure of our prospects. With the loss of two long standing team members, one to private school sport and one to an opposition team we had to reconfigure our makeup. In this very competitive 13 team competition any slip up can cost a team dearly. Our two new players joined the team at pre season training, one playing up a year and the other his first competitive cricket season. The rest of the squad welcomed the new players like they had always been there and they both fitted easily into the teams' friendly culture.

Our first three games were all against finalists from the previous season, we came away with one loss by just 2 runs and two resounding victories. From then on the players' confidence climbed knowing that we could match it with any team in the competition. We soon took first place on the ladder and held this spot until the second last game of the home and away matches and became the team everyone was worried about. In the semi final we were pitted against a tuff experience team, a team that had won the competition 3 of the last 4 seasons. The match fluctuated with each team holding the upper hand on several occasions and unfortunately some very dubious umpiring decisions went against us and we went down on the day. That's cricket and the players took it very well as we have come to expect from such a very good team of sportsmen. Overall it was a very enjoyable and successful season by a great group of young men.

The success of the team does not just happen it comes from the support of those around the players as well as the dedication of the players themselves. A well managed and run team has far more chance of reaching their objectives. On this note I would like to pay a particular thanks to our two umpires Brian and Tony whose continued support is invaluable both to the players and me. We also had several scorers this year, our usual big fella Ross and others that pitched in continually, I thank you for doing this important task. Also thanks to the teams boundary rider Alan, keeping the opposition honest and setting up the boundaries each week. My new manager Michelle who took on this role for the first time a very big thanks for your enthusiasm for the team and support that you have given me week in week out. Also my gratitude to all the parents for supporting your lads at the games, they love having you all there clapping for them.

Craig Baglin coach

Player profiles

Nicholas Anderson New to our team and competition cricket this year, I found nick to be very enthusiastic and willing to learn and improve his cricketing skills. He worked on his batting diligently at training and if he keeps this up he will improve out of site over the next couple of seasons. His bowling was already improving greatly by the final game with accurate and persistent good pace the wickets were starting to come his way. Nick also processes a good pair of hands in the field. Great first season Ando.

Mathew Baglin Mat was one of the teams more consistent performers with the bat this year. Averaging a little over 20 runs per knock and getting his better scores when the chips were down. A dogged left hander who has the potential to become a very good batsmen. Mats bowling can be very useful as well although he is yet to realise this and his energy and athleticism in the field is wonderful to watch. Well done Mattie

Harrison Brown Harry has an endless supply of energy and loves nothing more than to swing the bat at the oppositions bowling attack. Sometimes more successfully than at other times but is always a danger. He is fast developing into a top line quick bowler and I hope that he continues to persist and work hard at this. The rewards will come his way. In the field Harry is lightning quick with a great arm which has caught many a batsman out. Keep it up Harry

Joshua Dipple Josh works hard at his cricket, always trying to improve his game. He is one of our top batsmen yet it took a while to get his batting going this year. When he did it was a great knock and at a crucial time. As always Joshes bowling is accurate and well pitched up. He uses his height well and is developing a good inswinger that takes many wickets. In the field he leads by example, loads of enthusiasm and talking. Josh fields very well be it in close or covering a boundary. Way to go Josh well done

Thomas Edmonds What can I say about the team skipper that has not been said before. Tom is a very fine batsmen and had a wonderfully successful year. Scoring around 350 runs at an average of almost 60. Top score of 128 not out. Yet we have come to expect these sorts of figures from Tom. Probably the biggest improvement I noticed from Tom was his maturity as team leader. Making all the on field decisions with his vice captain and discussing tactics with the coach during breaks. Whilst we do not always agree on things Toms dedication to his team and competitiveness can never be questioned. A wonderful season Skipper Great job

Mitchell Howlett Our youngest player, Mitch epitomises the team spirit. Not always getting a bat and usually down the order he takes it on the chin and goes about showing what good skills he has when he gets the chance in the field or when the skipper tosses him the ball. For many seasons now Mitch has been one of our most consistent bowlers and was rewarded this year by topping the averages. Along with his bowling skills he has a great arm in the field and never short of a word with his team mates. Fantastic year Mitch

Sean Irwin Sean did not do a lot batting this year. My fault and apologies to Sean. Yet he never complained and continued to cast a spell on our opponents with some wonderful spin bowling. Sean developed a wrongun and improved his consistency and technique this year. I am sure he will prove even more dangerous as he matures. Sean bowled many over's and the team often looked to him to cause an important breakthrough. In the field Sean has become more agile and has a much stronger throwing arm. Great to see Sean Well done

Tyler Morpeth Tyler was fairly new to me this year. I saw some potential early on and we had a talk. He must be consistent and determined if he were to move up the batting order above players I know better. It was terrific to see the words not wasted and Tyler became a very diligent batsmen working hard at every opportunity to show his worth. By seasons end he held down a middle order spot and I congratulate him on his persistence and dogged determination. He assisted in several important partnerships adding very valuable runs. Tyler bowls a steady medium pace

with a little swing and shows some great athleticism in the field. Wonderful improvement Tyler

Paul Muston Our other new player this season and the teams second youngest. His dad informed me before the season that he could bowl pretty well. Well, that he does, yet it was as a batsman that he made coach and team mates sit up and take notice. It wasn't long before we all realised that Paul possessed some very good skills and he rose up the batting order in an a matter of matches. He very soon was sent in to open for us and score some 20 or 30 runs against some good fast bowling. Afterwards he came up to me and said "can I open again" I think there was a fair chance of that or the skipper and team would have mutinied. In field Paul has a very good pair of hands and compliments it with a strong throwing arm. Top Season Paul

Alex Pagano If we were wondering who would step up a notch this year we need look no further than Alex. Perhaps he was a little disappointed with his previous year or the responsibility of his selection as teams vice captain may have inspired him. Either way, Alex took it upon himself to be every opposition team nemeses. He was patient and feared no bowling attack and when he opened his shoulders cracked the ball to the boundary with a ferociousness not seen at this age. An absolutely wonderful season with so many memorable knocks. It was perhaps that his batting was so sensational we nearly forget that he opened the bowling on many occasions topping the seasons wicket tally as well. What more does one say but Fabulous season Alex well done

Nicholas Staracek A quieter member of the team Nick did not let anyone down. He bowled consistency and always fielded with enthusiasm. Pleasingly Nick always played for the team and put them first. He is a handy right hand batsman with a most memorable innings when he went in last drop and scored a wonderful unbeaten 40 runs. This also assisted his team mate in reaching a century. Good effort Starry

Joshua Stringer We have come to expect a certain doggedness from Josh with the bat. That is one of the reasons he opens for the team. Never takes a backward step and is always trying his hardest to improve himself. Josh got off to a start 5 to 10 runs many times yet just when he had done the hard work was getting out. Keep at it josh the bigger scores will come. Remember persistence persistence persistence. On the other side of things his right hand medium pace inswingers continue to bring good results. On one particular day at Kenthurst Park was almost unplayable. Well done Josh keep at it

Nicholas Summerhayes Big Nick, our tower of strength with the ball. We know that every time we throw the ball to Nick he will not let the team down. We know it will be accurate, pitched up and quick. He also has a great outswinger that is often too good for the batsmen to get the bat on to. We also know that he will give 100 percentage and loves bowling and leading the teams attack. That's what you look for in your spearhead and we are very fortunate to have him. Nick is very close to being a genuine all-rounder; he started the year in fine batting form and just fell away a bit. I don't think he realises yet what potential he has with the bat as well as ball. Another excellent year Big Nick

Under 14

Batting						
Name	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	H/S	Avg	Catches
Alex Pagano	9	3	480	106*	80.00	4
Thomas Edmonds	9	3	348	128*	58.00	7
Mathew Baglin	8	1	146	41	20.86	2
Josh Dipple	8	0	119	53	14.88	6
Paul Muston	7	1	77	22	12.83	1
Nick Summerhayes	7	0	58	23	8.29	2
Harrison Brown	6	1	50	15	10.00	2
Nick Staracek	5	3	46	40	23.00	0
Tyler Morpeth	8	3	42	11	8.40	0
Joshua Stringer	8	0	33	11	4.13	1
Nick Anderson	5	1	16	8	4.00	0
Mitchell Howlett	5	2	7	4	2.33	1
Sean Irwin	3	0	4	4	1.33	0

Bowling						
Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Avg	Best Bowling
Alex Pagano	58	8	14	161	11.5	
Sean Irwin	45	6	12	150	12.5	
Nick Anderson	21	4	6	59	9.83	
Nick Summerhayes	53	13	6	104	17.3	
Mitchell Howlett	20	6	5	42	8.4	
Josh Stringer	21	3	5	61	12.2	
Josh Dipple	35	4	5	113	22.6	
Mathew Baglin	30	5	4	107	26.7	
Tyler Morpeth	19	3	3	61	20.3	
Harrison Brown	28	8	3	80	26.7	
Paul Muston	21	3	2	53	26.5	
Nick Staracek	7	0	1	9	9.0	
Thomas Edmonds	6	0	1	23	23	

Highest Batting Aggregate: Alex Pagano (480)
 Highest Batting Average: Alex Pagano (80.0)
 Most Wickets: Alex Pagano (14)
 Best Bowling Average: Mitchell Howlett (8.4)
 Most Catches : Thomas Edmonds (7)
 Best Fielder: Josh Dipple
 Most Improved : Paul Muston

2008-09 Season Report – Upper Hills Under 16

Many of the boys have played together now for many years – some since Kanga and it was very satisfying to see them achieve some personal milestones this their final season of junior cricket.

The boys continued to develop their cricketing skills and most of all enjoy their cricket. We hope to see many of them continue on to playing grade or colts cricket in 2009/2010 with Kenthurst.

We had a mixed performance from the team this season – with 4 wins and 7 losses and never realized our full potential.

We would really like to say a few thank-yous.

To the boys, well done on your efforts during the season. It was most rewarding to see the improvement in many of the players. Whilst we may not have had the level of success in the competition we enjoyed last season it was great to see the team spirit and support for one another displayed by all the boys.

To all of the parents, thank you for all the support that you provided to the team through being at the games. There is a really great vibe amongst everyone which is such a positive. Special thanks to those parents, and players, who assisted by scoring each week, this was greatly appreciated by everyone.

Anthony Eurell
Coach

Terry Carter
Manager

Aaron Wijesinghe

Aaron proved to be good team player throughout the season and trained enthusiastically. As a batsman he contributed to the team's total.

Alex Bennett

Alex is a valued member of the team. In particular, as a fast bowler, he has been able to break through the opposition batsman to take quick wickets when needed.

Ben Oakes

This was Ben's best season ever as a bowler, which resulted in him being a leading wicket taker. Ben also hit his high score of 146, on the hottest day of the season, with a gritty batting performance.

Brondan Hyam

Brondan has always been an excellent fielder. He has also been an opening batsman this season. He has given 100% every week both in the game and at training.

Daniel Lunn

Daniel has been a good steady opening bowler for the team and his bowling performances have improved throughout the season. He was always a good team member at training.

Jacob O Grady

Jacob's batting improved throughout the season and he hit a very good 50. With a strong throwing arm Jacob was a valuable team member out in the field.

Jono Leonard

As captain of the team this year, Jono led by example. He is an accomplished all round cricketer and took some great catches towards the end of the season.

Joshua Anderson

This was Joshua's first season of cricket and he went from strength to strength with each game he played. He developed into a good team player who trained well.

Lachlan Eurell

Once again Lachlan took on the role of opening bat and had some steady openings, which gave the team a good start to build an innings. He got some good batting scores towards the end of the season.

Mark Girling

Mark had an exceptional season as a bowler and took many wickets. Out in the field he took some great catches. Mark always displayed a positive attitude towards the game.

Sebastian Crest

Sebastian was an exchange student from France boarding with Joshua Anderson. Having never played the game before it was great to see him improve with each game he played. His celebrations at hitting his first 4 and taking his first wicket were a sight to behold

Tim Matthews

Tim again gave some great batting performances as first drop. His stylish technique made it difficult for the opposition to get him out. He took on the role of wicket keeper and did a terrific job behind the stumps.

Under 16

Batting						
Name	Innings	Not	Runs	H/S	Avg	Catches
		Outs				
Tim Matthews	12	0	423	96	35.25	9
Ben Oakes	13	0	281	146	21.62	2
Jono Leonard	13	4	226	65*	25.11	8
Brendan Hyam	13	2	133	27*	12.09	4
Jacob O'Grady	13	2	125	53*	11.36	2
Lachlan Eurell	13	4	121	32*	13.44	1
Daniel Lunn	9	2	85	37*	12.14	1
Mark Girling	12	2	52	18	5.20	7
Sebastien Crest	8	1	39	17	5.57	0
Aaron Wijesinghe	7	4	30	21*	10.00	0
Alex Bennett	7	2	28	11*	5.60	1
Joshua Anderson	6	1	5	3	1.00	0
Scott Copperfield	2	0	4	4	2.00	1
Bowling						
Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Avg	Best
Mark Girling	66	1	15	227	15.13	4/13
Ben Oakes	72	11	15	232	15.46	4/28
Jacob O'Grady	76	10	10	324	32.40	4/22
Jono Leonard	58	3	9	279	31.00	2/40
Daniel Lunn	69	7	8	264	33.00	3/19
Alex Bennett	37	0	5	176	35.20	2/21
Brendan Hyam	48	0	4	224	56.00	2/22
Aaron Wijesinghe	9	0	2	60	30.00	1/13
Joshua Anderson	4	0	1	27	27.00	1/26
Sebastien Crest	8	1	1	69	69.00	1/7
Lachlan Eurell	14	0	1	88	88.00	1/11
Tim Matthews	20	0	1	92	92.00	1/24
Scott Copperfield	1	0	0	1	0	0/1
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Most Wickets:	Mark Girling & Ben Oakes (15)					
Best Bowling Average:	Mark Girling (15.13)					
Most Catches by Fielder :	Jono Leonard (8)					
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