
BHRDCA U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Welcome to Season 2014/15

This season sees the U18 competition split into two Championships one sponsored as last season by Anthony and the crew at Maddocks Sports and the other by a welcome new sponsor in Rebel. Whilst these are separate competitions playing for two flags, umpires votes will again decide who will emerge as this seasons Doug Rickarby Medalist as the Associations U18 Player of the Season. Thank you to Anthony and Corey for their support and we call on all players, families and friends to continue to support both these great organisations and encourage others to do so.

Maddocks Sports Championship



Forest Hill v Vermont Sth

The Zebras batted first in a match that was to be both dramatic and controversial, both elements that serve to give the season a great kick start. Despite the loss of an early wicket, Dean Veenendaal (60) and Nelson Lane (27) combined to keep the score ticking along before run-outs and Grant Weaver combined to limit Forest Hill to a gettable tally of 9/133. Weaver was a standout with the ball taking 5/22, an excellent start to his season.

In replay Ronan Prigg (17) and Jayden McLeod (14) both got a start but failed to capitalise and the match was evenly poised. Nick Dore (35) shaped as Vermont Sths saviour whilst he was at the wicket. As the two tallies converged and overs were running out, things got tight and confusion reigned. A run off the last ball had Vermont Sth celebrating but an audit of the scorebooks showed that in fact the two scores were locked at 9/133 and a tie was declared. James Bruce (3/21), Will Grant 2/24) and Nelson Lane (2/25) all played their part with the ball.

Eley Park v Heathmont

Eley Park hosted last years Premier Heathmont in a tough debut to the competition. Heathmont won the toss and donned the pads but early scalps to Jack Kimber and Jed Dally had them reeling. Lincoln Wong (28) showed he had lost nothing from last season and put his head down, but it was a patient knock of 79 by Coady Mitrevski that allowed Heathmont to close their innings out at a healthy 179. Jack Kimber (3/26), Elliott Bastiste (2/25) and Jed Dally (2/29) shared the spoils.

The Parkers must have felt that they were in this with a show and as Rohan Vats (12) and Sam Kimber (24) started to build a nice partnership hopes were still high. Unfortunately as wickets began to fall it was only a fighting 21 by Jason Halge worried the scorer and with Steve Brown

(3/5) moping up the tail Eley Park fell for 98 and Heathmont started off as they finished last year, as winners.

Croydon Ranges v Heatherdale.

It is fantastic to welcome a great RDCA club in Croydon Ranges into the competition this season. They hosted Heatherdale at East Burwood as they are still awaiting a ground from their council and they arrived as if they meant business with an army of supporters and an enthusiasm that was palpable. Unfortunately Team Manager Mark Thomas has been interstate so I am unable to give you Croydon Ranges individual performances. Batting first they steadily built their score against some solid bowling with Sam Louis (3/13) and Lachlan Purkis (2/13) returning the best figures. In all the Ranges batting posted a solid opening of 9/147 defensible but it would need a good effort in the field.

Heatherdale's innings had a solid 38 opening run foundation laid by Lucas Grierson (20) and Rodrigo Arguello (21) before James Box gave them the innings they needed a fighting 56. As happens wickets still fell around him with 6 ducks being recorded. It was again the experienced Sam Howell to the rescue and his 39 saw the Dales home in a match that could easily have gone either way. Croydon Ranges were easy winners on the food front turning out a veritable feast, the home grown organic strawberries were to die for, so they have set the bar very high there.

The Maddocks Sports voucher for the Player of the Round goes to Vermont Sts Grant Weaver with his 5/22 great figures Grant.

Rebel Championship



Vermont v East Doncaster

Vermont hosted a depleted East Doncaster lineup and decided to bat first. They were quickly in trouble to Adam Chan and Dan Stanford before Ben Riddle and Jordan Wright steadied the ship. Wickets continued to fall steadily and when Ben Evans (3/2) quickly disposing of the tail, Vermont were left high and dry for only 74. East Doncaster's innings was in direct contrast with nearly all batsmen getting off to a solid start. Michael Bassinger coming in at 3 held the innings together with an unbeaten 70 in a good reply of 192 as they batted 3 short. There was enough here to show that East Doncaster will be a formidable unit if they can pick up a few more players.

Mitcham/Blackburn v Blackburn Nth

Again new clubs to the U18 competition, it was the combined side that won the toss and decided to bat. This seemed the correct option as they batted steadily to be 1/79 and a big score beckoned. Mitchaell Mahoney was unlucky not to post his half ton falling for 47 and it was left to some late hitting by Tom Rogers (37) and Michael Barro (28) to see them to a competitive 7/214 and something to bowl to. Even Smeed (3/30) was the pick of Blacky Nths attack.

Day 2 saw Rudi Hunt continue the form he was showing at the end of last season and he and Liam Smith (87) put on a sensational stand of 213, Liam was desperately unlucky not to post his first century for the season. With the result sealed Tom Rimmer (25) and Matt Herman (36) were ruthless against the bowlers taking Blackburn Nths score to an excellent 8/335. Tom Rogers (3/46) put in a fine all-round performance but it was Rudi Hunts 103no that carried the day.

East Box Hill/Box Hill Nth Super Kings v Yarraleen

On paper the combined teams batting line-up looked formidable, but they failed to take into account a blistering opening assault by Yarraleens Adrain Vidajic and Marcus Pilot that had them reeling at 5/24 and a boilover was on the cards. It was left to the reliable Daniel Tallaritti (64) and Darcy Tobias (43) to set things right along with Jake McIlldowney (26) to halt the wicket procession and carry the Combined team through to a very respectable 9/187 a score that had seemed impossible 20 overs earlier. Adrain Vidajic (3/25) was menacing and he seems to have picked up a yard in pace from last year. He was ably supported by Marcus Pilot (2/25).

Yarraleen know they had to blunt last years Doug Rickarby Medalist Gavin Carusi's opening spell if they were going to have any chance and Nadi Hamzovski (24) and Christian Panagiotou (31) did just that to set up an excellent opportunity for Yarraleen to chase the target down. All the top 5 batsmen got solid starts and looked menacing but all 5 also let themselves down by not going on with it once they were well set, it needed just one player to post a 50. Unfortunately it was not to be and the Yarraleen innings petered out to close 7/147 still 41 runs in arrears. Adrain Vidajic (26) put in a fine all round performance whilst the combines bowlers all shared the spoils which was a top team effort.

For his great opening round ton, Rudi Hunt from Blackburn Nth takes out the Rebel Voucher for the Rebel Sports Player of the Round, well done Rudi (if only your dad could get a few runs, even 1 would do)

It is also fantastic that I am able to announce that we will be entering an U18 team into the inaugural VMCU U18 Carnival so there is plenty to play for over the next few weeks. As we get our act together I shall keep you up to date as to how we will select the side to represent us and hopefully take out the new shield.

Peter White