

FOURTH ELEVEN REPORT



It was with great trepidation that I took over the captaincy of the 4th XI this season. I had big shoes to fill after Pat Lennon's six years and three premierships (which he reminded me constantly throughout the season).

We tried to develop a strong team culture where we play for each other and the senior players are always encouraging our juniors and sharing their long years of experience. We have fun and aimed to be competitive to the very last ball of the game. This was a trait of the 4ths – we never gave up and in every game during the season we had a chance to win.

After an unexpected loss in round one, we won every game to Christmas. There were some great moments. Against Noble Park Ben Rose made his maiden century (135) and then John Guscic followed up the next game against Croydon with 134 not out in a 239 run partnership with Dan Mitchell. From a team perspective, the standout game was against Brighton when we defended 146, winning by 3 runs and again displaying our team spirit of never giving in.

We were confident coming into the finals. Against Bayswater in the quarter final we batted first in our best effort of the season making 9/336. Bayswater were never in the hunt and were all out for 173. In the semi-final against Mount Waverley, we batted well to make 9/248. Our bowling the next day was exceptional, with Mount Waverley eventually making 186 in 74

overs. Stephen Fallet bowled his best all season taking 4/33 off 18 overs.

Our bowling was our strength: only two teams had made more than 200 against us all year. We bowled as a unit and had the variety to get wickets when it mattered. We knew if we made a score we could defend it.

In the Grand Final against Oakleigh, it was a good toss to lose and Josh Campbell had a day out. In his second over, Josh took three wickets and with Anthony Reeve bowling beautifully at the other end, Oakleigh were soon reeling at 7/17 and eventually all out for 51 with Josh getting his first five wicket haul (5/10 off 8 overs). At one stage we were 5/29 but in the end got home by four wickets. This really was a team effort – our bowling attack was outstanding all year and our batting on the day was destructive.

I'd like to personally thank all the players, but in particular Wayne Bartlem, a rock at the top of the order and great advice to me all year, Peter O'Donnell for his experienced calmness and destructive batting, John Guscic for his Ferrari, Andrew Amarant for being the ultimate team man and providing comedic relief, and Stephen Fallet for his advice, enthusiasm and determination to make a difference.

A special mention to Anthony Reeve. We won our first flag together in 2002/03; Anthony is a mentor and long time friend and a great club man – it's fantastic to see him win another 4th XI flag at the sunset of his career. Honourable mentions to youngsters Paul Wasiewicz, Jai Bartlem, Ryan MacDermid and Liam Harari who all contributed in a big way to the 4th XI at various stages this season.

Thank you to all the supporters throughout a most enjoyable and successful season and I look forward to defending our title next year.

Blair Richards
FOURTH ELEVEN CAPTAIN



4TH XI SUMMARY OF MATCHES

Round	Opponent	Caulfield	Result
1 Endeavour Hills	9/221	9/213	Lost
2 Mt Waverley	115	9/257	Won
3 Kingston Saints	8/115	4/117	Won
4 Moorabbin	150	4/242	Won
5 Noble Park	174	5/310	Won
6 Croydon	6/224	4/297	Won
7 Ormond	9/137	8/142	Won
8 Elsternwick	Match Abandoned		
9 Oakleigh	9/125	7/126	Won
10 Bayswater	178	171	Lost
11 Box Hill	146	260	Won
12 Brighton	143	8/146	Lost
13 Malvern	9/145	8/136	Lost
QF Bayswater	173	9/336	Won
SF Mt Waverley	186	9/248	Won
GF Oakleigh	51	6/53	Won

RECORD

11 Wins, 4 Losses, 1 Draw

CENTURY PARTNERSHIPS

1 st Wicket	111	R Macdermid/W Bartlem
3 rd Wicket	108	P O'Donnell/Rose
4 th Wicket	100	J Bartlem/Rose
4 th Wicket	239	Mitchell/Guscic
5 th Wicket	159	Lynagh/Tonkin
7 th Wicket	105	J Campbell/Tonkin

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

BATTING

J Guscic	64, 134no
W Bartlem	73, 83
B Richards	50, 58
A Bond	57no
B Rose	69, 135, 89, 66
W Stokes	64no
P O'Donnell	64, 76
A Tonkin	55, 79, 82
M Lynagh	101, 62

BOWLING

J Campbell 5/10

4TH XI SUMMARY OF AVERAGES

4th XI BOWLING AVERAGES (Qualification - 240 Balls/ must play half of the matches)

Name	M	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Richards, Blair	15	144.3	33	405	32	12.66
Bond, Aidan	11	104.0	25	258	17	15.18
Reeve, Anthony	12	120.0	35	251	16	15.69
Campbell, Josh	13	159.3	38	394	23	17.13
Wasiewicz, Paul	7	58.0	8	152	8	19.00
Fallett, Stephen	9	94.5	24	183	9	20.33
Picking, Andrew	1	8.0	2	20	2	10.00
Lynagh, Matthew	6	3.0	0	12	1	12.00
Guscic, John	12	16.0	1	65	4	16.25
Amarant, Andrew	12	33.0	5	102	6	17.00
Doyle, Gabriel	4	27.0	5	77	4	19.25
Stewart, Dean	1	12.0	4	20	1	20.00
Wilson, Ben	2	25.0	4	66	3	22.00
Wylde, Tom	4	20.0	5	61	2	30.50
Bartlem, Wayne	14	11.1	1	33	1	33.00
Harari, Liam	3	17.0	7	53	1	53.00
Ellis, Keiran	2	1.0	0	5	0	n/a
Rose, Ben	12	1.0	0	6	0	n/a
Mitchell, Daniel	1	11.0	4	42	0	n/a

4TH XI SUMMARY OF AVERAGES

4th XI BATTING AVERAGES (Qualification 6 innings & 100 runs/ must play half of the matches)

Name	M	Inn	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave	Ct	R.O.	Stump
Tonkin, Adam	7	6	0	82	225	37.50	9	2	3
O'Donnell, Peter	9	7	0	76	254	36.29	1		
Guscic, John	12	11	2	134no	309	34.33	2		
Rose, Ben	12	12	0	135	386	32.17	13		
Bond, Aidan	11	10	4	57no	154	25.67	1	2	
Bartlem, Wayne	14	14	0	83	359	25.64	9	1	
Campbell, Josh	13	10	4	47	129	21.50	4	2	
Richards, Blair	15	12	3	58	176	19.56	4	1	
Macdermid, Ryan	7	6	0	31	104	17.33	7	2	2
Mitchell, Daniel	1	1	0	89	89	89.00			
Stokes, Wayne	4	2	1	64no	77	77.00			
Lynagh, Matthew	6	6	0	101	196	32.67	1	1	
Reeve, Anthony	12	6	4	21	48	24.00	4		
Wasiewicz, Paul	7	6	1	30no	94	18.80	4		
Ellis, Keiran	2	2	0	25	25	12.50	1		
Bartlem, Jai	10	8	2	26	73	12.17	10	2	1
Wylde, Tom	4	3	0	14	33	11.00	2		
Doyle, Gabriel	4	2	0	12	17	8.50	1		
Amarant, Andrew	12	8	3	13	39	7.80	2		
Fallett, Stephen	9	2	0	4	4	2.00	1	1	
Picking, Andrew	1	0				n/a	1		
Harari, Liam	3	1	1	14no	14	n/a	1		
Stewart, Dean	1	1	1	3no	3	n/a			
Picker, Ethan	1	1	1	8no	8	n/a			
Wilson, Ben	2	0				n/a			