



Under 13 2's XI Match Report

ROUND 5 – 28/11/09

Johnson Park vs Mulgrave

Johnson Park 10/158 (T. Gstrein 31*, J. Carnell 23)

Lost to

Mulgrave 9/203 (R. Saultry 2/16, J. Rambaldo 2/23, B. Dewar 2/27) & 6/55 (J. Rambaldo 2/1, K. Jenkins 2/6)

The young sharks took on top placed Mulgrave this week at home and really wanted to make a move on the top 2, with the undefeated Mulgrave batting first we couldn't of asked for a better start with young quick Sid Bhatia picking up a wicket 1st ball of the match, another fell soon after and the guys looked like they had come to play, but Mulgrave started to build a nice partnership between 2 of the better batsman Ive seen in the comp so far, and at the halfway mark they sat at 2/110, we needed to start to tighten up a bit and we did that, restricting Mulgrave to 9/203 after there 50 overs, we were reasonably happy with that score, Julian being the pick of the bowlers again with 2/23 off his 7, also a mention to Trav for bowling his 7 overs for just 6 runs.

We arrived on week 2 and we're confident that we could chase down 203, starting off with Mitch and Julian who got us off to a great start, before Mitch got bowled for 12, and we were 1/33, Jayden Carnell came in and once again looked the goods, being patient and hitting the loose ones, we then lost Julian and Kieran in quick succession and Mulgrave had there tails up at 3/44. Jayden was still batting very well and he was joined by Travis, who has been in top form this year, the pair added about 60 runs before Trav retired, we were looking good and Mulgrave dropped there heads, as we were sitting at 3/120. But as the game of cricket goes, anything can happen and Mulgrave got back on top of us with some good bowling, smart fielding positions and some "in-the -face" attitude. Jayden needed someone to stay with him, but no one was interested in hanging around and we proceeded to lose 7/37, giving Mulgrave another win, as we were bowled out for 158. A disappointing effort from the position we were in, and we need to realize that sometimes

putting some value on our wicket is more important than trying to play the big shots and scoring runs quickly.

Mulgrave decided they would have another hit for the remaining 12 overs, in which our guys earned some respect back, with Mulgrave finishing up on 6/55, with Julian getting another 2 wickets for just 1 run.

So with 1 game until the break, we are now sitting 4th, with a lot of work to do if we want to play finals cricket, i know we are good enough, we just need to start putting in more effort on a saturday and at training during the week.

ROUND 4 – 14/11/09 *Johnson Park vs Rowville*

Johnson Park 7/290 (T. Gstrein 37*, J. Rambaldo 32, C. Flanagan 30*, M. Adams 24)

Defeated Outright

Rowville 10/62 (M. Adams 2/6) & 10/89 (B. Dewar 3/2, M. Adams 2/7, J. Bhatia 2/8, J. Carnell 2/18)

After our first loss last game, we needed to bounce back against middle of the table Rowville, we lost our first toss of the year and were sent in to bat. Kieran and Julian had there first go at opening this year and put on 47 for the first wicket, Kieran going for 15.

Julian was then joined by Jayden Carnell and the pair batted very solidly before Julian retired, Ryan came in and didnt last to long but we were still sitting nicely at 2/93. Jayden batting the best i had seen him, hitting them very sweetly, in came our in form batsman Bailey who made a quick 13 but missed the slow, loopy one and got bowled, first time he had been dismissed this year. Rowville pegged us back a little with Jayden falling for a very good 21. 4/122 with 2 new batsman at the crease, Cam and Trav proceeded to bat very well putting away the loose balls and both retiring with well made 30's, Trav not being in a mood to wanna run hitting 8 boundaries in what ended in a total of 37 not out after he came back in later on. Robbie came in and tried to bat with what we now know is a broken wrist, gutsy effort mate, but unfortunately had to retire hurt. This bringing our usual openers Kyra and Mitch to the crease, both scoring freely getting 20 odd each. And

with Trav coming back in and Sid getting 17 not out with a few late boundaries, we had batted out our 50 overs and making a massive score of 7/290.

An awesome effort by the guys, one of the best team batting performances I have ever seen.

WEEK 2

290 was always going to be a huge score to chase but anything can happen as we found out last game, we had to be switched on and we were, Trav and Sid opened up and bowled superbly, well followed up by Mitch and Bailey and before we knew it we had Rowville 5/21, Making it harder for them as every bowler that came on took a wicket, another great all round effort to bowl them out for 62 in the 25th over, the kids were keen to send them back in and have a crack at getting maximum points, Rowville looked a different side in the 2nd innings pressure off them and they decided to take risks and it paid off getting to 2/50, but once again Mitch Adams with the new nickname of "Chuck", came along and tore into another opposition getting another 2 wickets, taking him to 10 wickets for the year, Rowville fell to 6/79 and the guys could sniff the 10 points, I have never seen the kids so fired up to take the full amount of points, and with time running out it was going to be close, but we rapped up there tail with 4/10, thanks to Bailey's great bowling spell of 3 overs 3/2 and Sid coming back on and taking 2.

An excellent day in the field and with the bowling, holding all our catches and fielding everything that came our way, we really looked like a side that will be right up there this year, well done guys on the outright win, but we must make sure we bring our "A" game next week as we have top side Mulgrave who are undefeated.

ROUND 3 – 31/10/09 *Johnson Park vs Knox Gardens*

Johnson Park 6/210 (T. Gstrein 31*, R. Cox 30*, B. Dewar 26*, S. Bhatia 24, J. Rambaldo 22)

Lost to

Knox Gardens 9/236 (R. Cox 3/36, M. Adams 2/42, J. Booth 2/21)

First 2 day game of the season, and we had Knox Gardens who had been playing some good cricket as well. Winning the toss again for the 3rd game in a row, we batted first, and we're in all sorts of trouble early at 3/10, with Mitch, Kyra and Cam all going cheaply. This brought Robbie and Sid to the crease, who did exactly what was asked of them, to rebuild the innings, both players very watchful pushing singles around, Sid started to push the scoring a bit and got caught for a well made 24, Robbie was still hanging in there batting beautifully, Trav came in and wasn't in a mood to let the bowlers get on top and from ball 1 was looking to score, Trav ended up retiring with his 31, and the score starting to look like we might get towards 200. Julian joined Robbie at the crease, and again batting brilliantly, Julian played one of the better innings i have seen from him getting himself 22. Robbie, who had been very watchful retired with 30, with a few overs left, bringing big Bailey to the crease with 40 odd runs in 2 games he had 5 overs to bat, in the perfect situation for him he had 9 scoring shots for 26 not out, including hitting a massive 6 into the creek, which got some very bemused looks from the opposition. An extremely good effort to get to 210. A well crafted innings from robbie set up the score, well done mate.

WEEK 2 - We came out to defend our 210, and turned up to a very quick and freshly cut outfield, but were still confident that if we bowled well we could back up our hard work batting last week. The Day didn't start off to plan with us seeming to be still asleep for the first 20 overs, Knox Gardens batted very well, with there top 3 all retiring, leaving the score at 0/110 after 20 overs. We needed to lift after drinks and we did that, although it being a little late with the damage done, we slowly pegged them back and they past our score 6 wickets down with 8 overs to spare. Robbie being the pick of the bowlers with 3 fa.

A lesson was learnt this week, that we need to make sure we are switched on when we arrive, or else teams will get away from us like Knox Gardens did. We lost the game in the first 20 overs, they made 0/110, in the next 30 they made 9/126. Shows that we were the better side for most of the game, but if we don't concentrate for 50 overs it makes the job very difficult. I'm sure we will bounce back next week.

ROUND 2 – 17/10/09***Johnson Park vs Eildon Park Cougars***

Johnson Park 2/107 (K. Black 21*)

Defeated

Eildon Park Cougars 10/51 (B. Dewar 4/4, J. Booth 2/0)

With the game converting to a one dayer, we Came up against Eildon Park, we batted first and got off to another very good start with Kyra retiring for the second game in a row, Kieran came out and looked really good until he got bowled, which put us at 2/44 off 13, we needed to start to push the scoring a bit and once again Bailey came in and hit boundaries to every part of the ground, with Boothy up the other end rotating the strike very well to get bailey on strike, we looked set to get a very good score, with Bailey retiring Boothy and Cam got us to 2/107. A very good score. We went out to bowl and things looked good with a runout in the very first over, with a good piece of fielding from Trav. With Robbie, Sid and Trav all picking up a wicket, Eildon Park fell to 4/20. A Small Partnership started to build until the destroyer, Mitch Adams came to the bowling crease, 2 Caught and bowled's in 1 over and following up the next over with 2 Peggings putting Mitch on a Hat trick, unfortunately he didn't end up getting it. Boothy came into the attack and picking up 2/0 off 4 balls and also putting him on a hat trick, but unfortunately he will have to wait until the next game as it was there last wicket. An excellent bowling effort again to roll them for 51. 2 good wins so far, keep up the good work.

ROUND 1 – 10/10/09***Johnson Park vs Footballers***

Johnson Park 5/83 (K. Black 22*, B. Dewar 21*)

Defeated

Footballers 10/64 (T. Gstrein 2/13)

First game of the new season and we faced last years premiers, Footballers. Won the toss and batted first, started off with openers Mitch and Kyra batting very steady and looking really solid, the pair put on 46 before Mitch fell for 19 and Kyra retiring with her 22. Jayden and Trav came to the crease and needed to keep the hard work by the openers

going, Trav fell for a duck trying to hit the ball back to JP. This brought Bailey to the crease and proceeded to smash the footballers attack everywhere with a very well made 21. This took us to 83 off our 25 overs. With Footballers a few players short we went out to defend the score, they got to 1/50 before Trav and Jayden Carnell tied them up and a small collapse saw them at 5/54. A couple of runouts saw us rap up there tail and had them all out in the 24th over for just 64. A really good effort for the first game, with a lot of positive signs.