



## *Under 15 1's XI Match Report*

**ROUND 5 – 3/12/11**

***Johnson Park vs Upper Ferntree Gully***

Johnson Park 5/88 (T. Gstrein 29)

Defeated

Upper Ferntree Gully 9/75 (R. Cox 5/15, J. Robertson 2/11, T. Gstrein 2/8)

Finally winning our first toss and getting to bat first, we started off shaky losing 2 early wickets to be 2/8, But Robbie and Trav started the re-build and we were back on track, Robbie went for 10 and Joel joined Trav and again formed a partnership, Trav getting out 1 before he would of retired on 29 and we looked good to bat our overs out and make a good score, Joel fell for 10, and we had 8 overs to bat when Sid(15\*) in his first game back for 6 weeks, Joined Nathan(16\*) and formed a very strong partnership to finish off the innings with a few boundaries and we made 88 off our 25.

With Half the job done and a very defendable score on the board, the guys could sniff there first win, and as a group the confidence was fastly growing. Early wickets were the key for us, after 8 overs we had the 1 wicket but were bowling very tight, and the game was in the balance, Sid's opening spell was fast and straight, and unfortunate not to grab any wickets getting 0/8 off 5. But we were bowling very tight and eventually the game was going to open up, and that it did, Trav picking up 2, and Robbie coming into the attack who was rewarded for his straight and full bowling, picking up 5/15 off 5. Joel also chipping in with 2/11, bringing his wicket tally to 17 for the year. The game getting out of reach for upper gully, and the guys finally chalking up our first win, a very well deserved one, against a side in the top 4. Lets build from here, and hopefully go into Christmas with 2 wins. Great stuff guys!

**ROUND 4 – 19/11/11*****Johnson Park vs Eildon Park Panthers***

Johnson Park 0/2

Washed Out

Eildon Park Panthers 10/200 (J. Robertson 7/17)

We knew after last weeks embarrassing loss to the top side, we needed to bounce back, and no better way than to do that against the undefeated Eildon Park in a grand final re-match. We started well with an early runout, having them 1/18, but unfortunately we then dropped a catch to the new batsman facing his first ball and he went on to make 51. From here on there wasn't too many positives for us, we bowled well but Eildon parks batting was far superior, Eildon Park moved to 2/179 with still 9 overs to bat, and we were looking like chasing 230+. But what happened in the next 7 overs was something no one saw coming, the best bowling spell i have ever seen in junior cricket was about to happen. In an inspiring spell of bowling from Joel, of 3.1 overs, he managed to destroy eildon parks middle order. Taking 7/4 with 5 bowled and an LBW with full and straight bowling, finishing with figures of 7/17 off 8.1, and bowling Eildon Park out for 200. Unfortunately week 2 got ! washed out, and we were able to back up Joel's effort with the ball.

**ROUND 3 – 5/11/11*****Johnson Park vs Lysterfield***

Johnson Park 4/117 (B. Dewar 18)

Lost to

Lysterfield 9/54 (M. Searle 2/20)

**ROUND 2 – 22/10/11**

***Johnson Park vs Ferntree Gully***

Johnson Park 10.130 (T. Gstrein 25, R. Cox 23)

Lost to

Ferntree Gully 7/185 (J. Robertson 3/40, B. Dewar 2/36)

Up against our newly found rivals Ferntree Gully, After knocking them out of the finals race last year, they wanted to get us back with a win this time around.

Again, we lost the toss and were in the field, With our opening bowling missing this game, Joel stepped up to take the new ball, and in tandem with Trav, they used the new ball well, having FTG 2/2 very early on. A partnership built and we slowly dropped our heads, allowing FTG from 2/2 to 2/50. We finally broke through with some good bowling from Bailey, but as each new batsman came to the crease, they found our bowling attack quite easy to get away. We ended up taking 7 wickets, 6 of them bowled, which are good signs we are bowling straight, but we need to limit the loose balls that we bowl. FTG getting to 185 off there 50. A couple of dropped catches hurt us and as the old saying goes, catches win matches, in this case, it would of changed the result! More work on the training track!

A big task ahead for our batsman but we knew that 185 was a gettable target. A wicket early on wasn't a great start, but Robbie and Trav teamed up to put on nearly a 50 run partnership, only being 2 wickets down at drinks was a good sign that we finally have learnt how to put value on our wicket, but with only 55 runs on the board we had dug ourselves into a fairly large hole, knowing we had to score quick runs after drinks, wickets started to fall. A runout that broke the important partnership for us, hurt alot and from then on, every new batsman failed to be able to play themselves in knowing they needed to score runs from ball 1. we eventually batted out our whole 50 overs, being dismissed in the last over of the day for 130. Plenty of positives in our batting, but we need to start turning these dot balls into 1s, so we are still turning that scoreboard over.

After 2 tough games, it only gets harder from here, the 2 top sides next up means we need

to work hard on the training track, and lets have a red hot crack at being the first team to beat them!

**ROUND 1 – 08/10/11            *Johnson Park vs Upper Ferntree Gully***

Johnson Park 4/66 (R. Cox 30\*)

Lost to

Upper Ferntree Gully 6/72 (J. Robertson 4/7)

Round 1 saw us up against upper gully, on a very wet ground we were sent out into the field first and from ball 1 upper were looking very aggressive, our bowlers weren't handling the tough conditions very well, we finally got a break through with a good catch from Sid off the bowling of Trav. Upper gully went into there shell a bit after that and our bowlers bowled tight through the middle overs and getting steady wickets, upper gully fell to 4-40 off 16 and we were back in the box seat with a fantastic spell of bowling from new player to the club, Joel Robertson with 4/7 off his 5 overs. At the other end Robbie Cox was bowling well ending up with 1/5 off 5. The last 4 overs cost us 20 runs and they got to a total of 72 off there allotted overs.

Our turn to have a hit and we started off very slow with some tight bowling from the opposition, and runs needing to be scored. Sid, Kyra and Bailey all fell cheaply to have us on the back foot at 3/30. Joel teamed up with Robbie and slowly the run rate increased, needing 9 runs from the final over we could only manage the 3 and fell 5 runs short. Robbie ending up with 30\* and Joel with 14, were the best from our batsman. Having lost a game we should have won, we need to bounce back round 2 against FTG.