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Junior Liaison Officer – Daniel Tahana

Well, another season has come and gone and what a fantastic season it has been, we have had an increase in player numbers in all Stages this year and it has been terrific to see so many of our potential future stars enjoying their cricket.

Firstly, let me thank the many volunteers who have given up their personal time to coach, manage and coordinate games and training sessions alike. It goes without saying that without your help our kids don't play, so thank you very much.

We had an influx of new players which has been great. It has been great to see that our club could accommodate so many new players, and still cater to the existing players, testimony to that has been the consistency shown by the U-13s and the huge improvement by the U-15s of which I had the pleasure of watching each week.

I'd also like to make special mention to the Juniors who played in our annual Seniors vs Juniors game (which the Juniors won) it's always a fun day and something all Junior players should aspire to do at least once as a junior.

Big thanks to the Juniors who also filled in at Senior level this season also, we had 3 players play Senior cricket with two of them being a part of a Premiership winning team. The transition to senior cricket is something our club tries to make possible for ALL Juniors, so if you have questions about this reach out to a Coach or Committee Member for advice.

Finally, I want to thank all participants this season. Players, coaches, scorers, and supporters. You make my role a lot easier with your participation so thank you all and see you all for next season.

Tahana



Under 10's Black

Coach: Johnny Chammas

Managers: Mohammed Touseef & Samantha Zahra

Firstly, I want to thank all the parents, grandparents and adults who supported our team during the season. You were great in cheering on the team and getting the kids to the weekly training sessions and games, ready to play their best .

A special call out to Mr Touseef, Sam Zahra & Terri Lennard for doing the weekly scorecard and getting the kids organised in their batting line-up.

I hope that our kids are proud of their efforts during the season. Each of the boys stepped up to the challenge of learning new skills and trying to improve every week.

We had a great start to the season beginning in September 2023 with a 5 game winning streak, which set us up very well. From there our wins were harder to come by, with the New Year 2024 proving to be the most challenging.

We ended the season the same way we started, with a huge team effort resulting in a win against a good opponent who had beaten us in a previous game earlier in the season.

I hope that you continue to enjoy your sports especially cricket.

Coach Johnny



Under 10's Gold

Coach: Danica Tahana & Steve May

Manager: Donna May

The Under 10 Gold team had a mixed season results wise. Unfortunately factors outside of our control saw the team have to forfeit several games and play short in many more. This was no fault of our club just several conspiring factors such as overseas travel, representative fixtures, family commitments and the usual no shows. Of course, playing on Sunday morning is also not favourable to family life!

On a positive note, the three times we managed to field a full team we were very competitive, winning two and one narrow loss. Every single player improved as the season went on and had fun representing Rooty Hill.

A big thank you to following people, without your contribution the kids could not have had so much fun:

- **Team scorers** - this season we had five parents on rotating scoring duties along with coach, Danica Tahana. Definitely a real team effort!
- **Parents** - without your unwavering support of the team and the coaches the season could not have run as smoothly or been as enjoyable for the kids. Also, the little party you all organised after the last game was the perfect end to the season enhancing to the kids that being a part of a team is not always about winning or losing.
- **Donna May** - our team manager, chief organiser and What's App information provider.
- **Danica Tahana** - an extremely impressive young woman and great role model. There really are no words that can describe how much Danica brings to this team and the club as a whole. Giving up her time on a Sunday morning to help out a group of kids she has no outside connection to.

Finally, a big thank you to all the players who gave your all in every match representing this amazing club with honour and exceptional sportsmanship.

The players in the team were:

Asher Ali: Only played a few games with us at the beginning of the season. In the games he played he proved to be a match winner with bat and ball. Hope to see you again next season.

Ethan Gabriel-Dixon: Ethan impressed this season with his bowling and efforts in the field. His batting improved as the season progressed even finding the boundary on one occasion.

Sienna Gabriel-Dixon: A player who puts a very high price on her wicket. While she didn't score many runs she probably was one of the least dismissed batter in the team. Her bowling improved immensely as the season progressed showing how far she had come with an outstanding effort in the last match of the season.

Ibrahim Hamza Khan: A very impressive first season from Ibrahim. He has a natural smooth bowling action which saw him take many wickets (including a double hat trick!). His batting is of a high standard and his general manners and attitude even more impeccable. Definitely a star of the future!

Muhammad Hamza Khan: Joined the team late in the season to help make up some numbers on the field. At 7 years old and only making the age cut off by days he more than held his own with the older players and never backed down.

Jessica Kennedy: One of the more experienced players in the team, who unfortunately (for us) missed a few games away on rep duties. This year her batting technique improved out of sight, with the results forthcoming. While her bowling continued to be of its usual high standard.

Mackenzie May: Mackenzie continued to improve this year with her bowling and batting coming along immensely. She places a high price on her wicket and is now playing with a higher front elbow, allowing her to play with a straight bat. She was the only player to play every game and attend every training.

Amrutha Seshan: A new player to the team who came with a whole lot of experience and an encouraging attitude. She missed many games away on rep duties but when available was always one of our best. Her ability to encourage her teammates and be willing to teach them made her a very valuable member of the team.

Abdullah Siddiqui: The quiet achiever of the team. His batting technique is solid, based around a good defence but he can also punish a loose ball. While his bowling became more consistent towards the end of the season as he produced some very good overs.

Muneeb Siddiqui: A very young player who will benefit from this year. His bowling action still needs some work. His batting however was exceptional for a player of such a young age. With the amount enthusiasm Muneeb has shown this season things can only get better next year.

Steven May



Under 11's Gold

Coach: Greg Bush

Firstly, I would like to thank all the kids, parents, and the Rooty Hill RSL Cricket Club for making the season very enjoyable. In particular thank you to Dan, Sachin and Amit for your support on game days with umpiring, scoring and general organisation and Leanne and Jarrod from the club for all your support.

Overall, as it was most of the kids first year of playing competitive cricket, I think they had a great year with some very good results, both as a team and as individuals and most of all we had fun and played the game in the right spirit. A standout game for our team that showed our never give up attitude was against CFCC White, in a close game which we won by just 3 runs. We batted first and made a reasonable score, but CFCC White were well on top halfway through their batting innings, but the kids from Rooty Hill Gold (and the support from the sideline) never gave up and made 5 runouts working as a team to get us over the line.

Once again thanks all and I hope to see all the kids back next year

Greg Bush

Coach



Under 11's Black

Coaches: Joshie Ennam & Harshana Porawagama

Fun and Camaraderie: The boys had a great time bonding with each other. Whether it was celebrating a victory or laughing off a defeat, the team spirit was infectious. Boys enjoyed their time in coaching and the friendships extended beyond the field.

Building Relationships: Cricket brought these boys together; they celebrated in shared victories and encouraged each other when they lost games. From banter to cheering each other on during matches, the team became a close-knit family.

Learning Respect: Respect for opponents, umpires, and fellow players was instilled in the boys. They understood that cricket is not just about winning but also about playing with integrity.

Enjoyment of the Game: The sheer joy of playing cricket was evident in every match. Whether it was a well-timed cover drive or taking middle sticks or run outs, the boys celebrated in the game.

Division 1 Achievement: The boys' hard work paid off when they secured a spot in Division 1. It was a moment of pride for the entire team. With one more win, they could have clinched a spot in the finals.

Coaching Perspective: As a coach, I thoroughly enjoyed being part of this journey. Watching the boys evolve, both as cricketers and individuals, was immensely rewarding. Shaping their skills, teaching them strategy, and witnessing their growth filled me with pride.

In summary, the cricket season was about more than just runs and wickets—it was about friendship, respect, and the sheer love for the game. As we look ahead, I'm excited to see these boys continue to shine and make their mark in the cricketing world.

Thank You Rooty Hill RSL Club for your support and encouragement.

Coaches: Joshi Ennam James & Harshana Porawagama

Shabeeb Ahmed: Shabeeb is an exceptional player, has indeed showcased remarkable growth in his batting, bowling, and fielding abilities this season. His unwavering commitment to giving his best for the team is truly commendable. Moreover, Shabeeb's analytical approach to the game is equally impressive, significantly contributing to his overall impact on the field. He enjoys playing cricket with this team.

Muhammad Eisa Sadiq Basha: Eisa is indeed an exceptionally player who consistently makes significant contributions to the team. His unwavering passion for performing well in every game is truly admirable. Eisa consistently gives his best, and his progress in batting, bowling, and fielding has been commendable. Although he missed a few games this season, his potential remains abundant, waiting to be showcased on the ground.

Dev Bharadwaj: Dev is indeed an exceptional and self-assured player who possesses a keen understanding of his strengths. His unwavering commitment to the team is evident, especially when the stakes are high. Whether it's securing extra wickets or scoring crucial runs, Dev consistently rises to the occasion. His contributions are truly commendable and play a vital role in the team's success. Furthermore, Dev's receptiveness to suggestions and continuous drive for improvement make him an invaluable asset, always striving to perform better.

Joshua Ennam: Joshua is an outstanding and gifted player, showcasing remarkable growth in his abilities. As the leading wicket-taker of the season, he has significantly impacted the team's performance. Joshua's batting

skills, particularly when facing challenging bowlers, was crucial. His passion for the game of cricket shines through, and he cherishes the camaraderie with his friends on and off the field.

Nathan Ennam: Nathan is a dedicated and confident player who possesses a deep understanding of the game. His significant contributions have been instrumental in securing numerous victories this season. As a team player, he provides his best to team and always eager to learn. He made significant progress in his bowling, batting, and fielding abilities. He is good motivator for the team and supports the team when needed.

Rayhan Khan: Rayhan is an exceptional and dedicated player who consistently elevates the team's energy. His unwavering commitment has been pivotal to the team's success and played key role in winning number of close games. Rayhan not only excels in bowling, fielding, and batting, but he also serves as a motivator for his fellow players and lifts the team spirit when they needed it.

Savithu Porawagama: Savi adores the game of cricket and boasts an extensive variety of batting shots. He is a gifted player and showed remarkable growth this season. Throughout the season, Savi made significant strides in his batting, bowling, and fielding abilities. His consistent positive contributions have made him a player the team depends on in every game. Additionally, Savi's friendly demeanour and passion for cricket has made him a valuable asset to the team.

Vansh Sharma: Vansh is a committed player, displaying remarkable discipline in batting, bowling, and fielding throughout the game. His unwavering dedication benefits the team, and his contributions have not gone unnoticed. Vansh's consistent attendance at coaching sessions and unwavering support on the field made him an invaluable asset to the team. He took one of the best catches against TPCC.



Under 13's Grand Finalists

Coach: Chris May

Manager: James May

After a very successful first season coaching this team last year having won a grand final in most of their first year, the expectations were set high from the start.

However, we had quite a disappointing start losing our first two before hitting our stride with everything starting to click together being 3 wins 3 losses at regrading, leaving us in the top 4. This is where we stayed for the remainder of the season holding onto 4th place by the skin of our teeth.

This left us in the same David vs Goliath battle as last year, facing the near unbeaten side of Schofields at Schofields park in the semi-final. With Aidan being our captain, he won the toss and chose to bowl on a wet morning hoping to restrict the opposition to a low total.

With a near perfect start, we had the opposition 5 down within the first 8 overs thanks to Aidan and Arshpreet's bowling and the teams' fielding efforts. Finishing the innings off needing 60 it was more than ideal. Matthew and Ryan opened the batting seeing off the openers to set us up for a steady run chase where everyone chipped in a few runs with very little pressure, Angus top scoring with his 20 to help close the innings, the seemingly impossible task of beating Schofields at Schofields done for the second time in two years.

Making into the second grand final in two years was a huge accomplishment for the boys, however there was still a big job to be done facing the ponds, Aidan again won the toss and elected to bowl hoping to replicate the semi-final, but it wasn't to be. We leaked a lot of runs in our bowling and with our fielding allowing them to get to 121, which was still very achievable on a fast outfield.

Unfortunately, we got off to a slow start with the opposition keeping their bowling and fielding quite tight, this being the difference. We left it too late with our batting resurgence falling just 9 runs short in a tremendous effort with the bat.

I want to thank the parents for being a huge help throughout the year, especially Jim who assisted throughout the year in pre-game warmups and trainings. Also, the other Jim did always putting in the effort to score and give tips from his many years' experience.

Well done to all the boys on another tremendous season, if this group of young lads stick at it for the years to come, they will continue to be a very successful team.



Under 13 Division 2		BATTING						BOWLING						FIELDING		
		Name	Matches	Innings	N.O	Runs	Ave	H.S	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave	B.B	Catches	Stmpgs
	Zaid Ali	10	4	2	67	33.5	25*	14	2	1	49	49	1/25	2	0	0
	Ryan Dhawan	16	12	8	273	68.2	41*	38	4	3	131	43.6	2/3	3	0	2.5
	Angus Foreshow	16	13	5	184	26.2	41	32	3	5	184	35	2/16	3	0	2
	Joshua Gray	15	10	3	84	12	26	37	4	6	151	22	1/3	1	0	0
	Soham Jadhav	13	8	1	13	2.17	4	25	3	6	92	15.3	2/8	1	0	0
	Aariz Khatri	14	12	6	180	30.0	34	32.5	6	8	148	18.5	3/20	3	0	1.5
	Zachary May	17	11	3	34	4.25	12	28.5	1	10	179	17.9	2/4	1	0	0.5
	Aidan McLeod	16	12	3	135	15	33*	30.1	3	11	86	7.82	3/10	9	1	3
	Logan Neville	17	12	3	32	4.57	12	25	2	8	136	17.0	2/5	0	1	0
	Muhammad Kaif Sadiq Basha	16	13	9	139	34.7	38	33.2	4	10	1119	11.9	2/6	6	0	0.5
	Arshpreet Sakhala	17	13	8	181	36.2	57*	49.4	11	12	133	11.0	4/10	5	0	0.5
	Matthew Starkey	15	12	3	110	12.2	27	32	5	7	129	18.4	2/4	0	0	0

Under 15's

Coaches: Patrick May & Matthew May

This season the team moved up to the U15's and were put in an 8 team division 3 competition. With the addition of Hasan, Emil, Malik, and Trevor at the commencement of the season, this meant that we were very competitive from the outset despite not picking up our first win until the 3rd round of the season versus Plumpton Grey at Harry Denison.

Unfortunately, the team lost Trevor to focus on senior cricket after round 7 but were able to rebound during the second half of the season, with Kayden joining the team and eventually finishing just 3 points short of a first finals appearance.

Again, it was our batting that let us down, particularly losing 7/20 against Kellyville White on Remembrance Day including 3/0 after being 4/62 chasing just 134 for victory at a very fast Harry Denison and being bowled out for just 72 against Plumpton Grey at Harry Denison in what was just their 3rd win of the season.

Nonetheless, it was pleasing to see the belief build within the team as the season progressed with an expectation that we would win even against Blacktown City and Pedan despite not quite being able to put in our best 60 over performance against either side.

Thank you to Christopher for again lending players throughout the season when we were short when the U13's weren't certain to make the finals:

Aariz: Two games with a first ball wicket that made their opening batter look in disbelief Mike Gatting style

Arshpreet: One game with a very tidy spell and a key wicket

Aidan: One game controlling the end of the run chase.

Ryan: One game looking very comfortable at number 3 and cleaning up the last two wickets.

Emil - One half of the new opening partnership with Joel, Emil put his all into every aspect of the game (though that may not have always been a good thing when he was bowling). He was very comfortable off the back foot, but recognising when to get on the front foot will allow him to stay in for longer.

Trevor - Trevor filled our spin bowling void and got a wicket almost every spell. He also proved that he can bat long and score when he gives himself the chance.

Justin - Justin continued being a key part of the fielding effort, making sure that the ball stayed new. He had a habit of making the easiest catches look the most difficult but almost always took them in the end, especially when it was off Xavier's bowling.

Joel - Joel was promoted to opening batter this season and had a prolific time, being able to balance offence and defence which resulted in consistent runs every game. He was very active in the field as well, contributing with a catch or runout almost every game.

Johan - Johan at times had a rough go of things while adjusting to the longer pitch but still had a knack of taking multiple wickets when needed. He once again was one of the players that brought energy to the field and was always there to congratulate the other players on their successes.

Malik - Malik's slow left arm swing bowling bamboozled quite a few batters as he worked them over with variations in flight and length. While not resulting in the most wickets, he did have the best economy and close to the best average in the team.

Haad - After a 73 run partnership with Hasan in the first game opening the batting, Haad was moved to three where he continued plugging away and taking on the short ball. He was oftentimes the recipient of one of the better balls bowled against us on the day which limited his run tally. Once he learns to consistently counter those deliveries, he'll be in for a big season.

Waleed - If ever there was a man that should develop an ego and assert his place in the bowling order it would be Waleed. He regularly squared up batters, swung it both ways, and stepped up when needed, especially against Schofields both times we played. When he doesn't have the pressure of having to actively score, Waleed was able to bat long and contribute well to the total, exemplified by top scoring with 14 from 14 overs.

Danica - Danica stepped up to take a more active role as the on-field captain this season. She voluntarily took a bit of a backseat in the batting and bowling orders and shared wicket keeping responsibilities with Khodi. She was nonetheless still effective in her role during the bowling innings, taking 7 wickets at 15 and 10 catches.

Khodi - Khodi improved on his hitting from last year and continued being great in the field. He top scored with 46 at Peter Van Hasselt, only missing out on his maiden 50 by somehow missing a juicy full toss.

Xavier - Xavier's role veered away from all-rounder and toward specialist opening bowler this season and was rewarded with the most wickets in the team. He would, at times, try too hard and lose his shape but was otherwise very consistent with the ball and in the field, becoming a bit of a caught-bowled specialist in the process.

Kayden - We didn't get to see the best of Kayden due to only playing four games at the end of the season. He still showed his potential with bat and ball with big hitting and tight bowling.

Hasan - Hasan is an attacking allrounder who hit the stumps consistently and aimed to dominate opposition bowling line-ups. His highlight from the season was his 88 not out from 63 balls at number 6 vs Kellyville in what only ended up being a 24 over innings.



Under 15 Division 3		BATTING							BOWLING							FIELDING		
		Matches	Innings	N.O	Runs	Ave	H.S	Over	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave	B.B	Catches	Stmpgs	R/O		
Emil Anson	15	13	1	104	8.6	19	37	2	8	182	22.75	2/10	5	0	3			
Trevor Howarth	6	6	1	46	9.2	26*	18	1	4	97	5.38	1/5	4	0	0			
Justin May	14	10	5	15	1.5	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	0	0			
Joel Sam	13	12	5	131	18.7	32*	38	6	11	145	13.18	3/1	3	0	7			
Johan Sam	13	9	2	24	3.42	6	24	1	7	131	18.71	2/12	1	0	4			
Malik Shahmir	13	9	2	12	1.7	5	32	1	9	121	13.44	3/16	0	0	1			
Haad Syed	14	12	0	68	5.66	21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0			
Waleed Syed	14	7	1	26	4.33	13	48	5	12	199	16.5	2/6	0	0	0			
Danica Tahana	15	8	2	24	4	10	24.1	1	7	108	15.42	2/0	8	0	2			
Khodi Tahana	13	11	1	140	14	46	1	0	0	5	NA	0/5	4	0	3			
Xavier Tahana	15	9	1	54	6.75	12	67.4	7	14	269	19.21	3/10	7	0	0			
Kayden Underhill	5	4	0	20	5	18*	7	1	1	27	27	1/10	0	0	0			
Hasan Zahid	15	10	4	325	54.16	88	46	2	12	197	16.4	2/11	4	0	0			
Players that filled in for Under 15 during the 2023/24 season																		
Ryan Dhawan	1	1	0	10	10	10	1.1	1	2	3	1.5	2/3	0	0	0			
Aariz Khatri	2	2	1	2	1	2	8	1	1	45	45	1/23	0	0	0			
Aidan McLeod	1	1	1	11	NA	11	2	0	0	6	NA	0/6	0	0	0			
Arshpreet Sakhala	1	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	4	1	1	12	12	1/12	0	0	0			

Major Award Winners

President's Award
(Jim Hanshaw Memorial)
Hasan Zahid

Junior Club Person
(Jack Taylor Memorial)
Danica Tahana

Best Bowling Aggregate
(Mark & Matt Bursa)
Xavier Tahana
14 Wickets @ 19.2

Best Bowling Average
(Shaun Hanshaw)
Aiden McLeod 7.82

Best Batting Aggregate
(Chris Zammit)
Hasan Zahid 313 Runs

Best Batting Average
(Brett Hanshaw)
Ryan Dhawan 68.25

Wicket Keeper of the Year
(Philip Imsies)
Danica Tahana
8 Catches, 2 Runouts

Team Awards

Under 10's Black

Under 10's Player of the Year	Charlie Chammas
Coaches Award	Fawad Rasool
Most Improved	Aaryan Rasool
Karin Hanshaw Patron Award	Abdurraafay Touseef

Under 10's Gold

Under 10's Player of the Year	Jessica Kennedy
Coaches Award	Ibrahim Hamza Khan
Most Improved	Abdullah Siddiqui
Allan Martin Patron Award	Mackenzie May

Under 11's Gold

Under 11's Player of the Year	Noah Bush
Coaches Award	Meesha Singh
Most Improved	Pranshu Prajapati
Ronda Martin Patron Award	Jack Gray

Under 11's Black

Under 11's Player of the Year	Nathan Ennam
Coaches Award	Rayhan Khan
Most Improved	Joshua Ennam
Trent Stannard Patron Award	Vansh Sharma

Under 13's

Best Bowling Aggregate	Arshpreet Sakhala
Best Bowling Average	Aiden McLeod
Best Batting Aggregate	Ryan Dhawan
Best Batting Average	Ryan Dhawan
Fielding	Muhammad Kaif Sadiq Basha
Allrounder	Arshpreet Sakhala
James May Patron Award	Logan Neville

Under 15's

Best Bowling Aggregate	Xavier Tahana
Best Bowling Average	Joel Sam
Best Batting Aggregate	Hasan Zahid
Best Batting Average	Hasan Zahid
Fielding	Danica Tahana
Allrounder	Joel Sam
Shaun Hanshaw Patron Award	Danica Tahana

Past Premierships

Under 16'2 2017/2018

Under 12 2018/2019

Under 12 2022/2023

Training for the 2024/25 season will commence on the last

Sunday in July from 9am – 12 noon at Angus Park



