



ESSENDON CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012

Dear Players & Supporters,

Congratulations to Clint McKay for his well-deserved selection in the Australian T20 and ODI teams. While keeping up his national, State and Big Bash commitments, Clint puts his heart into the games he plays with our First XI and always tries to encourage younger players and support team events. Over the last 140 years, Essendon Cricket Club has produced many Australian and Victorian representatives, and we are proud to have Bombers Clint and Steve Reid representing Victoria.

To encourage younger players to aspire to these levels, we are in the process of organising two junior development/recruitment sessions to be held in late February, following the success of last year's similar process led by First XI player, Mitch Johnstone.

On 22 February we are holding sessions for players 16 and over, and on 29 February for younger players aged 13 to 15. See the attached flyer for more information. The best candidates from these sessions will go into Mitch's high performance program with the May/June group training programs aimed at filling our senior lists in Premier cricket. Thanks to players, parents and supporters for assisting with these events and showing a great club spirit. Don't forget to keep your eyes open for talented young players who can contribute to Essendon's future.

On that topic, it was great to see our English recruit Benny Howell making 93 on the first day of our First XI game against Ringwood at Windy Hill. And well done to Andrew Lowther in the fourth XI making 100 on the same day. Recent great efforts in the previous round against North Melbourne include Dimattina's 138, and some good scores from Tom Godsell (98) and Zaheer Hussain (66). With seven more games to go before the finals, there are plenty more opportunities for players to show their potential and to help move Essendon up the ladder.

Mark diaries with May 5 for our ECC Presentation Night – see flyer attached with more details.

If you are looking for weekend First XI progress scores don't forget you can get find them on your smartphones through Twitter - @essendoncc. On match days progress scores from the other teams can be added to the Twitter newsfeed by emailing Amanda on buckcam@bigpond.com. For all parents and supporters not yet using this service - Twitter sign-up is free, and sites like @vicpremiercricket and @CricketAus keep you up to date with all the cricketing news.

Simon Tobin

President

ECC Junior Development Sessions

To Players and Supporters: We are in the process of organising two junior development/recruitment sessions to be held in late February. We are in need of a variety of coaches and assistants so that we can provide prospective players with a positive experience of our club. Please confirm whether you would be available for two, one or none of the sessions below:

Junior Development Session for Players Aged 16+

Wednesday 22 February

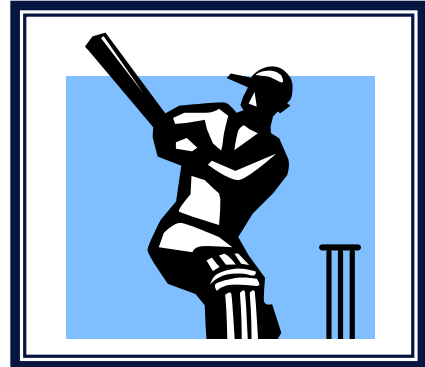
4:30pm - 6:30pm at Windy Hill (BBQ 6:30pm - 7pm)

Junior Development Session for Players Aged 13-15

Wednesday 29 February

4:30pm - 6:30pm at Windy Hill (BBQ 6:30pm - 7pm)

In terms of the breakdown of roles, I have come up with the following:



PLAYER AND PARENT LIAISON/CLUB PROMOTION

Craig Berger

Ben Fletcher

BATTING COACHES

David Tate

John Shannon

Benny Howell

BATTING COACHES/THROWDOWN ASSISTANTS/BOWLING MACHINE OPERATORS

Ben MacRae

Karl Mayne

Tom Godsell

BOWLING COACHES

Andrew Smith

Clint McKay

Steve Reid

Louis Cameron

FIELDING/WICKET-KEEPING COACHES

Tony Cornish

Rory Collins

Brent Hutchinson

John Shannon (if required)

FITNESS AND CONDITIONING

Nadia Perich

Scott Bryant

ADMINISTRATION/BBQ/PARENT LIAISON/GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Simon Tobin

Wayne Condon

Gregg Godsell

Shane Eaton

Charlie Buhagiar

Mike Walsh

These two sessions will be crucial in us beginning our climb up the club championship, so any assistance you could offer would be much appreciated. Go Bombers. Contact: Mitch Johnstone 0404 254 765 or mitch_johnstone@hotmail.com

All Players and Supporters

Make sure you mark your diaries for the event of the season:

Essendon Cricket Club
Presentation Night

Saturday May 5



Where: Essendon Social Club

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Special Feature: the launch of the ECC Vice Presidents' Club

For more information and tickets See Nabby 0418 536489