



Mazenod  
Cricket Club

# Mazenod Cricket Club 2024/25 Presentation Night

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# President's Report

Season 2024/25 has been an enjoyable learning experience. On-field performances were mixed. At the senior men's level, the Third XI made it to the semi-finals. Our First and Second XIs showed glimpses of exciting promise which, considering the young age profile of these teams, leads me to believe the future is very positive. Our Fourth XI faced challenges with numbers throughout the season, often relying on cameo appearances. A special thank you to the Perera and Juneja families for being the team's backbone for most of the year.

A big thank you to Jeremy Devlin for his tireless work for the Club—always going above and beyond, be it during the pre-season or season proper, both on and off the field. Also, a big thank you to the skippers—Jeremy Devlin, Craig Don Paul, James Dobeli, and Andrew Fry / Hiran Perera. Your efforts both on and off the field, particularly in respect of selection, are greatly appreciated.

Our Over 40s Vets team had a successful season, making it all the way to the grand final but unfortunately just falling short. Thank you to Eugene for all his hard work.

The All-Abilities team had another enjoyable season, being competitive in most games. A special shoutout to our coordinator, Tom Stanley, who has put in a power of work over the last few seasons. He is the main reason this program is running so beautifully.

Our wonderful Women's team had a fantastic season. Three weeks out from the start of the year, we had only four confirmed players. Thanks to our skipper, Leah Quinn, we found new players and convinced a number of "retired" players to return. This team then gelled together and, after an epic semi-final win, made it to the Grand Final. Unfortunately, it wasn't a fairy-tale ending, going down to Kerrimuir. Thank you to Mick Cowan and Matty Quinn for their outstanding commitment to our Women's team all season.

A very special thank you to club legend Mick Cowan for his commitment and enthusiasm for the Women's program, as well as his fantastic work as net captain on all training nights—brilliant!

Our junior program had yet another successful season. Five sides made finals, with premiership success for the Under 12/3 and Under 14 sides—congratulations to them. Thank you to Eugene, Gerald, Simon, Matt, and John, our coaches for this year, for their dedication and drive in improving the skills of our young cricketers.

## Outstanding Performances

There were several outstanding performances throughout the season worth noting:

- Nabil Moughil, our U.K. import, had an outstanding year in our First XI. He amassed over 600 runs at an average of 47 and took 21 wickets at 20—an outstanding effort. Congratulations to him, and we hope to see him return next season.

- The First XI's only win for the season came against Deepdene (the eventual grand finalist) in Round 11. The win was due to the brilliant bowling of Nathan Jago (6/21), helping to dismiss Deepdene for 66, which we successfully chased down. Great excitement followed with a big night back at the Club.
- Andrew Trifilo had an outstanding season with the ball for the Second XI—claiming 6/38 in Round 9 and 6/64 in Round 14. Andrew made his debut in the First XI this year, and we see him, along with the much-improved Brad Jago, as part of the attack going forward.
- In the Third XI, Liam Doherty's amazing 194 in Round 1 showcased his potential.
- Also in the Third XI, James Dobeli scored a slashing 103 in Round 8.
- Highlights in the Fourth XI included Andrew Fry's 96 in Round 9—unlucky not to go on to hit the ton.

A special thank you goes to 'The Two Chefs'—Kingey and Fitzy—for their efforts with the Thursday meals. It has been a pleasure working with you, and the banter certainly made for amusing nights.

I would also like to thank our wonderful committee for their hard work and dedication in making this great club an enjoyable place to be. Thank you, lads. A special thank you to Vito Trifilo, our sponsorship manager, who is stepping down due to work commitments. We greatly appreciate his service.

A special tribute to Simon Dresser, our Junior Coordinator (President), for the outstanding work he has put in to continue the great success of our junior program.

Finally, a big thanks to James Dobeli, who has been pivotal to everything that gets done at this Club. I would personally like to thank him for all the assistance he has given me as I have stumbled through my first year as president.

Thank you, everyone. Have a good break, and I hope to see you all in early August for pre-season.

Cheers,

**Mick Riley** President

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## First XI Captain's Report

The First XI entered the season full of optimism, buoyed by new recruits and a strong pre-season.

After a promising practice match in Shepparton, unfortunately, injuries and inconsistent form derailed our season. We struggled to play consistent cricket, finishing with just one win and ultimately being relegated back to A Turf.

Despite the lack of wins, there were still plenty of positives, as we fielded the youngest side in the competition.

We kicked off our season against a strong Heathmont team, delivering an outstanding performance in the field. Chasing 174, we found ourselves in trouble at 8/110 with 8.3 overs remaining. That's when Joe and Hugh Paulas joined forces at the crease, putting on a batting masterclass and dismantling the Heathmont attack all over the school ground. Hugh launched their best bowler onto the freeway, leaving us needing just seven runs from the final over. Unfortunately, we fell agonizingly short, losing by just one run.

This became a recurring theme throughout the season. We lost another match in the final over, fell short by 27 runs in another, and had both games against the other bottom-ranked side affected by rain. In one of those matches, we were robbed of a sure victory due to Melbourne's unpredictable weather.

Our younger players, however, showed plenty of promise, and at times, we proved we could compete with the best teams in the competition.

A highlight of the season was our Round 11 victory over Deepdene, who were on top of the ladder at the time and later finished as runners-up. After sensational innings from Luke Brynes (37), Nabil (68\*), and Joey (21 off 14 balls), we posted 177 on a tough pitch. The lads then put together the perfect game, with Nabil, Brad, Narns, and Joey bowling brilliantly to skittle them for just 66 in front of their home crowd, who were hosting a function.

One of the biggest positives for the club was the development of Nathan Jago, not only as a player but also as a leader. Narns displayed maturity beyond his years with the bat, highlighted by a gritty 68\* on a tough pitch against Marcellin, followed by a match-winning spell of 6/21 against Deepdene. He works extremely hard at training and has started to find his voice as a leader within the group.

Brad Jago forced his way into the First XI early in the season and is the club's hardest trainer. It was fantastic to see him rewarded with a great season. He bowls an impeccable line and length, moving the ball both ways, making him a difficult prospect for batsmen.

Joey Paulas continued to develop as a player, forming key batting partnerships with Nabil and delivering some great spells with his accurate leg-spin.

Hugh Paulas may not have taken as many wickets as last season, but his two-day bowling performances were outstanding. He also continued to develop his batting and contribute valuable runs.

Rowan Jayaweera finished the season as our second-highest run-scorer, setting a great example for the younger players with his patience and application at the crease.

Benny Raymond kept brilliantly during the second half of the season and continued to develop his batting, producing some powerful innings.

Our standout performer with both bat and ball was our 19-year-old overseas sensation, Nabil Moughal. He topped the league in runs with an impressive 616 at an average of 47.38 and made

his mark with the ball, taking 21 wickets at 20 to finish 10th in the league. On and off the field, “Billy” was a true star—his banter and infectious energy lifted the entire team.

We also had the opportunity to debut Andrew Trifilo, Adrian Benno, and Chanul Ratnayake—our youngest-ever First XI player at just 13. All three showed they are up to the standard and will be looking to play consistent First XI cricket next season.

For a team that finished with just one win, our morale remained fantastic throughout the season, and we had a lot of fun along the way.

I believe that relegation may be a blessing in disguise. If this group sticks together, plenty of success awaits.

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## Second XI Captain's Report

The 2024/2025 season was meant to be one of redemption. However, we unfortunately fell short during the regular season and missed out on finals.

Despite the usual challenges of a Second XI team, the boys fought hard and delivered some exceptional individual and collective performances. The season was a testament to the character of the players and their commitment to the club’s vision.

We had an unusual start to the season, playing our first home game away on a Sunday against Ashwood. This was followed by an away match against Richmond City, where we initially thought we had drawn—only for a recount to upgrade us to a win a few hours later! Ultimately, it was a season of “what could have been,” with a few too many close losses in games we should have won.

Throughout the season, there were plenty of standout achievements. With the bat, we saw some fantastic individual performances, with seven half-centuries recorded. The highest score came from our youngest player, Chanul Ratnayake, who made a brilliant 89. Joe Porter also produced an incredible innings of 79, nearly single-handedly winning us a match, while Mason Mantel notched up his first half-century for the club with a well-made 53.

On the bowling side, Andrew Trifilo was our standout performer. Despite spending half the season in the First XI, when he played with us, he showed why he is a player of the future—claiming not one but two six-wicket hauls (6/64 and 6/38). Another player who split time between the First and Second XI, Brad Jago, also delivered a memorable five-wicket haul (5/33).

Additionally, our young gun Adrian Benno impressed with the ball, consistently taking wickets and showing great improvement with each game.

Looking ahead—not only to next season but to future years—I’m confident this team can continue to grow. With the core group of players we had this season, along with younger players making a

name for themselves in other grades, the foundations are strong. We have a great mix of talent and experience, and I have no doubt we will improve over the coming seasons.

It was a season filled with highs and lows, but through it all, the team remained united. The support the boys showed for each other was outstanding. With another year of development, I'm hopeful we can come back stronger and make a real push for promotion back into C Turf, where we belong.

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## Third XI Captain's Report

If the Third XI is anything to go by, the future is bright for Mazenod!

The Third XI had an exceptional season in 2024/25.

Despite constant team changes due to availability and injury, the Third XI made it all the way to a Semi-Final on the back of the club's future stars. The Semi-Final lineup itself featured six players under the age of 18, the majority of whom were under 16.

While we weren't good enough on the day, it spoke volumes about the lads that the standards set throughout the year were maintained in the final game. A couple of late wickets ensured we ended the season on a high note, despite the result. The post-match BBQ was a fitting way for the team to come together and reflect on what was a great season.

### Season Highlights

- The numerous father/son combinations who had the opportunity to play cricket together.
- Five-wicket hauls from Scott Antidormi and Jake Hall.
- Key batting performances by Liam Doherty (194), Will Dresser (94), David Di Domenico (88), Brayden David (81), and Hayden Emerson (80).
- Sasthi Perera's fantastic batting performance in the Semi-Final.

### Award Winners

#### **Bowling Award – Scott Antidormi**

Scott played with the Third XI for about half the season and, along with Sam, led the attack brilliantly. He also contributed valuable lower-order runs.

#### **Most Improved – Andrew Samuel**

Andrew is a superb cricketer (and person) who was thrown in at No. 3 all season and performed

admirably. He was also a reliable, tight bowler and the best fielder in the lineup. There's a lot of talent on offer, and I'm excited to see what Andrew produces next season.

### **Best Finals Player – Sasthi Perera**

Sasthi played most of his cricket in the Fourth XI with his father this season. Come the Semi-Final, he stepped up, excelling with the bat and creating chances with the ball. Like Andrew, he has a huge amount of potential to build on in the coming years.

I'd like to congratulate everyone who played Third XI cricket this season. I'm excited about building on our Semi-Final appearance next year—this group can go a long way!

It was an honour to captain the Third XI, and I thank the committee for the opportunity.

### **Special Mentions**

- **Jeremy Devlin** – The club has certainly got its money's worth appointing Dev as First XI skipper. He was a huge support throughout the year, going well above and beyond what was required.
- **Simon Dresser** – As usual, he fielded a million and one random questions from me throughout the year, seemingly without ever getting frustrated.

Thank you again, well done to the lads, and let's bring on Season 2025/26!

**James Dobeli**

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## **Fourth XI Captain's Report**

The Fourth XI in the 2024/25 season had a bit of everything—fantastic wins, close losses, and some outstanding individual performances.

Congratulations to Sasthi, Kavin, Kavish, and Lachie on making their first senior half-centuries this season—well done, boys! Plenty more runs to come.

Kallen's four-wicket haul in one game was a great effort, with many more wickets to come in the future.

We also welcomed the Juneja family—Harry and his talented children, Kaashvi and Kavish. Harry's wicketkeeping, along with Kaashvi and Kavish's batting and bowling, were amazing, and they have a very bright cricketing future ahead.

Hiran and Sasthi both made crucial runs at key moments. A special thanks to Hiran for stepping up to run the team when I wasn't available—much appreciated!

Thank you to our two veterans (in every aspect), Eugene Fredricks and Craig Plowman, for filling in when possible.

A big congratulations to Jack Richardson and John Soles from the All Abilities team for playing games with the Fourth XI this season!

I would also like to thank everyone who helped with scoring and umpiring—it really makes life easier when everyone is willing to contribute.

Overall, the Fourth XI has plenty of potential looking ahead. I hope the team can stay together, grow, and win more games as a unit.

Thank you for the season!

**Andrew Fry**

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## **Women's Team Captain's Report**

The beginning of the season was not ideal for the Women's team. Six of our founding players had family commitments—which was completely understandable—and Mack moved up to play a higher grade of cricket, which we are all so proud of.

This left us with just five players, when we needed a minimum of nine. We had work to do with recruiting. I just really wanted to play another season, and when I spoke to Matt about it, he told me that if I wanted to play, I needed to take the reins—so, reluctantly, I did.

We organized a "Come and Try" session, and Narelle Randall said, "Build it, and they will come." And they did!

Tania and Kali Hancock were the first to commit, becoming our first mother-daughter duo at Mazonod. We then welcomed Brinda Manogaran and Laura Cain, both excellent bowlers.

### **Season Summary**

Our first game of the season tested how our new players would perform, and they passed with flying colours! We defeated Kew by five runs.

As the season progressed, we continued to grow, welcoming more players, including Afshan Alwani and Tammy Andrado. We won key matches and secured second place on the ladder.

The Semi-Final against Kerrimuir White was a thriller. In the final over, Kerrimuir needed seven runs, or we needed three wickets to win. It was chaos! We managed three run-outs to tie the match, and since we finished second on the ladder, we advanced to the Grand Final.



In the Grand Final against Kerrimuir Blue at Springfield Park, we had an early collapse at the top of the batting order, making it difficult to recover. However, Liz and Narelle both made 11 runs, and Tania took 1/6 off four overs.

## Acknowledgments

A huge thank you to:

- **Mick Cowan** for coaching and volunteering his time during training and game days.
- **My husband, Matt** for scoring most weeks and for his constant support.
- **Simon Dresser** for handling team registrations and answering my many questions.
- **The kids** for helping us set up and pack up the ground at Mazenod.
- **Our families and supporters**—including our original founding members, you know who you are!

A special thanks to **Narelle**, who has been my rock from the start of the season—I couldn't have done it without you. And to **Liz**, for helping with field placements during the second half of the season—your guidance has been invaluable.

I am incredibly proud of what we achieved. At the start of the season, I was close to not submitting a team, given we only had eight players. But we welcomed six new faces, won six of our seven home-and-away games, and built an amazing team—not just of cricketers, but of friends.

I love this team and can't wait to play with you all again next season!

**Leah Quinn**

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## All-Abilities Coaches' Report

In what feels like a short period of time, we have now completed three seasons of Mazenod All Abilities cricket, and we continue to go from strength to strength.

Last season, we had to travel to Geelong and Ballarat for matches. However, the league decided to restructure the competition to reduce travel requirements. While this was logistically beneficial, it also meant that we were placed in a division with three of the four opposition teams coming from a higher division in the previous season.

What was most pleasing to see was that this challenge did not deter our group at all. In our first game, we were bowled out only once, and for the rest of the season, we lost more than six wickets in an innings only once. This demonstrates that the foundations of a strong team are coming together, and we are building something special both on and off the field.

Our group is also expanding. The primary goal of this team has always been to increase participation in All Abilities cricket, and this year, we welcomed three new team members, fielding a total of 15 players throughout the season. It was fantastic to see multiple games where we had 12 or 13 players available, highlighting the growing interest in the team.

Another exciting development was the integration of our players into the broader club. This season, three of our players participated in senior cricket, becoming vital members of the 4th XI. A special thanks to Dress and Frysy for fostering such a welcoming environment in the 4th XI and making this transition smooth.

A personal highlight of the season was the Players vs. Carers/Parents T20 match. It was a fantastic day out, and the team took great confidence from securing a win against some familiar faces. That momentum carried through to our first-ever finals match, where we agonizingly lost on the final ball of the game against a strong opposition. While we came so close to the perfect ending, it was an incredible way to cap off a great season, with every player making a meaningful contribution.

## Acknowledgments

I would like to extend my thanks to a few key people:

- **Kelvin**, for umpiring every single over this season. Your commitment made my role much easier, knowing that was one less thing to worry about.
- **James**, for handling almost all of the off-field logistics and keeping the team running smoothly behind the scenes.
- **The entire playing group** – it has been an absolute privilege to manage this side over the past three seasons. Watching both the on-field and off-field growth of the players has been incredibly rewarding.

Thank you all, and Go Nodders!

**Tom Stanley**

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## Veterans Captain's Report

If you had told me at the Christmas break that the Over-40s Veterans, after winning only one of the first five games, would not only make the Grand Final, but have a hand on the shield, I would have choked on my Dr Pepper! The Veteran's season got off to a flying start with a decisive win at home

over North Alphington in Rd 1. Sadly, we went quickly from chocolates to boiled lollies, with losses in both Rd 2 and Rd 3. The weather then conspired against us, robbing us of a chance at redemption due to heavy rains in Rd 4. The last game before Christmas was another loss, so if nothing else, the Festive Season provided an opportunity for reflection and soul-searching. One win in the first five rounds of a seven-game season suggested that our season was teetering on the brink.

Things can turn around quickly in Vets cricket due to the short season, so we felt that if we focussed on playing to our strengths, we could still feature in finals action. Returning after Christmas, we matched up against North Alphington once more, thankfully with the same result – a dominant win but this time at their home ground. Things were looking up with one H&A round to go, which was effectively an elimination final, as we were in the Four and on equal points as fifth-placed Mount Waverley. Once again, the Weather Gods intervened, and the match was abandoned due to soaring temperatures. With a superior NRR, we managed to sneak into Fourth Place to secure a finals berth. Whoo Hoo! We were back, baby!

The Semi-Final pitted us against Canterbury, who were the ladder leaders all season. A tough ask, but we were quietly confident, as we only narrowly went down to them in the third-last ball of the match when we met in Rd 3. It was a finals win for the ages. We were gone for all money on several occasions during the match, but we kept chipping away and continued to do the one-percenters. The win was absolutely exhilarating.

We were into the Grand Final against Mt Waverley Uniting, to whom we had lost in the H&A season. We were playing good cricket at the right time of the year, so were an even-money chance. The game had to be played over two weeks due to rain interruptions, but alas, we could not turn it on in the Big One. Our bowling and fielding were fantastic, and we affected five run outs. Amazing. The game was there to win...but cricket is a funny game, and we just could not find our mojo with the bat. They bowled very well, but it didn't help that the rub of the green from the paid umpires went against us, with a couple of very dubious decisions. Anyway, if my aunty had a beard, she'd be my uncle. So, there is little to be gained by wondering 'what if'. Consequently, season 2024/25 will always be remembered as the one that definitely got away from the Over-40s Veterans. ...however, there is always next season, and we already look forward to taking the field with our great mates once more.

**Eugene Fredericks**

# Trophy Winners

## Major Club Awards

- **Club Person of the Year:** Jeremy Devlin
- **Club Champion:** Nabil Moughal
- **Turner Award:** Narelle Randall

## Batting Awards

- **1st XI:** Nabil Moughal – 616 runs @ 47.38
- **2nd XI:** Chanul Ratnayake – 297 runs @ 24.75
- **3rd XI:** James Dobeli – 360 runs @ 36
- **4th XI:** Hiran Perera – 167 runs @ 20.88
- **Women's:** Liz Phibbs- 104 runs @ 52
- **Vets:** Simon Fisher – 166 runs @ 83

## Bowling Awards

- **1st XI:** Nabil Moughal – 21 wickets @ 20.1
- **2nd XI:** Andrew Trifilo – 20 wickets @ 12.9
- **3rd XI:** Scott Antidormi – 18 wickets @ 14.89
- **4th XI:** Kaashvi Juneja – 10 wickets @ 17.3
- **Women's:** Laura Cain - 8 wickets @ 21.5
- **Vets:** Simon Fisher – 12 wickets @ 8.75

## Player of the Year

- **1st XI:** Nabil Moughal
- **2nd XI:** Mason Mantel

- **3rd XI:** Sasthi Perera (Finals)

### **Best Team Person**

- **1st XI:** Nathan Jago
- **2nd XI:** Hayden Emerson
- **3rd XI:** Andrew Samuel (**Most Improved**)
- **4th XI:** Kallen Warren and Nick Menz
- **Vets:** Garry Wilson

### **Best First Year Player**

- **Women's:** Brinda Manogaran
- **Women's:** Tania Hancock

### **Centuries**

- Liam Doherty – Rd. 1 vs Trinity Willison (194)
- James Dobeli – Rd. 8 vs Toorak-Prahran (103)

### **5-Wicket Hauls**

- Nathan Jago – Rd. 11 vs Deepdene Bears (6 overs, 1 maiden, 6-21)
- Brad Jago – Rd. 3 vs East Malvern Tooronga (7.5 overs, 5-33)
- Andrew Trifilo – Rd. 9 vs Surrey Hills (18.3 overs, 5 maidens, 6-38)
- Andrew Trifilo – Rd. 14 vs Edinburgh (22 overs, 7 maidens, 6-64)
- Jake Hall – Rd. 8 vs Toorak-Prahran (8.5 overs, 5-41)
- Scott Antidormi – Rd. 11 vs Trinity Willison (19 overs, 6 maidens, 5-75)

### **Retired on 50**

- Sasthi Perera – Rd. 8 vs Malvern Valley (50\*)
- Andrew Fry – Rd. 9 vs STC South Camberwell (96)

- Lachie Cotter – Rd. 15 vs Heathmont (53\*)
- Kavin Bhavananthakumar – Rd. 18 vs STC South Camberwell (50\*)
- Kavish Juneja – Rd. 18 vs STC South Camberwell (52\*)

## All Abilities Awards

- **Bowling Award:** Toby Crook
- **Most Improved Batter:** Thomas Schmutter
- **Best Trainer:** Stanley Sutton
- **Most Determined:** Ryan Champion
- **All Rounder Award:** Jack Richardson
- **Most Improved:** Daniel Palmer
- **Most Consistent Batter:** Chris Johnson
- **Most Improved Batter:** Alex Nason
- **Batting Award:** John Soles
- **Best First Year Player:** Codey Whalley
- **Best Team Mate:** Cameron Bloomfield
- **Spirit of the Panther Award:** Patrick Rampant



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