

Warrandyte

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Croydon Range

67 ov: 14



# Warrandyte Seniors miss out on ultimate victory

## Juniors claim bragging rights for 2017/18

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AFTER HAVING three teams make the finals for season 2017/18, Warrandyte's senior teams have unfortunately finished up with no flags for the season, despite two of the teams making the Grand Final.

The 3rd, 5th and 6th XIs made it to the final rounds, U14-5 player and aspiring writer Matthew Quick was down at the ground for the 6th XI Grand Final and has provided the *Diary* with a match report (story below).

### Warrandyte Juniors win flag

Warrandyte's Under 12-7s have delivered the only Grand Final win for the entire club, winning their Grand Final against Croydon Ranges on March 23.

Warrandyte bowled first and kept Croydon Ranges to 67 runs, dismissing them in the 17th over of the day with 3 wickets to Charlie Sizer (3/4).

Warrandyte would pass Croydon Ranges and also finish their innings in the 17th over with a score of 4/79.

Despite losing skipper Tate Hodgson for less than his usual contribution, Sizer and Orlando McDowell saw the team over the line and delivered a great win.

Tate Hodgson was awarded season MVP for demonstrating the club values on and off the field.

He took home a cricket bat courtesy of sponsor Quinton's IGA

### 3rd XI finals foray

After a promising start to the match with opening batsman Alex Coutts smashing his way to his first club century with 17 fours, Warrandyte fell short by a heartbreaking three runs in their elimination final.

Coutts' century tops off a fantastic year for the young man who almost guided the team

over the line.

But at the fall of the fifth wicket, Coutts took the long walk so did the 3rd XIs season.

Come the final over, Warrandyte were almost over the line but a devastating final over by North Ringwood's Matthew Hepburn took 3/0 sealing Warrandyte fate.

### 5th XI finals foray

Beating St Andrews in their semi final by a single run, Warrandyte would face Wonga Park's 6th XI in the Grand Final.

Jackson took 4/33 aided by Damien Closs (3/29) to restrict their more fancied opposition and give Warrandyte a run chase of 161.

Proving himself on the bat as well as the ball, Jackson then went on to rack up 73 runs — which included 12 fours and two sixes — before being bowled for the third wicket.

Warrandyte managed to pip St Andrews at the post and



Tate Hodgson receives his MVP award from IGA manager Dale Farrugia



Under 12-7s celebrate finals victory

score the required extra run to give them victory 9/162 and a place in the Grand Final.

The following week, Warrandyte faced Wonga Park and despite a close and

competitive match, lost by four wickets.

Wonga Park went into the final as favourites and played to their form.

Warrandyte set a total of 202,

again with Jackson leading at the top of the order with 84 and Steve Grocott's 44 n.o. guided them home, but ultimately a patient run chase from Wonga Park was successful.