

Some you win, some you lose and some you win and lose in twos

Our seconds blow it again

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Warrandyte Cricket Club's second eleven lost the grand final for the second season in a row last month when they failed by just 13 runs to overtake Kilsyth.

After dismissing Kilsyth for 141, the bats crashed in the middle order and not even a couple of late partnerships could restore the damage.

Having battled to 2/58 off 47 overs, Warrandyte lost 6/38 to be 8/96. While the game unearthed a potential batting star in 15 year-old Justin Edwards, when captain Russell Dorning had his stumps shattered with the score at 128 the nightmare had recurred for the Dytes.

"To say we're disappointed is an understatement," Dorning said. "To get ourselves into a winning position for the second season in a row it's extremely disappointing. If someone had said to me they would make 141 I would take it every time because it's a gettable total."

Last season, the Dytes allowed Croydon North to score 156 after having them 9/39. Warrandyte replied with 95.

Kilsyth's decision to bat backfired in the second when Steve Pascoe found the edge through to Dorning behind the stumps.

A second-wicket stand steadied the side, Kilsyth crawling to 3/94 in the 44th over.

The game swung squarely Warrandyte's way when a Kilsyth

Cricket details

SECONDS: Semi-final: Warrandyte 8/260 (Pascoe 77, A. Snaidero 60, Gee 40) off 77.5 overs def Ainslie Park 9/256 (C. Snaidero 3/74) off 80. Final: Warrandyte 128 (Rodgers 26, A. Snaidero 20, Kline 18, Edwards 16 n.o.) lost to Kilsyth 141 (C. Snaidero 4/30, Davis 3/45, Pascoe 2/37).

FOURTHS: Semi-final: Warrandyte 9/260 (Alan King 68 n.o., Andrew King 64) def Wonga Park 259. Final: Warrandyte 154 (Sharpe 43) def Kilsyth 151 (Jungwirth 5/37, Vitiritti 3/44).

collapse saw seven wickets fall for 47 runs. Spinner Mark Davis (3/45) started the rout and Chris Snaidero (4/30 off 22 overs) maintained the excellent form he had shown all season.

Warrandyte's reply started disastrously, with Greg Creber trapped in front in the second over. It was 1/2 and although Shane Baker and Andrew Rodgers (26) carried the score to 1/14 at stumps, tension was high when day two began late because of overnight rain.

Baker was caught with the score at 22 but Rodgers and Brett Kline (18) edged it along to 2/58—just 91 needed—before the wickets started to fall.

Rodgers, Kline and Gee all fell in quick succession, Andrew Snaidero went for an aggressive 20 and when Pascoe was out the following over it was 7/86.

That brought young Edwards to the crease to join veteran Davis, but just as the Dytes appeared to be back on top, Davis was run out.

Chris Snaidero and Edwards

(16 not out) added 22 for the ninth wicket and when Dorning walked to the wicket a premier-ship was just 24 runs away.

The next six overs yielded just three runs, but with 32 balls of the season remaining, the target had been whittled down to 14. Unfortunately, that was to be as close as Warrandyte were going to get to atoning for last season's debacle.

Redbacks run riot in finals

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Few people expected Ry Haskings' 12AR boys to turn around a semi-final thumping by Balwyn and beat them in the final, especially on Balwyn's home court. But they blasted out of the blocks to race to a 17-2 half-time lead which set up a 43-34 win. Matt Treeby was MDP while Dean Kropp and James Riley shared the scoring honours.

Diane Godwin's 14B1 girls

Fourths back from dead in unlikely premiership

Warrandyte's fourth eleven made it back-to-back premierships last month when David Jungwirth dramatically threw down the stumps from mid-off to leave Kilsyth stranded three runs short of a modest target.

Having sneaked into the final with a thrilling last-wicket stand in their semi, Warrandyte were apparently down and out after the first day, with Kilsyth 1/47 in reply to the Dytes' meagre 154.

Not even captain Andrew King gave Warrandyte a chance.

"We turned up on the second day thinking we were not going to win. We actually told people not to bother turning up and wasting their time," he said.

"A few of our blokes went out overnight to a party and I told them to enjoy and not restrain themselves."

Warrandyte were lucky to

reach 154 after the first five wickets had tumbled for just 53. But Alan King (22) Peter Sharpe (43) steadied the sinking ship and took the score along to 100 before King was caught. When Sharpe went it was 9/134.

The last pair added 20, however, and in the end they were to prove the most important of runs.

Kilsyth's reply was helped along by four grassed chances on the first day alone as they moved comfortably to 1/78. But tight bowling by Alan Vitiritti (3/42 off 30 overs) and David Jungwirth (5/37 off 17) tied the batsmen down and wickets began to fall.

The big break came with the score at 2/89 when the duo snared 3/0 to rock Kilsyth back on their heels. Twenty-four runs were added for the sixth wicket before the Dytes took 3/0 again to get themselves into

a winning position.

When leg-spinner Jungwirth trapped the ninth victim in front it was 9/121 and, with 34 needed by the last pair, Warrandyte had taken eight wickets in the space of 43 runs. And King's mood had turned full circle.

"When the ninth wicket fell I thought we had it won," he said. "But when the last pair kept batting and when they got it down to five or six to get, I thought we were gone and had blown it."

But then came the big moment. "The batsman straight drove and for some reason the non-striker took off for a single," King said.

"The other bloke stayed at the same end and Jungwirth threw down the stumps at the bowler's end.

"It was jubilation all round I can tell you."

blitzed Heidelberg 33-17, with Caitlan Evans MDP.

Dale Templeton's 10BS boys capped their season with the blue flag, beating Koonung 36-27. Robert Whaley was the MDP.

The 16BW boys of Michael Eldridge also found the right time to put in their best game, trouncing Doncaster 66-37. Scott Reeves (MDP) found the net at will for 18 points.

Tristan Martin's 12CC boys led

Whitehorse 18-16. at half-time, but with Beau Linton-Smith (10), Jason Fearn (nine) and Ross Cuccia (nine) all finding the hoop in the second half they pulled away to win 38-29.

Peter Holland won his second flag in a row when his 12DW boys thrashed Eltham 27-14.

Warrandyte's other win—Kim Rea's 10DW boys—came in dramatic circumstances when the referees picked up a scoring er-

ror and awarded the game to the Redbacks 32-31 over Eltham after regulation time had run out with 31-31 on the board.

All grand final players will receive a trophy at the club's presentation barbecue on Sunday, April 30, at Warrandyte High School stadium. The big day starts at noon and a couple of players from the NBL's South East Melbourne Magic will be there.