

12&Under School Sports Victoria Girls Cricket Team Report

Bunbury Perth – December 2018

CAP PRESENTATION: Prior to our practice match against Eastern Cricket Association, Stephen and Di presented us with our caps and announced the Captains – Elizabeth Cormack and Vice-Captain - Emma Stilve for the tournament, Emma Mole and April Darkin (last year's leaders) where there to present the badges symbolising the changing of the guard.



DAY 1: The tour to Perth started with a 4-hour plane flight with Virgin. Excited players gathered at the airport early eagerly awaiting Perth. We arrived in Perth at 11:00 am and all took a 2-hour drive to Bunbury. Some players went out for dinner, but others opted for an early night. We were all very excited for the next day!



DAY 2: Coming up against a strong team in the first round was seen as a great challenge and opportunity for our Vic team. The tournament started well with a win at the coin toss. We went out to bowl full of confidence that we could beat NSW. Vaishnavi (Vaish) took the first wicket of the tournament and got us off to a good start. Zoe and Vaish both took 2fa with Matilda (Tilly) getting one, caught by Elizabeth (Liz). We fielded and bowled really well keeping NSW to 6/103 off 20 overs. The crowd was up and about, cheering and clapping at all efforts. Openers Elizabeth and Grace (Moo) went in determined to get the win.

Unfortunately, Moo got bowled for 3 which brought Yoshoda (Yoshi) to the crease. Liz made a start to the chase making 15 off 25 before being given out LBW. Zoe and Amelie Gladman (Gladdas) also reached double figures. All the batters worked hard but sadly the runs just weren't flowing. We got close but ended up just falling short losing by 28 runs. It was fantastic to see everyone's positivity and skill on show in the first round of the championships. It was a great effort by all.





In the afternoon the Vics headed back to Cathedral Grammar for the opening ceremony. While we waited around for the other teams to arrive, we came across the legend himself, Brett Lee. Many of the team went up to have conversations (In English and Hindu) and took photos with him.



Soon after, the ceremony started with flag carrying and a little segment about the team.

The Blurb:

The process to select the Victorian Girls team has seen a record number of girls trialling for selection this year, making finalising the squad extremely difficult. Once the team was settled, the girls attended several training and practice matches to ensure the players are ready for the challenges these Championships will provide.

During the lead up to the carnival, the State Victorian Women's team discovered how expensive the trip was going to be for the families.

Led by Kristen Beams, the Women's team sold 2 raffle books for each young player, raising \$200 for each family – in fact one lucky player sold a whole book to Meg Lanning!

The team consists of girls from both metro and country Victoria and wish to acknowledge their families and School Sports Victoria for the diligent support to make this adventure happen.

This year the Victorian Team will be captained by Elizabeth Cormack and vice captained by Emma Stilve.

The Vic Girls wish all teams and officials the best of luck and thank School Sports WA for hosting the Championships.

Afterward, the team scoffed burgers and sausages and played a game of schoolyard cricket. It was a fun night had by all and we looked forward to beating Queensland the next day.



DAY 3 AM: Our second game of the tournament was against Queensland. Going into the game we knew it would be tough, but we were confident in ourselves. The game started with The Skip and Grace Moyle opening the batting. They batted really well but the run rate needed to get up.

Unfortunately, the wickets of Liz and Moo fell and Vaish and Zoe came in. Vaish and Zoe made a significant impact straight away getting our score from 13 to 67 in a matter of 10 overs. That score really got us back in the game and we believed we could win. The bowlers all bowled really tight but none more than Tilly Pendergast, taking 3/9 to get us back in it. The bowling was a real sign of maturity, to have the belief, but it wasn't enough as Queensland won with 4 wickets to spare.



DAY 3 PM: Coming into the game against South Australia, the Vics were quietly confident. We had played the top couple of teams first and had just fallen short. We all believed that this was going to be our game.

Losing the toss was probably the only thing that didn't go our way.

Yoshi and Zoe got us off to a fantastic start with Yoshi taking 1/1 and Zoe taking 2/2. It was great to see Lucy pick up her first wicket with a clean bowled. Now into the run chase.

Chasing 96, opening batters Ammo and Emma, made a slow yet steady start. Unfortunately, Ammo went out and Zoe was in. From ball 1, Zoe came out with intent to score runs. She was able to make her first ever 50 off a staggering 42 balls. It was appropriate for Zoe to hit the winning runs and we were finally able to sing the song!



DAY 4: The excursion to Busselton Jetty was one to remember. The day started on a bus with tunes like "Let it go". When we arrived at the 1.8km Jetty, we jumped on a mini train to the Underwater Observatory.

Sometime later we were greeted by a young lady named Yvette. Yvette explained she was not a vegan, had naturally curly hair and did not support socks and sandals. While admiring all the underwater creatures, we learned that Lucy is, in fact, a fish whisperer. As she moved her face up and down the window, the fish kept following her.

Lucy is one talented girl. On the way back to the end of the jetty, we were entertained by friends and bystanders making a "V" sign with their fingers for "Vics". Overall a great education on Yvette, and the fish!





DAY 5: Fortunately, we got to play against ACT at the Cathedral Grammar School as the covers were laid overnight. ACT won the toss and chose to bat, the Vics were excited to take some early wickets. The wicket came early with Emma getting the opener clean bowled with the scoreboard at 1-8. We fielded and bowled extremely well with Zoe, Emma, Vaish and Yoshi getting 2fas. We bowled ACT out for the small total of 71. The run chase started well with Holly punching the first ball through cover for 3. Amelie Gladman (23 n.o) and Zoe (27

n.o) ensured we reached the target in 13 overs for the loss of only 2 wickets. A great win for Victoria in their first 30 over game.

DAY 6: After beating South Australia and ACT, the team was really excited to continue on a winning roll. Fresh after a comprehensive win the day before, the Vics were ready to go. Great bowling and pressure from Emma put WA on the back foot early, taking 2-3 off her 3 overs.

Consistent bowling from everyone delivered the good with wickets almost falling constantly. With one wicket going to Elizabeth and Yoshi, followed by 2fas from Vaish and Ammo. WA was in deep water.

After 17.5 overs, WA was all out for 35. Openers Lara and Elizabeth went out to bat to make quick work of the chase, unfortunately, Lara got bowled for 5 but the target was in sight. Elizabeth fell for 14 and 6 more batters made double figures with "The Big V" starring with 26 no. As a group, we made 8-156. We were very proud and pleased to make it into the bronze medal match.



DAY 7: The rest day was a great opportunity to rest and spend the day with the family. Some players went up to Perth and some went down to Margaret River. A popular spot for some players was the Margaret River Chocolate Factory. Free chocolate tasting was a highlight for most.

Making sure we were being sensible and preparing well for the next day was a key to success.



DAY 8: One last match. One last match to earn a medal and one last match we play in a team together. The team was determined to come back to Melbourne with a medal around our necks. The game started off with Victoria bowling. It took a while for the Vics to get going but Tilly bowled a fantastic spell taking the first wicket of the game and taking 1/15 off 4 overs. Well-deserved wickets from Yoshi and Lucy were able to slow the runs down. Credit to South Australia's batters with 2 batters making 50. At the end of the innings, SA had made a challenging score to chase of 171. With Emma and Liz padding up they knew it was going to be a tough challenge. The skip and vice-skip were able to make a huge impact straight away making a 50-run partnership.

Unfortunately, rapid-fire wickets of Emma and Zoe fell and the Vics were in trouble. A great 43 from Liz was a game changer and a real captain's knock. With another 60 runs to make, Vaish came in and played the game at the next level. Hitting 41 off 36 balls really gave us the assurance that we could win the game. With the power hitting from Vaish, Holly played a big part rotating the strike. Scoring 20 off 25 was a sign that we had the will to win. It was great to see these girls finish off the game in the second last over. During the chase, the girls showed outstanding levels of maturity and displayed unbelievable resilience. The girls were absolutely ecstatic to win the bronze medal and for the hard work to pay off. The team celebrated with sundaes at Maccas and Gladdas doing a glove. Don't worry it was only water! Straight from Maccas, the team travelled to the Cathedral for one last time.



The Closing Ceremony was delayed as Northern Territory and Queensland boys were still playing at the scheduled start time. About 45 minutes later, the ceremony started with medals.

Liz did a fantastic job of pronouncing last names except when it came to Yosh and Grace. I understand Yoshi but Grace Moyle? Yeah, don't know how you could forget that. The boys were presented with Gold and the girls were really proud of them as Vics support Vics. When it came to the overall trophy, the Vics were excited. We knew it would be tight, but NSW got on top by 7 points. Overall, a fantastic carnival. Special thanks to all parents and family members who got their girls to and from games. Lastly, a huge thanks to Steve and Di. Words can't express how grateful Liz and I are for your coaching and support.



Without you, we would not have been prepared for the tournament as the trials and practice games were top quality. We know the girls had a great time and an unforgettable experience. One we'll never forget.

Thanks, Liz Cormack and Emma Stilve

