

Sport

18 OLYMPIC gold medals have been won by US swimming superstar Michael Phelps. Phelps dominated in the Olympic pool from 2004-2012, also picking up two silver and two bronze medals for a total of 22 Olympic medals. The US is also the most prolific gold medal winner of all time, the country boasting 976 gold medals.

SUB-DISTRICT CRICKET

Tigers claw to win

WERRIBEE EXTENDS UNBEATEN RUN TO FIVE, BUT SKIPPER WANTS MORE

Luke D'Anello

WERRIBEE boasts an unblemished record after five rounds, but its batsmen are in the firing line after a close win against Mt Waverley in Sub-District Cricket on Saturday.

The home side won the toss and batted at Mount Waverley Reserve, reaching 7-168 from 42 overs.

The Tigers, despite some nervous moments, crept across the line, reaching 8-170 with just one ball to spare.

Werribee needed seven runs to win from the final over, with Mason Frenkel and Matthew Thomson securing the points.

"It was a bit tense, but we thought those guys would do the job and we did it with a ball to spare," Tigers captain Shaun Dean said.

Dean said the fact his side was far from its best was "a bit of a concern", despite Werribee's impressive record.

"It's probably our batting that is letting us down, which is unusual, considering we probably have the best firepower in the competition, but it really hasn't taken off yet or match the heights of last year," he said.

"We'll probably have to have a talk about that and see what's going on. Everyone seems to be trying to work hard in the nets, but it's not really clicking for us at the moment."

The captain is also struggling to find runs, providing him with an added challenge. "It's a bit hard as a captain. I'm trying to preach to the players how we should



Star Werribee bowler Jonathan Burton celebrates one of his three wickets on Saturday.

Picture: STEVE TANNER

be playing and my form is down at the moment," Dean said.

Earlier, Matt Dean (55) and Jake Purton (33) rescued the Tigers' innings after they slipped to 3-30, the pair producing a 77-run

stand. "They did an excellent job in getting us ahead of the game," Dean said. "Matt was the mainstay of the innings and got us close enough. He was very good for us."

Jonathan Burton contin-

ues to deliver, returning 3-18 from nine overs, including three maidens. Burton has taken 11 wickets at 11.2 this summer.

"He does his job week in, week out and you can't really fault him. He just hits the

spot every time," Dean said. "He is very consistent and a captain's dream to have at your disposal."

Werribee will next meet Yarraville in a two-day clash at Chirnside Park, starting on Saturday.

fast lane

Bees get honey

Bowls: Werribee cruised to a 30-shot victory against Preston-Reservoir in Bowls Victoria Division 1-Section 1 on Saturday, 91-61. Elsewhere, Laverton was too strong for Sunshine VRI in Division 3-Section 1, winning 81-65, while Hoppers lost to Melton 2, 81-67.

Rain stops Cats

Cricket: Hoppers Crossing's Turf Cricket Senior Division clash against Beaumaris was abandoned on Saturday because of wet weather. In North Division, Laverton (133) was too strong for Altona North (112), while Werribee Centrals (9-123) knocked off Craigieburn (8-68) in North A1.

Giant triumph

Baseball: Werribee recorded an impressive 7-3 victory against Mulgrave in Baseball Victoria Summer League Division 2 on Wednesday night. The Giants are in fifth spot on the ladder with a 4-3 record and were set to tackle Mulgrave again on Sunday (after deadline).

Narrow defeat

Cricket: Werribee suffered a narrow loss against Melton in the opening round of the Sub-District Cricket Twenty20 competition on Tuesday night. Batting first, the Tigers compiled 9-100, but Melton reached 4-102 in reply with four balls to spare at Chirnside Park.

Wildcats second

Hockey: The Western Metro Wildcats under-14 boys team sat in second spot on the ladder ahead of the final round of Hockey Victoria's zone challenge on Sunday (after deadline). The U16 boys (fifth), U16 girls (fifth), U14 girls (fourth), U12 boys (eighth) and U12 girls (seventh) are also competing.

Top success

Dressage: Werribee's National Equestrian Centre hosted the Horse Riding Club Association of Victoria Top Team Trophy Dressage last weekend, attracting around 700 individual entries from 111 clubs. The Aurum ACE's, a team from a small club based at Bolinda, won the event, with 174 teams taking part.

PREMIER CRICKET

Rain can't halt the Bulldogs' momentum

Ross Couzens

THE Bulldogs' find-a-way season rolled on when it overcame both the elements and the opposition on Saturday.

Footscray-Edgewater mopped up a rain-hit Merv Hughes Oval and then squeezed out the runs they needed to edge past Frankston-Peninsula's tally of 166 to finish with 8-168 in Premier Cricket.

The club's sixth win in seven matches saw it as-

sume top spot on the ladder for the first time in years.

Having resumed at 2-56 in the late morning, the Bulldogs only faced half-a-dozen overs before bad weather intervened and hours were lost to the rain delay.

The showers were so heavy that the players were required to turn grounds-men in order to get back on the park by 4pm and give themselves the chance of forcing a result.

"It was a fantastic team effort to actually get the

ground up," said Bulldogs captain Dean Russ, who made 48.

"We could have easily just shook hands with the opposition and gone home, but we're all committed to the cause and we probably worked on the ground for a good hour to get it playable and that allowed a result."

Wicketkeeper-batsman Dylan Kight anchored Footscray-Edgewater's innings with a typically resolute knock of 60 off 126 balls as the home side strung togeth-

er a series of 10 to 20-run partnerships in the awkward conditions.

"Kighty was great with the way he batted and controlled that situation," Russ said.

"He's sort of forged a career by doing that since he first started with us.

"To get 60 in that whole scheme of things was brilliant.

"He's a gritty type of player and you're always very confident when Kighty goes in to bat.