

Sport

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SUB-DISTRICT CRICKET

Tigers marching on

WERRIBEE REMAINS UNDEFEATED WITH BIG 69-RUN WIN AWAY FROM HOME

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WERRIBEE boasts an unblemished record and is sitting on top of the Sub-District Cricket East-West ladder after a thumping win against Roxburgh Park-Broadmeadows on Saturday.

Both teams entered the clash at Lakeside Drive Reserve undefeated, but it was the Tigers who emerged victorious by 69 runs.

After winning the toss and opting to bat, Werribee got off to a solid start despite the early loss of skipper Shaun Dean.

Matt Dean (39) and Tim

O'Brien (49) produced a 69-run stand for the second wicket, but both were dismissed during a collapse which saw the Tigers slip from 1-90 to 6-123.

But No.8 Jake Purton came to the rescue, hitting 33 to help push his team to 9-205 from its 45 overs.

"For the first innings, it was a bit of an up-and-down sort of game. Momentum was to-ing and fro-ing," Shaun Dean said.

"We got off to a bit of a slow start without losing wickets early. Tim and Matt progressed on and it looked like we were going to make 230, 240 while they were in,



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but then they got a clump of wickets in the middle and they had the ascendancy."

But the result was never in doubt after Jonathan Burton (4-27 from nine overs)

and Matthew Thomson (2-27 from seven overs) shredded the Falcons' top order.

Roxburgh Park-Broadmeadows was languishing at 7-73, but a well-made 81 from Mitchell Streiff pushed the home side's total into three figures.

But the Falcons fell well short, finishing with 136 after just three batsmen notched double figures.

"Obviously their strength was their bowling and they rely heavily on Mitchell Streiff with the stick," Dean said.

"He did get away from us, but we did the damage early. They never got near us real-

ly, but it just drifted a bit with Streiff holding up one end for them."

Werribee, which lost the grand final against Melton last summer, will next tackle Endeavour Hills in a Saturday-Sunday two-day clash this weekend.

"You can't get complacent in this game. If we turn up and think we're just going to roll sides, we're not good enough to get away with that sort of arrogance," Dean said.

"We have to turn up and execute. If we execute our skills well, I think we can win. If we think otherwise, we'll be in a bit of trouble."

fast lane

Bees beaten

BOWLS: Werribee suffered a three-shot loss against Kew Heights in Bowls Victoria Division 1-Section 1 on Saturday, going down 73-70. The Bees are in fifth spot with a 2-3 win-loss record and will next meet Elsternwick Club at home in Round 6. In other results, Hoppers beat Altona 3 83-72 in Division 3-Section 1, while Laverton lost to Sunshine RSL 99-69.

Big medal haul

ATHLETICS: Western Athletics collected 25 medals, including 12 gold, eight silver and five bronze, from the All Schools state championships at Albert Park's Lakeside Stadium last weekend. Julia Bourke was one of the standouts, the under-16 athlete achieving a state record by notching 13.5m with her fifth throw and breaking the old mark by more than one metre. Jade Chamely won gold U14 girls hammer throw, also achieving a state record of 27.2m.

Hughes the man

BASKETBALL: Mark Hughes has been appointed Werribee's Big V State Championship men's basketball coach. Hughes was assistant to Paul Jones this year, with Jones quitting after three seasons. Trevor Burnette will again steer the Youth League men's side. Lloyd Klaman will again coach Werribee's Big V women, with the side to be promoted to Division 1. The Devils are also set to field a Youth League women's team.

Giants victorious

BASEBALL: Werribee claimed its second win in succession in Baseball Victoria Summer League Division 2 last Sunday, defeating Berwick 5-4. Werribee was set to meet local rival Williamstown in Round 5 on Sunday (after deadline).

Kyle rewarded

FOOTBALL: Former Werribee defender Kyle Hartigan has been upgraded to Adelaide's senior list. Hartigan was taken by the Crows in the rookie draft last year, and impressed in his three appearances, averaging 19 possessions and seven marks. The Western Jets product, 21, was previously overlooked in three national drafts.

TURF CRICKET

Close shaves for Centurions

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WERRIBEE Centrals coach Phil Crea has described his side's start to the Turf Cricket North A1 season as "positive", but he is hoping his team does not pay the price for two close shaves.

The Centurions suffered a four-run loss against Aberfeldie in the opening round and followed that up with a two-run loss against St Albans last week.

The locals powered their way to the West B1 premiership last summer, but Crea said the gap between the two grades was "massive".

On Saturday, Werribee Centrals rolled St Francis de Sales for 130 before slipping to 2-27 at stumps.

Justin Davies took the bowling honours, returning 4-19 from 13 overs, while Aaron Edrich (2-28) and Sam Crea (2-40) also worked hard.

Openers Blair Hemmingson (1) and Chris Duffin (2) were dismissed cheaply before stumps.

"It's been positive so far, but those losses could come back and haunt us I think," said Phil Crea, who returned to the club as captain-coach last season.

"Our goals were to make finals and that's our goal still, even after two close losses.

"Even when we were in A Grade four years ago, it's a lot stronger.

"The league dropping four

teams down every year just makes the competition really, really strong.

"We were pretty confident the team we took up there would be pretty competitive."

Nicholas Sardi, who has returned to the club from Footscray-Edgewater, is the only addition.

Star fast bowler Sam Crea is planning to have another crack with the Dogs in Premier Cricket next season.

"He's only a 19-year-old kid, so if we can get his head right, he's an awesome talent," Crea said of Sardi.

Crea declared Taylors Lakes "the side to beat" in what is shaping as an even season.

"The whole 12 sides are pretty strong in the competition," he said.

"Hopefully the games to come aren't close and they can go our way.

"Whether you're playing bottom or top, you get a hard day in this competition, there's no doubt about it."

In West B1 action, Point Cook (9-181) has already secured first innings points against Greenvale, while the clash between Wyndham Vale (196) and Sunshine YCW (1-36) is in the balance after the opening day.

In Senior Division, Hoppers Crossing faces a tough run chase after conceding 6-383 against perennial contender Yarraville Club.

Andrew Cullen (160) and Aaron Mato (102) made tons.



Wyndham Vale's John Ford avoids a bouncer against Sunshine YCW.

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