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The best performers in the 2025 JG Craig Shield

Coburg's young gun cricket captain has produced an all-round performance to remember in the JG Craig against his team's fiercest rival. Find out how.

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Luke Cameron enjoyed a stellar day out in the Crag Shield.

Coburg co-captain Luke Cameron has produced a stunning matchwinning performance to highlight his side's second game of the JG Craig Shield.

Cameron top scored with 38 runs off 63 balls as his side were all out for 112 against Preston.

He then led the way with the ball, taking a hat-trick to claim figures of 3-11, alongside Aidan Lowe's 3-27, to guide Coburg across the line.

They were the final three balls of Preston's innings, who fell four runs short. It was a remarkable finish after Cameron had conceded three runs with his first ball of the over.

To add to the drama, Cameron has often been a wicketkeeper in the club's Fourth XI throughout the season.

Coburg coach Bill Tucknott, who has been involved in this competition for over 25 years, said he had "never seen anything like it".

"When we took the last catch, I almost belted my head on the roof in the coaches box," he said.

"Luke's a left-arm medium pacer but he's more of a batsman who bowls occasionally. This is probably the most dramatic and best win I've been involved in for a long time.

"The pressure was palpable and the boys managed to control themselves very well. It's a great lesson for so many of these young guys."

Coburg had been beaten in its first game of the competition, after Sunday's washout, and Tucknott was pleased to already see growth.

"Hopefully the kids take away something from this game," he said.

"It's nice to win the games but we want the kids to learn from the good and the bad."

RESULTS

NORTH: Coburg 112 d Preston 108 (Luke Cameron hat-trick); St Bernards 140 d Plenty Valley 130; Ivanhoe 7- 127 d Kew 8-106; Brunswick 5-87 d Strathmore 61 (Xavier Stone 4-4)

SOUTH: Brighton 3-152 (Lachlan Harrop 56) d Elsternwick 72 (Kaevis Bhasin 4-14); Ormond 156 d Oakleigh 8-139 (Ranen Gandhi 52); Caulfield 7-139 (Jaskaran Ghotra 56) d Port Melbourne 129; Malvern 6-115 d Moorabbin 9-111

EAST: Croydon 137 (Aiden Rexhepi 4-25) d Bayswater 117; Box Hill 113 d Donvale 110; Balwyn 4-81 d Endeavour Hills 80; Mt Waverley 4-163 (Romes Ghatilake 65no, Viraj Dev Kumaran 52 no) d Noble Park 116.

WEST: Yarraville 4-110 d Hoppers Crossing 108 (Nikhil Suresh 4-15); Williamstown 133 d Werribee 83; Melton 9-174 (Arjun Itanker 65, Ayush Khuttan 53) d Altona 74; Taylors Lakes 9-196 (Jerone Viknarajah 50) d Spotswood 6-118 (Robbie Virk 53no)