

FUTURE STAR

Kyle Verreynne

Finding SA's young talent

THIS YEAR HAS TURNED OUT TO BE A BIG ONE FOR Wynberg Boys' High cricketer Kyle Verreynne. At 17 years old, the wicketkeeper-batsman has already represented the SA Schools team and, at the time of writing, was on tour with the SA U19 team to Bangladesh where, despite a loss in the second ODI, he top-scored with 47.

Verreynne's story is an interesting one. He came to Wynberg from Edgemoad as a 15-year-old as part of the Jacques Kallis Scholarship Foundation. He has played for the 1st XI since 2013 which, according to his coach Eric Lefson, has resulted in about 115 1st XI caps.

This has been the first year Verreynne has done consistently well for the school's top team, averaging about 60 so far. Lefson says he has the rare tendency to perform on the bigger stage, where he has done particularly well at the provincial cricket weeks.

Verreynne scored a century for WP against the Free State at last year's Coca-Cola Khaya Majola Cricket Week in Pretoria, which earned him selection for the SA Schools XI. He was the first Wynberg Grade 11 player to achieve this feat since Richard Levi in 2004.

Verreynne also made his WP amateur debut towards the end of January. He is the second player from the Jacques Kallis Foundation after Chad Fortune to represent the SA U19 team.

'Wynberg is proud of Kyle's achievements,' says Lefson. 'He is a talented player and also plays provincial hockey. He is the best hockey player at Wynberg.'

Kyle has a lot of natural ability and has done well since he started opening the batting for us this year. He has brilliant hand-eye co-ordination which allows him to play some inventive shots in the shorter format of the game.

'Some of Kyle's highlights include an unbeaten 150 against Paul Roos in a 20/20 game earlier this year as well as a century against Paarl Gymnasium.'

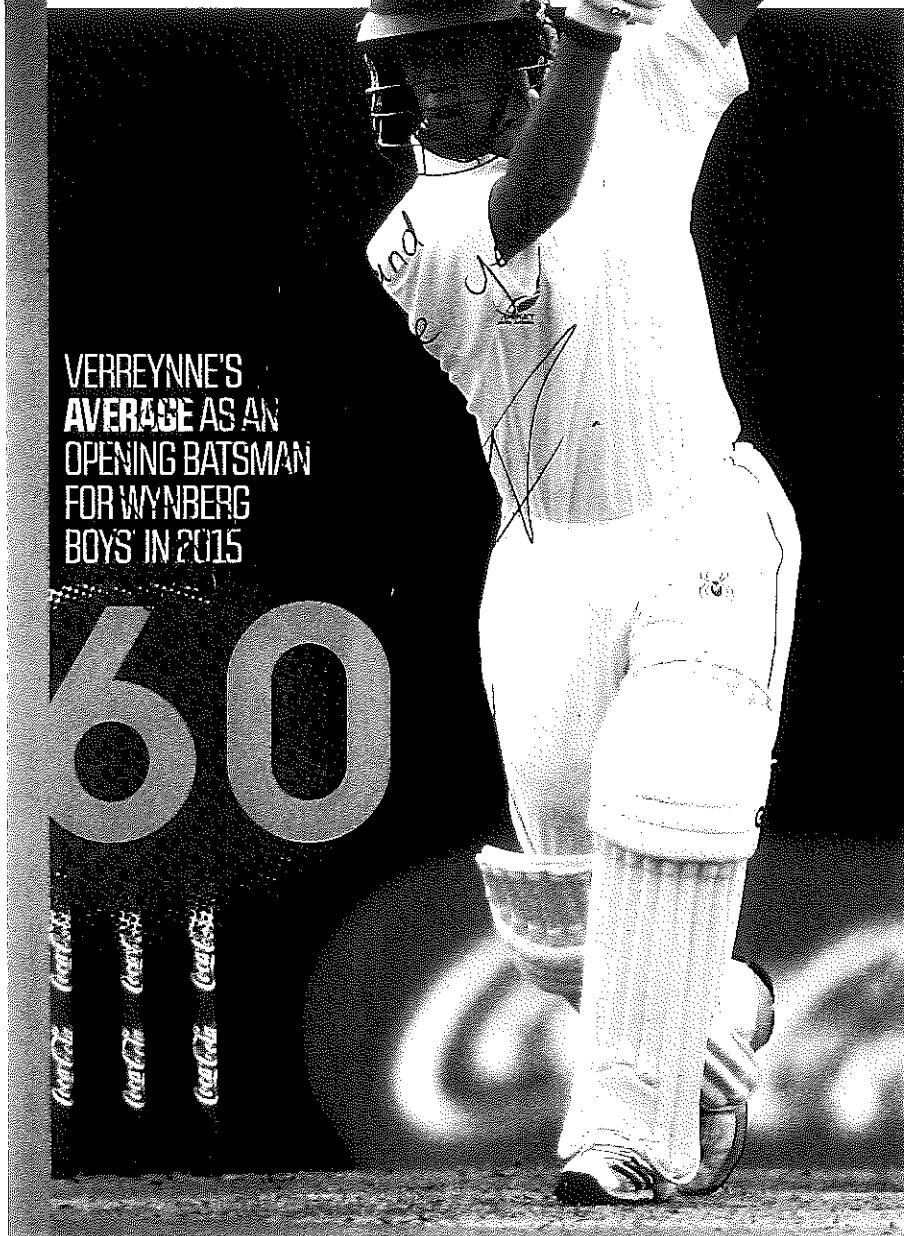
Lefson says Verreynne wants to give cricket a go after school, so getting picked for the SA U19 team is a step in the right direction.

— Kobus Pretorius

VERREYNNE'S
AVERAGE AS AN
OPENING BATSMAN
FOR WYNBERG
BOYS' IN 2015

60

Coca-Cola
Coca-Cola
Coca-Cola



ROYALTY DESERVES THE BEST

FOR A CHANCE TO WIN 1 OF 3
SLAZENGER ROYAL CLUB HAMPERS.
VISIT OUR SLAZENGER ROYAL CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE AND ENTER!

TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY



PHOTO: JOHAN RYNNERS/GALLO IMAGES