

# **DVCA 2018-19: Laurimar's Rian Boddy and Luke Richardson produce 352-run stand**

Laurimar's Rian Boddy and Luke Richardson combined for a record 352-run stand on a memorable day for Laurimar in the DVCA.

It will go down as the most memorable day of Laurimar's short history. The Power appeared set for anything but after crashing to 4-84 after winning the toss and opting to bat in Saturday's DVCA Mash Shield clash against Thomastown.

It was left to the middle-order pairing of Rian Boddy and Luke Richardson to rescue the innings.

They recovered, prospered and then feasted on the visitors' bowling attack, combining for a club record 352-run stand.

Richardson blasted 180 — also a club record — while Boddy finished unconquered on 160.

The pair hammered 46 boundaries and two sixes between them to lift Laurimar, which is in its third season as a senior club in DVCA, to a record total of 6-472 from 80 overs.

“We set a task to bat our 80 overs, and we've got a really good batting line-up, the top five,” coach Mick Peters said.

“They didn't get the runs at the start and it was really good to see the middle order fire.

“To put a score like that on was just amazing.

“We were sitting there watching and just couldn't believe it.

“We were in a little bit of trouble at 4-84 ... but from then on they settled themselves down and it was unbelievable to watch. They just kept piling on the runs.”

Richardson's knock marked a return to form after he entered the match with 127 runs from eight innings in 2018-19.

Boddy has been a model of consistency and lifted his season aggregate to 522 runs at 87.

“He (Richardson) had a really good year last year and has struggled a little bit this year with form,” Peters said.

“For him to come out just before finals and get a good hit under his belt and make a score like that was unbelievable.”

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