



Presidents Report 2003/04 Summer Season

Well, after 8 Rounds of baseball, the rain finally came down and washed out our first weekend. It was greeted with mixed feelings, but didn't we need it! As the grounds were still officially open Saturday morning, it required many phone calls 'to and fro' from our coaches and managers to advise all our parents.
THANKYOU.

Saints Web-site www.saints.asn.au

Thank you to Bruce Piper and **KEEP IN TOUCH** for keeping everyone up to speed with what's on, including posting the ground closures for last weekend on the site at short notice.

Awards

Thank you again to **Greater Union** for supplying movie passes for our weekly player awards.

We also have in our possession, courtesy of Janine Hunt, some Intencity passes to be used by 28th of December. These will be distributed to all teams this weekend.

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NSW Rep

Congratulations to Mitchell Morrisby on his selection in the NSW under 18 State Team to play in the National Tournament in Geelong, Victoria from the 3rd to the 14th of January. We wish Mitchell the best of luck.

Parents T-Ball Gala Day

Speaking of Reps, did anyone notice that fine array of talent that was on display at Pioneer Park on Sunday the 16th of this month? Yes, it was the PARENTS. Playing for 'sheep stations' or was it 'blocks of flats' in the annual T-ball Gala Day. A sensational day was had by all, as Macquarie Saints' parents 'show-cased' their hidden skills, such as:

The Marty Rodgers slog over the boundary cones, the Brent Annis-Brown forward roll into home plate (sliding was forbidden, remember), the Gaye Braiding helicopter swing, that saw her drop to her knees with laughter, the 'taking-out' of the 1st Lady baseman by Ian Williams (red part of bag belongs to runner, white part belongs to the fielder, Mr Umpire. It was 'Sandle Sims' (Shoeless) who took her place in the line-up, turning certain home-runs into 2 baggers at best. Or who can forget the Bass and Botha Bingle at first base in the Final, BOTH ARE still nursing bruises. And what about 'Double Play Mae', lured out of retirement for this special event, way to go Maezee! Bernie Nicoll managed to hit many 'Happy Gilmore' Homers and Ian 'Louie' Luczynski was a stand out, as he rallied his 'tenacious' ones all day.

Congratulations to the Well's Wizards and the Tenacious Ten's on reaching the Final and putting on a great show for all the spectators. In the end, 'wizardry' prevailed and it was Jeff Well's who lifted the prized trophy aloft.

Thank you to all those people that participated and help make the day the great success that it was.

Photos

A reminder to all that team photos will be held on the 6th and 13th of December. Please ensure that all payments and forms are returned to your managers prior to these weekends.

Macquarie Saints End of Season Dinner Dance ABBA / Seventies theme.

Saturday Night-21st of February 2004. Put this date into your diaries now, if you haven't already done so. It promises to be **one helluva night** to remember. Stay tuned for more information in coming news letters.

LOOK GOOD! FEEL GOOD!

Thanks to Robert Taylor and his company **Fuzzy Logik**, our new season's club supporters shirts are proving to be very popular attire. Available for purchase from the canteen now.

Yours in Baseball,

Tony Sorbello
President

U/7 Cardinals

The Cardinals have had a great few weeks. The weather has been the big winner since the last newsletter with the Cardinals only playing 2 rounds. Weather aside all the kids are continually improving and having heaps of fun. Michael Chand, showed a great effort at first base, and Lauren Natoli had a sensational game with the bat and on the field, and both received the Play of the Week awards. Alex Moore played the best game of her career last week, with great batting, and even though she was tagged out on her second bat, she still got three runners home. She was also very active as catcher. (*Ed note: there's no bias in this reporting*). Special thanks to all the parents who show up each week and help Janelle & David get the kids organized and help out each game.

Peck U8's

Macquarie Saints U8's Peck vs. Greenway Tides

Round 4 Date: 18 October 2003

Result Score: Win 13:8

Our first win for the season and Coach Peck was pretty excited about that! A special thanks to Neill Wendt, who kept notes of the game, whilst the manager attended to the demands of small children. The team showed an excellent display at batting in the 1st innings with good 2 base hits from Nathan, Jarrod and Alex and with Josh showing some quick running with a home run. This was followed by a strong fielding display with 3 outs from the first 6 at bat, which was achieved by some great teamwork between James O as pitcher and Bianca at 1st base. The 2nd innings involved another awesome batting display with good hitting by Zoe, Bianca and James S. Some enthusiastic 3rd base coaching maximized the number of runs home with the highlight being a 3 base run home from James O. In the field Bianca did a great solo field and tag and James S completed the innings with a fine field and throw. The 3rd innings saw more great hitting by Zoe, Jarrod, Bianca, Josh and Alex, which secured our first victory. The Player of the Week went to Jarrod for his excellent hitting displays and James S was awarded the game ball for outstanding fielding.

Macquarie Saints U8's Peck vs. Thornleigh Dodgers

Round 5 Date: 25 October

Result Score: Loss 25:26

Another close game this week, being pipped at the post by one run. It was a high scoring match with 4 runs each by Josh, James O, Alex and Zoe. Josh and James O, at first base and pitcher respectively, also proved to be a thinking combination. James S was great at defense being successful with 2 tags and also some very good fielding. This earned him Player of the Week. Jarrod showed his strength with some huge hits and a particularly good throw from the outfield in the 2nd innings, for which he was awarded the game ball. Alex and Damien also showed good fielding skills, stopping the ball well. Nathan ran well between the bases and helped others home with a big hit in the 2nd innings. Bianca showed what a valuable team member she is with good all round play including 3 runs, several tags and quick running between the bases.

Macquarie Saints U8's Peck vs. Kissing Pt Red

Round 6 Date: 1 November 2003

Result Score: Loss 11:15

We might have been short on numbers this week but not short on spirit! A special thank you to Brianna Sorbello for playing with the team. She contributed well with some fine running between the bases. Again James O and Josh proved to be an effective fielding combination at 1st base and pitcher respectively. The Player of the Week was awarded to Zoe who demonstrated some solid hitting, which she followed up with good running between the bases. The game ball was awarded to Damien who also showed his skill with the bat. Alex, Bianca, James O and James S also scored runs and played well in the field.

Macquarie Saints U8's Peck vs. Stealers Jaguars

Round 7 Date: 8 November 2003

Result Score: Draw 25:25

It was an exciting match this week with some outstanding play by Macquarie. Nathan in particular had a blinder of a match with superb hitting, making 4 runs, some excellent fielding and capping it all off with a catch! We all held our breath as he nearly made a second catch – just popping out of his glove! This fine effort made him a very deserving winner of the Player of the Week award. The runs came thick and fast with Damien, James O and James S also each scoring 4 runs. Bianca shone with her fielding skill taking 3 tags and anticipating where to throw the ball. This earned her the game ball. Jarrod also did a couple of good hits into the outfield. Zoe made a great throw in the 2nd innings and Alex also made runs and played well in the field. Coach Peck is starting to reap the rewards of his coaching with the team showing a big improvement in skills as they work together to stop the opposition getting runs.

Macquarie Saints U8's Peck vs. Rangers - Thunderbolts

Round 8 Date: 15 November 2003

Result Score: Draw 16:19

It was a very hot day today and we all appreciated being squirted with icy cold water provided by Coach Peck between plays. Damien demonstrated his batting skills with some big hits and followed up with quick running and a great slide in the first innings. This earned him the Player of the Week. Josh excelled in the field with lots of good fielding – he's really thinking about the best move and then being able to execute the action. His fielding earned him the game ball. James O also did some good fielding in the out field. Tags were shared around this week with Josh, Brianna, James S and Alex all managing to tag players. The team's hitting was good with solid hits made by James O, Jarrod, Nathan, James S, Alex and of course Damien.



Under 8 (Fischer)

This team started the season with only 7 players, most of whom had not played T-Ball before. It didn't take long, however, for Tom Fischer's expert coaching to bring out the best in each player as well as good teamwork. Apart from the first game when we lost by one run (when we were down 2 players and the opposition had the added advantage of having played together the week before), we have either won or drawn every other game so far this season! It's not just about winning though, and it is obvious that the players are enjoying themselves each week both at training and at the games.
Well done Under 8 Fischer!

Round 1, 13 September

BYE

Macquarie 3 vs Macquarie 1 U8 Monsters (Piper)

Round 2, 20 September

Loss 18-17

Playing with only 7 on the team plus it was our first game of the season (we had a bye in Round 1). The opposition had the advantage of a full team who had played as a team the week before. Despite this, our newly formed team put up a good effort and lost by only 1 run. Player of the match awarded to Liam Jackson for a great hit.

Macquarie vs Stealers (Tigers)

Round 3, 27 September

Win 34 - 13

What a difference a week makes! A full team, plus the experience of another training session resulted in a solid performance from all team players. All the players are obviously enjoying the game and benefiting from Tom Fischer's great coaching. Forrest hit a home run and Sean did some great catching plus a double play. Player of the match awarded to Claire Mitchell who had a great game both on the field and at the tee.

Macquarie vs Epping Eastwood

Round 4, 18 October

Win 30 -28

The opposition had some big hitters and our team did some great fielding to win by 2 runs. Player of the match awarded to Forrest Johnson-Fischer for hitting a home run.

Macquarie vs Stealers (Lions)

Round 5, 25 October

Win 21 - 15

Player of the match went to our newest recruit, Katie McHenry, who despite not having played before and joining the team in Round 3, put in some great fielding and hitting.

Macquarie vs North Ryde (Rams)

Round 6, 1 November

Draw 30 -30

A solid opposition with our team putting in a great effort. Fielding has continued to improve with all players working hard to stop the ball (especially James G, James C, Claire, Katie, Forrest and Sean). The team is also beginning to throw to each other more. Player of the match awarded to Kirsten Walls for some good hitting.

Macquarie vs Epping Eastwood

Round 7, 8 November

Win 30 - 18

Three home runs (2 hit by Sean and 1 by Forrest) plus some great catches by Harry and Claire resulted in some great game play for this level.

Player of the match awarded to Sean O'Sullivan for his 2 home runs plus tagging of a player on 3rd base.

Macquarie vs BYE

Round 8, 15 November

BYE

Macquarie 3 vs Macquarie 1 U8 Monsters (Piper)

Round 9, 22 November

A wash-out; unfortunately the rain prevented us from a re-match with the only team we've lost to all season!



U/9's South

U/9's South v's Concord

Round 5 Date 25 October

Result Score: Loss, 11-0

Starting to get used to the zooka with some great hits by Karina & Kate Young. Liam got hit by the ball shooting out of the zooka but soldiered on bravely with a huge hit. There was some excellent fielding & team work by Karina & Kate Semken on 2nd base & centre field. Great pitching by Sophie. Well done everyone!

U/9's South v's Five Dock

Round 6 Date 1 November

Result Score: Loss, 13-3

Great game although the team was down 3 players. We were lucky to have 3 U/8 girls in to help, Bianca, Eryn & Sophia who all helped tremendously. Michael had his first hit against the zooka which was very exciting & Natassia hit well to get to 2nd base & eventually home. Kate young managed to get Five Dock out on 1st base with the help of our pitcher, Natassia. Great team work!

U/9's South v's Balmain

Round 7 Date 8 November

Result Score: Loss, 7-0

A fun game had by all with great enthusiasm by Lauren with 2 great hits getting her to 1st base. Great pitching by Michael & excellent catching by Kate Semken. Jeremy helped with great fielding in the outfield. Karina managed a good hit & made it to 1st base.

U/9's South v's Concord

Round 8 Date 15 November

Result Score: Loss, 10-2

Very hot conditions but we soldiered on! Great fielding by Michael at 2nd base & Karina in the outfield. Huge hit by Liam,

getting himself a home run. Kate Young hitting well & getting herself home. Other good batting by Karina, Lauren & Kate Semken.

Under 10 A's Evans

The team turned the season around against Gladesville with a 14-8 win. After a slow start to their first season of live pitching, they have learned to be more selective in the pitches they swing at. We've had some big hits as a result of improved batting. They are now scoring more runs. As a result, the confidence is growing and it has flowed through to the fielding. A number of the players are putting their bodies on the line in the field as well as in running around the bases.

Our pitchers have continued to improve their control and accuracy which makes life much easier for the catcher.

In the last 4 games, we've had 2 big wins and 2 very close losses. Against North Ryde, we had 2 runners stranded on bases with the scoreline 6-8. Against Five Dock, there was only 1 run in it, scored at the bottom of the last innings.

With a little bit more luck in the next few games, I'm sure we will notch up a few more wins and move our way up the table.



Under 11A

11A's V Stealers

Round 5- 25th October

20-0 Win.

A great batting performance, as reflected by the score, was the highlight of the match. Player of the match Ben Cambourn, lead the way with two 'grand-slam' home-runs while Jack Forbes thought he would get in on the action as well with a 'grand-slam' home-run hit to right field in the 2nd innings. Jake Wilkins also hit a home-run in the last innings to finish with 3 RBI's for the game. Our fielding was faultless as well, with lead-off pitcher Ryan McLachlan striking 2 batters out and making all the batters swing. James Vlazny had an outstanding game in the field, throwing out the first Stealers batter at 1st base with a great throw from 3rd and then continued with his strong performance at the pitcher's plate where he struck two batters out as well. Louisa Scott, ever so solid at first base, made her pitching debut in this game throwing 57% strikes and also hitting a great 3 bagger to centre field which earned her an RBI.

Round 6- BYE

11A's V Rangers

Round 7- 8th November

7-7 Draw

Another close tussle with our arch rivals. Ryan McLachlan had a great game in the in-field, taking a catch at 3rd base and stopping many hits whilst fielding at short-stop to earn himself Player of the Match. Jordan Sorbello received the batting award and also

had a great game as catcher combining with Jack Forbes our lead-off pitcher for some great strike-outs. Lizzy Symons had great game at left field, stopping certain home-runs with some huge throws back to the in-field and batting strongly to get on base.

Jack Young also covered left field like a rabbit, pouncing on any hits and throwing home to limit the Rangers attack. He also batted solidly to work himself around the bases until Ben Cambourn brought him home with a hit to 2nd base.

11A's V Thornleigh

Round 8- 15th November

12-3 Win

We travelled to Ruddock Park 'pumped-up' for another big game against Thornleigh. Chris Nicoll's heart-stopping bunt on the 3rd strike was a beauty considering the coach is still trying to work out what the signal was. Thomas Gough had a great game with the bat, getting on base every time, as did Lizzy Symons with a great hit to right field for 3 RBI's. Jack Young's great line drive through 2nd base and out to centre field was outstanding, as was Jack Forbes' home run hit to left field. James Vlazny had another good game with the bat as did Louisa Scott, bringing him home for an RBI. Jordan Sorbello smacked a ball out to right field to bring home Ryan McLachlan who had a great game as catcher. He and Jake Wilkins, who had a great pitching game, combined well for some memorable strike-outs. Jake received the Player of the Match award for great all-round play, as not only did he pitch well, but he also hit a 'grand slam' home-run at a crucial point in the game, which shattered Thornleigh's hopes.

Under 11B STRIKERZ

Strikerz vs Greenway

Round 4 – 18 October

Win – 15/7

Everyone played a great game against Greenway this week. More debate pitching, this week by Robert Wells and Nicholas Coledrake. A fantastic home run by Jack Rungie, along with significant hits by Jesse Knowles, Callum Rolls, Kento Kamairaiso, Robert Williams, and Robert Wells. Tight fielding and good pitching held Greenway to 7 runs for a win of 15-7. Well done team following a great practice on Friday.

Concord vs Strikerz

Round 6 – 1 November

Win – 6/5

This week we featured a nail biting game in the last dig against Concord. Our name implies we're "Strikerz" and that's what we had to do to secure a 6-5 four dig win in front of the home crowd. Our continued depth in pitchers saw the return of Jack Rungie, William Furness, and another debate; Robert Williams. The win and save goes to Kento Kamairaiso. Significant hits went to Robert Wells, Jesse Knowles, Jack Rungie, and Callam Rolls. Our fielding couldn't have been better with no errors this week despite a sometimes lengthy time in the field. Jason Condon and Callam Rolls did a fantastic job as backstop. Callam Rolls received the player of the match for his timely hit and RBI.

Strikerz vs Five Dock

Round 7 - 8 November

Win - 13/7

A terrific and focused game this week with great attention by all in the field. Everyone performed their job extremely well with

no errors and lots of hitting. More debut pitching bringing to the mound Jesse Knowles, Jade Cantori, and Mario Restelli along with a return for Robert Wells. Terrific hitting by Callum Rolls, Robert Wells, Jade Cantori, Nicholas Coledrake, Josh Brown, Bill Furness, and a spectacular home run for Jason Condon who was player of the match. A game to be proud of by all.

Stikerz vs Stealers

Round 8 - 15 November

Win - 16/8

A fantastic effort by everyone given the exhausting heat. Again focus and being alert on the field helped to reduce errors and contain scoring. On the mound this week we saw Kento Kamiaraiso, Mario Restelli, and Nicholas Coledrake in a terrific effort. From right field we saw a great take and throw to first by Jason Condon and another throw from third to first by Nicholas Coledrake...Wow. Great hitting and base running by everyone, not to mention a spectacular slide at home by Jade Cantori. Jesse Knowles was birthday boy and player of the match.

11C Hollings

Wow! We have had an amazing start to this season. We have managed to win almost every game so far! The skills of every team member have improved greatly and the teamwork is fantastic. Today's game against Concord was no exception. We saw two home runs from Martin and Stuart, excellent batting from Andrew, Sarah, Jack and Jake, intelligent fielding resulting in a double play and wonderful all round support from Kara, Rhyannon, Jos and Hugo. Taylor and Geoffery made a terrific effort at pitching which earned them Players of the Match. The result was a win 14-2! Congratulations team. Another win with Win!



I JUST WANTED TO "GET ON THE WEB"... BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!!!

U12A (1)

Minard V's Greenway (7)

Round 4 18/10/03

Loss 3 - 5

Our first game back after school holidays and by the chatter from the players you would think they had not seen each other for months.

Now to baseball. The whole team was fired up & ready to play. Batting first and good pitching by Greenway saw Dean the only player hit safe to make it to 1st. No runs. Ryan returned the favour pitching well & very tight saw none of the opposition make it to 1st. The 2nd Innings was also a very tight affair with Nathan the only one to hit & make it to 1st. No runs. In the field & we saw Lachlan take a great high ball catch. Good fielding by all, partic. Dean with some great pick-ups & throws to base. A very good hit by Greenway resulted in 1 home to them. Up for the 3rd and Alex hit well to make it safely to 1st. Then Lachlan rewarded us with a super 3 bagger, which got Alex safely home. Solid pitching by Ryan & tight fielding by all players resulted in us tied up at 1 run each.

Some better batting by us in the 4th saw our runners on bases but alas no runs on the board. Chris then came on to pitch & pitch well he did with only 1 Greenway runner home. This innings saw level heads & good play by Chris & Ollie to effect a really great run-down. The 5th was another tight display in the field from both teams & no runs were scored. In the 6th Innings at bat Ollie hit a great 3 bagger to get Daniel safely home from 2nd. A good solid hit from Chris got Ryan to home base & we hit the lead 3 - 2. Despite some very good fielding by us & a great catch by Eric, Greenway managed 3 more home runs.

We finished losing our first game 3 - 5 but this was the best game of baseball I have seen from Juniors. The game had everything from good pitching, great hits, great fielding, tension & intrigue. So much happened in this game it is difficult remembering it all to write this report. Very good baseball from both teams. Our Player of the Week went to Lachlan for Great All-round Play.

Minard V's Concord

Round 5 25/10/03

Win 13 - 3

We were all ready to avenge our last week's loss.

A tight 1st Innings saw no runs scored by either team.

Great pitching by Ryan resulted in him striking out Concord's next 3 batters up in the 2nd. Then our batters came to the fore with great hits from Chris, Nathan (2 bagger), Lachlan (2 bagger & 2 RBI) then Eric, Daniel & Ollie all with 1 RBI each plus Chris stealing home resulted in us with 6 runners home.

Ryan continued to pitch well in the 3rd and assisted by good Catching by Nathan kept Concord scoreless. However we couldn't get any runners home either this innings. Ollie then came on to pitch in the 4th & kept it very tight with a good display & assisted by Sravan with a great fielding display in the in-field kept Concord scoreless again. We couldn't get a runner home either despite a very good hit by Alex. In the 5th further good pitching by Ollie, good catching by Alex and a great pick up & throw by Adam (which demonstrated what a good fielder he is) and again Concord scoreless. Up to bat and Dean hit well to get to 1st. Ryan hit a great one, which saw Dean home. We led 7 - 0.

Despite some good fielding from everyone, partic Lachlan with his accurate throws, Concord managed 3 home. However very good batting from us, partic. from Lachlan & Ollie resulted in us

scoring 6 runs in the 6th to finish convincing winners. Our Player of the Week was awarded to Ollie for Great All-round Play.

Minard V's Five Dock

Round 6 1/11/03

Loss 1 – 9

A difficult game to write about. Not difficult because we were beaten but difficult because it was a very dour game and one which was marred by very inconsistent umpiring.

This was our 2nd loss of the season and another good lesson in baseball. Most of our players were not on their game today. In any game it is not unusual for some players to be below their best but this game saw many players not fully concentrating on the tasks at hand. Restrictions, because of Rep Baseball the next day, made it more difficult for our team.

Lets not take anything away from Five Dock. They played their game well and their strike pitcher was good and accurate. He pitched well, though a bit off the pace, which caused difficulty for most our Batters whom like the ball coming fast on to the bat. We will fix that though with a bit of training.

All of our players hit today but unfortunately most went to a fielder, mainly short stop or catcher, which resulted with almost everyone out at 1st base. Five Dock scored 3 runs in each of the 1st, 3rd and 5th innings and our solitary run came in the 5th and last Innings. Our Player of the Week today went to Daniel for Great Pitching. Daniel started off pitching a little wayward & became despondent but showed great courage & fought his way back. Well done.

Many thanks to-date to our main Scorer Lyn Falconer (assisted by Diane Marsh), Umpire Stuart McLean, Wayne Falconer & Keith for assisting at Training etc., Raffaele Civitella our groundsperson and to all the parents for you're your assistance in many ways & for getting the players to Training & the Games on time. We cannot do it with out you all.

Minard V's Macquarie Saints (6)

Round 7 8/11/03

Win 11 – 2

Playing the undefeated leaders of the Comp & our other Mac Saints team, and at our Club Home Ground of Pioneer, I was a wee concerned we may be overawed today. Our Head Coach, Jim, was away but we had Matt at the helm to lead us.

The opening hit from Saints was very good & did this signal the start of a big score from them? We saw solid pitching from Ryan, great pitching from Ollie and good pitching by Chris throughout the Innings today which placed us well. Our fielding today, from all our players, was very alert & crisp. Great backing up in the outfield from Eric, Chris, Adam and Lachlan was great to watch. Nathan & Alex both showed good skills at Catcher and supported their Pitchers well. Our Batting was especially good today, with great hits from Ryan (2 bagger & prevented from a Homer by the garden) Ollie, Lachlan (2 bagger), with most batters getting bat to ball.

We led at the bottom of 1st by 2 –1 with no runs by either Team in the 2nd. The 3rd Innings saw us get 3 home & keep the Saints scoreless. Then the best batting, great base running & stealing in the 4th resulted in us getting 6 runners home. In the 5th they got

one home with none to us. Whilst the Opposition was slightly weakened today we can take nothing away from our players who played very good baseball to finish worthy winners. Ryan for Great Batting won our Player of the Week. Well done Team !

Chris Lumb

Manager

There once were two best friends named Bob and Earl. They were two of the biggest baseball fans in America. Their entire adult lives revolved around baseball. Bob and Earl discussed baseball history in the winter, and they examined every box score during the season. They went to over 60 games a year. They even agreed that whoever died first would try to come back and tell the other if there was baseball in heaven.

One summer night, Bob passed away in his sleep after watching a Yankee victory earlier in the evening. He died a happy man.

A few nights later, his buddy Earl awoke to the sound of Bob's voice from beyond.

"Bob is that you?" Earl asked.

"Of course it me," Bob replied.

"This is unbelievable!" Earl exclaimed, "So tell me, is there baseball in heaven?"

"Well, I have some good news and some bad news for you. Which do you want to hear first?"

"Tell me the good news first."

"Well, the good news is that there is baseball in heaven, Earl."

"Oh, that is wonderful! So what could possibly be the bad news?"

"You're pitching tomorrow night."

Under 12C

Macquarie U12C v's Balmain

Round 5 – 25 October

Loss 6-11

Action a plenty: Adrenaline flowed in the most frenetic, and at times nerve-wracking, game played so far. In our 1st innings, Tana Rattananikom made the biggest hit of the day setting the foundation of our innings. Then, in a great display of sportsmanship, Andrew Harris volunteered that he had been tagged on the shirt when it appeared that he had made it safely to second base. Congratulations Andrew on your honesty!! This was a crucial moment, as we would have got two more runners home. At the end of the 1st innings, we were down 1-3. In Balmain's 2nd innings, Tana followed up his fine batting with a great pick up and perfect throw to first base for an out. Anthony Rossi also made a spectacular high catch. We restricted Balmain to two home. Then, in our 2nd innings, with bases loaded, our

next three batters were all struck out – a close call. (Score 1-5). But the 3rd innings was the really crucial one. With the first two Balmain batters struck out by Andrew Walkerden, the third batter was on 2 strikes. But a rare call of ‘catcher interference’ got them to first base. Balmain then went on to make the maximum 6 - another close call. With the match already won by Balmain, we managed 5 in our last innings. Looking back, Saints had several moments where they may have snatched the game but it just wasn’t to be, and all of the players can be really proud of how they stuck to their task.

BYE

Round 6 – 1 November



Macquarie U12C v's Rangers

Round 7 – 8 November

Draw 8-8

A great comeback: Rangers had to borrow four players from North Ryde to make up their numbers. A tight 1st innings (1-2) included an impressive debut by Andrew Luczynski as opening pitcher, who managed two strike-outs. Rangers 2nd innings was marked by two great hits when bases were loaded, giving them a maximum 6 runs. However, our highlight was a great double-play by Andrew Harris catching in-field and tagging the third base player. In batting, Kate Nightingale managed her best hit of the season to get to first. Later, she managed to make it home by inches, by determined running, putting the catcher under extreme pressure which caused them to fumble. Great work Kate!! Down 5-8 at the top of the 3rd, the match swung dramatically to Saints. Great pitching from Andrew Harris and a great running catch at first by Andrew L, saw Saints close the score to 7-8. This was probably the best innings that we have played as a team this year. The 4th innings again saw Andrew H deliver some great pitching to see Rangers off without scoring, for the second time!! Good hits by Andrew L and Kate Nightingale saw us eventually draw level. A real highlight of the match was Jacqueline Rando's great anticipation and running (read – ‘gliding’) between bases.

Macquarie U12C v's Kissing Point

Round 8 – 15 November

Draw 12-12

Even competition: In a game where the pitching didn't worry the batting too much, both teams produced maximum home in their two innings. The ever-dependable Jacquelyn Osborne produced our two best hits of the day; while Andrew Walkerden delivered some of the fastest pitching seen this year, which made heads turn as ball hit the catcher's glove. But some 'first-timers' also showed their wares - with bases loaded, Jesse Judge clubbed a

crucial hit into right field, which allowed two home; and Nick White fielded well in-close. But the biggest revelation of the match was Anthony Rossi as catcher in the second innings. He handled the fast pitching well and was athletic in gloving the difficult ones, all of which drew compliments from the umpire at the end of the match. Overall, the teams were very evenly matched and the players had fun despite the heat.

Ken Bullock, Manager

Under 14c (5) Taylor

This season saw 4 players return from last year's team & 6 new players join from other clubs & Saints teams. The first 3 rounds we recorded consecutive losses to the 2 North Ryde & Balmain teams. Rounds 4 to 6 the team began to come together as a cohesive unit and while we still didn't record a win the team shed its image as the competition "easy beats" with both the 2nd and 3rd placed teams in the standings winning hard fought games by just 1 run.

Rounds 7 & 8 have seen the team come of age and deliver the performances that we parents have known them capable of, with solid wins over North Ryde (blue) & Balmain.

The boys are now settling into positions; pitching duties are being shared by Simon Resplendino, Matthew Woo, Ian McPherson & Nick Taylor. Paul Wilson has proven an asset as catcher (with assistance from Ian & Nick), plays a competent 1st base and with his strong arm is a force to be reckoned with in the outfield, as are Tom van Leeuwen and his brother James. Matthew, Simon & Alistair Botha are all proving to be talented infielders and Evan Ingleton has claimed the 2nd bag as his while Jason Hunt patrols like a shark at shortstop.

The most significant improvement has been seen in the teams batting, with all players getting bat on ball and most showing the control and maturity not to swing at every ball that leaves the pitchers hand. Over the last 4 rounds we have been treated to some outstanding demonstrations of power hitting from the van Leeuwen brothers (Tom & James), Ian and Jason with the highlight being a grand slam home run from Jason against Balmain in Round 8.

With 2 quality wins under our belts we now look forward to being a force to be reckoned with in the 14c competition.

I would like to thank Cassandra Donald for her invaluable contribution as assistant coach. Robert Wilson and the Ingletons for their assistance at training and scoring (the Ingletons) and A big thanks to Denise Wilson for taking on the most thankless of all jobs, umpiring.

Robert Taylor

UNDER 16 B/C

Manager :David Taylor

Game: Maquarie vs Nth Ryde

Date: 1/11/03

Result: Loss 14-2

A good start to the 1st innings with 2 home, Scott and Nick, with 5 on bases. In the field a great pickoff at 3rd by Ashley to Bridie.

At the end of the 1st, Nth Ryde led 6-2. Top of the 2nd and 3 out with loaded bases again did not increase our score, although there were some good pickups and a tag out by catcher Scott, yet we couldn't restrict their runs home.

Top of the 3rd and a terrific hit by Ashley- unfortunately short stop was in the way. Bridie followed with a 2 base hit, our 1st into the outfield. Finished the innings with 3 more on base, but still no addition to our score.

12-2 and an excellent catch by Hannah on 2nd base to put the 1st Nth Ryde batter back into the dug out. Hannah did it again with

another good catch, followed by a great tag out on the batter going to 1st by Scott, finished the game.

Fielding by Peter, Hannah, Scott and Nick's pitching all improved in the last. The 3rd innings was definitely our best showing what we are capable of when the brain is in gear.

A sunny day in the sand pit at Magdala



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