

Saints

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President's Report

Pioneer Park-The Home Coming

What better way to welcome back our traditional home ground, than to have our highly successful Xmas Party at Pioneer Park.

After the previous week's heavy rainfall caused the postponement of our annual event, it was quite fitting that the re-schedule took place at HOME and under beautiful blue skies.

Santa arrived right on time and again brought smiles to nearly 170 children -a great effort, considering how busy families are at this time of year. So thank you to all parents and children for keeping Santa so busy on the day!

New Parents Tee-Ball Champions

Congratulations to all the parents and players that joined in on the fun in the Parents Tee Ball Gala Day, that was played before Santa's arrival. This was one of the closest competitions in years and testimony to how tight the competition was, the Pearls & Diamonds just pipped Martin's Muppets by conceding 5 less runs over the day to qualify for one of the greatest Grand Finals ever against Sorby's Sluggers.

Out-field catches, home runs, double-plays and yes, even a triple play were just some of the highlights of the day. Even the ejection of Kerry Klugin by Umpire Steve Sims, for bringing the game into disrepute for continual strikeouts, had the crowd in hysterics.

Celebrations were the order of the day, however, as the 2005 sporting fairy-tales continued. First it was the Swans, next the Wests-Tigers, then Makybediva in the Melbourne Cup and just when you thought it was safe to return to the TV "arm-chair" along came the Soccerroos to put an end to 32 years of World Cup Wilderness.

Finally, after five previous attempts and many years of despair of not even making it to a Grand Final, the Sluggers managed to just beat the Pearl's & Diamonds and hold aloft the Holy Grail. It was a heroic effort, considering more than half of our players had never played before, and some battled injury and soreness to keep going! Well Done Team!

Note of Thanks

Of course, a day like this is not possible without the help and generosity of many people and businesses both within and outside our community, notably:

Midway Cellars, Il Perugino Restaurant, McDonagh's Gourmet Meat, Mediterranean Gourmet, McLachlan Family, Diamond One, Linfield, Sports Store, Ryde-Hawks 1st Grade, Lombardo Family, Howes Family, Sorbello Family, J&J Wholesalers, Greater Union Macquarie, Quality Fruit and Vege's, AJ's Indian Restaurant, Atlantis Seafood Restaurant.

A special thanks also to Pearl Stuart our Fundraising/Social Coordinator, Robert and Mae Taylor, Narelle Scott, Kerry Klugin for helping pack gift bags, Janine Hunt and Jackie Williams for helping Santa on the day issue the bags, Cheryl and Scott Blomfield for all their gathering and running around as Santa's little helpers and of course Bob Mansfield and the Eastwood Fireman for delivering Santa safely to us on the day.

First Aid Course

Thankyou to Paul Holten, one of our parents and qualified instructor, for offering his time and knowledge at a minimal fee to enhance the skills of those coaches and managers that attended his **Practical First Aid** Course. As a result, we now have more people within the club that are qualified to administer First Aid should the need arise. If there are any members or employees of organizations that require such certification, then I can thoroughly recommend Paul, especially given that he is in a position to share some of his experiences as a NSW Ambulance Officer, to make the course even more interesting. Paul can be contacted on **0417 496 433**.

Macquarie Saints Reps

Rhea Cambourn, Miranda Scott and Louisa Scott had a very successful tournament with the Australian Women's and Girls Baseball team in the 5th World Series games in Florida, USA.

By all reports, the girls did Macquarie Saints and their Country proud. Congratulations girls!

Congratulations also to Ryan McLachlan, Karl Stuart (U12's) and Ryan Falconer, Ollie Bromley (U14's) on their selection into the All Star teams for their respective age groups, which competed at Blacktown Olympic Park on the 4th of December.

Ollie was also named Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the tournament. Well done!

Sponsorship

We are grateful to the Board of Directors of Denistone Sports Club (DSC) at 59 Chatham Road, West Ryde for their generous donation of \$750.00 in support of MS Baseball Club, of which, will be allocated to the purchase of some much needed club uniforms and equipment. To show our gratitude to the Board of DSC for their generosity and support, the opportunity to utilise the facilities at DSC is offered to all members of MS and we encourage you to visit DSC as the preferred venue for MS members for the remaining 2005/06 season. Post match drinks and social get togethers just to name a few. DSC is a warm and friendly social club, welcoming patrons and members of many sporting clubs of which they are associated. Monster Meat raffles are held every Thursday night, drinks at low club prices, new caterers have embarked on an exciting new menu and the chance to learn the know how of lawn bowls, is an option too! So grab the kids, the family and friends and head on over to DSC. We thank you for your support.

Macquarie Saints Dinner Dance-25th February 2006

Denistone Sports Club will also be the venue for the much-anticipated Macquarie Saints Dinner Dance and Social Night.

It promises to be one of the best nights ever, featuring one of the most popular 4-piece bands that Sydney has to offer:

"Van the Man" the Van Morrison Show.

If you're a fan of Van Morrison, The Beatles, and The Eagles or just simply love good music, then this is the night for you! See attached Flyer accompanying this Newsletter for more details.

I would like to wish all boys and girls, mums, dads, grandparents and friends a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and Prosperous 2006. Have a great holiday and see you in the New Year!

Tony Sorbello

Christmas Party Photos





Junior Standings Update to Round 9

We are now past the half way mark of the season and of the 21 Macquarie Saints junior teams 15 have a win/loss average equal to or greater than 500. Of these 12 teams 6 are now currently leading their respective competitions and 2 of the 6 remain undefeated. This is looking to be a very exciting year for the junior teams. Of the remaining teams there are still plenty of games left in the season to see them move up their respective ladders, so let's get out and cheer them on.



The standard and quality of playing in the under 7s in house competition is vastly improving each week. I believe we have a great pool of players for the future.

I would like to thank all team officials and parents of all our junior teams and I greatly appreciate you giving your time and support to make this a very exciting and enjoyable year for the Macquarie Saints juniors. I wish you all a very happy new year and look forward to an exciting 2006.

Jeff Wells
Junior VP

**A great time was had by
one and all.**

**Merry Christmas
everyone!!!**





Proudly Presents

The Van Morrison Show

Style: "Van Morrison" Live Band

Van the Man Dinner Dance



Date: Saturday 25 February 2006

Time: 7.00pm – 1.00am

Venue: Denistone Sports Club

59 Chatham Road, West Ryde

Cost: \$45 ~ includes 3 course buffet meal, dancing & jiving, prizes for 'best dressed' (beverages at club prices)

RSVP by: 18/02/06

Optional: "Dress up as your favourite Music Artiste"

"Come One Come All"

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Macquarie Saints Baseball Club Van Morrison Dinner Dance

25 February 2006 @ 7pm

Hurry, act now as seats are limited!

Get a table of team parents together (8-10) or if you wish to register as an individual we will place you with a table ~ so don't be shy, come along for some jigging & jiving on the dance floor!

Guests: (USE BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Total Enclosed: \$.....

Table Name (Artist):.....

Contact Name:.....

Tel number:.....

NB. Please return your completed tear off slip including payment in an envelope to team managers or Waterloo Park Canteen ASAP

RSVP by: Saturday 18/02/06 to assist with catering please!

Email pearls@opentec.com.au or mobile 0414 33 1744 to reserve your seats.

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TEAM REPORTS:

U/7 Ferrari

Round 7 Date: 5.11.05

A new strategy was implemented this week where the positions of pitcher, catcher and first base were maintained throughout the game to develop the skills required for these key positions. Anika was pitcher and showed lightning speed when fielding in the diamond. Christian was catcher and kept the game under control, while Annabel got some great outs on first base.

Player of the week: Lucas for great power hitting resulting in 2 bags each bat.

Round 8 Date: 12.11.05

Our new fielding strategy of maintaining the same pitcher, catcher and first base worked well in Week 7 so we decided to continue with it. Martin, playing pitcher and Lucas, playing first base formed a great partnership resulting in many outs. Martin also tagged about 4 runners! Makayla did a great job behind the plate and tagged several runners trying to reach home on 'last batter'.

Player of the week: Annabel Ferrari for great power hitting all game.

Round 9 Date: 19.11.05

Lachlan was our speed machine around the diamond tagging runners going to first and home. Madyson was our catcher and quickly learned how to tag the runners trying to run home on 'last batter'. Alex showed some great batting, managing to hit a '2 bagger' in the second innings, well done!

Player of the week: Madyson Chippendale for great batting and fielding.

Round 10 Date: 26.11.05

We were short on players this week, down to 5 for the last ½ hour, but the team showed great commitment and supported each other to cover the field. Lachlan was on base, but took off to the outfield on each big hit. Christian was cool as a cucumber playing pitcher and got some great outs with Anika on first base. Lucas and Martin slammed a couple of great hits to help the run count.

Player of the week: Annabel Ferrari for great all round play, despite feeling unwell.

We would like to say a special good-bye to Makayla Greenwood who has moved to the Central Coast and has had to leave the team. Makayla was always keen and often first to training and the game.

U/7 Wells

The mighty Wells Blues got their first win of the season and all team mates shared in the celebration. Over the past few weeks fielding has vastly improved with exceptional improvements from Jadine, Max and Rachel. We started to see some powerful batting from Jake, Becky and Finn. Brittany, Daniel and Matthew continue to provide the back bone of the team with great all round performance.



U/7 Cross

The boys from under 7 Cross t ball team are continuing to thoroughly enjoy their t ball. Wet weather and a bye have meant we have not played for two weeks. The games prior to this really showed how the boys skills and sportsmanship are developing beautifully. Highlights include; amazing catches and tagging by Dominic Easy and Alex Kennedy, accurate throwing to home and first base by Tom Cross and Joshua Cutcliff (great teamwork boys), sensational base running by Thomas Easy and Jordan Howard and expert fielding from Hugh Coleman, Ben Peppitt, Michael Shepherd, Lochlan Sward and Alexander Dunlop.

We are also very proud of the representatives from our team at the parents gala day. Janet and Anthony Cross and Cathy and Chris Cutcliff were members of the premiership team. We now know where Tom and Joshua get their talent from !!!!!

Have a fantastic Christmas everybody.

A HUGE thank you to the organisers of the Christmas party. Well done, the day was a great success.

U/8 Rubie

Round 7 Date: 5.11.05

Game: U8 Rubie V's Five Dock

Result Score: Loss 20-15

This was a tough game; however our batting really helped to make it exciting. Zoe, Ed and Peter were really showing their strength by belting the ball across the field. Jake, Tadhg and Andrew exhibited great running between the bases. Emma C did a great job as catcher and Bradley had a lot of ball play at short stop. Emma T did a fabulous job on first base and really slowed down the opposition. Well done Saints!

Award: Edward Sieper – Great All Round Play

Round 8 Date: 12.11.05

Game: U8 Rubie V's Boomers

Result Score: Loss 17-13

No summary available as coach and manager away - sorry

Award: Andrew Edmondson – Great All Round Play



U/8 Nicoll

Round 7 Date: 5.11.05

Game: U8 Nicoll vs Rangers

Result Score: Win 20-11

Round 8 Date: 12.11.05

Game: U8 Nicoll vs Stealers

Result Score: Win 18-16

Round 9 Date: 19.11.05

Game: U8 Nicoll vs Greenway

Result Score: Win 16-15

Round 10 Date: 26.11.05

Game: Bye

As the year draws to an end, the signs of tiredness are starting to show through. But the thing about this team is even when they are tired they just keep going. They have put in a huge effort over the last few games and are nearly ready for a well earned rest until the beginning of next year. Below are some of the highlights for the last few rounds:

Amie has had a sensation time on the field. She's been involved in some great outs at first based, always ready to catch the balls thrown her way. Well done Amie!!

Ben is one of our biggest batters. He makes good connection with the ball and can send it flying for a home run. Great batting Ben!!

Cassie has done some fantastic fielding. On third base, when the ball came her way she knew exactly what to do to get the runner out. Great playing Cassie!!

Gerard is becoming a real team player. His batting has been great and his base running is fantastic. Not only is he fast but he listens to his coach. Keep it up Gerard!!

Max is really batting and base running well. He did a beautiful hit to center right which got him second base. Good work Max!!

Michael knows what it takes to be a team player. He does a great job in the field no matter what position he plays and his batting is always very good. Well done Michael!!

Rachel does a great job in the field. First play of the day, Rachel stopped the ball at the pitcher's plate and threw to Amie at first for an out. What a champ!!

Sam started the season quietly but has really come a long way. His batting has improved out of sight along with his base running. Keep it up Sam!!

Sarah took a great catch at the pitcher's plate. The hit was a hard line drive back at her but quick reflexes saw her catch the ball. She has also had success at batting with a great home run against Greenway. Sensational Sarah!!

Trent's fielding and batting have been outstanding. In the game against Stealers he hit a grand slam and in the game against Rangers did a double play. Way to go Trent!!

U/8 Lloyd

Round 8 Date: 12.11.05

Game: U8 Lloyd vs Epping Eastwood

This 24-19 does not reflect the effort our fledgling team put in. Fun and some hard work has seen a vast improvement. The games on Friday afternoon are showing some results PARENTS . We ran two runners out this week, Mathew and Claire being responsible for those and got a couple of double base runs just ask Adam and Jake. Lachlan made the great sacrifice for his team, two outs in the 1st and 2nd innings to help other team mates get home then came back in the third to complete a single hit for the gang. Very happy to see the team function as it did. Claires' backstopping work was focused and Harry played a great all round game. Way to go kids!

Round 9 Date: 26.11.05

Game: U8 Lloyd vs Stealers

Unfortunately the game was washed out. The kids were ready to play but instead could only be mustered for an early morning photo shoot. Kids you looked great. All parents were disappointed that the kids missed out on playing but suffered more distress from not being able to complete canteen duty. Parents don't fret as the club has organised another day for canteen duty on 11 February 2006.

U/9 Bush

Round 8 Date: 12.11.05

Game: U9 Bush V's Boomers

Result Score: Loss 1-6

The team started slowly, with only Nicole getting on base in the first innings. The second innings was better with a marvellous hit by Jack getting him onto third base. Ben's great hit got himself on base and Jack home for our only run. The third innings saw out batters troubled by the Zooka. However, things improved for us in the fourth innings with Nathan , Baker, Jack and Edward all managing to hit well, but unfortunately, not increasing our score. On the fielding side we had some good catches by Jack as pitcher and Nathan on 2nd Base. Baker at 3rd Base got the ball a number of times, and was unfortunate in not being able to get more runners out. Overall the team played very well and they especially enjoyed being in the dugout on Diamond 1 at Waterloo.

Round 9 – 19.11.05

Game: U9 Bush vs Five Dock

Result: Win 9 – 3

Once again our team started slowly, with the first three batters striking out in the first innings. The batters in the second innings did a lot better with base hits by Jason, Jack, Nathan (who got to second), Jonathan, Kevin and Edward resulting in a number getting home. The third innings looked like being a repeat of the first innings, with our first two batters striking out, but the remainder of the team led by Matthew and finishing up with Nicole all made base hits and got our six runs for the innings. The fourth innings was a repeat of the first with all batters striking out. However, our final innings was the best with all batters hitting base hits and the team once again scoring six runs. Five Dock were unable to commence their innings as time had run out, so unfortunately our final score did not include the runs from the fifth innings. Our best fielders on the day were Nathan at first base who caught a foul ball, and Ben also at first who caught a fly ball and then just missed getting the runner out in a double play. Well done to the whole team on a great game.



Under 10 A – Francis & Baker

Round 7 Date: 5.11.05

Game: U10A vs Macquarie Saints U11A

Result Score: ?? - ??

With the prospect of a week without junior baseball, Coach Francis and Coach Baker (a meeting of two great intellects), hatched the idea of the local derby, a game which was sure to be fiercely contested from the first pitch. A crowd of 37,717 for the game saw Macquarie Saints surpass the 100 million mark of home attendance since Waterloo was opened last year, not surprising with the

caliber of the talent on show. With the players warm, the crowd primed and the drinks on ice, the coaches met at the plate to initiate the much anticipated encounter. Busting onto the diamond, Macquarie started well driving in runs in the top and bottom of the first two innings. Magnificent fielding and sensational batting kept the big crowd interested throughout the game. It unfolded as an epic battle, with the batters triumphing at every turn. Exciting base running and sharp fielding kept the major league scouts interested throughout the afternoon. With the scores dead locked at *who knows*, the game was finally broken open by the Saints with a game winning shot through the right side of the diamond. And the winner is Macquarie Saints!! Which team?? Who knows and what's more who cares? Baseball was the winner today!! A great game by both teams where the score wasn't kept and didn't matter anyway.

Round 8 Date: 12.11.05
Game: U10A vs North Ryde
Result Score: Loss 5-9

After the hype of the previous week's match up with the 11As, it was back to business this week with a match up against the favoured North Ryde side who narrowly defeated us in the first round. All the players started well with some consistent hitting by Sean, Harry, and Conor in the early innings see us score five runs and looking good. Backing this up in the field with magnificent work by Brianna, Liam, Kate and William, left North Ryde wondering what they had to do to get on the score sheet. Georgie on the mound was reminiscent of Roger Clements in the third game of the '89 World Series, retiring six batters on just twenty four pitches (curse those pitching restrictions!!!). Offers of trades were made by three American Major League scouts before the day was out. Georgie was reticent to accept any offer at this stage, citing that she felt she should probably finish Year Five before moving to the States. Jack had his usual strong game behind the plate directing traffic providing great support for our pitchers. Late in the game a sensational drive to left field by one of the North Ryde batters was bound for extra bases until it found Sam's glove in a play that is sure to be written into 10A's folk lore. A recent article in the St Louis Tribune saw Skip Schumaker describe Sam's glove as the place where home runs go to die. With this type of commitment by all players, the drought is surely coming to an end, every week a different player steps up and shows exceptional talent. The day we all step up as one, I wouldn't like to be in the opposition lineup!!

The play of the day however, went to Cheryl with her magnificent cake which began the week long festival for Coach Francis' birthday. The cake was sensational and all the players and spectators are hoping the canteen will see

an addition to the menu in the near future, it's sure to send the profits through the roof. Thanks Cheryl!

STOP PRESS: The All Star team selections have just been released you guessed it, it's the entire 10A.

U/10 Peck

Round 7 Date: 5.11.05
Game: U10 Peck V's North Ryde
Result Score: Won 5-3

Good hitting by most players ensured another win. Bianca and Lauren S combined well at pitcher and 1st base to get opposition out. Good fielding also by Pedro and Zoe. Great tactics by Lauren W to not get out by running backwards and forwards between 1st and 2nd base until she beat the ball. Good thinking Lauren!
Player of the Match -

Round 8 Date: 12.11.05
Game: U10 Peck V's Concord
Result Score: Loss 9-3

Concord were in fine form with the bat and ball but our players performed well. Forrest made a great double play by catching a hit then throwing it to 2nd base to get another runner out. Bianca combined well with both Rhiannon and Lauren S on 1st to get players out. Josh has been catching well over the last few weeks. Lauren W hit very well and was awarded player of the match.

Round 9 Date: 19.11.05
Game: U10 Peck V's Macquarie
Result Score: Won 5-4

This was a great game with both sides batting and fielding well. With only one run at the end of the game, anyone could have won. Anna as always hit's well to get to base. Forest showed his skill at bat – once again, smashing the ball all over the part. Ross's field and base running was spot on.

GO THE PECKY'S!!!

*McDonagh's Meat Boutique at
Midway*

U/10 McCrohan

It's been a great start to our season; newcomers Bronson Khoo, Tom Russell, Josh Jefferies and Zack Savva have performed brilliantly.

Old veterans Sarah Ivers, Dean McCrohan, James Cutcliffe and Sebastian Guilieri have been stalwarts for the club for others to feed off.

Harry Beauchamp, Kevin Aneas-Johns, Damien King and Reece Tuohy have also shown that this game can be easy for newcomers.

We are on pace to make the finals and relish the chance to take on our arch rivals, Peck's pups. They've had our number this year, but there is a long way to go. When the whips are cracking in March, we'll be there.....

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U/12A - Ironfield

Played 7 – Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 3

Since our last report, we have had a mixed bag of results, starting with a crushing 16-4 win against Concord where we knocked out 15 hits including a couple of home runs. Our pitchers did a great job once again and the field did a fantastic job in the heat to back up our pitchers with some great plays.

In the last couple of games however we have tasted defeat against league leaders Steelers in a tight tussle (6-11) and then to Nth Ryde (8-11) after leading 8-3 after 2 innings. We all know there has been some low points during these games but we have had our share of high points including a powerful line-drive home-run from Christian against Nth Ryde (his first in A grade) and many great pitching performances, sometimes with very tight strike zones!!

In the next few games we have talked about being more consistent in our play, doing the little things right and working hard on the training diamond. We have plenty of ability spread across our team and I have always said that everyone brings a different skill to the team. When

everyone uses those skills the best they can, that's when we are going to play our best baseball.

Maybe in the last few weeks we haven't used our abilities as well as we know that we are capable of, but the good thing is, we can turn it around and show teams why we are the defending champs. It's a long season, and I'm confident that if we work hard at training and we really show everyone we want it bad enough, the wins will come and we will give this competition a shake.

U/12B - Macfarlane

Round 8 Date: 12.11.05

Game: U12B V's Five Dock

Result Score: Loss 16-5

This is one of those games we all like to forget (except maybe man of the match, Brian). It started with Five Dock scoring 6 runs in the first innings. Saints were a bit shell shocked but rallied to put 5 runs on the board themselves. That was as close as we got. The final score escapes me now but we had another two innings that were stopped after Five Dock scored six runs. Our fielding left a lot to be desired, particularly against such a strong batting line up as Five Dock. A lot of walks pitched, too many fielding errors and just not enough outs. We didn't fair much better in the batting box. We picked up a few walks but the hits were few and far between. This was definitely one to put behind us. The highlight of the match was a great catch at second by Brian Botha. This together with a 2 base hit that scored a run earned him man of the match.

Round 9 Date: 19.11.05

Game: U12B V's Gladesville

Result Score: A Credible Loss 15-9

This game showed a marked improvement. We started to lay bat on ball and in the second innings we scored six runs. Everyone was positive in the batting box and managed to lay bat on ball. It was exciting to see runners crossing the home plate quite regularly. Some great hits to Brian, Lachlan, Matt, John which scored runners. We ended up scoring nine quality runs which was a great improvement.

Once again we let ourselves down in the field. Too many fielding errors allowed Gladesville to get runners in scoring position. We had them all, mis-fields, overthrows, dropped throws to first. It was becoming clear what was needed to be worked on at practice.

Nick Macfarlane took out man of the match for his great batting and steady presence in the field.

This game provided a glimmer of hope plus a clue to what to work on. Look out – here we come.

Round 10 Date: 26.11.05
Game: Bye

As the kids have all worked hard, I'm sure that Santa will be ready to load up a couple of extra goodies for each of them as I have heard that he has borrowed an extra large sleigh this Christmas!!

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U14A Mansfield

Round 6 Date: 29.10.05
Game: U14A Mansfield V's North Ryde
Result: Win 16 – 4

In my last Match report in the last Newsletter this game was reported by me as a Loss in the heading when in fact it was a Win as indicated above. I need to take more care when 'cutting & pasting'. My apologies to the Team.

Round 7 Date: 4.11.05
Game: U14A Mansfield V's Stealers
Result: Win 8 – 6

We were looking forward to this game being motivated by our great win last week. Playing at home also adds to the feeling & a Friday night game as well. Let's make it 2 wins in row !

Fielding 1st & Alex (on Rep restrictions) was our lead-off Pitcher with Ben as Catcher. Alex was pitching well. Following a hit by Stealers, good fielding by Dan G. with a good throw to 1st and we had our first out. Unfortunately, soon after, Alex was hit solidly in the nose with the ball & with a lot of blood flowing he had to leave the field & be taken to hospital. Duck (on Rep restrictions) came to the mound & solid pitching & safe fielding resulted in us holding them to 2 runs.

Our 1st 2 batters struck out but a big hit, 2 bagger (RBI), by Duck & we closed the Innings 1 – 2. In the 2nd Duck pitched well & was supported with good fielding. 3 up & 3 down. Our batters performed better in this innings with hits to James, a hard one by Daniel B. (2 RBI) a big one by Duck (RBI) & we posted a total of 5 runs. Now ahead 6 – 2.

Duck started off pitching in the 3rd & was then replaced by Dan G. Between them they allowed Stealers only one run.

At bat though we didn't post a run. Dan again pitched in the 4th innings and Nathan donned the catchers gear. Between Dan's pitching & good fielding, including a good catch of Ben's at 3rd base off a very high hit, we kept them scoreless. A few walks at bat then a good hit by Duck (RBI) and we added another run to our score. Stealers hit a few in the 5th innings, including a big one which resulted in 2 RBI and they added 3 runs to their score. Our next 3 batters though were 3 up & 3 down. The score now closer at 7 – 6.

Dan B., at pitcher, did a good job & our fielding was spot on. Dan B also took a good catch at pitcher. We didn't concede a run. Duck again hit well for a 2 bagger & RBI and we added another run to our score.

The game commenced the 7th innings, a rarity these days, but was called Time & Game before it completed.

A hard fought but a well deserved win. 2 wins in a row.

Round 8 Date: 11.11.05
Game: U14A Mansfield V's Macquarie (Sims)
Result: Loss 4-6

Things are really setting well under our two Coaches, Bob Mansfield & Chris Latham and the players are starting to gel well as a team and enjoy their baseball. Skills and ability are improving all the time.

We had 2 wins on the trot and were looking forward to this "local derby" with anticipation. Could we "avenge" our 1st Round loss, beat the Competition Leaders and win 3 in a row ?

We fielded 1st of course with Alex first on the mound & Nathan at catcher. On a dropped 3rd strike on the first batter Nathan made a good recovery with a flat throw to Duck at 1st and batter out. Their next couple of batters hit & made it to base. Another good recovery by Nathan on dropped 3rd strike and another out. Alex struck out the 4th batter with the opposition scoring only one run. A good start. Alex led off the batting with a big hit for a 3 bagger. Unfortunately we didn't score any runs. A miss-field

allowed them to score 1 run in the 2nd innings and we didn't score a run. Alex was still pitching in the 3rd & was then replaced by Duck. They held the batters, aided by safe fielding, to 2 runs. At bat though we again didn't score & with the opposition now on 4 it looked like the game was getting away from us.

Duck stayed on the mound in the 4th and was again supported by safe fielding, particularly a good pick up by Alex with a strong low throw to 1st for batter out. They added another 2 runs to be leading us 0 – 6. Our batters started to make good contact with ball with Duck (RBI) and Ben (RBI) having the most impact. A good spell to bring the score back to 4 – 6. In the 5th innings we had them 3 up & 3 down. In with a chance. However they repeated the dose & we didn't add to our score.

The Team played very well tonight as did our opposition. It was a good game of baseball to watch and participate in. Either team could have won it. Our Team did themselves proud. At no stage did we stop trying. If we can reduce, or even eliminate, our fundamental mistakes a little more we are going to be real force to be reckoned with.

Well done players & Coaches !

Round 9 Date: 19.11.05
Game: U14A Mansfield V's Rangers
Result: Loss 7-14

Rangers were not that far ahead of us on the Competition ladder & a win was hoped for. An early morning start at Rofe Park and our players looked "sleepy" & quiet.

At bat for the 1st but Daniel B. was the only one to make it safely to base & we didn't score. With Alex out injured Daniel H. (Harvey) was our lead off pitcher. They hit well & safe, our only highlight being a good catch by Chris in the outfield. They posted 4 runs to lead 0 – 4. At bat in the 2nd we managed to hit better, Ben bunted well (RBI) and Chris (RBI) hit well & we put 3 runs on the board. Duck (on restrictions) opened the pitching and was replaced by Dan G. then Dan B. Again the Rangers batting was good and, aided by some walks, they did everything right to add 10 runs to their score. To our players credit they didn't drop their heads but things were not going our way.

In the 3rd, at bat, we couldn't add to our score. We then fielded well, with a good throw to 1st base by Chris, and good catches in the outfield by James & Rhea, the highlights. We kept them scoreless. At bat in the 4th innings Ben hit well as did Dan G. (RBI) and Duck (RBI) and we posted 4 runs. The clock then ticked over for Time and Game with the score at 7 – 14.

Not our best game but still plenty more to come.

U14B Harris / Luczynski

Round 7 Date: 5.11.05

Game: U14B Harris / Luczynski V's Five Dock
Result Score: Loss 6 – 5

Everyone turned up eager to play, our first home game for a while. We started warming up doing some great hits into the trees, a good sign. Unfortunately, due to rain previously, the diamond was still soft and the previous game had dug it up a bit, a bad omen, so it was decided we would be moved to the opposite end of the park. We started playing well but it was a tight game with both sides evenly matched. Five Dock gave us a good run and unfortunately managed to get one run ahead to win. Good pitching by Conner, Alex and Eric.

Round 9 Date: 19.11.05

Game: U14B Harris / Luczynski V's Greenway
Result Score: Win 13 – 5

Due to the weather, we hadn't trained for the previous two weeks and last week was a bye so we weren't really going into the game with high hopes. We also had two people away and had only nine players. We got up to bat with a positive attitude and things went well from then on. We managed to pick the balls and strikes well and ended up on base on most occasions. Anthony and Eric did good 2 base hits to the outfield while Harry, our novice, did a great three base hit which I think even amazed him. Andrew H just missed a great tag on three, a really tight call, while Eric did some good throws to first to Adam to get the outs. Adam and Lachlan did well as catchers stopping the balls and restricting the runs while Andrew L and Eric did good pitching. The stealing was worth watching with Jacquie working her way around the bases, Andrew L stealing second when they tried to pick him off at first, Andrew H and Lachlan stealing well also. Fielding was tight with nearly no errors. Damian and Harry did well at left while most of the other fielders didn't have to do much. Maybe we shouldn't train more often so we win more games. A well deserved win.

Round 10 Date: 28.11.05

Game: U14B harris / Luczynski V's Balmain Boomers

Result Score: Washout

The day started out overcast with a bit of drizzle so we departed for Waterloo for our photo shoot, canteen duty and game. The heavens then opened. The barbeque sizzled with raindrops and the photos were wet and quick and the ground was closed....At 11am though, the sun was shining but it was too late to start the game. Oh well, there was always next week.

U14C Strikerz

Round 7 Date: 5.11.05

Game: U14B Strikerz V's Thornleigh

Result Score: Win 14-6

We didn't know if we get a game in today with the wet weather and soggy field. Fortunately we were able to move diamonds and get a good friendly game in. A strong start in both offense and defense had us take the lead early. Good hitting and base running started by a lead off double by Jason Condon. Good hitting continued by Robert Wells, Jack Rungie, Lizzy Symons, Kento Kamairiaso and Robbie Williams gave us a six to one lead in the first. We kept up hard play in the following with six up three down and no runs scored. Jason Condon and Lizzy Symons both had a catcher caught stealing. Boy don't steal to third on us. On the mound today for a dig each were Jack Rungie, Kento Kamairiaso, Robbie Williams, Jade Cantori, and Dominic So. Player of the match was Robbie Williams for his good pitching and excellent fielding. Great work everyone.

Round 8 Date: 12.11.05

Game: U14B Strikerz V's Five Dock

Result Score: Win 12-5

A great friendly atmosphere at Timbrell park helped us bat hard in the first few digs. Great hitting by Josh Brown, Callum rolls, Jack Rungie, Robbie Williams, dominic So, Kento Kamairiaso, Jade Cantori Tim Wilson and in the second dig by Jesse Knowles. On the mound today were Jack Rungie, Kento Kamairiaso, Dominic So, and Josh Brown. Robbie Williams played backstop the whole game as Lizzy and Jason were away and caught another stealing at third. We recovered from a few errors in the field and held Five Dock to only five runs. Player of the match today was Jesse Knowles for this great work at shortstop and good hitting and running. Well done Strikerz.

Round 9 Date: 19.11.05

Game: U14B Strikerz V's North Ryde

Result Score: Win 10-4

A hot day out of the field with the spirits high after rubbing shoulders and photo shots with one of the San Diego pitchers, Chris Oxspring. Our batting was tense as Dominic took the lead off position today. Our nervous start saw Robert Wells get home off a dropped third strike but we were held to one in the first dig. Only eight this week in the field prompted us to communicate and backup more. This worked to our advantage to see a double play halt the N. Ryde attack. We came out strong in the second dig with our nerves settled. We batted through the inning and scored six home and another three in the third and two in the fourth to secure the win. Kento Kamairiaso was on the mound for the three digs to capture the win. Robbie Williams did a great job catching in the heat and had another catcher caught stealing at third. Excellent batting helped secure the win with great hits by Robert Wells, Dominic So, Kento Kamairiaso, Jade Cantori, Callum Rolls, and Jesse Knowles. The player of the match went to Dominic So for great hitting, good communication and backup on the field.

The committee would like to wish all Macquarie Saints players and families a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.



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