

# Saints

NEWSLETTER NO. 4 – FEBRUARY 2006

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## President's Report

Happy New Year to all players, parents and members. I trust you have had a great festive season, a well earned break and are ready to get back into baseball with the Saints. With only a handful of games left, there are many teams, including senior teams from D, F and G grade still in contention for the finals series so good luck to all teams over the next month or so.

## Australian Baseball Federation Player Registration Cards

By now, every registered player should have received their ABF membership card by post, together with a "My Rewards" catalogue offering many discount vouchers to take advantage of.

## Raffle Tickets

Raffle books containing 10 tickets each at \$2 per ticket have been distributed to team managers & coaches for issue to Club Members as part of our annual fundraising efforts for the year. We ask you to please help us by on selling our club raffle tickets. Please accompany your child as a matter of safety if selling door to door in your local neighbourhood. All ticket stubs/money or unsold tickets need to be returned no later than Saturday 25/2/06 by 1pm. These can be placed in the **RED BOX** outside the Canteen at Waterloo Park or via your team manager. Tickets will be drawn on the same evening the at our annual dinner dance. See accompanying flyer for the prizes that have been kindly donated by some of our members including the home theatre system from the Stuart family.

## Macquarie Saints Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2006

This is going to be one of the greatest events we have ever had. Santa came for the children last year, but now it's the adults turn to enjoy a night out with friends as "**Van the Man**" comes to Denistone Bowling Club, West Ryde to play hits by Van Morrison, The Eagles, The Beatles and many other tunes from your **favourite artistes**. Hey, that could be the theme. Come dressed as Maddona, Boy George, Hilary Duff, Kylie Minogue, George Michael, Mick Jagger to name a few- or just come as you are. Don't miss this opportunity to see one of the best **live bands** going around with lots of dancing and consumption of food & beverages until late. See details in this newsletter. You can make your ticket purchase on line at our web-site. [www.saints.asn.au](http://www.saints.asn.au) Hurry, book now as tickets are limited.

## Macquarie Saints Presentation Day and AGM

Our annual general meeting which is followed by the players' trophy presentation day will be held at 1.00pm on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March at Pioneer Park, Marsfield. A free BBQ sausage sizzle will follow so BYO drinks and stay a while as we farewell season 2005/06.

Tony Sorbello



## TEAM REPORTS:

### U/7 Red

**Round 11 Date: 3.12.05**

What a start to the morning. Frantic parents getting the kids down to Waterloo at 7.45am for team photos. Everyone was very excited and the buzz carried over to the game. Another great day at bat by Jacob, proving to be a great all rounder. We also had had some brilliant stops by Ben at pitcher and Tags by Bailee at home.

We've seen fantastic improvement in the field by Sarah and Jessica, along with some inspiring batting by Annie-Rose.

Great work Team, keep it up.

### Round 12 Date 10.12.05

Much to all the Mum's and Dad's of 7 Reds delight, we had a bye. So an extra long Christmas break. We hope you all had a great festive season, and welcome back to the new year.



### U/8 Rubie

**Round 12 Date 10.12.05**

**Game: U8 Rubie V's Concord**

**Result Score: Loss 20-14**

We tried hard and batted really well, however Five Dock proved to be too good for us on the day. Better luck next time team.

Award: Jake Bortz – Great All Round Play



### U/8 Nicoll

**Round 12 Date: 10.12.05**

**Game: U8 Nicoll vs Jeffery**

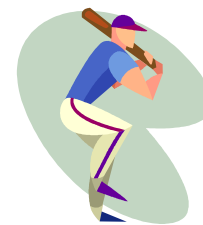
**Result Score: Loss 21-22**

What a cracker of a game!

Some of the highlights include:

- Great running and fielding by **Amie** and **Cassie**;
- **Sam** concentrated well when fielding and did a great job on 1st base;
- **Michael**, **Ben** and **Max** hit the ball well;
- **Gerard** had a great time at catcher; and
- **Trent** fielded well at pitcher and shortstop, and hit well as our "last batter".

We're still waiting for **Sarah**, **Rachel** and Bernie to send us a postcard from their holidays at Hawks Nest!



### U/8 Lloyd

**Round 11 Date: 3.12.05**

**Game: U8 Lloyd vs Concord Comets**

**Result Score: Loss 27-19**

The kids did some great work this morning limbering up prior to the game and honing their fielding skills. This effort continued onto the diamond with a stunning double play when Katrina, on second base, caught a batsman out and managed to throw the ball back to Josh, on first base,

to get that base player out. The whole team has improved its batting with some better direction and length in our hits so that we could get 19 runs on the board. However, the Comets managed a few more to end up winning 27 - 19.

### **U/9 Bush**

**Round 12 Date: 12.11.05**

**Result Score: Loss 1-6**

The last three games before the Christmas break were not the best for our team. Round 10 was a washout, followed by a Bye for Round 11. So without a game two weeks in a row, the team was keen to play. Unfortunately, the lack of game time showed, with very few players getting on base and only one managing to get home. Fielding was a bit better, however, overall a disappointing result against a team we had beaten earlier in the season.



### **Under 10 A – Francis & Baker**

**Round 11 Date: 3.12.05**

**Game: U10A vs North Ryde**

**Result Score: Win 13-2**

Their names may not be as familiar as Josh Beckett, Carlos Delgado and Mike Lowell, but the Saints are excited about the futures of the prospect they received in their cost-cutting trade last week. The centerpiece acquisition of the deal, Frank Young, is being penciled in as the Saints' new starting Manager, replacing his wife, Cathy. The former No. 1 prospect of the Red Sox, Frank is looking forward to the chance to manage every Saturday for the Saints. "It's a great opportunity for me," Frank told the Herald. The Melbourne native is almost as happy about his trade destination as the opportunity to jump into a Major League lineup. "Ah, Macquarie!"

Frank said. "It's beautiful. Very beautiful. There is many great players there, and the fans are great."

With the prospect of the All Star break looming across the Christmas season and a week without baseball as the rain Gods shone on us last weekend, the team came out firing to secure the remaining positions on the All Star team which is being selected this week. Harry started well on the mound retiring the North Ryde hitters on just one hit over two innings. Behind the plate Jack was solid providing stability and controlling the game. The fielding was sharp and in the third inning Kate was called upon made to three outs to further frustrate the opposition. Georgie pitched her usual impeccable game allowing only three hits through two innings. Conor was full of beans behind the plate making some great catches and blocking all that came his way in his best effort yet. As if not satisfied with their enthusiasm in the field, the Saints took it to North Ryde in the batter's box registering their highest total this season. The batting display was certainly one to behold as player after player unleashed their bats on unsuspecting strikes. A glance at the lineup shows seventeen hits, many of those extra bases!! The charge was led by Sam (three hits), Conor (three hits), Sean (two hits), William (two hits), Georgia (two hits) Jack (two hits) and this was followed with Kate, Harry, Liam, Brianna, and Stephen who all hit the ball safely today. Yes that's right, the whole roster!!! It's pretty hard to beat a team that plays like the 10As did today. Well done everyone!!!

### **U/10 Peck**

**Round 11 Date: 3.12.05**

**Game: U10 Peck V's Macquarie**

When Macquarie Vs Macquarie everyone wins. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this year these teams have played and every game has been a cracker. The sportsmanship shown by the players, parents, scorers and umpires when these teams meet is excellent.

Coach McCrohan and Coach Peck really should be complemented in leading their teams in the true spirit of the game, competitive but always fair and honest. What great role model's these 2 fine coaches are for our children – keep up the good work gents. Zoe and Pedro both got player of the match. Zoe combined with Forest for 3 outs on 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Pedro hit 2 home runs. Everyone did something well – good job!

**GO THE PECKY'S!!!**

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### U/12B - Macfarlane

**Round 11 Date: 3.12.05**

**Game: U12B V's Gladesville Ravens**

**Result Score: Loss 11-14**

Although this was another loss, we were 11 all going into the bottom of the innings with the home team batting to win. And we were just unable to hold them to the draw. Some good pitching by Jonathon, Katrina and Matt, with Katrina nailing 3 strikeouts and Lachlan and Craig performed well at catcher in the heat.

**Round 12 Date: 10.12.05**

**Game: U12B V's Kissing Point**

**Result Score: Loss 5-13**

This one one of those games where we struggled to put runs on the board, but still had some great work in the field. Jonathon gave us 3 strikeouts while pitching, an excellent catch while at shortstop, a tagout at 3rd and was generally on the ball throughout the game. Nick's bunt in the last dig surprised the opposition and so advanced all runners safely. Nick also had a good day as catcher and worked well with Lachlan at shortstop to get a runner out coming home. And Lucy got home, which was great excitement!

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### U14A Mansfield

**Round 11 Date: 3.12.05**

**Game: U14A Mansfield V's Greenway**

**Result: Win 20-3**

Against Greenway (3<sup>rd</sup> on Competition ladder) at Greenway and an early morning start. Not an easy task. We were hoping, for the first time, we would be at full strength with no rep restrictions. However we were to play without Nathan & James who were both last minute withdrawals due to illness. Our Coach Bob offered a pre-game incentive of a helmet for Player of the Match and I gave out jelly snakes to spark the players up. We were fired ready to go.

Not off to a good start as we were 3 up & 3 down in the 1<sup>st</sup>. Alex was back from injury and our lead-off pitcher today with Ben catching for him. Alex struck the 1<sup>st</sup> batter out, the next made it to 1<sup>st</sup> but we took care of the next two without a run being scored. Game even. The 2<sup>nd</sup> innings saw much better batting from us as well as a few walks. Duck hit big, Dan G. hit solidly (RBI), Harvey smacked one (2 RBI) & Duck (2<sup>nd</sup> time up) smashed a big hit (2 RBI). A great innings with us scoring 7 runs. Greenway knew they had a game on their hands. Alex took the ball again & was well supported in the field with good pick up & throws to 1<sup>st</sup> by Harvey and Daniel B. 3 up & 3 down. Good position to be in but no-one was complacent. At bat in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and we enjoyed a few walks but being ever alert we were able to steal home with Dan B. & Dean off a miss-field. Another 2 to our score. Alex stayed at pitcher and was as accurate as ever. He was pitching well today. Rhea just missed being able to take an outfield catch but recovered quickly to have the runner out at 2<sup>nd</sup>. Soon after Rhea took a great catch showing she was really on her game today. We dismissed them for only one run. Ahead 9 – 1 and still fired up.

In the 4th innings Ben hit safely as did Alex (RBI) and Chris. This, coupled with good base running & stealing, we posted another 4 runs. Duck came on as pitcher & Ben stayed as catcher. It took a few pitches before Duck found his mark striking out their last 2 batters. They managed to steal home for 2 runs. The 5<sup>th</sup> innings was another good one for us at bat. Duck then Ben (RBI) hit well as did Dan B. (RBI) then we saw some walks. Good stealing to home plate by 3 of our runners then a big safe hit from Duck (2

RBI) gave us a total of 7 runs for the innings. A good tally. Duck was again on the mound & Ben donned the mask for the 5<sup>th</sup> time though he was getting tired by now. Good fielding saw the first 2 batters dismissed then Duck struck out the 3<sup>rd</sup> batter to finish off his pitching duties well. Time and Game with the final score 20 – 3.

How good was that !!!  
Was it the helmet award ? Was the snakes ?

Every player today played to his/her potential. Everyone played well and played well as a Team.  
Well done everyone !

**Round 12 Date: 9.12.05**  
**Game: U14A Mansfield V's Concord**  
**Result: Loss 5-8**

Last game before the break & we were ready for a big game against Concord. Friday night atmosphere at ELS, under lights and with plenty of Mac Saints supporters to push us along. We were down a couple of players with Chris, Duck & James away. Alex Goode, from the U14B's kindly came along to help us out. Thanks Alex.

Alex L. was our pitcher in the 1<sup>st</sup> and Ben was at catcher. Concord managed a couple of hits but a tag by Ben & Alex struck out the last 2 batters and we sent them back to the dugout with only 2 runs. Their pitcher was right on the mark though & we didn't score a run.

Dan G. came on as pitcher in the 2<sup>nd</sup> as Alex was on restrictions. Their first batter hit & made it to base. Next play Ben, at catcher, did a great throw to Harvey standing off base, who made a great dive to tag the runner trying to steal 2<sup>nd</sup>. This effort bought the crowd to their feet clapping. The next batter made it safely to 1<sup>st</sup>. Harvey took a great diving catch from the 3<sup>rd</sup> batter, rolled quickly to his feet & threw to Nathan at 1<sup>st</sup> who took a good catch to tag out the runner returning to base. Double play. Good work ! Great athleticism shown by Harvey on these two plays. Really great to behold.  
At bat however we again couldn't get bat to ball & no runs scored.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> innings Concord again hit a couple to score another 2 runs. The highlight was a very good catch by Harvey. He was certainly on fire in the field tonight. At bat and a hit by Nathan saw him safely on base then he snuck home a couple of plays later. A couple of walks & a hit by Alex G. saw us with loaded bases. Dean then hit (RBI) as did Dan G. (2 RBI) & Ben (RBI) and we posted 5 runs to be ahead 5 – 4.

Dan G was again pitcher but later was replaced by Nathan in the 4<sup>th</sup>. Some hits by Concord & a couple of misfields

by us & they added another 4 runs to their tally. At bat next but we went 3 up & 3 down. Now behind 5- 8. Nathan pitched in the 5<sup>th</sup> and Ben was still at catcher & getting rather tired by now. However we got them 3 up & 3 down. Not to be outdone Concord had us 3 up & 3 down.

Concord added more runs in the 6<sup>th</sup> innings but the clock bought the game to an end & after the score rolling back we went down gallantly in defeat.



### **U14B Harris / Luczynski**

**Round 11 Date: 3.12.05**

**Game: U14B Harris / Luczynski V's Kuringai Steelers**

**Result Score: Win 9-5**

Finally a nice sunny day, it was an away game but held at home so we batted first. The game started well with an improvement in batting helping us get to base. From there our stealing took over and we quickly made third base then home. The runs started mounting and the smiles appeared.

Alex started the pitching followed by Andrew L. Not letting them get many runs were Adam and Lachlan who did good catching, while cool hand Eric at short stop killed off a lot more of their runs by fielding and throwing to first.

Players of the match were Jacquie at centrefield who did two amazing catches in the one innings, and Lachlan who while fielding at second, scooped up the ball, tagged the runner and threw to first to get the double play. Everyone played well and it was a well deserved win and hopefully a sign of a great comeback.



## Stories From The Ballpark

**Round 12 Date: 10.12.05**

**Game: U14B Harris / Luczynski V's Thornleigh**

**Result Score: Loss 8-4**

Well here we were versing the top of the table again. Last time we met we won so this time we were hopeful. We only had nine players this time as two were away sick .

We started off batting first but unfortunately didn't manage to score. We did however manage to keep Thornleigh to one run in the first inning and again one in the second. The third they were scoreless. By now they were looking worried as it wasn't going to be an easy game.

Then came the fourth. Unfortunately they scored four in this and two in the next, giving them eight in total. We managed to get Jacquie, Anthony, Lachlan and Alex home with Alex hitting a nice home run.

A really close game for most of it with good pitching from Alex and Andrew Harris, some good outs at first from Jacquie and a great catch in right from Anthony, as well as nice double play from Eric at short stop and good catching by Lachlan and Adam. Also good outfielding by Harry, Damian and Anthony.



### U14C Strikerz

**Round 11 Date: 2.12.05**

**Game: U14B Strikerz V's Concord**

**Result Score: Washout**

We came to play with excitement in our first night game. We came out Striking in the first and only dig with hits by Robert Wells, Robbie Williams, Jesse Knowles, Lizzy Symond, and Dominic So.. Jade Cantori, and Jack Rungie also made it to base. In the field we were hot. A hit to center field saw Josh Brown take a one bouncer and chuck the ball to first for a close safe call. Whoa. Dominic So took a cracker of a line drive to short to end the inning and keep Concord to only one run. And then the rain came....then it poured...some lightening and heaps of thunder...and so ended another weekend without baseball. Aaargh.

At the tender age of three, Peter Falk had his right eye surgically removed (and replaced with a glass one) when a malignancy was found. His glass eye did not prevent him from participating in team sports like baseball and basketball at school. In fact, despite his disability he excelled at both games and the eye became the source of much amusement.

During one Little League game, Falk was called out by the umpire at third base. Falk, sure that he had been safe, angrily pulled his glass eye out of its socket and handed it to the umpire. "Here," he declared. "I think you might need this!"



### Time Flies

A rookie sat next to his manager and watched Roger Maris gun down a runner trying to go from first to third.

"Kid, you won't see a throw like that again in a million years."

Three innings later, Maris duplicated the feat.

The rookie turned to the manager and said, "Time sure flies up here in the Majors."

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## Proudly Presents

**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"

Happy Hour\* 7-8pm (Free drinks upon arrival)

\*Draught Beer, Wine & Soft-drinks (by the glass only)

## "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 jiggling & 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!**

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