



# THE BASEBALL REVIEW

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## Let's play crazy season, game or forfeit?

Omg what shall we do? Maybe the new committee will solve the world's problems - or not? But firstly-on the field-or not!!

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**G2 Black** – were forfeited upon therefore taking the win!



**This week contributor for G2 GOLD!!!** Is Anthony bowling aka Ant.

For the second time in three weeks, the lads headed down to Peter Van Hasselt, this time to take on Mt. Druitt. Riddler's start was again phenomenal, getting through the first 2 innings unscathed.

He was also the star of the batting order, getting on base on all plate appearances and providing some clever base running antics.

Unlike the kids out in the paddocks on their motor bikes, the renegades hit the skids mid-way through the game and were mercy'd twice to effectively end their chances of any come back.

Game highlights included Marto's valiant effort flipping over the left field rail to rob a homer, the ball coming out of the glove as he tumbled "Austin Jackson/ Torri Hunter style" over the fence and Riddler watching his life flash before his eyes, reactively snaring a hard line drive comebacker that was destined for the moustache.

Big shout out to the support who watched from the sidelines and Lil' Riddler as bat boy.

We will get them next time lads. Lions getting the win 6- XX



**G3 – are you reading me?**

Um -we lost in a walk off – 6-7.



The merry band of H graders travelled down to Peter Van Hasselt diamonds to be greeted by the local wallabies grazing nearby. Our assignment today was the Mt Druitt lads. Last season we had an easy win here, so my confidence was high.

Batting first we could only manage 1 run in each of the first 2 digs with good hits from Mike, Ron and Dean. Gary started on the mound with his consistent pitching, but luck was not on our side today. They had a few fly balls just dropping behind our infielders and we had a few fielding errors that allowed Mt Druitt to collect 4 and a full 7 runs in their first two digs for us to be behind 2 to 11.

Yours truly had a bit of a shocker, sending Phil on a risky turn to home plate that didn't end well.

And also being run out on a squeeze play between 2nd and 3rd. I totally underestimated the oppositions' fielding skills (compared to last season).

The 3rd dig saw no runs for us unfortunately. Steve took over the mound, Dean slipped into catcher and Wil warmed the bench with another 4 runs given up and the score was blowing out fast, 2 to 15.

The 4th dig saw us only manage 1 run but the highlight of the game was the bomb Dean smacked over the fence. Time to bring on our big gun to the mound, Jobbo. With steam pouring from his nostrils (or was that mucus) he threw like a man possessed (and 30 years younger) and we only gave up 1 run. Their hits went to fielders and we got an infield catch and a tag out at 3rd.

We then finally started to get a few hits and walks in the 5th to bring in 6 runs but alas, time was up with the final score being a 9 to 16 lose.

The lesson today is that we could all do with some batting practice against some fast pitching. Oh, how I miss our batting machine at Lomatia Park!

But the good news is that the undefeated McKillop team has been promoted to G3 so we should be still in the top half of the ladder (and the winless St Marys team in G3 was demoted to H grade keeping an even 8 team comp).

So, we are off the Foray St Holroyd for the 12.30 game. We can then take some tips from our G2 Golden boys who play at the same diamond after us!



This Saturdays (25<sup>th</sup> June) games are as follows: -

**G2 Black – V Penrith Wildcats at Andrews Rd at 2.45pm**

**G2 Gold – V Colyton St. Clair at Foray Street at 2.45pm**

**G3 – V MacKillop Gold at Caddies at 10.15pm**

**H – V MacKillop Black at Foray Street at 12.30pm**

Pace yourselves, have a good hearty lunch and win – good luck to all!!!



# Annual General Meeting

With little fan fare but a lot of heart, the entire BMB&SC membership met (less 140 no shows) and chose the Executive committee to lead us for the coming year.

With members (2) dialling in via Zoom to make up a quorum (9), the meeting was swift, decisive and jocular!

**The successful candidates were as follows: -**

**President (returning) – Wil Maartensz**

**Treasurer (returning) – Steve Leiter**

**Secretary (new appointment) – Adam Burt**

**Vice President Baseball (returning) – Adrian Riddell**

**Vice President softball (returning) – Steve Beard**

**Registrar Baseball (returning) – Kurt Scheinflug**

**Registrar Softball (new appointment) – Trish Standing**

Congratulations one and all and welcome the new members. Trish has come to us from the ashes of the St. Marys Softball Club and we are sure she will bring a fresh perspective and enthusiasm to the board. And it's about time Adam Burt, bout time!!!!

Departing members are Cate Moon and Nicole Scheinflug, both of whom we sincerely thank for their time, energy and love for the club and their positions. We wish you well!



**Don't wig out - WEDNESDAY TRAINING IS on - ON BABY!!!**



Concerning Lomatia Park, whilst we can train and both the Dogs and the Soccer folk can train as well, our home games at the outside best

will return to home in the last month of the season. Looking very unlikely at the moment with the sodden state of the outfield.



This is a good time to uplift our club sponsors!

Firstly, the Royal Hotel Springwood who have now been with us for nearly a decade and with whom Wil is negotiating the next two years contract.

Secondly, Raven Financial the baby of Steve Beard Home Loans and a constant and strong believer in the BMB&SC.

Thirdly, EZI-BINS. Another long-term ally and provider of not only funds but a range of services invaluable to the club.



**STEVE BEARD**  
**HOME LOANS**

**EZI-BIN**  
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**Please support them whenever you can!!**



**DID YOU KNOW????**

For the new kids on the diamond did you know we have a website (about to be updated Stevie) It is run by the lovely Elizabeth Buckley whose young'uns have long left the club but she wishes to still be involved. Check it out -

<https://bluemountainsbaseball.weebly.com/>



RACKAfracka by Fritz



AND THE LORD GAVE MOSES A  
BASEBALL SAYING, "THOU SHALT  
NOT SWING ON A 3-0 PITCH."

Oldie but a goodie.....



**"I'm throwing the ball twice as hard as  
I ever did. It's just not getting there as fast these days"  
Retiring pitcher Lefty Gomez - NY Yankees**

See you at the dugout.....