



THE BASEBALL REVIEW

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OMG – YESSS – did all teams play, really?

First time this season, no forfeits, no rain, no byes! Huzzah!!!

G2 Black – Keep plugging away -victory will be sweet!!!

Playing the only team that we had lost to; we went in to turn the tables this time around.

Unfortunately, we didn't trouble the scores in the first inning and they scored 4 on a couple of bloop and a couple of errors.

The next few innings we had some good at bats and good hits, but then left runners on base. They chipped away with a run each inning.

After 3 innings the score was 7-0.

We then had our luck turn and a few hits in a row and a few walks score us score 7 to make it 7 all. They luckily scored one on another error in the bottom of the 4th to see the score 8-7.

In the 5th again we got runners on base but could not get the hit to score.

Close but no cigar!!! Losing 8-7

Foz pitched 3 strong innings, followed by Steve with 2. Glenn making the catching position his own solid as he has been all year, Cate made a fine catch and solid throw out to first with a couple of outs, Tom had 2 hits, Steve got hit by pitch twice.

All in all a good fight back. 2 games against Penrith we need a stronger start as we have finished stronger both games. Onto next week vs Mount Druitt!!!

Hopefully the forecast rain stays away!!!!



This week's journalistic voyeur for G2 GOLD!!! Is Brad Billet!

We headed to Guildford West for a great afternoon of baseball against Colyton. A big shout out to Kirsten for stepping in to score the game. Also, kudos to Wayde for making the trip to help base coach despite being on the IL.

Offence – Bats were swinging with everyone getting on base. Marto with a smart at-bat to lead off the game set the scene offensively - seeing a lot of pitches before getting to first base. Pete almost killed their pitcher in the second with a hard-hit ball back up the middle, Doc managed to injure himself and still get a base hit (refer image), and James had a triple that turned into a double due to traffic on the bases. Leaving a few runners on base hurt us a little, but that happens.

Defence – Great catching by Anthony who apparently has some bruises to show from blocking the ones in the dirt. Errors cost us a few runs, but just need to forget those and move on to the next game.

Always a privilege to play this great sport with a positive group of guys. The game was played in good spirit, but the result didn't go our way. 16-10 in the end. Onto the next one!

PS – The umpire (Cornel) was top quality, probably one of the best I can recall.



Renegade of the week – Doc!



G3 – all hail the mighty, mighty Gerry - the only person I know who makes the outfield fence quiver every time!!!

This week we were slotted in for a 10:15 game at Chapman Gardens against MacKillop. For the first time this year we had everyone available. The wet weather had gone and left a dry, hard and uneven infield that made fielding ground balls difficult for both teams.

We were the away team and for the first two innings sent up over half our line-up. We benefited from some good hitting and some wicked bounces on our ground balls.

The highlight was Les smashing a fastball over the centerfield fence.

Jeff pitched a solid first 2 innings and we went to the hour with a 5-run lead.

Our fortunes turned around in the 3rd with a pedestrian batting innings and then Kurt replacing Jeff at pitcher and being unable to find the plate and then getting replaced on the mound with Gerry who was no better. We walked and they hit themselves to a 1 run lead.

During the change of innings manager Adam expressed mild surprise at our lacklustre effort and politely asked for more effort.

We came back strong in the next with Lochie pitching fast and accurately, delivering 2 infield pop ups to Brett and then a strikeout. Our bats woke up and we went on to win 14 to 9.



H grade - ever the entertainers!!!

We had our first home game at the beautiful Foray St, Guildford ground. It was a nice feeling to field first for a change.

Jobbo led us off at the mound with Dean at the plate, Ron at 1st, Evy at 2nd, Chris at 3rd, Phil at short, Steve left, Mike at centre and Ali at right field. The MacKillop Black lads were our opponents today who we beat in the first round. But today they bought their two young guns, the Bury brothers who are part of our softball arm. They ended with a full 7 runs from some big hitting into the outfield.

Our first dig saw some nice team batting and we put 4 runs on the board.

Yours truly (Steve) then took to the mound. MacKillop was not so keen on my little curve away balls. They had a few mishits to the infield and could only managed 3 more runs. Mike is a natural at 1st and picked up a neat half volley catch to score a run out as well.

Our next bat went well with another 4 runs added to bring the score to 8 to 10 against us.

The 3rd dig was tight. With MacKillop racking up 2 runs scored with 2 out. The next batter dribbled the ball back to Steve on the plate. I then took a few steps towards first base. Just a neat little lob throw was needed to have the batter well short - but there was too much adrenaline in those veins and the pop throw sailed over a leaping Ron at 1st. As Ron isn't 8 feet tall, all he could manage to do was tear his thigh muscle again. That was the turning point and the game slipped away with them running in another full count.

Our at bat saw another 4 runs as per the first 2 digs. Nice batting all round including from Mike, Phil, Dean, Ron and Chris. Our ladies, Ali and Evy are getting more confident with each bat and they will be smashing runs all over the park next week without doubt.

Phil took over from the busted Steve with Mike making his debut at short. They then tallied another 7 runs to run the clock down. Time was called and the score reverted to 17 to MacKillop and 12 to the mighty Royals.

See you at Alroy Park for the 12.30 game next week team!



THIS SATURDAYS (2ND JULY 2022) GAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS: -

G2 Black – V Mt Druitt Lions at Peter Van Hasselt at 12.30pm

G2 Gold – V St. Marys at Alroy at 2.45pm

G3 – V Penriff Jaguars at Caddies at 2.45pm

H – V Plumpton at Alroy at 12.30pm

The secret to winning is to beat the other team, so go for it – good luck to all!!!



Lomatia update!!!!!!



The grass is getting shorter, the ground drier and Wil and the Riddler are staring it down!

Looking hopeful for August!!!!



Time to look forward to the club's summer season. Stevie and Trish are setting themselves to the task of organising the competition for the 22-23 season. They are also looking for volunteers to help with the process. Please consider!!
Online registrations will be open in July – details next newsletter!
Faithful old Lomatia Park will be staffed for registrations and questions in July on Sundays as well from 10am.

Contact Steve Beard on bms softball@outlook.com with any queries.



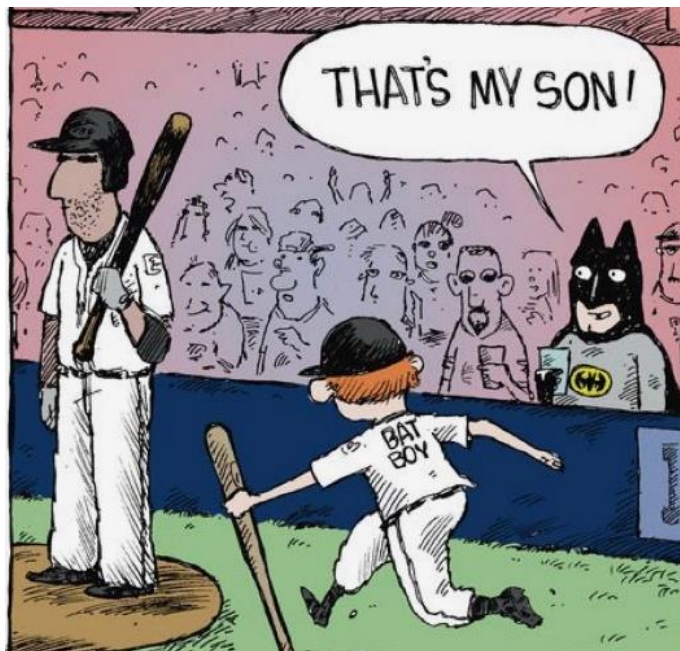
Good luck to Wil Maartensz and Ed Cross who are of to Umpire School this weekend to sharpen their skills and upgrade their qualifications!



“Man may penetrate the outer reaches of the universe, he may solve the very secret of eternity itself, but for me, the ultimate human experience to witness the flawless execution of the hit and run”

Branch Rickey, Dodgers GM 43- 50





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See you back in the sheds.....

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