



# THE BASEBALL REVIEW

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## Roll up, roll up-see where Baseball goes next!



### G2 Black - begin the carnage!!!

We travelled to Kellyville to play against St. Marys.

Steve took to the mound in the top of the first and walked a couple of batters, followed by a couple of bloop and they scored 4.

We countered with 5 runs of our own, a couple of walks and a couple of hard hits from Steve and Paul.

Unfortunately, yours truly grounded out with the bases loaded, stopping us from scoring 7.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> inning started with 2 quick strike outs before a couple of hard-hit balls saw them score 1. We then got some solid hits again from Steve, Foz, Paul tripled, Ed a double and we scored 3 to make it 8-5.

3 quick ground balls saw 3 up and 3 down and we never looked back.

A single from Cate (well done on her first season hit), a couple of hits and then a MASSIVE grand slam from Foz to bust it wide open.

Dylan, Glenn, Brett all hit so we scored 7 in the innings.

Top of the 4<sup>th</sup> and Steve kept going strong before a hit batter and a couple of bloop saw them score 1. Runner then thrown out at 2<sup>nd</sup> and the true St. Marys came out!!! To his credit the runner walked off, but captain blew and wanted extra runs counted. Arguments ensued, in the end Steve yells "stuff it – they are heaps behind" and gave them 2 runs. LOL.

We then belted them in the bottom and put on 6 more runs to see the final score 21-6. Great games by all our team. Foz with 6 x RBI's, Ed with 5 and hits galore.

Steve threw 74 pitches over 4 solid innings.

Great win and very satisfying against the most hated team in the comp!

No need to say more!!!!

**Good news to all our ears that have played these boys!!! - Editor**



## **G2 Gold -recalled by a wine deep memory.**

The Riddler takes the call from Hawksbury early on game morning explaining they only have six players and will be forced to forfeit. After a moment of pause, summoning composure, Riddler retorts with “no bloody chance, we haven’t played in weeks!!” “We’ll give you players!’ they agreed and GAME ON!

The faithful Hawksbury gold boys arrived at our adopted home ground - Foray St Yennora – in dribs and drabs. With 30 minutes to first pitch, the opposition dugout remained empty. As chatter of a stich up began to gather momentum, a Hawksbury player was spotted in the distance. One down, five to go. As game time loomed, Hawksbury could only rally a total of four players. At the coaches meeting, plate side, the forfeit was confirmed with an agreement we would play on anyway. Three gold boys were selected “at random” and with eight per side, we hit the diamond.

With the absence of an official scorer, there is no record of exactly what transpired next. I will resist the urge to embellish the facts and summarise as best I can.

We knocked in a few runs in the first dig and with only eight in the line-up, the lads were still catching their breath when having to return to the on-deck circle. Riddler took the mound and pitched a solid dig only letting in one (from memory). Side away and another few batted in by the good guys. Hawksbury back in the game with a couple to keep things interesting. Riddler backed up with another good effort. No idea what the score was at this point but were we ahead by a few. Riddler takes a well-earned break and due to depleted stocks, it was Jonesy to the mound (yours truly). After throwing up some rough stuff for two innings, the game was done and time was called. I guess the actual score would be a question for the ages.

Highlights from James with an infield home run and a cheeky 3 base hit. Super Stu with a major league play at second (golden glove candidate), Riddler solid on the

mound and a cracker out throw to first from third. Apologies to any special efforts I may not have mentioned but all in all, the lads did the club proud.

Honourable mentions to the three turncoats who crossed the floor to make the game happen. Seriously though, all class lads. Thank you.

**Truly in the spirit of Baseball and a fine red wine!!!!**



## **G3 – back in the saddle and riding it!!!!**

Report from last Saturday.

G3 played Mackillop at The Ponds. The weather was pleasant, the grass had been cut and the field was dry making for a high scoring game.

Our team was down three players, Kurt, Dave and Glenn being unavailable so we started the game with 9.

Jeff pitched the first four innings. Mackillop managed a few hits in the first and got 3 runs home but in the next three Jeff made scoring difficult giving away only 1 run including facing the minimum in the second innings.

On the batting side Tom scorched an inside the park home run past centerfield, Brett bagged a triple and Lochlan went 4 from 4. At the end of 4 we were leading 10 to 4.

Lochlan took over from Jeff in the 5th and some walks combined with some very average fielding let Mackillop get back into the game, scoring 5, to make it 10-9.

We scored 2 runs in the 5th before the umpire called "time and game" giving the Royals a 12-9 victory.

**Bravo, Royals, Bravo!!!!**



## **King Jobbo – rules!**

A very appreciated sunny day at Peel Reserve and it was also great to have an extra player. It was good to have Dean back as catcher, doing a fabulous job. Any runner trying to sneak to 2nd base had to contend with his determined attitude to stop them. Evelyn, Ali and all the team, chipped in at some time through the game by getting home and earning those valuable runs. This was achieved with the usual big hits, sneaking of bases and good luck.

We bought our A game today against the top team as we were overdue to do.

Teddy stepped up in her own cool way to do 1st base duties and bagged a couple of runners which was great to watch. Phil took a great missile catch at short stop where he did not even have to move his feet, they are his favourite type of catch.

Mike, Steve and a couple of the lads hit some great outfield hits which were enjoyable to watch as the ball flew further and further away from the diamond.

After two innings we were in front 9 to 3. With a good lead, the Schofield Rookies (cricketers) put in their fast pitcher and our team fortunes changed in the third innings as the ball seemed to naturally avoid any of us when we were fielding and when it did come close it pop out of the players mitt. So, it all came down to our last at bat. Trailing by 1 run we needed to dig deep in the final innings. King Jobbo was up at bat. And bat he did with an infield hit that allowed our runner (Evelyn) to streak home to draw the game.

Well done everyone on a very close game.



**Sunny skies, spring temps - There will be no excuses!**

**THIS SATURDAYS (6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022) GAMES ARE AS  
FOLLOWS: -**

G2 Black – V Mt Druitt at Col Sutton at 2.45pm

G2 Gold – V Smaries at Monfartville at 2.45pm

G3 – V Penriff Jags at Andrews Road at 12.30pm

H – V Mt. Druitt at Alroy at 10.15pm

This is the run to the finals - play like your life depended on it -or not (up to you)!



**Lo - the elections were held and here is the motley crew that will make the important decisions and not the dumb ones in the coming year! Ladies and gentlemen, you're ....**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2022-23.**



Left to right Steve Beard - Softball VP, Wil Maartensz - President, Steve Leiter -Treasurer, Trish Standing - Registrar Softball, Adrian Riddell - VP Baseball and Adam Burt - Secretary.  
Inset -Kurt Scheinflug - Registrar Baseball.

Don't they make a lovely team! Keep your applause going folks!!!

See how seamlessly St. Marys softball has melted into our club!



## **PRESENTATION NIGHT!!**

### **The saga continues...and continues....**

Thank you for your patients and patience, if you are not aware, the Baseball season has extended, purely to clash with every summer sport imaginable and so the date has needed to be shifted – are you following???

If we kept it at the same date there would still have been 2 weeks of comp left, plus finals for the lucky, so a re-do was on the cards.

We debated, Saturday arvo's, Sunday arvo's and Friday nights, all have of which have been failures in the past so (are you Ready for it?) ----

**Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September is the new date!!! – Huzzah!!!!**

**6pm for pre dinner drinks/ dinner and entertainment!!!**

Cost (howmuchizzit?) – Ladies and gentlemen –

# Players -\$10.00 and non - players \$20.00!!!

Yes, you read it right!

We feel the value has been a little under the bar these last couple of years so we are covering the bulk of the cost and rewarding you for sticking with the club!!!



"For security, our signs need to be at least eight characters long."



## Lomatia update!!!!!!!

Still no meat and veg!



Looks like Summerhayes for Softball, I have heard!!!



Registrations for all ages still happening!  
Contact Steve Beard on [bmssoftball@outlook.com](mailto:bmssoftball@outlook.com) with any queries.



**We now have a 10% discount deal with RBI at Smeaton Grange - and a very generous \$300 worth of equipment to the club (which was passed onto Softball)**



**Thanks to Emma White and all at RBI for their generosity.**



**“Umpire heaven is a place where he works third base every game.  
Home base is where the heartache is!”  
Ron Luciano – AL Umpire 1968-80.**



A huge round of cheers for Pete Scheinflug after retiring after 38 years with the NSW Police.  
A great man with a very proud career legacy -thank you Pete.  
So -ya cool to score all season now!!!!

Aww, come on you lot give me a break.....



Coming in October – post nuptials.....