



The finals are here!

A week of humblings and a surprise!

F2 –whoops, what was that?.....

Semi-final time. The boys were pumped. Royal Lomatia looked a treat with the bases watered and raked, lines freshly marked. Ahh the serenity.

The boys took to the field without the Billet boys so just the bare 9. Macca took to the mound with confidence brewing. First batter groundout back to Macca, 2nd batter ground out to Todd, both solid throws to first. 2 out. Panthers number 3 batter lines one to centre then the 4th batter (Ex Blue Sox player) hit one half way up left field fence for a 2-run homerun. Followed by a double, and a single and another run scored. The next batter grounds out to Kurt at 3rd and it was side away.

The boys seemed a bit nervous, a bit on edge. Just another game was the msg let's loosen up. Ed led off with a double to left straight down the line, Chris struck out and Kurt lined out to centre field. Unfortunately, Ed was doubled off at 2nd and we were 3 outs.

The day followed on from there. We struggled to get hits back to back, Macca knuckled down going 4 innings 6 runs. A 2nd homerun was even bigger unfortunately. 2 mistakes unfortunately both punished by a strong batting team.

All in all, we held in. We had a really good day in the field, backing up strong pitching from Macca for 4 innings and Kurt for 3 innings in the 2nd half shutting them down completely.

But we could only muster 2 runs on only a few hits. 7 innings in 1 hour and 53 mins summed up the game dominated in the whole by pitching. Opposition pitcher went 7 innings 100 pitches and pitched a great game.

He won't do it again when we meet in the grand final!!!! Onto Quakers hill this week to smash them and get revenge in the GF!!!

G3 – how depressing Jeffery.....

G3 Royals were entering the finals on a high after finishing first after the regular season and being able to play at home made the high that little bit more.

Unfortunately, the outcome was not what we had hoped. I'd normally give you all a novel around how the game transpired but given the outcome I thought I'd offer some key highlights instead, with the hope that when we meet MacKillop this weekend and we win, I can return to the wall of text for everyone to see how well we played.

The biggest issue we seemed to have was the Quakers pitcher. The ball just drops in and your eyes light up and you smash one out into the outfield. Were it any other team they would have been doubles, but their fielders tracked down a number of our hits to take some really great catches. The key batting highlight came in the 3rd, with Dave punching the ball down through centre to reach. This led to another single shortly after from Jeff to see two runners onboard. Lockie is hit by pitch and the bags are loaded. Up comes Brett and hits a two out double to centre to score two runs.

The next inning saw Scott reach on a single to be awarded second on a passed ball. With Glen to follow the call was Glen I want you and Scott to swap places, which happened in the same way with a single resulting in a passed ball to score our only other run.

Pitching and fielding wise we weren't too bad in the first two innings, with only one run scoring. The real damage came in the third with a number of walks and a few chased runners resulting in seven across. Lockie closed things out for us on the mound, with Kurt (starting), James and Jeff all pitching throughout the game.

We'll be at Chapman Gardens this weekend with an early game for a change, looking to get a win and give Quakers another run the week after.

H South or Manmeat – your choice!

As usual A. Rookie has deserted me – but the ever accurate SMBL website informs all and sundry that they will beat the Schoeys 16-9.



H Royals –
Gone to the Bahamas



Circle the wagons boys there's Injuns comin'.....

H South Manmeat @ Ashley Brown (oh you poor things) v Broncos at 12.15

G3 @ Chappos Gardens (Home team?) v Maccas Greens at 12.15

F2 @ Corbin (Home team again?) v land lubbers Seawolves at 2.30



TIME FOR THE BIG BALL GAME!

Softball is now registering – check our website, their website, PCSA website or FB or ring Ben or Cate!

A great way to spend summer!





Presentation night!

I won't give up to all come!

7th September – Royal Hotel – 6.30



**Second chance success to F2, G3 and Manmeat –
play well, play hard - play to win!**