



# The ghost of seasons past!!

This is the third from last newsletter of the 19 Season.

The other two being the Presentation “oh so Special”

Then lastly what the lads (and ladies) get up to in Lismore.



**B4 WE GET TO THE BUSINESS END – TOMORROW!**

I KNOW IT IS LATE NOTICE BUT – WE NEED TO DO A WORKING BEE AT LOMATIA TOMORROW AS THE BMCC ARE GOING TO LEVEL THE MOUND AND BASES WITH A GRADER THIS WEEK. IT'S LONG OVER DUE AND WE SHOULD DE-BASEBALL THE DIAMOND. SO IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR FROM 9.30 IT WILL BE APPRECIATED AND REWARDING!



# **The Grim Reaper pays the Mtns a visit!**

## ***F2 –Ahh – what a difference a year makes...***

The boys travelled to Corbin reserve for our home elimination final.

Brad's knee was still giving him trouble so we had 10 starters for the game. Macca started on the hill, Brad M behind the plate, A.T at 1st base, Chris 2nd, Todd SS, Kurt 3rd, Ed if left, Danny centre and Wayne in right with Steve as DH.

Macca started well after an error on a ground ball on the first play, then sitting down the next 3 batters with a fly out to Danny, a ground ball to Kurt and then to Todd.

Quakers started their young gun which we hadn't hit previous games. First at bat grounded out to short which became a Groundhog Day moment for the rest of the game to come. Chris double, Kurt walked, but that's all we could muster in the bottom of the first.

Quakers scrounged out a couple of runs on a lead off hit by pitch, followed by a walk and a couple of hard-hit ground balls that found holes. 0-2 top 2nd.

Our turn at bat and Danny worked a walk, followed by a stolen base and throwing error to move to 3rd. He then scored on a pass ball all in the space of 3 pitches. 1-2. A.T walks before they changed their pitcher after 29 pitches so he could still field for the rest of the game. On came a lefty that we hadn't seen in previous games. Threw SLOW!!!! But put ball in zone. Patience, patience was the call sign.

Steve then singled to left and AT moved to 3rd. Ed singles to right and scores were level 2-2.

Macca started with a walk and a single, again he was able to get out of the inning with Kurt, Chris turning a double play through 2nd and 1st. Then a fly out to Ed in left and side away.

Over the next 4 innings we grounded out to short about 10 times giving their best fielder plenty of plays to show off his arm.

Macca went 4 innings solid just giving up 2 runs. We just could hit this slow lefty!!!

Kurt came on and with a bit of extra pace they slapped a couple of hits to opposite field, we made a couple of errors and they scored 4 runs.

A game that felt like it was just going to happen for us, but the hits that had come all year didn't eventuate.

We left our 2 quietest games with the bat till the last 2 games. The big games unfortunately and it was all over in 2 weeks. Disappointing in the moment, but for a team that won 1 game last year, we came a long way with Kurt and Brad back for great years and team unity at its highest.

Stats showed we won 9 games lost 6 scoring 145 runs and conceding 99 runs

A Pleasure to coach a great bunch of men that made for a REALLY enjoyable season. Just one win off making the GF!

## ***G3 – that close you could carve it!***

I'll start by saying even though the result didn't go the way we wanted that was probably the most fun and best game that we got to play in all year. Even though we were playing at Chapman Gardens, we were the home team lined up as follows: Kurt pitching, James catching, Glen at first, Dave at second (backing up from umpiring Country Championships), Brett at Short, Jeff at third, Locky at Left, Owen in Centre and Gerry in Right. Scott and Captain were on the bench.

The first innings was a long one with plenty of hits picking the gaps resulting in MacKillop scoring 7 runs. We went along the same way with a leadoff double to Jeff followed by a walk to Scott. Brett comes up to bat and hits a no doubter over the left field fence. More hits continued with Gerry and Glen getting on base and scoring runs. At the end of the inning we had put on 5 runs so things were still fairly close.

The second inning started with successive walks which loaded the bags. Locky comes on to pitch and with a couple of strike outs and a catch by Owen we get away with things with no damage done. We continue to hit with James scoring Jeff with a double to right field. Successive singles to centre field score more runs with Dave the last to score in the inning off a hit by Owen. 6 runs across saw us take the lead 11 – 7.

The third started well with another couple of strike outs, and a ground out to second helped our cause. No much doing for us in the inning with three up and three down with a great catch by their centre fielding robbing what looked to be another double to Jeff.

The fourth saw things start to fall apart with the first three batters walking to load the bags. Successive hits saw runners score with five crossing the plate with none out which resulted in Jeff taking the mound. A strike out got the first out but a couple more hits saw seven across and side. We started well with plenty of hits coming and we were reaching base including Dave getting hit by pitch. At this stage the game was getting close and we were tied with Locky at third. Captain hits deep into centre right but is unfortunately tracked down and caught. As a result we went to extra innings to decide the game.

A quick out with a throw from short to first started things well. A few hits and Mackillop score three runs, but another strike out and a catch by Owen end the inning with limited damage now we have to bat. Unfortunately, we didn't with three up and three down ending the game with a score of 17 – 14.

Whilst we may not have made the Grand Finale it was a great season with some amazing things seen across the season by the team, minor premiers, two grand slams, one to James out of the park and one to Brett in the park as well as turning a triple play. Great season guys looking forward to next year.

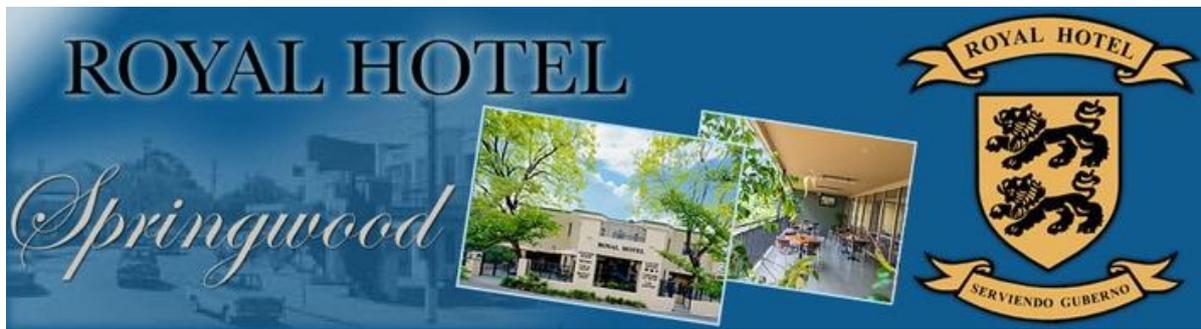
## ***H South or Manmeat – your choice!***

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## **Spank me baby – down 23-2! Ouch!**

You're just trying to out do the H Royals records set earlier - A. Rookie!



**Thank you ladies and gentlemen – even the rabble in G3!  
I know it's been a frustrating end to the season but there is hope!  
Ladies and gentlemen there is Lismore Master Games!  
There is the chance to play on, party on and spread the  
gospel of Blue Mountains Baseball to the heathen north!**



**Come on ED -I need a wine drinking partner!**

**Google it – Baseball it – Blue Mtns it – Code it 1979!**

**If your photo is not in the LISMORE edition you will kick yourself!**

**Or avoid a lawsuit – come on live the dream!!!!**



# **Presentation night!**

**7<sup>th</sup> September – Royal Hotel – 6.30**

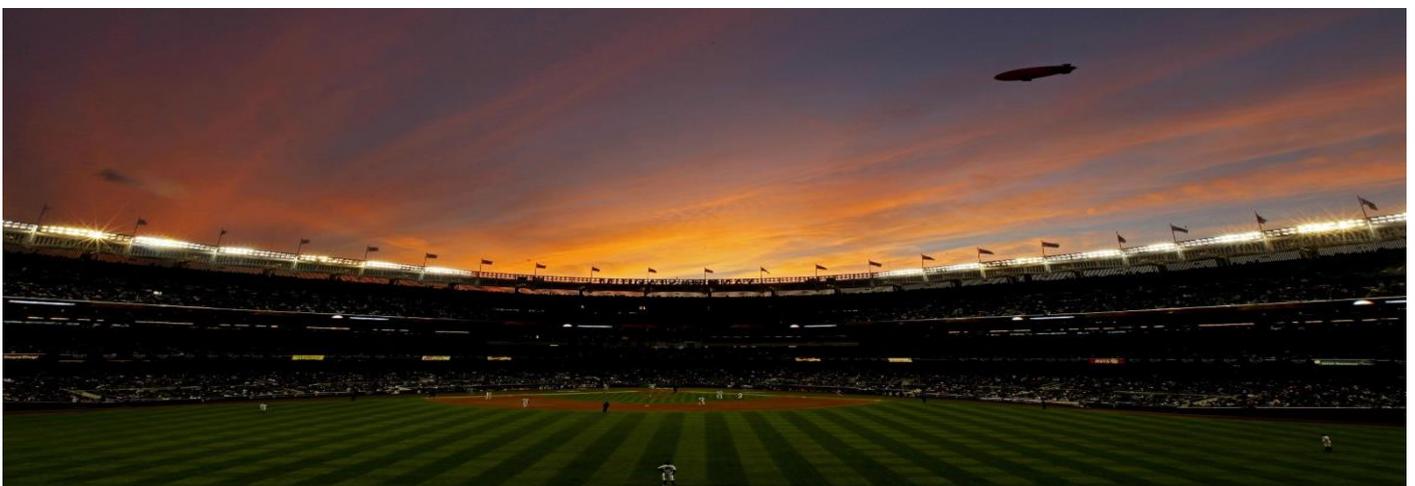
**Attend ye all who play here!**

**Feast of medieval proportions, royal games to amuse and prizes to amaze and amuse!**

**I beseech you players of the game of the Gods –**

**Attend and be not regretful!**

**After all, 40 years is no small number to celebrate!**



**As the sun sets on Season 2019, thank you one and all and let's do it all again in 2020!**