



***Blue Mountains Royals Baseball Newsletters 2018***

## **Another week at the office!**

### **Looking forward to a little restructuring next year G1 set forth to....**

So, the game started with a late withdrawal due to illness leaving us with 7. Thanks to Lachlan and Kurt for helping us out.

The game started with us looking for revenge. Didn't happen. We had an awful day in the field with quite a few errors. Some hits sputtered throughout combined with grounding into 2 double plays

Stand out play in left field by Lachlan gunning down runner going home on a fly to left field. Out with plenty of room to spare. Great arm Lachlan

Not a very enjoyable game, pack of disrespectful so and so's never fun to play against people who think they are better than the game

Thanks to Dave and Steve for umpiring

Another bad game unfortunately

We travel to Ashley Brown to clip the wings of the Eagles this week.

*Ashley Brown -grumble, grumble, grumble..... Editor.*



### **G3 -who else?**

Round 12 saw G3 back at the World Famous "ROYAL LOMATIA PARK" at the perfect time of 12:30.

The weather was perfect for this time of year. We were up against our biggest challenge in the competition and the biggest pack of (insert your own word here) you will ever meet, St Marys Saints.

We took the field with Lockie on the mound with Dave catching. Infield made up of Steve, Gerry, Brett and Rhino. Backing up we had Kurt, Mark and Adam and Glen Murph on the side lines wanting to play

but still a bit suspect of his calf injury. We didn't start the game our best but we didn't many errors and ended up 3 down. At bat, there were no outstanding hits but we managed to equal the score 3-3.

2nd innings, Lockie was pitching good, but St Marys kept finding the gaps. At bat, we didn't score so after one hour, the score suddenly 8-3.

3rd innings was one to remember. With amazing fielding by all, St Marys only managed to score 1. Back into bat we made it count with 2 out. With only 1 home, 2 x runners on bag, Rhino hits a bomb to the gap right of centre field we score 2. Gerry takes a walk and we have 2 on bag with Brett Murph up.

BOOM, Murph hits a big one down the third base line for an infield home run scoring 3. Couldn't managed any more runs after that and we were tied 9-9 with 15min to play.

4th and final innings saw Mark (Langers) get on the mound. Pitched well but when Rhino went into field a ball about 5m from 3rd base, got taken out by what felt like a stampede, missed the ball with a runner scoring. Another couple of hits finding the gaps we were 3 down. With St Marys changing their pitcher from their good G3 pitcher to their (what should be) F grade pitcher, we couldn't manage to score any runs.

Heads up boys, we will have our game plan ready for when we meet them in the 1st round of the finals. Final score 9-12.

*Brave effort chaps - character building, I'm sure..... Editor!*



That's the "G" world – what about the "H" universe!

## **MANMEAT – PLAY BALL!**

We made the trek to Chapman Gardens to see us take on the top of the table Mackillop. We knew we had a big one so the entire team of 13 turned up to take them on.

It was a blessing for some as Big Ezi had a blow out on the left rear with a hamstring injury on his first run to 1. So, he was useless for the day. (nothing different)

Brandon Started on the mound throwing to jnr Lindsay who was solid at home now with his added protection. Evan was at 1, Jason at 2, Reece was at 3, Cooper at short stop. Michael was left, Ford centre and Scott at right.

1st dig was solid with us getting 4 home and they kept the pressure on with 5. Next dig saw us out for 1 and Mackillop put another couple on. The Royal Man Meat did not drop the ball and fought hard with 4 more in the third. Erwin having some great contact and good hustle on the diamond. Our power hitter J Haliburton did not disappoint either, but his hits were

target focussed finding fielders each time. All the team have improved so much to put us up by 1 going into the bottom.

Oscar came onto the mound, Cooper moved to catcher and a general reshuffle around the ground to get the pressure back on Mackillop. Erwin came on with Corey at third.

Mackillop made contact and scored 3 to have them up 11-9 at the bottom. Started the fourth but time would beat us.

Great solid team effort and good team spirit and a lot of laughs as always.

This week the Saints who share the top. Another tough one boys but .....we got this.

*A perfect balance of youth and experience - then there's the dads.....Editor*

## **H Royals - the truth and the ecstasy!**

Tw was back to the site of our first victory at Monfartville.

As is our custom we scraped together 9 players and headed east.

In a stroke of pure genius, the coach decided to change the status quo and start or offence with emerging pitcher(ette) Loren McNeill on the mound.

Low a strikeout first – what have we released, then the score, a nice play for the second out and another strikeout! This woman is the surprise package.

One dig and back out to SS and Jeff takes over. Their scorer is already checking the rules re underage pitchers – harrumph says I. Charlie scowls.

The Moonboot/ Clarkey show returns to normal programming and away we go.

With the all ladies' choice infield (they chose Eddy) and an outfield with a collective age more than most planets we play near perfect Park Ball for the ages.

We hit, they hit more, Jobbo falls down a hole (I declare) we hit and giggled our way to the end when the umpire calls an early "TIME" so he can play in the next game!

Our losing margin was smaller than most this season -so well done!

Don't worry Betty - one day you will hit the ball!



# Thus is the future – one week in advance!

**This weekend (30<sup>th</sup> of June)**

***G1 late at 2.45 @ Ashley Brown Reserve v the Eagles***

***G3 late at 2.45 @ Lomatia v Smaries Cardinals***

***H Manmeat at 2.45 @ Monfartville v Sanitaries***

***H Royals at 12.30 @ Lomatia v Schoeys***

***Wait till you see the whites of their eyes – then.....***



“ ... ‘Pickoff’? ... No. ... ‘Ground out’? ... No. ... ‘Infield fly rule’? ... Noooo. ... Wait! Here it is: ‘Runner sucked off the face of the Earth by a celestial vortex’ ... ”



**PRESENTATION 2018 is on the 8<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER**

**6.30 pm in the luxurious Royal Hotels back bar!**

**Cost should remain at \$50 per head**

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**OMG – they arrived!**



**Socks - better late than next year!**

**Don't forget we still have a few Hoodies and T shirts left – do wear your colours!**

**Good luck everyone and see you at the ballpark!**

**Every day is a new opportunity.  
You can build on yesterday's success or  
put its failures behind and start over again.  
That's the way life is, with a new game  
every day, and that's the way baseball is.**

**-BOB FELLER**

