



Blue Mountains Royals Baseball Newsletters 2018

The penultimate week of Baseball!

Let's begin with a little sage like wisdom from the snow people!



"The human brain is fascinating. It functions 24/7 from the day we are born and only stops when you're thrown a 3-1 or 2-0 breaking ball!"

Mike Brogan - H West

One more round and the dice are thrown.....

The week didn't go well with a few injuries from last week and one wife away leaving us with 7. Special thanks to Steve Beard for missing his team game to help us out and get us to 8 players.

Game started well with us scoring first with Brad getting a hit and Macca knocking him in. 1-0.

We then took to the field and 3 errors in a row didn't help our cause. Another 2 in the inning saw them lead 2-1.

We were up for a couple in the next, they got more. Brad didn't have his best stuff in the mound, but struggled through to keep us in the game. Unfortunately, we could get hits when needed and they hit the ball hard. We made a few more errors

Final score loss 13-5.

One more game next week. Let's bring home the bacon!!!



Thanks Rhino – another instalment of action and pain!

Round 12 saw the G3 Royals at home at 14:45 against St Marys Cardinals (AKA the better St Marys team)

We took the field with Kurt on the mound with James catching. Infield we welcomed back Glen Murph from his calf injury followed by Dave, Brett and Mark. Then in the outfield we had Gerry, Rhino & Adam. We had no reserves with Steve Beard playing up making the numbers For G1. We started the game a bit sloppy with a few mistakes and letting 2 runs in.

At bat, we started well with finding the gaps and scoring 6.

Second innings we were at our best, not letting any runners home. At bat, we found a few fielders and only managed to score 2.

The 3rd innings we had top pitching with Kurt finishing with 2 x K2's and only 1 home.

At bat, we just kept grinding scoring 5 with some good hits by all.

The 4th and final innings was one to forget. In the field, once that sun starting to go down, 1st base and the outfield struggled. With St Mary's finding every gap out there they scored 7. We all felt the pressure as the score was all of a sudden 13 to 10 and time getting close all we had to do was bat. It wasn't pretty, but we did enough scoring 4 to give us a lead of 7 and Will calling time and game.

This game, everyone realised we need to keep the pressure on at all times and not back down. Next week has us at Sam Marsden with a team that if you back off they will take advantage, so heads up boys and get ready to grind. We are going to ride this next game like a monkey on a donkey.



Meanwhile back at the ballpark ranch thing -

“Royal Man Meat”

The Man Meat no doing things by halves. For the second week in a row taking on the top of the table at Monfartville. With the absence of team Lindsay and Big Roordo it would be a tough ask but not as tough as expected.

We battered first with a couple of good hits from Erwin, Oscar and team Berenger putting two across the plate before three out.

Evan started on the mound throwing his arm over to Brandon who were a match made in Heaven. Three out none home. We were up 2-0.

Second dig we struggled at bat and were out for 0.

Now if I had a crystal ball I would have left Evan there, but as with the Saints H Grade is high stakes! They count how many pitchers, how many times you stand on one leg, how many times you scratch yourself etc etc.

So the Oz came on the mound who has pitched well in previous weeks but just wasn't getting calls his way. After a couple of good hits and plenty of walks the Saints had 7 across and were up 7-2.

In true Man Meat form the boys answered back with good contact from Team Burton, Reece and Corey and Big Ezy Nursing his heart string to get 7 ourselves. Top of the dig we were up by 2.

Oz went back to the mound or he was out of the game as he had now exceeded his pitches. Unfortunately, the Saints got a few more walks and a couple of hits before big M. Berenger tagged out OZ on the mound. After some great fielding from Big Ev at first and Cooper at short stop it couldn't be replicated in the outfield with the sun playing havoc with every fly ball and normal easy catches just weren't being had. the Saints got 3 to put them up by 1. With 25 minutes to go our chances of getting in, scoring, getting out, then getting them out looked slim. Despite a few good hits from Jason and others we didn't score. Although there was 15 min to go and the Saints were in front and on top of the table and couldn't loose. Most of their last innings was walked as they chose not to swing unless it was perfect, apart from a Bunt they put down.

Well it is H grade!

I am calling it 10-9 to them score book says something else.

Last week to go boys, lets tear them up! No Pressure! Let's Play Ball!



And to complete the marathon – welcome Moonboot's press debut!

It was a glorious day at Royal Lomatia for the H Grade Royals final season game. With words of encouragement from our fellow H grade team Man Meat, we decided to have some fun with Schofields for the final match. With 8 players on either side we were evenly matched. Working on the formula from the last game Loz starts on the mound with Clarkey catching.

She who knows no fear on first, Betty on second, Jobbo on third, Moonboot at short and Steve and Wil in the outfield. First play of the game was a grounder to third with the batter reaching. After an unfortunate error by SWKNF (time to get a new glove), Loz, throwing like no tomorrow, a few runs were scored for the innings by Schofields. Some smart thinking from Jobbo, throws to Clarkey to save a run at the plate, followed by a grounder to Loz to get the final out at first.

We're up to bat and the ever-dependable Steve reaches on a single. Clarkey comes up to bat and doubles to score Steve. A couple of quick outs including a hard-hit fly to left (the Schofields left fielder was complaining at how hard the ball hit their glove) and we finished the first dig 4 – 1.

Moonboot and Loz swapping positions saw the start of the 2nd dig. It may have taken all season, but Moonboot and SWKNF finally started to work out throws together and the first batter is out with a throw from pitcher to 1st. Schofields hit and score some runs. A strike out sees a second out but alas, seven runs score and we're up to bat again. Will & Steve doing a marvellous job in outfield, some close almost catches but we were just to short to catch them. Betty gets a hit and is pushed round through a double from Wil. Steve hits to right and Betty and Wil score. Steve thought back to back doubles were on the cards but unfortunately was tagged out on a monster throw from right field perfectly placed to the 2nd bag.

Next innings up and on the first pitch of the 3rd an in the park homerun is hit out to centre field. The Moonboot followed up by throwing a strike out and a miss hit thrown from Clarkey to first to close out the innings with limited damage done. Moonboot jags a walk to reach and is eventually hit in by Betty to score the only run of the 3rd.

Start of the 4th and the first runner reaches on a drop K2. Runners start to make their way around the bases and a throw from the pitcher to home saw a complaining Schofields player tagged at the plate. Loz and Betty team up for a force play at second and SWKNF returns the favour to Moonboot with a 3-1 play to get the final out of the innings with only one run scored. The 4th innings is a good one for the Royals (except for the hit by pitches) with Loz reaching after being hit in the head (she's all right guys), followed by a walk. SWKNF hits and RBI by Loz. Moonboot hits and RBIs Clarkey and SWKNF. Bases are loaded with two out following the second hit by pitch on Wil and unfortunately the innings ends on a drop K2.

Time is close but we need to play on with the score nice and close at 13 – 7. A quick strike out followed by another 1-3 play (4th of the game) sees us in a good position to try and come back. Unfortunately, a couple of big hits are made by Schofields including a second in the park home run by the same batter sees more runs score. A final strikeout closes out the innings but alas time is up and the game is called.

Time for a bye now to close out our season with no wash out games affecting us. Hopefully we can get a couple of extra games added.

Thanks everyone for a really great season playing H Grade ball, it has been a heap of fun and thanks to Brodie, Wil & Kurt for umpiring our games throughout the season.





Behold the last round (for most)

This weekend (7/7/18)

G1 late at 2.45 @ Lomatia v Schoeys

G3 early at 12.30 @ Sam Marsden v Colyton/St. Clair

H Manmeat at 12.30 @ Lomatia v Schoeys

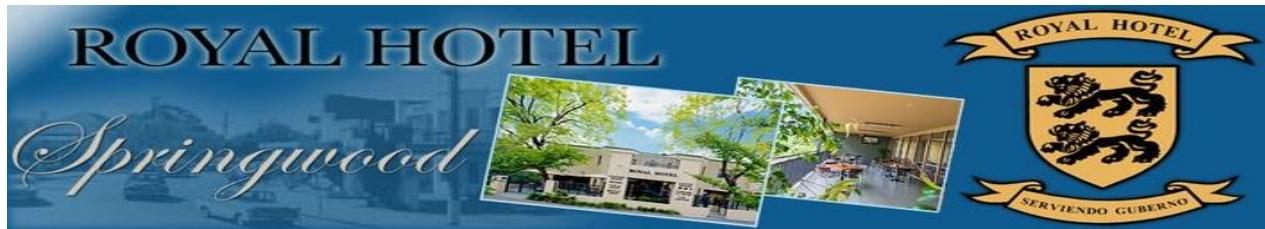
H Royals are done and dusted – a Bye.

Chaps one and all – go out with a bang!

Gentlefolk –

As we get to last bells – could I ask all of you who haven't settled your accounts with the club to do so please.

Whether it be uniforms, hoodies, tab at the canteen or anything else please do the right thing. Or else we'll send Eddie around.....



SOFTBALL REGO IN TWO WEEKS – Spend the summer lazing at Surveyors Creek.



How many times do I need to tell you all!

PRESENTATION is on the 8TH OF SEPTEMBER

That's a Saturday night.

6.30 pm kick off, till Security pours you out onto the street!

Cost should remain at \$50 per head



Whoda thunk!!!!!!!!!!!!!!