



Blue Mountains Royals Baseball Newsletters 2018

As we head to the finals –

A catch-up review from AT -

G1 HAVE A WIN!!!!

What a game!!! What a win!!!!

The boys started up beat today with brad starting on the mound. A few shaky moments and a few walks saw the bases loaded for the opposition before the boys worked their way out of trouble with just 1 run scored.

The next few innings saw patience with the bat, taking out walks, but we couldn't take a trick with the bat, flying into or grounding into 3 double plays.

Then in the top of the 4th they had a few hits and scored 3.

Our turn and the balls started to fall in, Chris triples for 2RBIS, a couple of errors from the opposition, a couple of hard hit balls the score was 4 all.

The boys were pumped, the infield was sharp, led by Todd at short, Chris was safe at 3rd, Stephen in new position of 2nd and rubber legs Wayde at 1st. Macca has great hands at catcher and Brad was only getting stronger pitching. In the outfield Ed was on fire in centre field taking a couple of spectacular catches. James was bouncing around with energy at left, and Lachlan was taking catches and throwing lasers in from left field.

The game was ours to win!!

Brad was only getting stronger as the game went on and battled through the 5th inning with them scoring 1 in the top of the 5th to go ahead 5-4.

Stephen started off the bottom of the inning with a line drive base hit to right. Todd stepped up and laced one over the centre fielder, Stephen ran the bases hard and scored. Todd charging around 2nd, the ball coming in from the outfield and he turns for home and charges down the last 90ft to beat the throw home for an inside the park HOMERUN!! We take the lead 6-5.

We go out for top of the 6th and brad doesn't want to give up the ball. The coach says it's your game to win get out there. And he does the job with the 3rd out a roller to short where Todd fires the throw over the Wayde TIME AND GAME!!

WE WIN 6-5!!!

Thanks to Lachlan and James for filling in today. Playing where they belong in the top grade do the club

Thanks also to Steve beard for umpiring and the support from G3 today

And then the last game and all is square.....

Well after the long weekend break G1 travelled to Colyton to play against the table topping wolves. Lovely windy, freezing cold day greeted us which was going to make any catches difficult

Last game they beat us 20-4, with us quickly finding out the had state and national softball players

Not much changed this game. We only had 7. Massive thanks to Dave and Ryan for coming over after their game to give us 9 players

We started ok scoring 1 in the top of the first. They scored 4 on a couple of hard hit balls and a couple of errors

The we scored 3, but they scored 6.

The game only got worse for us from there! Lots of hits from them and very few hits from us. Danny smoked one-line drive, straight to the 3rd baseman for Peter to be doubled off on first. Summed up our season

We ended up losing 21-4.

Oh well onto the grudge match vs Penrith next week. The boys will be pumped for it!!!!



G3, of course can put no toe wrong.....

Well after a week off over the long weekend, round 11 saw G3 head down to Andrews Road, Penrith. We played on a brand-new field on a windy day where the wind was blowing the wrong way and all you smelt was the sewer.

1st innings we had a few safe hits but then Rhino fell asleep at 3rd with Langers steeling 1st to 2nd, the catcher threw to 2nd and Rhino should have been home. Then we had a few sky balls, which were caught and side away with no runs scored.

We took the field as follows: Kurt on the mound with Brodie catching. Infield made up of Steve, Captain, Rhino and Langers. Backing up in the outfield was Jerry, Jimmy & Brett. (Mind you the whole game was played in these positions). Over all 6 innings we had 3 x double plays, which was a combination of A grade catching and returning of the ball. Top catches in the outfield on a windy day and really good talk and team dynamics.

At bat it took a few innings to find our rhythm but after 3 innings with the score at 1 - 1 we managed to get scoring and show Penrith we were there to win. Everyone knew their position and worked as a team to get the job done.

Special mention this week goes to Kurt who pitched a top game for the whole game. Final score was 11 - 3. (Penrith - Good bunch of blokes and looking forward to playing them again in the finals).

H- Royals at home in a double H header??????

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[Music – Nirvana’s Smells Like Teen Spirit]

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Cotton McKnight: “Cotton McKnight coming to you from the mighty The Lomatia Baseball Stadium in the heart of the Blue Mountains. It’s one hell of a lovely evening and I’m joined by 9-time J-grade champion, Pepper Brooks. Pepper, tonight’s game is the second of a double-header. We saw the H-grade Manmeat make mincemeat of their opponents just now(13-11). But the next game sees the mighty H-grade Royals up against the flat-landers of McKillop. What are your thoughts on the H-grade double header?”

Pepper Brooks: “Usually you pay double for that kind of action, Cotton.”

Cotton McKnight: “Now let’s turn our attention to the game at hand. How do you see this one playing out?”

Pepper Brooks: “I like the look of the Royals tonight Cotton. There’s a real blend of youth and athleticism that I think will give the McKillop sluggers a run for their money.

Cotton McKnight: “Ok, let’s go through the line-ups then. Pitching we have the mighty Moonboot, at catcher the courageous Clarkey. On first we have Cate, second is Mike, third is Eddy, and at shortstop Loren. What do you think of that youthful infield Pepper?”

Pepper Brooks: “It’s a bold strategy, Cotton. Let’s see if it pays off for them.”

Cotton McKnight: “And in the outfield, we have the Great Wall of Springwood. Steve in right field, George in the centre and Jobbo covering left field. I should note that the Huston twins and Bettina are not in the line-up this evening. Pepper.”

Pepper Brooks: “They’re definitely not on the court, Cotton. Their absence is noticeable.”

[Fade out to advertisement for Optus Mobile World Cup coverage “You’ll get every game, no worries!”]

[Fade in to commentators]

Cotton McKnight: “Well we’ve seen one hit by the Royals in the first three innings while the McKillop team seem to have found their rhythm and posted a sizeable early lead. This appears to be a shocking start for the Royals.”

Pepper Brooks: “I feel shocked!”

[Fade out to advertisement for Steve’s Hotdogs – “For \$2 we’ll cook them for you. (First 100 customers receive free sauce and mustard)”]

[Fade in to commentators]

Cotton McKnight: “Well you don’t see that every day, but it appears that Umpire Maartensz has taken one to the nether region.”

Pepper Brooks: "He will not be able to see very well, Cotton."

Cotton McKnight: "As the floodlights take full effect we can see that the relieving pitcher for McKillop has provided the Royals with a new lease of life - everyone's getting a hit, and Moonie's cracking them out to the fence!"

Pepper Brooks: "That is some good clean family fun here, eh Cotton?!"

Cotton McKnight: "Indeed it is Pepper. Now, down in the bullpen young Loren has been warming up. And here goes her first pitch at McKillop..."

Pepper Brooks: "Hold the phone, she's got a cannon!"

Cotton McKnight: "I'm glad we have young Charlie scoring Pepper, you need young eyes to see these fastballs!"

[Fade out to community service announcement on behalf of The Lomatia Baseball Stadium Ladies Lounge "Great seats, great company, great chocolate. All welcome."]

[Fade in to commentators]

Cotton McKnight: "Well Pepper, what a game! McKillop just had the edge in the end – but baseball was the clear winner. Recapping that last hour's action: there was Eddy's great catching, Cate's tidy work at first, Clarkey's clean sheet at home plate, and the outfield's tidy teamwork. This has been one hell of a fun evening. Any final comments Pepper?"

Pepper Brooks: "Pepper needs new shorts!"

Cotton McKnight: "This has been Cotton McKnight, with the incomparable Pepper Brooks. We'll catch you next week for more H-grade action. Signing off from The Lomatia Baseball Stadium for ESPN8 – The Ocho."

[Fade in graphic – "ESPN8 - The Ocho"]

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Aint heard from T. Rookie -must still be celebratin.....

But hang on as I press send!!!!

Two from Two. Prior to that doesn't matter now. Two wins two draws and we have come off the bottom spot and moved up to fifth. Let's go man meat! We have finally come together. The vote was unanimous, "we are playing to win" they said. One more spot to make the finals. Its a tough hill to climb but we have got this. New approach, new training methods, new field positions, new batting line-ups. New Match report. We won they lost. Next.....



Onward Men and Ladies!

This weekend (23rd of June)

G1 late at 2.45 @ Lomatia v the Penny Panfers

G3 early 12.30 @ Lomatia v Smaries Sainties

H Manmeat at 12.30 @ Chapman Gdns v Maccas Green

H Royals at 12.30 @ Monfartville v Smaries Sainties

Fair winds and full sails to all!

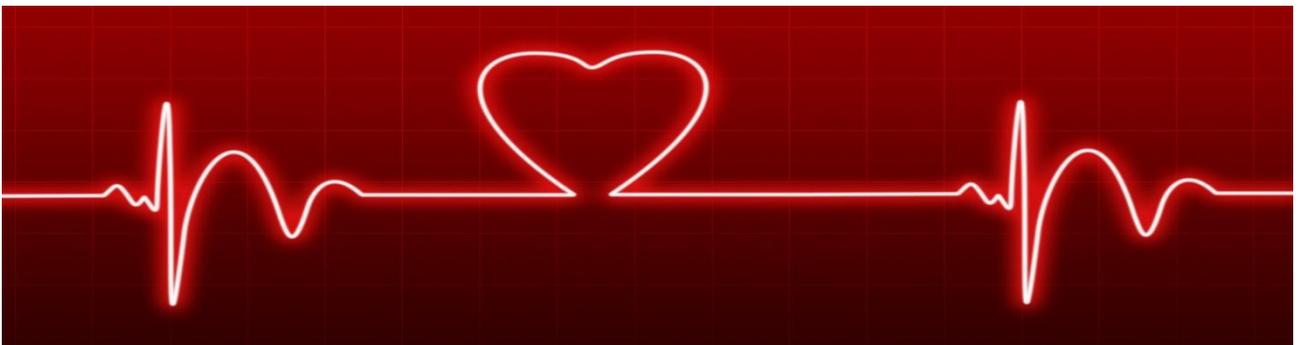
PRESENTATION 2018 IS ON THE 8TH OF SEPTEMBER

6.30 PM AT THE ROYAL OF HOTELS

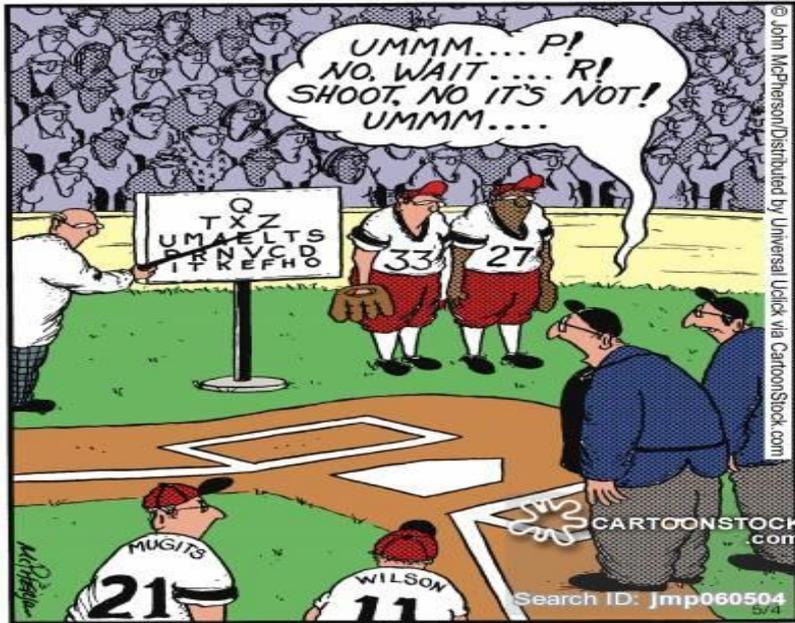
BE THERE OR MISS THE ACTION, INTRIGUE AND TENSION!

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**Softball Rego is on the last two weekends in July –
sumptuous details to come!**



We haven't forgotten about the De-fibrillator course, to those who volunteered, we have had trouble setting a useable date – be patient (get it – patient)



To appease the fans, major-league umpires are now required to take eye exams during the seventh inning stretch.

Thanks to Jeff Moon for putting up his hand to do the Umpiring Course — good man!

It's still not too late to sign up — check with your coach for details!!!!

Especially you Glen.

Our increased sponsorship deal from The Royal Hotel in Springwood kicks in the coming month covering both Softball and Baseball – Bravo and Thank you for those who made it happen!!!

Try the Veal!!!



If you go up to the park today – you're in for a big surprise -there is a new door!

At last the slow turning wheels of Government turned and low and behold!

Why (you asked) – because both Cricket's huge tarps and Baseballs Ride on needed it!

Now -onto the new Stadium!

The club has merged it's Softball and Baseball Facebook Pages into one this week.

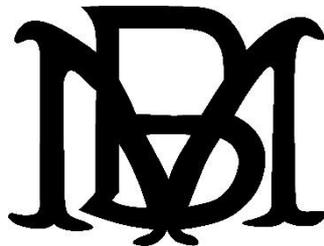
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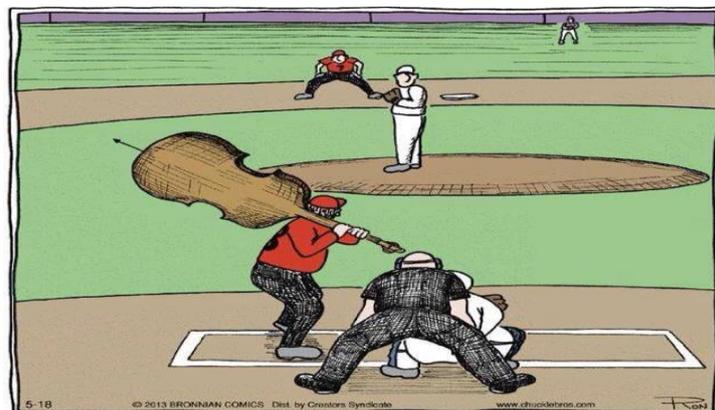
A word from the Executive Committee regarding players and interested parties who have been getting items of apparel emblazoned with our club logo.

Fabulous, do it to whatever you to BUT.... please contact us for the real logo in the real font! Some places have it on file but better be sure to be sure.

(and they ring us when someone tries)



The beast!!!!!!!



Being the bottom of the ninth, one run down, with two outs and a runner on second, Barry knew his team's only hope was a double bass hit.