



Blue Mountains Royals Baseball Newsletters 2018

**3 home teams – 2 games -
And one away to fly the flag!
Such diversity – such richness – such baseball!**



G1 alive and well under the coachency(?) of Macca.....

This week saw the first real full game for everyone this year in our team and it was a good outing to get us going although we didnt bring home the chocolates.

Playing against Carlingford and with Todd on the mound it was very back and forth with the hits and the runs until we managed to string a few hits together and get out to a 6–2 lead with some great hitting from Danny in his first game of baseball ever and also good hitting from Brad and Jeff Moon.

Late in the game and with Todd's arm tiring although his spirit wasnt Carlingford managed to put up a couple of 7 run innings that we just could pull back so on it ended up 16–6 but it was a good jumping off point and we will be better going into this week.

Big thanks to Matt Clarke Jeff Moon Tom (please Steve add his last name as i cant remember) for filling in and backing up for their 2nd game of the day.

Hope thats alright

G3 – swallowing all before it's mighty machine.....

G3 this week travelled down to Samuel Marsden Park on a warm and windy Saturday. The field look amazing and in top form. No wonder why a few of team went and played summer baseball there.

We were up to bat first and with a lot of smart batting, taking the walks and a few safe hits, with in the blink of an eye we had 7 home.

Time to field and we played most of the game with Kurt on the mound with Dave catching, Steve on 1st, Captain on 2nd, Langers at his spot at Short, Rhino on 3rd and that left Jimmy, Owen and Gerry making the outfield with no reserves. Good pitching by Kurt and some good fielding, they managed to sneak in 3 runs.

Back to bat and there were some top hits into the gaps with Langers hitting an in the park home run.

Safe at 1st for Rhino from a drop K2 and all the pieces were coming together. We felt on top of the world. Then back into the field, Kurt pitched a 4-pitch innings. With the 1st pitch a ball followed by 2 catches by himself and a good pickup from Captain at 2nd and a clean throw to 1st, just like that we were back into bat.

Change of Pitcher by Colyton, worked for them with only a few home for us, so back into field to try and shut the game out. Then it started, some mistakes. We had a drop catch by Rhino when he was focusing on the batter to much and nodded off and missed a throw to tag the steel at 3rd. Colyton managed to get a few home and all of a sudden, the score was close.

Our final bat, there was a mix up in the field and they got a double play on us and we started to feel the pressure. "Bring it", said the Royals and with 2 out we fought hard and managed to get another 7 home. Just like that, the game was ours. With 10min to go we did the gentleman thing and gave them a bat where Langers pitched out the game. They managed a few home but the game was already ours.

Final score: 20 – 11 G3 are 3 from 3.

Which leaves the intra club seasonal battle for H grade supremacy.....

H Royal Man Meat

We were lucky enough to have the pleasure of the H Royals or "the others" at "their" home ground as we were relegated to the bench seats on the far side of the diamond. (So much love for the new guys! Not!) We had shaken off the nerves from last week and had a team of twelve ready to pounce, with only "power hitter" J Haliburton absent. We had some fresh meat ready for their first run with Brandon Berenger starting on the mound. He was

accompanied by senior Berenger big Mick who started at centre and Oz Atkins also was in attendance who made it a family affair on the bench with a triple Acco bench warm with Roardo and Big Ezi.

The chanting started from the "the others", "lets beat the man meat", "lets beat the man meat". In your own time guys, we have a game to play and under age on our team. Please!

Brandon having his first dig on the mound did the Man Meat proud, getting plenty in the zone and keeping "the other" honest. A few good hits from the new father son 1-2 combinations in the batting line up and some great fielding from big Evan at 1st and Corey at short saw us up after the second 5-3. Half time change sides were the call and reshuffle on the field found Oz Man on the mound with young Lindsay moving from third in to catcher replacing Cooper E who moved to short and Corey made his way to centre field with Big Ezi and Senior Lindsay rounding out the outfield, from his solid first half at 2nd. Oz fired in some beauties but "the others" had found our weakness. They punched hit after hit into centre field with Corey at a loss to what was happening. He was running around like a blind man who had lost his cane. He then told us he only has approx. 70% sight at long distances and can't see the ball until it bounces. Just a minor technicality when you are in outfield but a point noted for next time. "The others" got 6 across in that dig and another 2 in the next despite some good hits from Erwin Easthorpe and Reece the jnr Whatman we were trailing 11-8 going into the fifth. Although many of us still struggled with the speed of the pitches or the lack of, after coming off a season off softball, there was swatting and reaching and dozing, long before the ball gets there. A few good hits did come though from team Berenger with both Mick and Brandon finding the ball. Also, Erwin and the Whatman's had good connection. "NEXT" was the call for the mound with Reece stepping up to lose his virginity. In baseball, anyway! We had locked things up at 11 each and just needed three quick outs to tie us up. Reece did well finding the mark with all JNRs doing a great job on the mound 2 weeks in a row. Roardo was solid at first now having three exceptional 1st baseman in the team with him and Team Haliburton.

All out for none 11-11..... We will take it.

As the weeks go on the Men from The Man Meat are starting to find their feet. Look out H competition, when we iron out the last few wrinkles it is going to be game on. We are coming for you!

R. Ookie

Now for the real story -that which will go down in the history books!

What better way to celebrate our return to Lomatia than with a game report comprised of a series of haiku. *

Sunny springs the day
Royals confident and supreme
Manmeat full of stench

Batting first the stench score
Pitching good, fielding not so
Jobbo notes, improve we must

Moonboot hits and runs
Around the bases, will he make it
High fives from teammates

Clarkey's catching was supreme
Huston hobbles a well hit three-bag
Wil kept a neutral peace

Bettina, Cate and Tom
Field with cheer and much aplomb
Steve leads by example

A cool breeze begins
The game is fought to the end
11 all feels just right

* Haiku is a traditional form of Japanese poetry exemplified by three lines of 5, 7 and 5 'morae' or syllables. As Wikipedia notes, the essence of haiku is 'kiru', or cutting. Specifically, each haiku should include a juxtaposing word or concept.



Ahhhh -feel the serenity!

Where shall these gladiatorial contests be this weekend?

G1 late at 2.45 @ Lomatia v the Wolves - beware!

G3 early at 12.30 @ Lomatia v Smaries Cardies

H Manmeat at 2.45 @ Chapman v Makka Goldies

H Royals at 12.30 @ Chapman v Makka Greenies

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Is that it or is there more to tell.....

BM Softball makes the nice guy big time!



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Softball Club and Association Recognition Program

TOP 20 CLUBS. 11 APRIL 2018

Rank	Club	Association	State	Total
1	TIGERS	CAMPBELLTOWN	NSW	90
2	BLUEBIRDS UNITED	ROCKHAMPTON	QLD	88
3	NORTH ROCKS	HORNSBY	NSW	84
4	NARELLAN SPORTZ	MACARTHUR	NSW	75
5	BLUE MOUNTAINS	PENRITH CITY	NSW	75
6	DEER PARK	SUNSHINE	VIC	73
7	SCORPIONS	REDLANDS	QLD	70
8	WOLVES	NEWCASTLE	NSW	70
9	WOLVETTES	CENTRAL COAST	NSW	70
10	WILDCATS	HORNSBY	NSW	70
11	FREMANTLE REBELS	PERTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE	WA	65
12	ROUSE HILL RAMS	HORNSBY	NSW	65
13	STRIKERS	NEWCASTLE	NSW	65
14	BEDFORD MENS	PERTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE	WA	65
15	ROCKINGHAM RAVENS	ROCKINGHAM	WA	60
16	HAWKS	MACKAY	QLD	60
17	ROUS	FAR NORTH COAST	NSW	60
18	ROYAL FALCONS	ROYAL FALCONS	VIC	60
19	DEVILS ANGELS	ROCKINGHAM	WA	60
20	STORM	CAMPBELLTOWN	NSW	60

* Equal points separated by membership growth %

Congratulations Trent, Kesh and the whole SB team.

springwood foundation day festival

lordy it's that time again – hide before they ask you to help out!

No sorry folks we can't go around it - it is coming!



The club always receives a lot of interest from our Foundation Day stall and usually recruit several players as a result.

All we ask is that you pop in some time during the day and hang out and chat! We'll buy the coffee (or something stronger)!

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WE WANT YOU! – YES YOU!

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Springwood Sports Club - 14th of May 2018 - Fun for all the family!

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HOWDY STRANGER – YOU AIN'T FROM ROUND HERE IS YA?



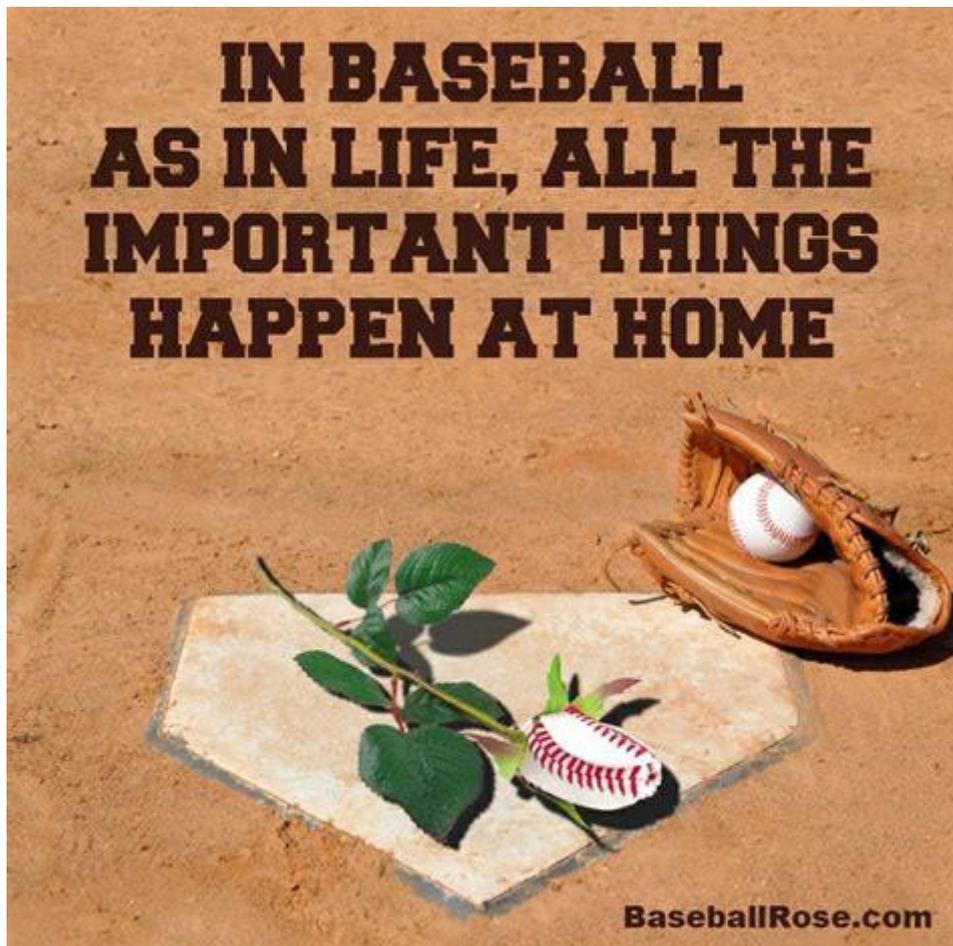
New to the playing fields but has haunted the Canteen in previous years –
Ladies and Gents – George McNeill – H Royals

Certainly not a newbie to the plate but none the least a very
welcome addition to the roster – Todd Shepherd - G1!



My photos are never flattering but it keeps it real!

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**Have a great day on the diamond and
remember to bat responsibly!**

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The advertisement features a blue background. On the left, the text "ROYAL HOTEL" is in a bold, serif font, and "Springwood" is in a white, cursive font. In the center, there are two overlapping photographs: one showing the exterior of the hotel building and another showing the interior of a dining area. On the right, there is a yellow shield-shaped logo with two black lions and a banner above it that says "ROYAL HOTEL" and a banner below it that says "SERVIENDO GUBERNO".