



Blue Mountains Royals Baseball Newsletters 2018

Did ya miss me?

For the tragics a double dose of ball tampering!



Starting at the top with the Rolls Royce of the Royals!

Well we had 8 of our team to play against the wolves from Colyton

Warming up it looked like they came to play

Macca tool to the mound. His first pitch for the year, he hit the plate and threw a few balls and wolves hit and hit hard!!

We then hear that most of the team play state softball and a couple in national teams even. And as the game pans out it showed.

Todd had a game catching behind the plate after he still had a sore arm from throwing 105 pitches last week and a great job he did.

Macca threw a couple of innings before brad had a go on the mound. With Macca showing why he is a gun at first picking 2 balls out of the dirt in a row. Chris was solid at third, Wayde played out of his normal catching role playing 1st and short, Daniel was solid at 2nd, Stephen and Danny didn't field many balls at centre or right field. Everything was hit like a laser to left field. That was manned by Owen and Brett.

Thanks for helping out boys, much appreciated

Thanks also to Dave (my arm isn't broken) for Umpiring

In the end they hit lots, we hit a few 20-5. Only improvement to come

But wait – week 2!

Playing against Penrith the weather looked like it was going to wash us out all day. But Penrith was still open and sun came out as game got closer. We had 9 players, most we have had all year

We started well getting bases loaded before 3 outs and no one home. Todd took to the mound to start. They scored 2. We then evened up 2 all.

Then the fun started!!! A parent their team was umpiring and to say he was one eyed would be very kind. Our strike zone was a led to chest and a foot either side of the plate, their zone was the size of a 50c piece.

Los of frustration ensued, with a few arguments from me about clear baulks, clear out give safe.

They scored some runs to lead 8-2 before we fought back to 8-5 down before more blow ups and they scored 5 runs in the last inning.

A tough game to swallow from the umpiring. We played better, fielded pretty well, just couldn't get key hits with runners on base all game

that's the game - onto next week



G3 – plundering all and sundry.....

The 4th round saw the G3 Royals up against St Marys Cardinals at the Famous Royal Lomatia park. The Royals had 9 starting with Brett Murph starting late and St Marys only showing with 7, 3 of their players MIA.

1st innings we had Langers on the mound with Brodie catching. Glen, Gerry, Kurt & Lockie on the infield, James, Owen & Captain ready for the big hits in the outfield. St Marys managed only 4 batters having a bat, the best made it to 3rd base and then it was side away. So, we were up to bat and being the top blokes that we are, we gave St Marys 2 fielders to give them a full field. With good hits by Langers, Kurt, Owen & Gerry we managed to get 2 home.

2nd innings was similar to the 1st with St Marys making it to base but with our sensational fielding and a double play we were back into bat keeping St Marys at nil. Repeat performance with the bat, a few good hits and stealing bags forced St Marys to make mistakes, we extended our lead.

3rd innings was a 5 pitch innings to Langers and with the Cardinals still on zip, it was time to really extend out the lead. A lot of stealing and safe hitting by Owen, Gerry and Captain saw us up 7-0.

The game saw 6 completed innings, all pitched by Langers with sensational fielding by the whole team. The final score was 15-0.

OMG – they just keep going.....

Round 5 saw the undefeated G3 Royals at home up against Mackillop at 14:45 on an overcast scattered rainy day. The G3 royals didn't know what to expect but were ready for anything. With just 9 of us to take the field this week we were all pumped ready to go.

1st innings saw Brett Murph take the mound with Brodie catching. The infield made up of Glen Murph, Captain, Jimmy & Langers. Then backing up in the outfield we had Gerry, Rhino and Kurt. With the fielding not at our best Mackillop managed to sneak in 1 run. Then it was time to unleash at bat. With top hits by Jimmy, Gerry, Brett and Rhino it was side away with 7 home.

The 2nd & 3rd innings wasn't so good in the field but need to mention a massive hit to the fence by Mackillop saw a couple home. Royals followed this up with only a few getting home and suddenly it was a close one.

The 4th innings saw the G3 royals come together in the field with Mackillop only getting one home with loaded bases and Kurt on the mound with a strike out and back into bat. Ticking around the bases we started building our lead and then Jimmy with a line drive down right field hit the fence with the rebound on our side that saw an infield home run with 2 on bag. With Rhino taking the batters box with his mate Freddy, finally shaking off the softball habit, hit a safe hit and it was 7 home and side away.

Still time left to play and the game was ours, Gerry "The Closer" took to the mound. With Mackillop getting a couple of good hits and Gerry finishing with a K2, it was game. Final score was 17-6.

Which brings us to the newbies.....

H Royal Man Meat



Down the mountain we go, stopping at McKillop, to put on a show. The Royal Man Meat ever so slowly are finding their feet and with grace I might add. All were in attendance apart from team Easthorpe and Senior "Power Hitter" Halliburton. We accompanied "the others" to a H Royal v McKillop affair them at 12:30 us at 2:45. The Meat started well in the first dig, we had plenty of hits a real team batting effort. Plenty of good contact making easy bases and moving players around the diamond. Even had Corey Whatman aka "Warwick Cappa" sliding into second and third, dirtying up the new white cleats. Big Ezi got a bit excited too early with a huge hit out to left field. Catcher from McKillop telling him "that is gone" so he strolls off nice and casual only to have it bounce a meter inside the fence and fielded in strong so he only made second base. Lesson learnt! Hit and run hard next time Big Ezi! We got seven across and side away.

McKillop in to Bat.

Jnr Whatman, Reece started on the mound with Brandon Berenger at the Plate. Roardo Atkins took up 1st with Corey Mick and Evan in the infield and Ozman, Big Ezi and Senior Lindsay "Scotty" rounding out the ground. Reece was throwing well finding his groove adjusting to the lack of mound and the altitude change from Royal Lomatia Gardens that he is used to. McKillop had their eye on and were hitting. Although the fielding was generally solid with no major errors like in previous weeks, the green guys found the gaps and put on 7 before we swapped sides tied up. Up to bat again and despite some good hits again from Corey, Evan, and team Berenger we were all out for 1. Reece was up again and they seemed to like what he served up. Another 7 again from them much like the first. Good fielding and a great catch from Michael Berenger in left field, but they just found the gaps and batted well. Another 7 and we were down 14-8.

Big Ezi with another of his pre innings motivational waffle- athons about digging dip team batting Bla..Bla..Bla... and he was up to bat. Second Ball in and he pops one to the back fence at right field. Not waiting for the catcher's commentary this time he was off. Home run! That was all that was needed and the Man Meat were away. Scott Lindsay, Corey, Evan, Roardo, Oz, Mick, all with solid hits. 7 for us and we were back in it 15-14 going into the bottom. Re shuffle in the diamond, out goes in. In goes out. Off comes on, on goes off. Jrn Berenger takes to the Mound with Brendon Lindsay at the plate. Great team work from them and a lucky double play at short stop and a great outfield catch from Roardo saw them out for 1. We were tied up going into the forth 15-15. 12 minutes to go.

Man Meat were up and still on a role hit after hit Reece, Brendan, Brandon. Scotty and Corey really bringing out the wheels with some great base running and hitting. we got another 7 across to be up 22-15.

Call it stupid. Call it tactics, Call it good sportsmanship. Call it what you will, but the guys from McKillop were barely hanging together, we were over time and they had to go in to bat and get seven to draw. So we called it time and took the draw. We don't want to peak too early and Sportsmanship has a nice warm feeling inside. We have a full season to go and Karma is on our side. Let's go Royal Man Meat!

Still they soldier on!

It was sunny, it rained. Game was off, game was on. Game was at Chapman Gardens, Game was at Lomatia. Was it closed at Lomatia? It was open at Lomatia! They were at home but we were at home. First half Man meat in front 10-0. We hit, They caught. Second half, time and game. We lost. 10-something.

The one that got away!

This week at Monfartville taking on the top of the table. Man Meat it is time! Now we bring out the big guns! As Tone Loc Says, "Let's do it!"

R. Ookie

H Grade – Royals!

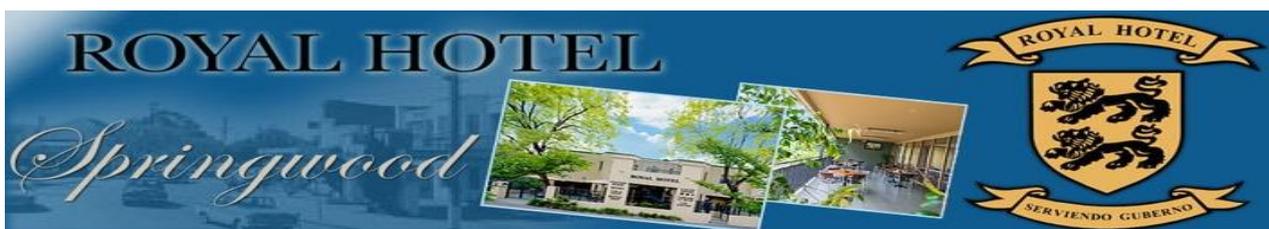


Mackillop – we don't mention Mackillop (1-20) very bad.

Week 2 – the “F” word -Forfeit.

Week two scattered the team to the winds -Happy birthday Lochie!

The kids grow up so fast -don't they George?



Well, who's at home this weekend?

G1 late at 2.45 @ Lomatia v the Eagles

G3 early at 12.30 @ Lomatia v Penny pumas

H Manmeat at 12.30 @ Monfartville v Sainties

H Royals at 12.30 @ Peel Reserve v Schoeys

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Here's the rap sheet chief.....

BM Softball makes the nice guy bigger time!

Not only has the Softball part of our club achieved Home Plate status they have been voted in the top three "best club experience" as well

Congratulations, once again, to Trent, Kesh and the whole Softball team



It's only a few sleeps away but the most exciting night of the BB year is coming!

AGM

Springwood Sports Club - 14th of May 2018 - 7.30pm

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A big shout out to Holly for making the Canteen great again!

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So, Wil — how was Foundation Day

Well Steve — it was really good

Lots and lots of people braved the rain to chat and some to sign up with us.

That's good Wil — did anyone ask if we were starting a baseball club?

Yes -many did Steve — but we set them straight we did!

Did we sell any club attire? HMMM — yes and we had to listen to SALT all afternoon!

But the best thing Wil was the ute we commandeered from a drunken punter from the Royal to hang our banners on!



Thank you (really) to Kirsten and Fiona for volunteering — next year huh?

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Just a reminder to all to remember to pay your allocated Umpires their \$25 fee after the game!

**Good luck this week everyone and please be
good to your mums!**



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COULD WIN THE
Game.

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