



# THE BASEBALL REVIEW

2021 WINTER SEASON

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## One week on top -the next week yuck!

What a difference 7 little days make!

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### Todd took to the mound in a jovial match vs Penrith.

With a few changes in the infield seeing Glenn on first, Jade at second, LJ at short and myself at third. The outfield safe as ever with Ed in left, Brett in centre and Paul in right.

A pitchers dual ensued with very few hits from either side. A few hard-hit balls, but straights at fielders led to few runs.

Penrith got on the board in the second inning with after a Todd hit a batter, a steal, a hard hit ball and a run scored.

Our first 3 innings with the batting saw 9 up and 9 down.

They then extended the road to 3 with a couple of hard hit balls. I'm the Bottom of the 4th we capitalised on a couple of errors by the infield led to 2 runners being on base. Todd hit a line drive to left, follow by Brett following that with a hit to centre and 4 runs scored

LJ took over from Todd after 4 innings and shut down the Penrith batters. We were sharp in the field after our miscues last week making ZERO errors and some slick plays. Jade turned. Double play to assist LJ in the 5th.

A strong win takes the boys to 6-0 on the season

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### G2 strong start but tailed away amidst disaster!

A strong start on the mound from Matty J. took us away and after one we were even stevens!

The second was freakin disastrous - they kept us to zilch whilst gaining 7 runs.

The Riddler put his body on the line and ended up in a medical facility - cleats across the hand (got the out).

Limpy Wayde-B took the 1<sup>st</sup> base duties and did us proud.

Three saw us out gun them 5 to 1 but the sun faded on our successes and they put on the screws and finished going down 21-8. Doc and Matty gave all but we had to admit the Black Pearls were hard, fast and merciless!

New players Iain, Pete and Stuart are catching on fast and we have a quickly improving bullpen so we haven't abandoned hope of a top four place and then stealing the finals.

The after game brewskies were appreciated and a big shout out to Ashley for nursing Riddler back to health.

A great bunch of guys who play for the love of the game and soon will be on the same winning page.

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### **G3 gave it a crack but.....**

G3 got slaughtered – enough said -the pain is too much!

18- 1 – “ouch” to quote AT.

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### **H! A worrying trend has appeared!**

H grade played against Plumpton Lakhota who unfortunately had one of their members pass away last week. So after a respectful minutes silence, the action got underway at sunny Royal Lomatia.

Phil started on the mound and after 2 digs of only giving up 2 runs, we were in the lead with 5 runs scored by Phil, Angela, myself and a double to Tommy.

The 3rd dig saw Plumpton grab a full 7 but we replied with 5 more of our own, highlighted by Dean’s home run that bounced back off the top of the high fence. The trajectory of the ball was just starting to flatten out as it smashed into the top railing. This hit also got Tommy home.

The 4th saw Dean take over the mound and Plumpton couldn’t handle his drop in pitches, only conceding 2 runs. Angela’s safe glove on first base and with a lucky catch after a long chase by me in the outfield ended their dig.

We scored another 4 runs with Tommy getting his 4th for the game, plus runs to Dean, Clarkey and Jobbo securing another win for our improving H grade team, 14 to 11.

On a sour note, though, Angela got hit again (in the back) by a fast pitch that she wasn’t able to avoid. I need to request our opposition teams to be mindful of fast pitching towards our new lady players to make sure we all enjoy the game, and can play the next game and the next season etc.



There have been changes in certain grades due to teams going up or down. Please check the attached sheets for your team, should there be any changes.

### **The eighth round of games should play out as follows fellow base folk: -**

G1 – KELLYVILLE – 2.30 GAME V KELLYVILLE KOLTS

G2 – MONFARTVILLE – 2.30 GAME V ST MARYS THINGYS

G3 – ANDREWS ROAD – 12.15 GAME V DA RIFF LIONS

H – MONFARTVILLE 2 – 12.15 GAME V ST MARYS WHAT SO’S



**Standings – G1 (North) – top of the ladder.**

**G2 (West) – Bottom of the ladder.**

**G3 (West) – 5<sup>th</sup> place.**

**H Grade – 6<sup>th</sup> place.**

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## New Bats update!

Wil and I spent last week chasing enough legal bats to but two in each kit bag but alas these numbers do not exist yet.

It seems every club in Sydney saw the change (except us) and bought out all stocks.

So, we are awaiting 8 new bats from RBI hopefully this week if not next week.

Please be patient and don't use naughty bats!

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## FIRST AID KITS



There must be one in every kit bag – could team managers please check that they have one.

Please check that it is adequate and up to date.

That is all!

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My latest impassioned plea!

## **BLUE MOUNTAINS BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL CLUB AGM**

The Royal Hotel - Monday the 7th of June at 7.30pm.

Ever considered a new career in Baseball/ Softball management?

Let your self be known to your coach or return email to me.

We are always looking for new input and fresh ideas.

(no, that doesn't mean our ideas are old and stale -or maybe they are?????)

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The 12th  
**Lismore  
Workers  
Masters Games**  
September 24-26 2021

**Fancy a weekend in the fabulous Byron Hinterland?**

What happens when you lead with your good hand in getting that special out!

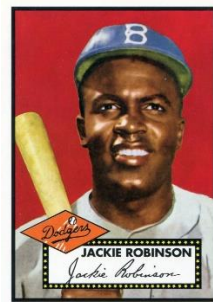


"OUCH" to quote AT

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Deep from the book of the wit and wisdom of L.J.!



"Baseball is like a poker game. No one wants to quit when you're losing and nobody wants to quit when your ahead."

Jackie Robinson - Brooklyn Dodgers

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"Couldn't I be doing this online?"

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