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.....ain't it just the darndest season!

All three grades are having very, very different journeys this year.

The H grade report!



You guessed it another forfeit—that's 2 in a row and this week is another forced by the pulling of the Mackillop Sheppard team!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

That's 3 in a row, 4 for the season and counting a rainout it is a month since we played.

However we didn't waste the opportunity with most of the team going to Lomatia instead (in uniform) and training. Even El' Presidente joined in as he was going to Plumpton to see us play!

On Ball—one Hit—one on the fence—still got it Big Boy!



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.....G3 WEST on the other hand—OMG only a draw –how the mighty have fallen!

**Showbags in all his grand elocution and Oxford finery stated in his game summary -
“11 all—back and forth game”**

Hey at least you were better than the Blues!

F grade, the shining flagship of all things Blue Mountains Baseball, were no so lucky!

AT reveals.....

“F grade travelled to Corbin and welcomed back Stevie from his month long trip to Europe and Craig (Tommy, father of the bride, had to clean my fluoro shoes) for his 2nd game of the year
Jackson took the mound without any back up this week with LJ and Kurt away.

When the umpire says at the start of the game "I call small strike zone, that's they way it is" - its always a concern to start. And the royals got a glimpse of it in the first with Jackson unlucky on a few very close calls.

Then Quakers Hill took advantage when he had to put it on a tee just to get a strike call
4 runs in the first to the bad guys, a few hard hit balls, a few fell in.

Turned quickly into one of those days when anything we hit went to a fielder and their balls fell in or went just wide of fielders. Again we didn't key hits with batters on base when we needed.

A great running and diving catch in centre field to Jacob was the highlight in the field. Solid most of the game, until "lightning Macqueen" Macca slipped over his own feet and we threw the ball around the diamond chasing runners to give up 3 runs on 3 errors in one play. GRRRR oh well shit happens!

Jackson lasted as long as he could, unfortunately the bats couldn't back him up with some runs.
New arm found on the mound for an inning at the end of the game, Steve Down gave up the catchers gear to throw a solid inning.

Well it wasn't to be. A loss of 10-6. We sit 4th, 2 games clear of 5th place. Back to the fortress of Royal Lomatia this week to take on the undefeated Kellyville grubs. Lets knock them off their perch and show them we are still here to defend the premiership leading into the finals

Bravo—as they say we support BM or anybody playing Kellyville!

With corrections yet to come in H grade—the ladder bides very well.

F grade are in 4th place,

G3 West is in second place,

H grade—in second place as well.

Both F and G are at home this week playing Kellyville and St Marys respectively.



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As the world turns, so there is other news!

SCOTT HANSEN signs with the Bellinghen Diggers!

Former pitcher/ batter/ fielder/ coach/ reporter/umpire/ball magnet Scotty H. has found a club in his new home in Coffs Harbour. He starts this weekend after being released from his contract with the BM Royals. They are a club with three teams, mainly old buggers and are sitting middle of the table – sounds very familiar!

He has also signed with this newsletter as our North Coast reporter – expect a different view of the North Coast sporting world!

As our season thunders on to August and the Playoffs -

SOFTBALL IS COMING!

Apart from Kurt and one or two other males, there has been interest from wives and young-uns in playing this summer.

Registration is on this Sunday (and next) from 10 til 1pm at Lomatia Park.

Come and talk to Trent and Kesha – two finer folk you will never meet – and they will look after you. Don't mention me – it could cause trouble.

BASEBALL NUMBERS!

There seems to be some confusion here. As our membership applications are processed at the tall towers of BISP (earth shaking) you should receive or will shortly receive an email from BBNSW (they are so very modern) with your password and PLAYER NUMBER.

That player number is what you should send to me for our records and we can include it in next years Registration process that Kurt will try to fathom.

Dinner for Barbara Povic.

Those of you who know Barb, know what a great blessing, influence and force she has been to our club.

So much so we are putting on an evening to praise and thank her for 19 years of service to club. It will be at The Springwood Sports Club and be \$40 a head, two course dinner with Holly doing her magic for dessert. Come—eat drink and raise a glass the queen of Registration. EFTPOS available.



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Watch for the Blue Mountains Gazette this week as it will contain a flyer we have developed with Softball to get into every household in the mountains. The pitcher looks awesome.

Shame he 's never thrown a ball!

So who is this handsome brute?

This ladies is Paul Petterson—



affectionately known as PETTO!

New to Baseball this year, Petto came over from Cricket at AT 's encouragement and is possibly as hooked as the rest of us! Welcome Big Fella and I mean that sincerely.

This is how my Boss p****s me off at work by doing Functions in SF 's AT&T Park and sending me pics.

Never let me hear a pitcher complain that our pound is to big—look at that thing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



" I can remember a sports writer asking me for a quote, and I didn 't know what a quote was. I thought it was some kind of Soft drink! "- Joe DiMaggio.