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BACK ON THE PARK –WHODA THUNK?

Sunshine, baseball and road trips – ah - the smell of Saturdays in Winter!

All three teams were away last weekend, scattered to the winds....sorta.

F grade—the flagship of BM baseball—off to Richmond!

Well the first of the washout rounds saw the F grade side down to play Hawkesbury at Bensons lane
The boys were keen to have a good game needing a win to secure a semi final spot
The game started well with a few runs our way early, then Hawks came back to level at 2 all. We scored runs each inning and busted it open with 5 runs in the 4th inning to see the lead go to 9-5.
A few tight innings saw the game continue the way until the bottom of the last inning.
3 outs needed, instead we gave them a helping hand with 3 errors and extra outs. a bloop there, hit batter in the head, winning runs scored. Very disappointing final result when we had been sooo consistent all game and the better team for all, bar half an inning.
Frustrating loss, with other results from last week the scenario is simple, win we come 4th, lose we come 5th.
Semis start a week early for us this Saturday in a must win game at Royal Lomatia at 2.30pm
Adam.

G3 West—the All Star performers this year-touched down in Da Riff.....

Phil 's usual eloquence shines through!

Well we travelled down to Penrith to face the lowly leopards knowing that we had 2nd place sewn up.
Complacency was in the back of our minds. The bats swung well. Brett pitched well even if Showbags was struggling behind the plate with a broken mask and no glasses on. Mark got his second in field home run of the year and nearly got 2 in the game. He was caught at home plate inches out. Then the man that time forgot....
Phil "Benjamin Button" Sutton smoked a ball down the 1st base line all the way to the fence and took off like a man possessed. As he closed in on 3rd base we realised he had a chance so we called him onwards... he makes it and gets himself an in field home run too.
The crowd erupted much like Phil's lungs.... so happy yet so buggered.
By the end of the day it was 21-10. Another powerhouse batting display.
Also Kurt pulled out of the before play as he injured himself putting on his socks ???

That 's why they are winning folks.....well swung bats and well fitted socks!

So that brings us to the boys from Blackheath.

The rag tag equal opportunity team that is H West.



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The Master of the Blue Horizon and the Dude-ist Lama speak!

Staggering out of the darkness of never ending forfeits and washouts, Blue Mountains H Grade at last basked in the light with the promise of playing Baseball at St Mary's on Saturday.

With our Dear Leader first up in taking on the St Mary's well-fed attack, we were three up and three down though with three good cracks of the bat. Due to concerns about their pitcher's ability to make the climb, St Mary's has removed their mound so our pitchers had their Chakras out of alignment for most of the game and we saw more balls than bulk-billing vasectomy clinic. A tense game ensued with both sides pitching with the determination and accuracy of a drunk teenager hitting a piñata, though, luckily for the Royals, it was our batting that stepped up notch that brought the glory! Second dig sees our youngish, yet craggily handsome catcher, cracking out a base hit before the team follows with a series of strikes that reduces the pitcher to steaming pile of grumpiness. Julie continues to hold RBI record cracking in some rippers and making a great base hit while Pete is around the bags at such speed that he appears to alter the space-time continuum. The Terminator, Jeff, returns after having his foot bolted back together and Stevie D's belt to right field is probably still travelling to Victoria. Mike's work around the bases was stunning as was his steal to home that culminated in a slide reminiscent of an octopus falling out of a tree. Clarkey is looking and doing the goods when he took over the catching role in his new gear, while Jobbo terrifically confused the bejesus out of everyone with his random calls of how many out etc. Dear Leader led from the front but the highlight was towards the end of the game. Lochy was on the flat-thing/rubber in a battle with the St Mary's pitcher who had the sads because he had only managed to eat 6 meat pies for breakfast and that he couldn't see how Lochy's pitches were going in knee height.

So with a big "C'mon BRING IT, BRING IT!!" to Lochy, Lochy checks, winds ups and LETS IT RIP BABY! Fast ball cutter and the batter ejects him-self from the game after chucking a big tanty. Great win by the team with the final being 18-8 to the Royals. Lomatia next game... be THERE

I have to play with that..... (I think the truth was a victim here but who 's gonna complain?)

So this week i.e. tomorrow where are we at?

F and H West are at Lomatia and G3 West are terrorizing Penriff again!

**But ALL three of our teams are in the Playoffs –
AWESOME.**

Is makes me feel so warm and fuzzy—oops better turn off the electric blanket!

FYI –The SMLB have corrected our wrong placing in H grade and now means we have a shot at second place on the ladder.

Jobbo –are you playing this week or what –Jen (Cuz) –kick him for me!



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.....you would think we only play baseball.
So here what else is going on at the club!

Wedding Bells!!!!!!!!!!!!

Pass me the tissues, please, Wil, it was so sweet!

Kurt Dunn (H) proposed to Monica via the score board at AT&T park this week in San Francisco
– s he accepted.

I can see it now— just like in Bull Durham!

Down south in Melbourne, former Royal Mike Tranter (H) sent out invitations to his nuptials.
AAAAHHHHH. So romantic.

He returns—LJ was finally released from BALI—welcome home!

Matty Beach (H) is this weekend at training camp for the NSW u17 state team—Go Matty!

Who like ah um wants to see COLD CHISEL?

The Deni Ute Muster is offering Sports Grants to Clubs who send players to attend the Muster this year ' \$25 per player to the club. Now that would be a good end of season away trip!

I 've got a Ute -who 's with me?

CANTEEN!

Holly is in the USA for a wedding this weekend and we have no one to do the Canteen.

Read as—NO DOGS AND BEERS!

HELP!

Please contact me (0411099473) if you could pitch in and help at some time during the day.

We will set it up and be there to guide you.

Pitching machine.

We have the new parts for the machine now and it is available to use again!



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.....the last inning! **MASTERS IN LISMORE!**

GENTLE FOLK –I IMPLORE YOU!

Please consider joining in our soiree to the north come September!

Many of you are weary but let me assure you it is a lot of ball playing, social and great Merch.

We still don 't have a team and we will start bugging you incessantly from now on!

SOFTBALL.

The Club is still taking registration for Softball 's coming summer season. We need good mountain people like your selves to play. Trent, Kesha, Janet and Stevie will take you on a magic carpet ride of fun at Glenmore Park this summer.

BASEBALL PRESENTATION!

Remember the date 26th September –details will emerge shortly –really!

BARBARA POVIC EVENING.

A last hurrah for one of our special ladies. Come join us for dinner and a laugh and catch up some history on our club.

All of the above events are detailed on our website! Thanks Liz -great stuff!

That's all for now boys and girls—See you somewhere out there!

“You can't sit on a lead and run a few plays down the line and just kill the clock. You've got to throw the ball over the damn plate and give the other man a chance.

That's why baseball is the greatest game of them all!”

Earl Weaver—Baltimore Orioles.