

Baseball Newsletter



WINTER 2016 #11

IT STARTED OUT LIKE ANY OTHER SATURDAY MORNING.....

Up at the park at 10am -ish, rake this, shovel that, mark lines, set up tents and hang for the hot dogs and then...

G3 Royals game report - 28 May 2016

Lomatia did itself proud and provided the one place in New South Wales not drenched by rain in the previous 12 hours. In our preparation Sauron, the indefatigable, gave us the usual pre-game pep-talk:

- focus on the ball not the player
- they can only play as well as we let them
- roll the tackled player onto her/his back wherever possible
- quick play the balls
- no loose passes in our own quarter
- support the ball runner
- number up in defence
- look for a 40/20 towards the back end of each half
- if scores are tight take the field goal early

With those words ringing in our ears, we slapped each other with a raw steak or lentil patty and ran down the race and onto the field. Little did we know what lay ahead...

Lochie pitched a no-hitter and everyone in the batting line up is looking forward to a little silver bat at presentation night. Outstanding effort by the Royals - a faultless performance. Royals 56 - Opposition 0.

Coming from the ground Lochie said the following to reporters:

“[puff, puff, big slurp of sponsors product, puts on other sponsors hat] yeah, credit to the boys (and ladies); we dug in, stepped up to the plate, toughed it out, and supported each other; the opposition really put it to us today, it was backs to the wall stuff, but we stood up when it counted; yeah, nah, my broken jaw won't stop me from playing next week – the medical team and the peptide support here are great; coach said to stick to our jobs and that's what we did; football was the winner today; yeah, I had a great game but it's not about me it's about the team. [Begins to walk to the changing sheds, stops and looks at the sky] I think we had the Lord Sauron on our side today.”

Postscript

Owing to popular demand the following is provided to assist you when reading G3 game reports. Let it never be said that the G3 Royals are anything but clear off the field – we like to take all our confusion onto the diamond!

Lexicon of possibly incomprehensible words and phrases in G3 game reports

Elysian Fields - in Greek mythology, the final resting places of the souls of the heroic and the virtuous; aka Lomatia.

Siren call - In [Greek mythology](#), the Sirens were beautiful yet dangerous creatures, who lured nearby sailors with their enchanting music and voices to shipwreck on the rocky coast of their island; what happens to any human observer when Lochie mounts the mound.

Demon fields of Hades - was the [ancient Greek god](#) of the [underworld](#), which eventually took his name; Lomatia during an RFS burn-off.

Texan Smoker BBQ –barbeque, with off-set firebox, designed to retain heat and smoke from the charcoal, and lock in moisture and oils from the food for succulent flavours; unrivalled by other types of cooking; the Master of the Blue Horizons latest welding project; Lomatia during an RFS burn-off.

Local hair dressers – one of the many sub-cultures that rapturously follow Lightening Bolt around the diamonds that G3 play at.

Passing surrealists – artists whose aim is to resolve the previously contradictory conditions of dream and reality - surrealist works feature the element of surprise, unexpected juxtapositions and non sequitur; what happens in most G3 games.

Anus-child/tweezer dick – affectionate terms used for opposing catchers of little virtue.



THE WANKERVILLE IGUANA'S
LOST 97-0 DUE TO A
QUESTIONABLE DECISION
BY THE MANAGER.

Suddenly there is a contest to see who can review G2 first – the Rookie wins!

G2 were at home again 2:45 at sunny but cold Lomatia gardens. Hot dogs were on, beer was cold and G3 were lingering like little kids who had no presents left under the tree at Christmas after a no show from their opponents.

Coach bistro read the lineup and it had the makings of success. Phil, Adam and Mr October were at 1,2 and 3. Brett Murphy was short, Owen, Steve and Gerard patrolled the outfield while Chris took the mound pumping them into Bistro at the plate.

The Cardinals put a few on in the first couple of digs with the enthusiasm of the Royals resembling that of a election speech. There were a few moments of delight with some great fielding by Brett Murphy and spectacular catch by Steve Beard that even he had to look in the glove to see if he made it. But apart from a vocal bench and Dave Brodie hollering from the plate there was little life at the party.

Then something happened at the bat and the G2 boys came to life. Balls were being hit, runs were coming and the team that has the potential for back to back grand final victory came to life. We had clawed back to 13-10 behind and a win was in reach. A few minor changes were made on the field Big Ezi moving into 1, Glen Murphy took control at the plate and most notably Mr October took to the mound with what looked like something from a photo shoot. The late afternoon Sun setting, sending an orange beam of light matching the facial ginge and the earthy tones on the mound. It was a sight to be hold.

Not much changed in the next dig with a couple of small errors and the wrong bounce of the ball, the mood dropped. As the cardinals put runs on the board we couldn't match them at the bat. A good crack from El Capitan and a few others wasn't enough. They took

the victory and we only had Holly and the hotdogs left to be happy about.

It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog.

We have the skill, we have the knowledge, we just have to want it bad enough reach out with both hands and take it. G2 IT IS OUR TIME.

The Rookie

Down on the dusty entrails of Ashley Brown it's over to you AT.....

F2 vs Kings Langley

Well there was bad news before the game started, Angus can't pitch for 4-6 weeks. Oh dear, who can pitch, Steve Down also out with ankle injury. The call went out to Macca and the big man answered the call.

So we start with showing up at Kings Langley and no bases out, no lines marked. NOOOOOO surely not!!! Then a little man comes over the hill and they have 7, 2 running late. So we start, the motto, we need to hit and score lots of runs!!!!

So we get 1 run in the first, time for Macca to take the mound. They score 1 run, 1 all.

Bottom of the 2nd Petto drove in 2 runs and Matt New drove in 3, we score 6, they then have a few gaps, we have a few errors, they all of a sudden score 8. Oh dear.
Down 9-7.

We then hit back with 5 more and Macca puts up a 0. We then score 6 to make in 18-9, thanks to a MASSVE 3 run HOMERUN by Brad Murray 2 games in a row. This one was a no doubter, homerun on any ground!!!

Macca then allowed a couple of runs in the last 2 innings to make final score 18-11. Pitched well, plenty of ground balls, a few errors from field, but all in all we HIT and fielded well, great job Macca on the mound!! Just have to back it up against the top teams

Thanks Brett for thinking about umpiring and Wil for actually umpiring

So that's the week that was.

**This glorious weekend – rain permitting – here is the draw!
G3 Cowgirls travel to Kemps Creek (ah the irony) for the late show,
G2 attempt to change the future at Penriff Spotted Cats early,
And of course F2 travel to Fairfield to plunder and pillage -2.45.
Fair balls and good umpires to you all.**

OSCAR!

Until he has raised the money I will not let up.

Kesha tells me he is half way to achieving his goal. Great news!

That is no excuse to not give a little if you haven't already.

If you are so inclined there are Cadbury Fundraising boxes to be had and are proving very successful. Please see me or Kesha to get one.

No home game this week but next week I will be doing a Salvation Army walk around with the box – BE READY!



IT'S OFFICIAL!



Blue Mountains Baseball Club Winter 2016 Presentation Evening is

27th August 2016.

It is a Saturday.

The venue is again at the Royal Hotel, Springwood – home of our proud sponsors.

I know I promised no band, but there must be as the hotel gods decree it.

However –we will have the whole back of the building to ourselves.

The band again is Salt featuring our ex-own Craig WJ.

The dinner will be a BUFFETT with choice of 5 mains, 2 salads and desserts and bread rolls.

The cost will be \$50 per person.

Times will be sorted out closer to the day.
Put it in your diary app.

NO WORD FROM MACKILLOP – QUE SERA SERA.

Elizabeth Buckley



This, my friends, is our shy but ever present Web-mistress
(and I mean that nicely).

Liz has been involved with the club for nearly two decades, with both her boys starting as Softball Juniors. Dan Buckley came over to Baseball for a couple of years and mum followed and stayed.

She designed, set up and maintains the website for free and freely.

If you haven't checked it out do so in all its up to date glory.

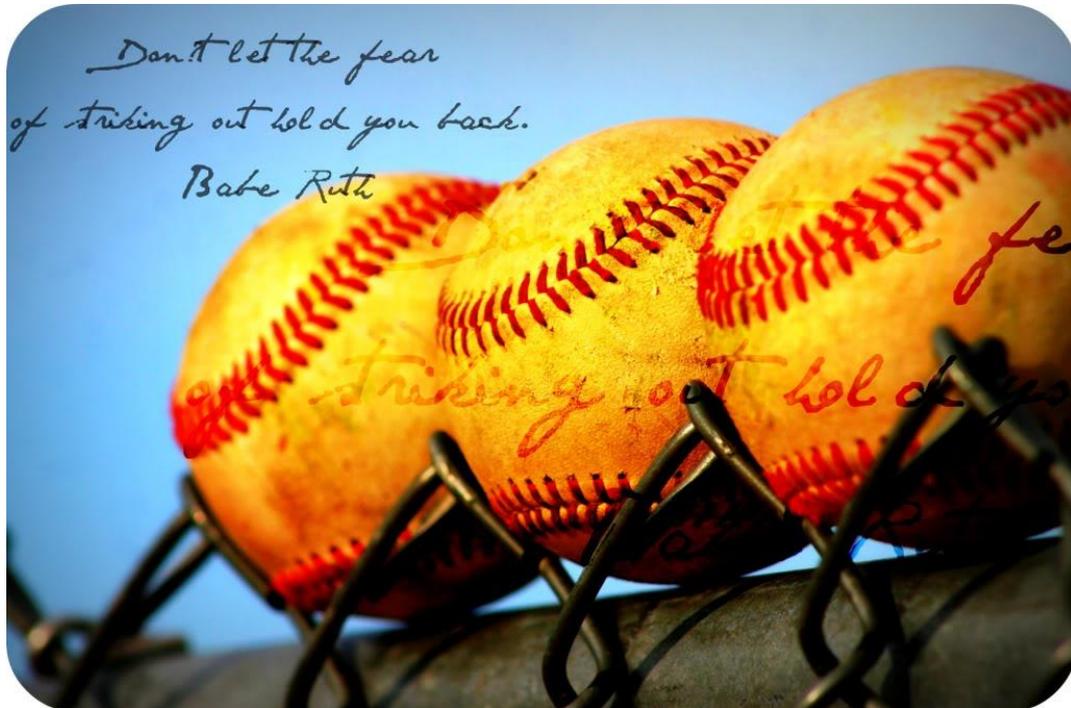
Thank you Elizabeth – see you at Presentation Night.

www.bluemountainsbaseball.weebly.com

It doesn't look like there is a June masters this year BUT...
Can I interest anyone with this little tournament?



And now as brother Bistro plays “Take me out to the Ballgame” on the Hammond Organ we hear from the scriptures according to the great Bambino...
Chapter one –verse one...



Such wisdom – such simplicity – so hard to hit.

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And with a tip of his brim, adjusted his trench coat, he turned toward the moon and disappeared into the cold and foggy night