

Baseball Newsletter



WINTER 2016 #15

THE DROUGHT BREAKS – FOR G3 AT LEAST!

**New blood this week as Cate Moon takes us through the play by play for G3
Cowboys et all!**

Hi all this recap of G3s win 9-3 against the Penrith leopards is brought you by your guest recapper Mrs Moonboot. Mike the Dude (G3s usual reporter) was to concussed from the hit by pitcher (took it on the head literally) to remember what actually happened in the game. Get better Dude.

Well it was a not so sunny and or windy day at Lomatia Park on a winning afternoon. G3, were hankering for a win (we haven't had many as you may have noticed). Especially coming off such a great game last week (yes we lost but it was our best game yet, until this game).

Moonboot as our starting pitcher and what a start! No runs scored against us. Nothing was getting past the youngest of the team, The Legendary Lords (LLs), Liam and Lochie. One throw each to The Dude on first for the outs. A fumble here and there but a great third out by our catcher for the day Stevie H to save the innings. So in we come for a bat. Must have just been his day for starting, Moonboot was also our starting batter. G3 had a cracker of a first innings bat we got 5 home. Paul must of had his weetbix that day, he hit that ball sky high and far afield. But those pesky spotted cats were quick to leap into action and chase the ball down. Making him have chance to get his breath back before bounding home.

The spotted Cats weren't purring at this point, so they brought out their big guns, they put on some runs this innings but were suddenly stopped in their hunt for runs. The LLs were at again with a brilliant double play. Liam scoops up the ball and with flick of his wrist gets the ball to Lochie, patiently waiting on second. OUT!!, Lochie throws to The Dude on first (he's not concuss yet) and it was close but the kitty cat was out. Side away.

Second batter in and The Dude is up to bat, a swing here, a ball there and then Crack! It was heard across all of springwood. The dude takes one for the team with a ball to the head (love those helmets people). Shaking it off with wobble here and wobble there he takes his walk to first, only stopping to check if he has to buy a new helmet on the way home. We had 1 or 2 make it home that innings.

Inning 3 went in flash but nothing too exciting to report. Some great backing up from the

outfielders Matty, Julie, and myself. And another run or 2 from the royals to build up the score. Moonboot took a brilliant foul catch running in from the mound and with an out stretched glove grabbed that ball and made sure not to let go. OUT!! Moonboot decided he let Lochie come in to finish out the game. And boy did he pitch. They hit left, they hit right, he went over the plate and strike was called out loud proud quite a few times for the rest of the game.

We closed out the game without any runs from either team. The Spotted cats stayed for some after game refreshments and a paddle in the newly installed (Friday night) paddling pool. The

Royals are getting better at this hospitality gig.

G3 would like to say thank you to our umpires for the game. Stevie B always enthusiastic at everything he does. Made sure to let Paul know when it was a strike. And thank you Phill S for the base umpiring. You umpired the game so closely we couldn't even distract you from the job.

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G2 –not so good but always a good yarn with the Rookie!

Saturday 2:45pm LOMATIA GARDENS. Things were different. It was overcast, there was a new lake installed near the dugouts, and super coach Brodie was not there with his enthusiasm and high hopes of success to lead the charge. The mood was different, El Capitan grabbed the clipboard by the horns and started talking strategies and plays and eased the tension just enough for us all to know we were in a safe place.

With B Murph away, Showbags away and Brodie away, we were down play makers, pitchers, passionate proverbs and players. Major reshuffling had to occur on the diamond to get the game underway. Big O lead the charge from the mound firing to Capa with Phil Sutton at 1, Rhino at 2, Man Ginge at 3 and Chillie at short. Gerard, G Murph and S Beard filled out the ground. Winston Hills batted well putting a few on the board, but nothing special to send us into Bat. A few swings, a few misses then G Murph had a crack getting a 2 base hit. Phil Sutton, Kurt and Big Ezi got on bag and getting a couple on the board to keep our interest in the game. Second dig had big O with a body count of 2 and Winston Hills scoring plenty more to keep us chasing. Up to bat again this time with El Capitan leading from the front with a huge outfield hit picking up 2 bags and most of us wanting him to take the third, lifting the mood and keeping the fire stoked. We grabbed another couple and it was time for a change.

Kurt Climbed onto the mound with G Murph taking his spot as catcher. Big O moved to left field and Big Ezi coming in to third.

This is when things started to change. Nobody was even aware of Winston Hills or their score, it was all about G2 and the highlights reel. There was magical catches from Rhino, Chillie and another great one from S Beard innings after innings, but I believe catch of the season goes to Gerard in centre field with a mad dash to his right, a leap, a stretch, a grab, a dive and a body role to take the catch. Big cheers from both sides had him scoring perfect tens from all judges.

Phil Sutton then lost his virginity at the mound with an impressive effort swinging balls every which way. Even Winstan Hills commented on his efforts. Again at the Bat some great hits from Big O, Chillie and Kurt, but another cracker from Capa leading from the front was only out done by S Beard on the bounce outfield hit had us all thinking we were at a cricket ground.

Time and Game was called and nobody new what the score was. With the great individual efforts, a lot of great moments and highlights, real bursting at the seams we got a 2 out of 3 cheer rating from the Capa. We heard on the grape vine that we

lost 23-7 but as mentioned its irrelevant and besides 3-1 odds sounds better. Well played every one, every step we take is one step closer to the main event of the season. The BATTLE ROYAL , 9 innings (still unconfirmed) at the Grand Lomatia Gardens, 12:30 Saturday the 30th of July G2 v G3. Better bring your game face G3 we are ready.

The Rookie

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F2 – no matter what they do can't cut a break –but still in the top four

AT's review was simple stark and revealing.....

"Terribly –got belted"

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So –to this week!

G3 fly solo at Lomatia –finally the shirtfronter is back!

With St Mary's at 12.30!

G2 – pack their bags and off to St Mays at 12.30 as well.

F2, having trouble getting players, but intending to go to Fairfield to regain their composure.

Good luck, fair winds and plain sailing to all!

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You have waited patiently and here they are!

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It's getting closer Diamond Travellers!



Not one RSVP –so we will start chasing you all this week –
Sic'em coaches.

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SOFTBALL REGO AGAIN THIS WEEK!

The well oiled machine that is BMSoftball is well under way and first week was the largest ever (first week that is)!
This sundae 10 till 1!
THINK BOUT IT!

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THE CONTEST!

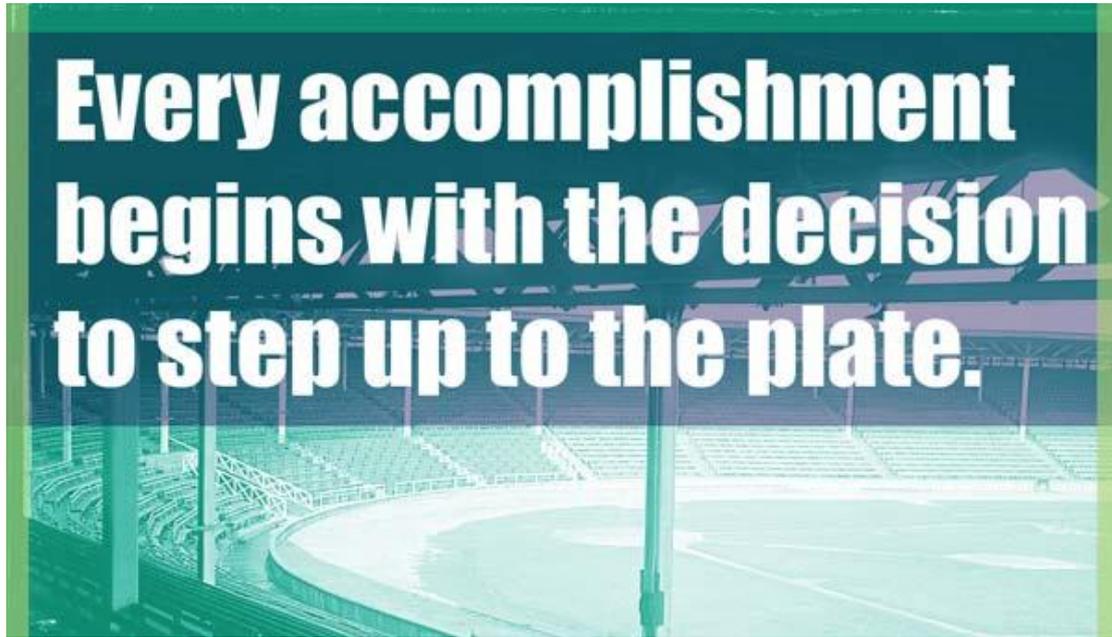
G2 V G3 WESTERN

Fancy this – those strapping young brutes in the upper grade picking a fight with the team of old men, ladies and infants. Shame on youse!
2 weeks to go!



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Let's settle mood with Baseball wisdom!



So that's all – wash your plate and of to bed!