

Baseball Newsletter



WINTER 2016 #16

AIN'T IT THE DARNDEST SEASON?



Let's start with the good news!
F2 are back on the perch!

Going into what could have been our last game of the season the boys were pumped to win and hopefully get into 2nd spot. The game started with a cue end shot from myself that just flew over the 2nd baseman's head, stole 2nd, Brad hit me over to 3rd, and Petto got a RBI single to 2nd. 1-0.

Macca then took to the mound. A grounder back to Macca, a walk and a double play short stop and Brett Murphy's silky skills at 3rd ended the inning in 10 pitches. The 2 pitchers then traded 0s for a couple of innings with Macca looking strong. Petto made

plays in left, Brad jumped up to pull down a catch at 2nd, and every 2nd ball got hit to Chris at 3rd and nailed the throw to Brett who was safe as houses at 1st base.

In the top of the 4th Steve singled, Chris singled, Scott walked and the bases were loaded, oops until Steve got too eager at 3rd and got thrown out in a run down. Chris then scored on a single to right by Adam.

A few more innings of 0s before they scored 1 in the 6th and 1 in the 7th, bases loaded and a flyout to the safe hands of Matt in Centre field. 2-2 going into the 8th inning. yes that's not a TYPO the 8th Inning. I led off with a single, stole 2nd, stole 3rd and Brad drove me in to take the lead 3-2. Petto then drilled one past the centre fielder to score Brad all the way from first and Petto safe at 3rd with a triple.

We take to the field bottom of the 8th with a 4-2 lead. Macca working past the 100 pitch mark gets the first out with a ground out to Chris at 3rd, then a hit drilled to left field. Macca takes deep breath. A walk oh dear runners on 1st and 2nd. Macca induces a ground out to short, AT flips to Brad at 2nd, runners slides hard into Brad, and throw is too late at first. So much for safe sliding to avoid contact. I query the play calmly. Call stands. Macca then gets the next batter to pop up and Brett takes the catch in foul territory. GAME OVER ROYALS WIN, THE ROYALS win. Sorry copied Yankees announcer there. LOL.

A great time win with us getting 16 hits, just left runners on all game. Man of the match to Macca pitching 8 strong innings, 110 pitches, 4 strikes outs, 6 walks, 11 ground outs (most of them to Chris at 3rd). Superb fielding with no errors. Everything we touched turned to Gold!! Let's hope that continues for 4 more weeks.

Special thanks to Brett Murphy who gave up playing for his own team to help us out and played a great first base. He drilled a couple of balls too, just straight to fielders.

So this week we play Hawkesbury at Lomatia at 2.45pm (where is that again!! It's been too long!!) Result doesn't impact table so 2nd place is ours leading into the semis

Special shout out to Jobbo. Hope you're feeling better from all the F2 boys

Good work lads, lovely club work Murph.

Wheres the Rookie?

G2

This week the boys of G2 travelled to St Mary's for some action. It was a day of huge DD's. It brought a smile to the face of all of us. Innuendo's over let me tell you all about it.

Saturday was once again barmy, but the grounds were no Royal Lomatia Gardens. The mood was high after a week of team bonding and an over consumption of various American appetizers and beverages. (big thanks again Cappa). We were ready for a good one.

First dig started well with both sides in and out with not a lot between us. Big O doing what he does best on the mound being caught by El Capitan. Chillie, Bistro,

Man Ginge and Big Ezi filled the inside, Gerard, G Murph and S Beard filled the outside. Second dig had St Marys 's getting a couple on the board and all of us feeling a little nervous especially Chillie who is expecting his first and she was 6 days overdue. Despite a few good cracks G2 were struggling at the end of the third with a problem that has plagued us most of the season, getting runs on the board. A Change up was made with Rhino coming into the game at 2, Bistro moving to 1st. THEN IT HAPPENED. Out of nowhere they came, the doubles. A crack was heard and like a missile it fired straight down the first base line and into the rock solid glove of super Coach Brodie. He too, shocked by his performance but, always cool in the moment takes the casual step onto the bag to get the runner that was on 1 but now left dumb founded by the brilliance he had just encountered. While the excitement settled and everyone tried to recompose themselves to continue the game another victim entered the box. Bases loaded and like a scud missile it fired from the batters box a mere 50mm off the ground, Rhino drops without thought, but pure instinct to take the catch at two. Kurt on the move to 2nd takes the throw from Rhino to get the second out. Early and much deserved celebrations were under way as a holla and a shout are heard by S Beard and Big Ezi to throw to third as the runner was on his way back. The throw from Kurt was taken by Big Ezi at third as the runner hits the bag. It may have been three but nothing beats spectacular **double doubles**. Kurt Climbed onto the mound for a great effort. Big O moved out and G Murph moved in to play out the game and go down to St Marys and there new on target pitcher . Great effort from all but once again the highlights gave us all something to talk about after the game. Showbags was missed and big effort to B Murph filling in for F grade.

2-12 or something.

On behalf of all the G2 crew our thoughts are with Jobbo and his family. If what doesn't kill you makes you stronger, he must be one tough unit.

Thank you Rookie –one and only!

G3 West – The scoop!

It started out like any other day, threatening clouds over Lomatia, St Marys turn up sneering,, Hot dogs heating, last minute scorer arrives (thanks Pete – really sorry I was so short with you) and the scene was set.
The old master takes the mound and commences to pitch like he was 20 years younger. Wil and I look at each other –he is on fire!

Then the unthinkable happened.

As he was walking up the back of the mound, Jobbo twists –turns and collapses on the ground.

What followed was a sobering experience for all at the park.
Todd Alchin from St. Marys offers his help and commences CPR and Mike Brogan joins him in the desperate fight to bring him back.

In the minutes that followed these two did just that.
Soon 2 Ambulances, 2 Police vehicles, Police Rescue and a van of Detectives arrived and took charge of the situation.

Once the old trooper was stable he was taken to Nepean Hospital.
Happily we can inform all that as of Wednesday evening he is back at home.
He required no surgery and will be able to manage his condition with
medication.

He kept saying he was sorry for causing us all the fuss and to not worry.

Reckons he will be ready to play Saturday -RIGHT!

A special mention to Leanne and Julie for manning the phones.
Everyone did what they could in the circumstances and that makes us all very
proud and humbled.



OMG- Steve, we still went down 2-0 – mongrels!

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This week we hope is a little less hectic with G3 taking on Mackillop at 12.30 at home
F2 take the late slot against Hawksbury (We are in 2nd place –awesome).
G2 have to go all the way to Centenary to play Rouse Hill at 2.45.

Good luck all of youse!

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Don't forget you G's – next week is the battle for Lomatia.

G against G, mate against mate, bragging rights up for the taking!

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Speaking of LOMATIA – who knows why it is called LOMATIA?

Sit down Showbags – it's not yer mums maiden name!

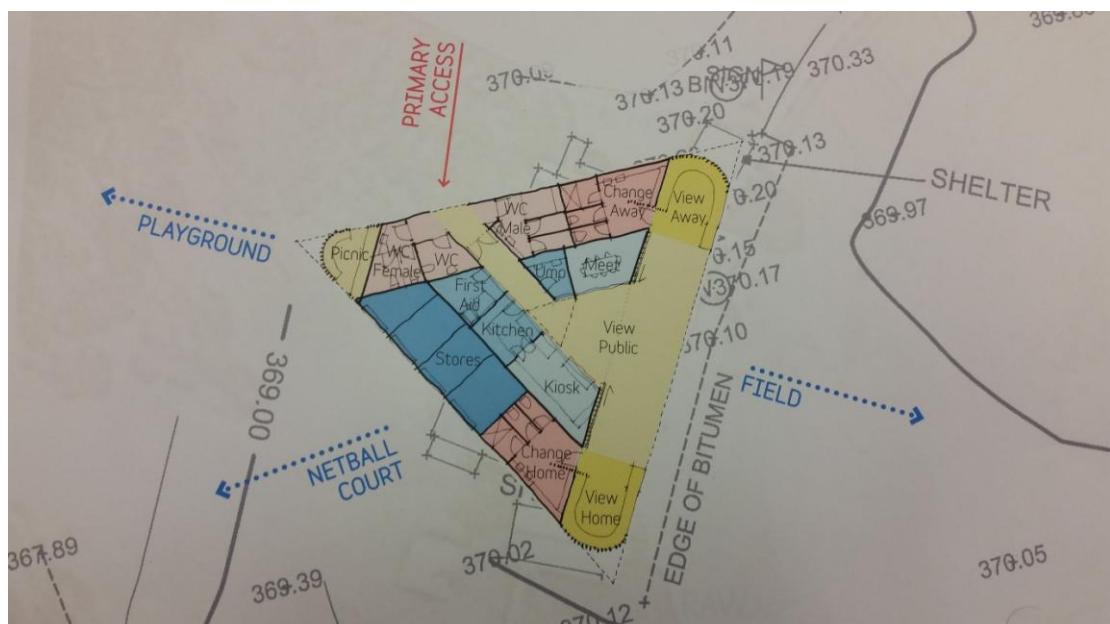
**The native wildflowers that grow in the slopes of Birdwood Gully at the rear of
the park's botanical names are:-**

Lomatia Stafolia and Lomatia Mynicodies

So there – run that thru your spell check!

**That amazing fact was revealed to your representatives on the Lomatia Park
Redevelopment Committee (I just made that up) whilst we were presented with the
first draft proposal of the new Pavilion.**

This is it – your opinions most welcome.



No you're not seeing things it is Triangular – and all of us agreed it looks sensational.

HOODIES/TSHIRTS/ HOODIES/TSHIRTS

As we won't see G2 till next week – could those of you that are interested in either please text me (0411099473) if you wish to order one.

Wil will be putting in an order on Monday.



NICE!

Available in ladies colours as well as littlies sizes.

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Softball still taking Registrations you late comers!

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Baseball Trivia coz I ain't done none this year!

The New York Yankees were originally the Baltimore Orioles, they moved to New York and became the Highlanders and finally the Yankees.

Sigh.....