

Baseball Newsletter



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Week 3 and

OH! THE CONTROVERSY!

Well my fellow travellers on the road to home plate, Saturday last left us a win and a loss and a WTF???????

Shall we start with the G3 West game first up at the Royal Lomatia Gardens?
This week's guest reviewer is Julie, part of team Devaney.....

The afternoon was warm, a slight breeze whispered its way across Lomatia, the sunlight reflected off the bases and batter's box. The light smell of liniment hung in the air. It's time to Play Ball!

If my school vice-principal was correct Royals G3 looked the part with our new uniforms on, so with that in mind we were going to be awesome and thanks to the umpire making us tuck in our shirts we were going to be doubly awesome.

Behold, the vice-principal was right, Jeff pitching strikes like they were on a string and the ball sticking in Matt's catcher's glove like it had Velcro. First innings K2, easy out for Wil at first base and a catch for Cate at two, only one run from St Marys in the first.

Despite Jeff and Matt pitching and catching like pros we were still behind at the end of the third 5-6.

St Mary's should have brought their 3D glasses (3-Devaney glasses) so they could see what was coming at them. The St Marys batter hit an enormous hit to right field picked up by Julie Devaney, she hit the cut-off (Paul Devaney) who rocketed the ball to third base (Liam Devaney) to tag out the runner who had no idea the ball was even on it's way.

Liam showed his athleticism diving for catches and sliding into bases, lucky he can catch because he can't count opposition outs while base coaching, leaving poor Steve L. like a shag on a rock on second base with no hope of tagging back to first after a caught fly-ball leading to a double-play for St Marys. (Ouch MUM cruel)

However, by this stage Royals were in control with Lochie splitting fielders with his batting, Matt's precision third-base line-drive, a blur of double baggers (Jeff, Julie, Liam...). Cate resisted the urge to go for the hit whilst on a full count, a walk to first base leading to her first run home. The whole team was hitting and stealing and scoring runs...we were edging in front of St Marys.

Lochie pitched the remainder of the game and St Marys had no reply to the speed other than taking out their own spectators with foul balls, there was an attempt by St Marys to take out the umpire with a foul tip too but as he had his shirt tucked in he was OK.

In the end G3 Royals victorious 15-9 over St Marys.

As Matt said good to get a win over and done with! I think?

Introducing the Main Act at 2.45 – G2...

Nobody tells it like Showbags –nobody (we are cursed).....

So once again we were at home and facing Kellyville? Oh how our run home will be all away games....

So we started off with the Murphy boys pitching and catching. Things went well after 3 innings as we lead by 2.

So coach goes to the bullpen. Wild thing (Owen) strides to the mound and starts firing missiles towards the opposition. Unfortunately accuracy wasn't there for him. After a few runs and walks Coach called in Showbags to finish of the innings. 7 run rule applied. Gulp. We batted on and kept it close but ran out of time.

Good rally from the boys and if it wasn't for some lucky hits we may have been able to win it.

Wild Thing broke something on a slide back into 1st base – waiting for the X-rays!

Not sure of final score? Was close though!

Don't let details cloud the story Phil. Good game to watch.

It was a beautiful day for Baseball at Fairfield, so off went the F2 crusaders under the coachage of Chris Jones with the intent of doing just that – at 2.45!

But – what's that – do they see an angry crowd awaiting them?

“Where have you guys been? – the game was at 12.30!”

Whaaaaaaaaaaaaa! No one told us!

To this moment no one has seen an email, SMS, pigeon, telegram, fax, telex or pony express rider relaying the message to the BMBSC.

As I type our lawyers are talking to their lawyers who are talking to the SMBL lawyers to see who can dodge the blame the most!

Harrumph – surely not a forfeit.

We will keep you posted!

All going to plan this week sees F2 playing Kings Langley GOLD, at everyone's favourite water hazard Ashley Brown @ 2.45

G2 sidle down the Springwood bends to play Hawksbury “Hawks” at Bensons Lane 2 @12.30.

Lastly the OILS (Oldies, infants and ladies) play Colyton St Clair “Chiefs” at Sam Marsden @ 12.30.

Good luck to one and all.

FEES.

I won't mention it again, but thank you one and all for bearing with us and getting yourselves all registered and paid up. The transition has been a relatively smooth one with a little bit of last minute wheeling and dealing.

The deadline has come and gone and we have wrapped it up.

Unfortunately the Cannon brothers and Peter McManus could not play and have withdrawn. Mark Lancaster struck a last minute deal and is in.

UNIFORMS!

Hopefully everyone has their Jerseys and caps now. Once I get a list from the G2 coach I shall send each of you recipients an email detailing the cost and how to pay.

At some point in a couple of weeks we will need all jerseys that are not embroidered or have the ROYAL decal on them back from you. We then take them to the strange man in a dingy factory to administer them both. At no cost to you but rather paid by our sponsors
The Royal Hotel Springwood.



Great to see good crowds coming up to catch the action at home games. Holly was back in full flight this last week doing her usual excellent job. Please support the Canteen as all the funds go direct to the club and help us purchase equipment and helps to keep fees down.
Champagne day for the Ladies next home game stand!

Check out the BM Baseball Website – Liz Buckley keeps it up to date, even though we are bad with info – we are kinda proud of it. We don't have a "gorgeous chicky babe" like Colyton Chiefs but who wants to see Macca in a bikini anyway???

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Let's hope the weather keeps clear and it gets cold soon!

Trivia fact to get us under way.....

The first Professional Baseball Club was the Red Stockings BB Club of Cincinnati – first game 5/4/71. 5 years before Custer's Last Stand.

This year my quotes (I couldn't resist) come from the sport master himself.
"Worry is like a rocking chair – it gives you something to do but gets you nowhere"

Please consider.

That's it you lot – nothing to see here –move along!