

# Baseball Newsletter



WINTER 2016 #6

## DAMN THE TORPEDOS –FULL STEAM AHEAD!

Oh but wait – there is a forfeit on the horizon!

Oh no – F2 are out in the car park again!

Following last weeks debacle now F2 didn't have to go to Ashley Brown after all  
– shame that.

The previous debacle at Fairfield has resolved in the decision being made to call it a “No game”  
and rescheduled for later in the year. Possibly in the June Long Weekend, he said!

Having said that Fairfield are coming up to the friendly confines of Lomatia Fields for the late  
game this week.

Hope they check the times!!!!!!!!!!

G2 – the wonder team went to Penrith – so what happened Phil?

Phil? Phil? PHIL???

Guess the burden of journalism was too much!

To quote Coach (29 to the Bistro) –

“Hmm- not very good – we lost”

To complete the trifecta G3 Western shimmied down the M4 to Sam Marsden  
Reserve!

I leave you in the hands of our resident Dudeist Lama.....

HALF a league, half a league,  
Half a league onward,  
All in the valley of Death  
Rode the six hundred.  
'Forward, the Light Brigade!  
Charge for the guns!' he said:  
Into the valley of Death  
Rode the six hundred.

And so, the G3 Royals rode; under a heavy grey sky, not seen since last season, onto the manicured diamond at Sam Marsden Reserve. Our opponents, suited more to F grade,

were impressive in their warm-ups. It may have quickened the heart, but our minds were sharp and ready for battle.

Moonboot and Matty began impressively, and with Liams's cannon in full cry the visitors were up and down without scoring. Here the challenge for your G3 Royals really began, as the pitcher was fast and could move the ball around in a way not seen by many G3ers before. Still, a walk here, a line drive there, and after the first innings the Royals were leading 1-0. The match was tight for a couple of innings before the class of our red-suited opponents began to take over. But there was no shame as the Royals battled on mightily. In the outfield Steve H and Cate defended impressively, while the infield, led by Julie, did their level best to keep a lid on the power of our adversaries.

The G3 Royals wish to thank Will, Gandalf, and our families for their support during an entertaining and good-spirited game. But before your correspondent closes this account, two honourable mentions are necessary.

With bases loaded, and our soon to be drug-tested short stop moving towards a full count, Paul decided to steal home. If you recall the final scene in the Mel Gibson movie *Gallipoli* where young Archie is machine-gunned down in a completely futile attempt to storm the Turkish troops, then you have some idea of the shock and hurt G3 felt as Paul was forlornly stretchered back to the bench.

The final picture, dear reader, is that of our illustrious leader deep at left field. A missile was propelled into the stratosphere and all eyes turned towards the lonely figure of Steve L. The hang time was - fair dinkum - about 45 seconds. The wind was howling, and there were tears in many eyes just watching the scene play out so. The agony was palpable - it was if time had stopped. The steely look of determination, so well-known on champion sporting stars, was not evident on our leader's terror-filled face. The ball reached its zenith and began to hurtle back to earth. As it fell the flames from re-entry were clear for all to see. Our leader, appeared to have a death-wish and moved himself closer to the point of impact. Embarrassment, another run, and ignominy appeared inevitable. But yee of little faith!!! In the last instant, our leader, courageous and noble, stuck his glove out, and... kerplunk! A great catch! Final score 2-12.

When can their glory fade?  
O the wild charge they made!  
All the world wonder'd.  
Honour the charge they made!  
Honour the Light Brigade,  
Noble six hundred!

**Hmmm –been better weeks but what's next?**

**F2 are at home v Fairfield @ 2.45  
G2 are at home v St. Marys Cardinals @ 12.30  
G3 Western at going flat to Penrith @ 2.45  
Let's see some wins folks!**

**Canteen note – Holly leaving after game one –thanks in advance to Katie and whoever jumps in!**

**General SMBL news in that some team s have been regraded mostly in the F1, F2 and G1 grades nothing that affects us to any degree.**

**The list of players who cannot play grows with Jeff DeHenau, G3 and Mark Lancaster , G2, looking shaky.**

Still all tree teams are looking settled at 13 which is a nice sized squad.

May I nag you?

## **UNIFORMS**

The fabulous jerseys and caps should have been distributed last weekend.  
If you haven't got yours let your coach know and we will sort you out alright!  
Over the next couple of weeks I shall email those who received them and let you know where and when to pay (and how much of course).

We have the helmet stickers now –they will be at the Canteen on Saturday!

## **TEASER ALERT!**

Wil is being sent some proto types of Hoodies by the chap who does our caps should be interesting to see and let you know if it is a goer.

Speaking of apparel – T shirts and Jackets!

We are awaiting costs for the T's and price for the Jackets.  
The Jackets and the Hoodies should they be good will be on a pay when you order deal. The T shirts not so but will be a small print run as we were burnt on the last run i.e. no one bought them.

**STILL NAGGING.....**



It's our night of nights #2 after the glitter and glitz of Presentation this is the business end of the year.

Please come, throw tomatoes, throw bouquets, or throw money just come!

**The question remains- is there a June Masters Tournament  
this year?**

So my beloved it has come time for the uttering of the wise one:-  
“There are no great men-only great challenges, which ordinary men are forced  
by circumstances to meet”.

Do contemplate.

OMG is that the time? You got nothing better to do -off with you!  
Well I never.....