



BASEBALL CLUB

Match Reports

Round 1 - 8 September 2012

8.1 Sharks 36 v Bonnet Bay (Green) 36

A beautiful sunny day to start the season, sheltered a little from the wind down at Bonnet Bay.

We had a solid start with TJ first up and on base. Riley stepped up for a double, and Marvin with a big hit to centre field to drive the first runs in for the season. Finn came in as clean-up and did exactly that, with a huge hit to centre field to get a triple... game on! Followed by solid safe singles we filled the bases again, losing Kane on a forced run to third but Alex's hit brought us up to 6 home.

Taking the field for the first time after a couple of single hits, Cooper fielded a ball perfectly and threw to Finn on first for our first out!!! Solid singles managed to get them up to 6 home.

2nd innings saw us lose 2 at first base as their pitcher was fast on his feet and out-ran us, but we managed to hang in there and get 6 away. On the field we narrowly missed a couple of opportunities for outs, but managed to get a good out at 2nd thanks to Hayden playing his own base before side away.

In the third innings Bonnet Bay played their best fielder at shortstop, and 3 hits straight to him lost us 2 forced runners on their way to 3rd with only 4 home!!! Brendan stepped up to the plate and drove a triple to leftfield which set up an easy run home on a single from Alex....Phew...

that was lucky!! On the field Cooper got a work out at SS but we were just a tad too late to get any of them... but we were close.

Another solid at bat, with no outs to start the 4th, and good batting by Bonnet Bay cleaned up with a home run finished the innings.

Another narrow escape with 2 outs but it was Finn this time cleaning up the bases driving a massive hit to CF.

The game was almost ours in the 5th when we were just off the mark with stitching up numerous first base outs and just missing at home plate also and we never looked like losing in the 6th with Finn finishing our batting with a home run. Ending the game with some big hits and fast running, the Ref called "Time and Game" and our first draw was recorded - undefeated sounds better!!!

Well done Team and thank you to Nathan, Shelley and Nicole and Vic and the parents for all of the help, especially scoring and managing. Well done everyone and look forward to our next game.

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9 Blue - Sharks 28 v St Pats Green 12

What a fantastic start to the season, it was like we never had an off season. everyone had an awesome game with everyone improving out of sight from last year.

We welcomed two new players to the team from last year being Riley Crawford and Hailee Havet, you would never know that they had not played before, they both played great and both getting home was a great achievement for their first game of the season.

During the game we had everything, we had massive hits, double plays, great throws and catches to first base which made it hard for the opposition to get runs, we had great communication between the players in the outfield, we had great running between the bases, we had dugout chanting whilst our team mates were batting, what more could we ask for, it was a great game to watch.

It was a great start to the season and looks like we are going to have another great season.

The Fielder of the Match went to Max Havet,
The Batter of the Match went to Kye Carter and
The Player of the Match went to Luke Momsen.

Keep up the great work kids.

9 White - St Pats Black 27 v Sharks 21

A close game, in which we trailed 21-20 with one inning to play.

We battled exceptionally well all day, but in the final inning the greater experience of St. Pats Black told, with a number of goods plays made and we were held to 1 run. In their turn, they scored 6 to take the match 27-21. A great effort in what was the first real game for most of our players. We got the opposition out on two occasions.

It was a very pleasing performance for us, with a number of first-gamers fielding balls and completing force outs – Blake made 3 and also force outs for Tadgh (who also got a clipped ear for his trouble!) and (I think) Katrina and Ethan (if I missed anybody, we'll blame the first time scorer!).

The players quickly learnt to take extra bases on overthrows and outfield hits. Ada, Natalie and Katrina showed good speed around the bases and are learning quickly how to advance and not be put out. The experienced players Elizabeth and Alyssa showed they remember how to run the bases well.

We had several long hits, including one from Zak, and several players, including Aaron and Blake scored each time they batted and ran the bases.

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10.1 - Sharks 1 v Bosco 19

Welcome to Zooka!

With a new coach, nine returning players and three new players we set out for our first game of Zooka.

Everyone was excited, keen and ready for a great day at the ball park.

We started our first innings with getting Bosco out quickly while we were in the field with a batsmen striking himself out, Byron fielding the ball at right field and throwing to Anthony at first base for the second out and Bradley picking up a ground ball hit to him by Bosco's 4th batsmen to tag the first base runner at third base. Bosco then returned the favour by getting us out even quicker! Score is 0 all.

In the second innings the field was set with Nik at pitcher and a slight alteration made by Cody and Rivva swapping at second and third base even though the coach's spreadsheet on the clipboard had them placed the other way around to see Bosco get six home including a home run. We were unable to match Bosco even though Bradley finally let us see what it was like to have a base runner make it to first and then second base. Score is Sharks 0 Bosco 6.

Bosco had a slower start to the third innings with Rebecca almost getting an out playing at third base. Bosco got six home again. Byron this time showed us what it's like to run to first and then second base but we are still left scoreless. Score is now Sharks 0 Bosco 12.

Spyros is pitcher in his fourth ever innings in baseball. Bosco get six home again sending Ben running way out at left field to get a ball with the support of Ryan. We finally get our first run on the board through our twelfth batsmen Kurtis hitting a ground ball to the left field and finding himself at second base and then with the support of McKenzie and Ryan, Kurtis gets home and puts our first run on the board for Season 2012/13. Score is now Sharks 1 Bosco 18.

Bosco only get one home in the fifth innings and we connect with the bat again to see Rivva and

Cody make it all the way to third base. Score is left at Sharks 1 and Bosco 19.

The Player of the Week goes to Kurtis for getting us our one and only run, Video Ezy went to Bradley for gloving a few playing at catcher in the second innings and the McDonald's award went to Byron for great hitting.

Thank you to Coach Paul Bunker, Assistant Coach Paul Donaghy, Scorer Cindy and all the families that support us.

10.3 Illawong 4 v Sharks 15

Formerly the 8.1 White from season 2011/12!

So to our loyal readers, welcome back. I know you went looking for us in the 9.1's reports but yes we have jumped the 9's and straight to the 10.3's.

To the boys, parents/relatives and friends I'd like to officially welcome you all back. I'd like to welcome our new player Angus Anthony and his parents Rob & Kirsten to the team.

Talk about a hectic week. We played in the 9's gala day on the Saturday and after a quick discussion with parents and kids decided to try our hand at the 10's. What seemed a good idea at the time had me still tossing and turning midweek. We had informed the club to enter us in the 10.3's but after a session with the zooka machine and conversations with some old hands at baseball I started thinking I'd done the wrong thing by the boys and their development. On Thursday I tried to get us back to the 9's but it was too late. 'Ah well get on with'.

Get on with it is exactly what the boys did.

In our house I rose at 6.30 excited and couldn't wait to get out there. I headed down stairs only to find Charlie was up at 6 dressed ready to go. Now Charlie was more excited than me and he couldn't eat. Very unusual.

We arrived at the ground half hour early at 8am only to find our manager, Janene Christie and Ben jumping out of their car as well.

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The rest of the team arrived soon after and it was terrific to see all the dad's warm up the boys while I sat back and polished off two cups of coffee with the mum's.

Game time and on the job.

1st Dig We were up to bat first and I thought 'here we go will we hit or miss' To the boys no problem bring it on. Rowdy was up first and WHACK, off to first he went. Charlie followed by Jasper Catton then Brodie who all hit and were on their way. Rowdy crossed the home plate and I'm thinking 'how good is this'. Benny smacked to the outfield and had not faced a zooka before this match. Jordie and the rest of the team all hit the ball with Jasper Appleby up last and hitting a homer bringing loaded bases home. It didn't count as we hit 6 home side away but it was great to see. We had Illawong all out for a 3. 3 - 6

2nd dig Rowdy opened up the batting with a big hit and ran to third, hesitated, ran on home and had the crowd cheering but was sent back to 3rd. He looked up at me and asked why. I said, "Don't know mate but great hit". I love the smile on their faces. The occasion hit us a little with three of the boys striking out in this dig. But not before Jasper C and Brodie brought another two runs home. This was our dig in the field putting it all together. With a runner on second and first the batter hit to right field. Brodie was waiting. He scooped the ball up, ran, tagged the 1st to 2nd runner then threw to Oscar on 1st for the double play. OUTSTANDING. The next hit went straight to Rowdy at pitcher who threw to Oscar for the third out. Side away. 3 - 9

3rd Dig The boys hit the ball again well in this dig with Angus hitting a three base hit bringing a huge cheer from the crowd. Zac got a clean hit then Brodie connected with a homer and we were soon 6 runs side away. In the field Jack went to 1st and it wasn't long when the batter had no chance hitting straight to him for an easy out. The next batter unfortunately struck out. Next we were privileged to witness an out which would have been shown on Foxtel 'Plays of the

Day" had it been filmed. The batter smashed a ground ball through short stop but Brodie was there, scooped it up and fired a missile to Jack on first. The runner was no more than half way there. It brought the game to an end and no better way to finish it. 4 - 15

Thank you to Illawong for a memorable first game of zooka.

Play of the match. Angus Anthony in his first game of baseball and a three base hit.

Player of the match. Not given in game one.

Coach Bill

12.2 - Sharks 13 v Comets 3

A very keen and anxious bunch of baseballers turned up for their first game together and all left with smiles on their faces!

Comets batted first, and Jasmin stood up to start the season on the mound - and did a great job! Her start kept the Comets scoreless in the first innings!

Our turn to bat, and Max took up the responsibility to lead us off. After a couple of nervous swings, Max got the first hit of the season and got on first with a strong hit to centrefield. Wasn't long before the bases were loaded, and we were in for our first runs of the season! We ended up with 6, and a good lead.

Jasmin kept the strong pitching going for 2 more innings, and the Comets were only able to get 2 runs off her. Jasmin was ably supported by Luke who did a great job at catcher, Kyle took a great flyball catch at shortstop, and Max came in to recover a ball back to get an out at first. Wasn't much more to do in the field as the Comets were just not getting the hits they wanted!

Strong batting from our team however kept our score ticking over. A cheeky slide to second got Stephen a double, Luke hit a tremendous drive behind centre field for our first home run of the season, Gabriel got a single off his first ever baseball hit, Kirsty got to third base with some quick thinking and evasive running from a

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single! Olivia and Marcus batted smart in the box with some patient batting, and with Kyle everybody got a hit and got on base and around to home during the game! It was good to be a part of it!

A great win, with Kyle finishing off the game with some fine pitching, and Kirsty taking the catcher's gear to give Luke a bit of a rest in the outfield!

McDonalds award went to Jasmin for her pitching, and Video Ezy went to Luke for his season opening home run!

An enjoyable game and a good win, and great to be a part of it! These kids are going to have a great year!

14.2 - Sharks 7 v Comets 12

In spite of the result (7-12 down against Comets) a promising start to the season, with many new players (Emmanuel, Cameron, Corey and Liam) joining an experienced and developing team of former 14/3s.

Special comment should be made of Brooke's excellent pitching performance over 3 digs and Michael's big game "behind the dish" for the entire 4 inning match.

Our two match award winners were James Farrugia & Cameron Alchin for solid game performances.

All players had a good go at the plate on their roughly 3 visits and some very snappy infield plays were executed by our team keeping the spectators enthralled.

Best wishes to Lachlan for his speedy recovery from his season delaying ankle injury – get back quickly, get back healthy. Happy travels for 'M man' for his away trip this weekend.

Thanks to the parents for covering their Canteen duties roster – if you've missed this time trust me there'll be plenty of chances to catch up.

See you all at training (if possible) and go strong till then – Coach Attila

17.2 - Sharks 12 v St George 2

Strengthened with the addition of Tristan and new boy Dmytro (Dimmi), the grand final making side from last year were finally back to play ball!

Batting first, we made a sensational start! Everyone was batting smart and getting to first base! Some great hits in the first dig from Mat, Ben, Nicholas and TJ were backed up by a home run hit from Lachlan and a triple base hit from Tristan to end the innings with 6 on the board!

JasonL went to the mound first, and had trouble finding the spot for a while before cleaning up the last couple with some fast and accurate pitching! 6-2 in front!

Our second at bat was not as good as the first! Following the smash hits of the first innings, the boys looked intent on belting the leather off the ball. It didn't work. A quick second bat with no runs put the pressure back on our pitchers!

JasonL again did well to get back on target and cleaned up a couple of batters to stop the base runners from getting home.

Batting again, we looked for a little more smarts and a little less brawn, but we lost the first 2 batters in quick succession. Lachlan got on again, and then our lower order went to the plate. JasonI got on and was as cheeky as usual around the bases, and Dimmi got his first hit in baseball to get on first! Well done Dimmi! A 2 down rally saw us get a few home to extend our lead.

TJ took over the pitching and got on top right from the start, with some great fielding to assist. St George couldn't get on to TJ either, except for a couple of hits. One was a flyball to centrefield that was taken by Karl on about the 4th or 5th juggle! Great catch Karl who dug himself out of a hole with the ball raised in triumphantly and a big smile on his face. Another great drive through shortstop was snapped up by Ben who finished it with a perfect throw to first!

A great start to the season, well done boys!