



## BASEBALL CLUB

### Match Reports

#### Round 3 - 22 September 2012

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##### 8.1 Sharks 26 v Giants 24

The lead up weather on Friday morning wasn't good but spring turned on another fantastic day for the local Derby against the Giants.

As home side we took the field first with Brendan at pitcher with Hayden at 1st teaming up for some very close plays, but just missing the outs. Brendan had a perfect catch for our first out, followed quickly by Finn fielding his base at 2nd. TJ at SS fielded the next followed by Cooper at 3rd both within inches of great outs. With bases loaded a ground ball to Hayden finished their batters with a put out at 1st for only 3 runs. Up at bat little Cooper stared us off solidly with great hits also from Kane, TJ, Brendan and Tiana all safe on bases with Hayden, Henry and Marvin followed by Alex and before you knew it we were 6 away. 6-3 our way.. good solid start.

Our second fielding lineup saw Finn on 1st with TJ throwing from pitcher twice, but they managed to squeeze onto base thanks to some great running. (they ran through base which helps A LOT) Kane in the Left field stopped a monster hit and quickly stopped the play with bases loaded up. Brendan at SS fielded 2 balls to tag out consecutive runners and Hayden at 2nd base had a runner detour almost to pitcher to get around him but was called safe... hmmm...(more than a metre is supposed to be out) The Giants were sending runners home from 3rd after the ball was "dead" at 1st base to

sneak a few runs in to try and reel us in.. so they got 6 home this innings. At bat we did well again, but lost a few players, one of whom was Alex at first base when it clearly wasn't an out, but the Ref didn't see that their fielder was about a foot from the plate... even the Giants were a little confused... Oh well.... our third out had us at 5 runs in, with some great fielding at second doing the damage. (we will focus on aiming our hits soon) 11-9 still 2 ahead.

3rd Dig TJ grew about 3 foot... with Finn throwing from pitcher and TJ somehow managing to grab the ball out of the air well above his head for a double 1-3 combination (who says white guys can't jump?) Henry up at 3rd base stopped an absolute bullet of a ball that would've driven in at least 3 runs to keep them honest. Brendan at 2nd base backed up Finn perfectly to grab a fast hit that got past him and over to "ten foot TJ" to stop them at 4 runs. Our bat produced another 6 home, nicely finished by Finn cleaning up with a homer that ran us up to about 9 home... pity they don't count! 17-13 now... nice lead.

In the 4th we saw Kane's first ever time at pitcher, with their second batter going down to a fantastic 1-3 combination to Brendan on 1st, (awesome job guys) and narrowly missing out on another. Brendan fast on his feet to safely put out their second, Henry another great piece of fielding out at Left field to stop some runs, and Finn just missing a great out at 3rd. Brendan too easy for the last out at 1st had

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them retire for 5 home. 6 home for us stretched our lead to 23-18.

Tiana finished our fielding at Pitcher just missing a couple of chances at 1-3's with Henry fielding nicely at 1st, and held them up running home to fill up the bases. We just missed an out at home plate. (great effort, sometimes it just doesn't work out). This innings saw some great hitting from the Giants, with the outfield getting woken up several times...Marvin out at Left field had 2 close catches, but fielded well to throw in to Alex at 3rd base. Another fantastic hit out to Right field had Brendan fielding well. We will see lots more hits to the outfield as the teams get better so we will have to work on keeping the outfield in the game because that can be the difference between them getting 6 home!! They did get 6 home to bring the game to 23-24 with us to bat.... we need to get 2 for the win... 1 to draw.... We lost Riley, then Kane at first with a strong 1-3 combination, but we squeezed Alex into home to draw, Finn and Cooper came home after to bring us 2 up before we lost Tiana to end the game. 26-24.

Great game everyone, improvement is off the scale, everyones having fun and it's a perfect lead into the break over school holidays. Thank you to all that helped with setup, canteen and the BBQ... I know it's a hassle but many hands make light work and we only have it a few times a year... it doesn't go unnoticed. Of course thank you again to Kath for scoring, Shelley and Vic for the dugout and managing (I think we will all agree that we are looking really organised now) and of course Nathan's fantastic help both on and off the field. As always of course fantastic support from everyone.... such a great group! Enjoy your holidays and Nathan and or Kath will be in contact re training and the next game (i will be away). Next game is Illawong (the competition leaders before today) so might be a tough one!

Mik

### **10.1 – Sharks 9 v Giants Blue 2**

Aspirations at Aspley were high with Sharks taking on the Giants Blue team. Missing Byron, Ben and Cody, the team dug deep to record their first win of the season winning 9-2..!!!!

Outstanding effort by all.

The Sharks showed some brilliance in the field which put the pressure on the Giants batting line-up. Anthony and Brad led the way with some smart thinking and good throwing by McKenzie, Kurtis and Ryan in the first couple of innings to keep the Giants scoreless. Sharks 1 – Giants 0.

Rebecca and Rivva worked well at 2<sup>nd</sup> base and centre field respectively to tag an advancing runner out. Great understanding & team work.

Nik enjoyed his favourite spot at pitcher and Spyros did exceptionally well finding a new position at catcher.

Our batting was headed by some strong hits from Kurtis and McKenzie who reached the home plate twice each. Our 4<sup>th</sup> innings was the best of the season so far by scoring the full 6 runs possible. With loaded bases in that dig, Anthony penetrated a massive hit over to centre field to bring all 3 runners home. Rivva and Spyros put in 110% effort and successful base hits by Bradley, Nik and Rebecca rounded out a great team batting performance. Score 7 – 0.

McKenzie and Ryan crossed the plate in the last dig to score 2 extra runs. Score 9 - 0.

The Giants were lucky to get on the board in their last dig as we again restricted them to only 2 runs with more fantastic fielding. Anthony great work at 3<sup>rd</sup> base, Brad always reliable with a clever play at 1<sup>st</sup> base and Ryan secured the team's win with a great fly catch at left field to end the game. Final score 9 – 2.

WOW what a great game – well played by all!

Comment of the week by Nik – when running back from the car park after the game "Hey Paul, did we win?" (priceless....)

Man of the Match goes to McKenzie for nice batting, Anthony got the Video Ezy award for

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great work in the field and Ryan got the McDonald's award for all round effort.

Thank you to Coach Paul Bunker, Assistant Coach Paul Donaghy and Don Griffin in the Dugout and all the families that support and cheer the boys and Rebecca on!

Look forward to our next game on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 9am v Comets at home Sylvania Waters.

Cindy

### **10.3 SHARKS 17 v YARRAWARRA 8**

I knew we had some boys missing for this game but I breathed easy when the seventh player turned up giving us the minimum 7 required.

It was a beautiful Saturday morning and we arrived early for ground setup. I had a cuppa tea in the car on the way to the ground. I bought a coffee when the van arrived. Julia had brought a coffee for me when she arrived. Carol shouted me a coffee when she turned up so the dads took the warm up while I drank coffee with the mums. The dads did the job and the 7 boys were ready to fire. (A good coach delegates)

1st dig We saw an outstanding piece of fielding when the batter smashed one out past left field. Angus fielding left/centre field chased picked it up. Jasper A who was on 3rd ran out for the throw in. Benny from pitcher covered 3rd. Angus to JA threw to Benny for the out on 3rd. This magic was not to be missed. side away for 1 Jasper A struck out. Charlie hit and ran to 1st. Rowdy struck out. Jack smacked one and Charlie ran on home. Angus whacked one and got to 1st. Benny did the same and allowed Jack to get home. Jordie struck out side away 2 1 - 2

2nd dig It looked like a tight game ahead. Unfortunately Yarra struck out three in a row. No one likes to see this. At this point I left the coach role to Rob Rule as I dashed off to the loo. The coffees had set in not to mention I was bouncing off the cage. Jasper hit and jogged to 1st almost getting out. Run faster mate. Angus and Jordie fell foul of the erratic zooka machine

firing high and low and anywhere from 36 to 44 mph. It has a mind of its own. 1 - 8

3rd dig Yarra got another home. The machine got Rowdy this time for a strike out. Charlie, Jack & Angus got home taking our tally to 3. Jordie still having no luck but you could see it coming. Jasper smashed to left field and looked like a homer but for an amazing catch by the LF player. 3 out 1 - 11

4th dig Yarra came to life and hit big and ran home 6 times. It was great to see after a rough start. Jasper took a great ground ball hit to him at 2nd for 1 out and Charlie at pitcher collected a ball and tagged the runner out on his way to one. We couldn't get the third. All the boys hit well with Jordie the star of this dig with a big hit and getting around all the bases. Well done Jordie. Just keep it up mate it will come. 6 home 8 - 17

It was a great game with only 7 boys and they held the fort well. Thanks mum's and dad's for setup and canteen. You guys make it so easy on game day.

Coach Bill

### **14.2 Cronulla 13 v Arncliffe 6**

We got there – top step of the winning platform!

One small step for the 14-2s one giant step for ..... the 14-2s (let's not get ahead of ourselves).

What did we see – what didn't we see ..... a wonderful home run (Christian), aggressive base running, strong pitching (Brooke and Michael) and extra special notice of spectacular fly ball/line drive catching – yes that's you Liam Q.

A big welcome to our newest recruit Adam Griffin – good to have a chance to coach you young man.

**Our two match award winners were Christian James and Liam Quinn.**

Games off for Corey & Lachlan – the team is setting a standard – accept the challenge when you get back.