


CRONULLA Sharks



BASEBALL CLUB

Match Reports

Round 4 - 13 October 2012

8.1 Sharks 30 v Illawong 15

After a 3 week break with the holidays and no opportunity to train due to the weather, the team fronted up bright and early to Barden Ridge on a beautiful sunny day, for a top of the table clash. Mike the coach was in the land of the long white cloud, and it was up to me, Nathan, to be the coach for the game. Illawong had won all their games leading up to this game so it was going to be a tough game and the pressure was on.

1st Innings: We were up to bat 1st and Cooper got us off to a great start with a base hit. He was followed by Marvin and Brendan who also got a base hit. With loaded bases, up to the plate came the almighty Finn, with a monster hit to left field scoring a grand slam. This was followed by Henry who got a great base hit, then Hayden with a line drive. Next up was Kane followed by Riley who both scored safe hits. Next up was Tiana, who hit a great safe hit to score Hayden for our 6 runs.

Our turn to field. 1st batter hit to Kane at right field who then made a great throw to Hayden at 1st base. 1 up 1 down. Our 2nd out was made from a great pick up by Finn at 2nd base who got the runner out by playing his base. 3rd out was another great play by Marvin SS to Hayden, who took a great catch at 1st for the out. Side away and only 1 run scored.

2nd Innings: Back to the start of our batting line up with Cooper who hit a great hit to short stop. Next was Marvin with a line drive to 2nd base. Brendan was next with a solid hit to 2nd base. Loaded bases again, and its Finn's turn at bat. A massive hit to left field saw him score a 3 bagger plus score 3 runners home. Great effort. Next was Alex with a safe hit to 2nd base, followed by Henry with another great hit to short stop. Next was Hayden with a great line drive to Left field. Kane hit a safe base hit to 2nd. This was followed by a great hit by Riley to right field scoring Henry home for our next 6 with only 1 out.

Illawong's 2nd at bat saw some excellent fielding again. 1st batter up was again out from a great

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throw from Cooper at pitcher to Finn at 1st base. Our 2nd out was from great thinking by Cooper who fielded the ball at pitcher and chose to throw to Marvin at 3rd base. 2 out. Our third out was a replay of the 1st out of the innings – Cooper to Finn. Side away only 1 run scored.

3rd Innings: Started with safe base hits to Tiana, Cooper, and Marvin. With loaded bases it was Brendan's turn to bat. A great, massive hit to left field saw him score a grand slam. He had cleared the bases for Finn who hit a safe hit. Next was Alex who hit a great 2 bagger to left field and got Finn home. This was followed by Henry and Hayden who both scored safe hits to 1st with Hayden's hit scoring Alex home for our 6 runs. We nearly had Illawong all out again, we had them 2 down after 2 put out's at 3rd by Cooper and just couldn't get the 3rd. Illawong scored their 1st 6 runs.

4th innings: Another great at bat with Finn scoring his 2nd grand slam for the game. Everyone batted well and we only ended up with 1 out and 6 home. Illawong was starting to get back into the game and scored 6 runs but we did manage 1 out at 2nd base with a put out by Brendan.

5th Innings: Our batting is just phenomenal, great outfield hits to Henry, Hayden and Brendan. Again 6 runs scored and Illawong only got 1 out. We shut Illawong out in the last bat with them only scoring 1 run. Our 3 outs were made by Finn at pitcher. 1 great put out at home, great thinking, a great catch at pitcher plus to finish the game, another put out at home.

Great game everyone, a well deserved win by the team to make us number 1 on the leader board. Everyone had fun and you are all improving each week without a doubt. We are getting lost of outs from great throwing and catching and you are all starting to think about the plays. Thanks to Kath for being manager while Shelley is away and Vic for managing the bench. Thanks also to Turner who helped out as 3rd base coach and to Lesley for scoring. As always great support from everyone which really helps us to play and have fun. Nathan – Assistant Coach.

10.1 Sharks 14 v Comets 4

A bottom of the table clash which helped us move to fifth position and have the same Win Percentage as fourth position!

Being the home team on the pristine Diamond One at Sylvania Waters after a couple of days rain we were keen for a great game after a couple of weeks off.

In the first innings the Comets first batsman struck himself out, McKenzie fielded a ball at short stop and threw to Rebecca playing second base to get our second out and unfortunately the Comets first innings was over with another strike out. We were also left scoreless striking ourselves out three times. Score is nil all.

The second innings sees a bit more action with the Comets first batsman out through Spyros fielding a ball at pitcher and throwing it to Kurtis on first base, the outfield Ben, Nik and Rivva getting a workout while the Comets got two home, Kurtis putting a batsman out at first base and Ben fielding a ball at left field using a bit of team work through Anthony at short stop toward Ryan playing catcher for him to tag a runner at home plate. We then stepped up to the plate to bring six home with hits all over the park and Byron sacrificing himself hitting a ground ball to right field to help the runners around the diamond. Score is Sharks 6 Comets 2

We only had to field for a short time in the third innings as the Comets struck themselves out, Anthony playing at second base caught a fly ball and also forced a runner to run off his line for our third out. We hit a few sneaky doubles inside the diamond in the third innings and creep around the diamond for our six home. Score is Sharks 12 Comets 2.

We are a little more relaxed in our final innings to see both teams get two home before we both strike themselves out twice and Ryan fields a ball playing at pitcher and throws to Ben on first base for our third out. Score is left at Sharks 14 Comets 4.

Cody in his first season with the club got a hit away every innings he bat.

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Player of the Week went to Spyros, McDonald's Award went to Rebecca and Video Ezy went to Nik.

Well done team both on the field and off with Ground Duty.

Thank you to Coach Paul Bunker, Assistant Coach Paul Donaghy, Scorer Cindy and all our supporters.

10.3 SHARKS 3 v ILLAWONG 3

Round 4 and the rules revert back to swing and it counts as a strike. This took its toll on both teams as the boys were still in the habit of swing at the ball. So balls dropping on the plate were being swung at and called a strike. Hence the low scoring game. Plenty of work to do prior to the next game in swing selection.

I'm away for this game in Townsville so assist coaches Rob Rule and Shaun Appleby take the reins. This match report is the written on the back of phone updates throughout the game.

1st dig Benny got home but Charlie, Osca and Jordie all struck out. The same happened for Illawong, one home three struck out.

2nd dig Brody got home, Jasper C & Jasper A hit and ran. Two bases loaded then three in a row struck out. This time it was Angus, Zach and Benny. No one was exempt from this rule of swing and strike. Again Illawong mirrored the dig and after 2 in was 2 all

3rd dig This had to be the play of the day. Charlie first up to bat hits a couple of metres past first base. He runs to one and takes on the throw for two. He rounds two and heads for three. Illawong recover and prepare to throw home. The call comes for Charlie to hold on 3 but he wants home. The Sharks supporters simultaneously put their hands to their heads as Charlie heads for home. The throw comes to the catcher waiting on the base. It's a nail biter and Charlie hits the plate as the ball drops right on the plate and into the catcher. HOME The crowd go wild, the boys go wild and Charlie brings up 3. Great play mate I wish i was there to see it. Osca strikes out. Rowdy hits and gets to one.

Jack and Jordie strike out 3 out side away. We hold Illawong to 0. 3 - 2

4th dig Brody and Angus get a hit but again we strike out 3 times for 0. Illawong strike out with their first two batters. The next three all hit and run. They get one home and we're locked up. They have a runner on 3 and 2. The hands are on heads again and it going down to the wire. 3 all. 2 out. Runners on 3 and 2. The batter strikes out. 3 - 3

Going into this game both sides were undefeated so in the end probably a fitting result. The unfortunate thing was reverting back to the 'swing its a strike' killed this game. There was not one occasion where Illawong fielded an out. It was all strike outs. We only fielded outs on 3 occasions the rest were strike outs. I have no doubt had we played Illawong in the first three rounds prior to this rule change we would have seen some outstanding fielding and batting and a cracker of a game.

So we have some hard work to do. Well done boys. Thank you Rob and Shaun. Thanks to Lesley and Janene for the phone updates.

Coach Bill

14.2 – Sharks 15 v St George 3

There won't be too much to say about this game. We played well the other team not so much. But very good pitching and hitting was seen throughout the game (by us boys and girl in light blue) and a here's simple-and big-welcome back to Lachlan Rechichi (and a no black eye welcome back for Corey).

We still have room for improvement – development of pitchers (but more importantly catchers).

Training on Thursday (as usual) at 6pm – there'll be more light and I will make a concerted effort to get some batting practice happening in the cages. Hitting scores runs and runs win games - swing those bats kids – swing those bats !

Our two match award winners were Michael Large and James Farrugia