



Match Reports

Round 10 - 24 November 2012

8.1 Giants 26 v Sharks 33

First verses second is always a good match, and being the local derby it was extra special! We were the away team so we were up to bat first. Kane was our Leadoff hitter and did an excellent job getting onto base with a solid hit to SS. Hayden was next up and had a strikeout giving up our first out. Cooper on base and then TJ with a great big fly ball to the LF that luckily was dropped! Brendan then stepped up with a Home run and we were lucky that the UMP didn't see him step over 3rd base without touching it. Riley up next with a great slog, and Henry hitting out to LF to force Riley a tight run to 2nd. He did well though and then Finn stepped up to slam a beauty out to behind LF to bring everyone home including himself. Great start! We took the field with high hopes, and narrowly missed a 1st base out from Brendan at SS to Finn, TJ just a touch late at 2nd. A huge hit to RF and a great throw to home from Tiana almost got

one too. This team knows how to play! Cooper just missed one at home plate before we managed our first out with Brendan from SS put out at 2nd that was quickly thrown to first (great play) but not in time. Cooper to Finn a 1-3 making our second then they managed 6 away. 6-6

Tiana opened up the Batting in the 2nd with a huge hit to CF securing a double. Alex, Kane and Hayden all safe singles followed by Cooper with a fantastic run through 1st beating the fielders. TJ a massive slog to CF driving home runners from 2nd. Brendan with a triple to clean up the runners and side away. Our second fielding effort paid off quickly with a good tag out at 2nd by Finn, and the next 2 going down to Kane and Brendan with 1-3 combo's. They only got in 4 runs so that put us 2 ahead. 10-12

3rd at bat was awesome, with Riley, Henry, Finn Tiana, Alex, Kane and Hayden ALL hitting to the out field. Great running from Hayden forced to 2nd to find it safe, with TJ

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finishing it off driving runners in from 2nd base. Our 3rd chance on the field was on fire also with a strikeout quickly followed by a tag out at home by Brendan from pitcher and then a great field and put out from TJ at 1st base. Only 1 run in! 11-18!

Another great batting effort with a bit of confusion on the bases with Finn making it almost around to 3rd off his hit only having to backtrack back to first base!! Thankfully all safe! Hayden then a huge double to bring in the 6th home... Side away. We came so close in the 4th on the field but only managed one out by Riley up on 3rd base for a great single handed fielding effort... Well done! (That ground ball practice is paying off!)17-24 now.

5th dig was the unluckiest dig for us with cooper a great on base, then TJ a big hit that was caught brilliantly at 2nd base and cooper so fast on his feet was already there to be tagged out for a double play. Pressure on now as 0 runs and 2 out. Riley a fantastic run onto first, and safe bases for Henry, Finn and a Massive slog by Tiana pushing some runners home before being forced out running to 2nd to close up for 3 runs. The Giants could smell blood in the water and came back hard with 6 runs away despite our best efforts drawing closer to 23-27.

The pressure was on in the 6th needing at least 4 runs to secure a win. Kane ended up Leadoff again and got a single. Hayden drove down the 3rd base line and cooper filled the bases. Hayden forced out at 2nd with only 1 run in, TJ then struck out! 2 dead... Only 1 run! Brendan a single (to CF) and then Riley loaded the bases. Henry clipped the ball to have it drop straight down at the plate but a fair ball, and Cooper like lightning managed to be forced home...wow! Finn smashed a triple and then Tiana pushed in the last run to make 6 home and the win! We were a couple minutes from the last 10 so we took the field for the bottom of the dig for fun now, Hayden having an absolute blast getting 2 outs from pitcher to

Cooper at 1st and then a great out at home plate finishing it off by Riley! Awesome!! 26-33 the final score.

Fantastic game.. Well done kids, and excellent support from our awesome group of supporters. Thank you everyone for helping out in all sorts of roles today with Shelley being away... As you can see it is pretty hectic most of the time and it certainly helps with such a great group. Was a close game and a deserved win. We play Illawong next week which should be a challenge but I think they will be the ones stressing out about it coming up against the "Great white Sharks"

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