



BASEBALL CLUB

Match Reports

Round 1 - 10 September 2011

8.1's Sharks White v Giants

To say this was the most eagerly awaited season for the coach would be a major understatement. I was at the footy on Friday night for the Dragons and Tigers game when I said to my offsider "NNNOOOOOO!" when the rain started to fall. He said "It's ok the game will still be a good one." I said I'm not worried about the game I more concerned about T-Ball in the morning.

Five players returned from my team last year, (Jasper Appleby, Ben Christie, Charlie Harrigan, Jack Rule & Jordan Stavropoulos.), the other seven moved on to the nines. Three players came up from the very successful 8.3's, (Brody Hunter, Thomas Alexander & Rowdy Graves.) To fill the team it was hit the road and recruit. Charlie's mate Bailey Pickup, Jasper's mates, Osca & Jasper Catton and Zach Straker, all signed up for the first time.

Welcome boys, and didn't they play well first up. So with a relatively new team and a couple of training sessions under our belt we were ready to go. Game 1 was a bitterly cold morning with strong winds blowing. Mums and dads were rugged up. The boys warmed up and Jasper Catton wasn't taking off his jacket anytime soon.

The 1st dig. We started great with three outs, side away no runs. Brody at pitcher throwing to Ben on 1st was just too good for the Giants' openers. We scored our 7 runs but were a little tentative in the running to bases. 7 – 0!

The 2nd dig. The wind was having an effect with a few mishaps in the field but still restricting the Giants to 2 runs. Jack Rule and Brody Hunter led the batting with home runs clearing all the bases. 14 – 2!

The third dig saw a great piece of fielding from Ben at pitcher to Jack on 1st. After scooping up a ground ball, he threw a missile like throw to 1st and the runner never had a chance. Brody at 2nd scooped up another ground ball and returned to the base for our 2nd out. Then Ben and Jack repeated the act and we had our 3rd out. We had a horrible 3rd bat with the Giants putting together some nice plays to have us out for 1. 15 – 6!

The 4th dig saw our first double play of the season. It was really a triple play but I missed it and called a safe and not realising till after the game I'd missed the tag on the 2nd player. My mistake, sorry boys! Jasper took a great catch at pitcher fired it to Brody on 2nd who tagged the runner from 1 then tagged his 2nd base runner who was running for home. It was mayhem and I missed the 2nd tag trying to see who was who. Next hit Jasper fielded a ground ball and fired another missile to Charlie on 1st. I gulped as the ball hurtled towards Charlie. He nailed it and Coach Dad walked off pleased and surprised that Charlie had caught it as easily as he did. Side away no runs. We hit well without really getting onto it. Bailey ran hard to beat a

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well thrown ball to 1st base. Scored our 7. 21 – 6!

The 5th and final dig. I put new kid on the block, Osca, on first. He wasn't too sure about this as he usually likes the outfield. Osca caught two great throws but both times his foot wasn't on the base. The ump gave out but from his angle he couldn't see if Osca's foot was touching or not. I cleared the runners to the bemusement of the ump but once a ref always a ref. Once we got Osca's foot on the base the outs came. Jasper A at short stop took a great catch then next play fired a bullet to Osca for the 2nd out. Then Benny at pitcher followed suite to Osca for the 3rd. Side away 2 runs. Osca, Charlie & Jack all made their bases when Brody stepped up for his final bat. He kept the best for last. It was the hit of the day bringing them all home. 29 – 8!

Jasper C, Osca, Zach and Bailey all played very well for their first big game. Rowdy was strong in the field playing pitcher, short stop, 2nd and left field. Jordan came good with the bat and when he gets his timing right look out athletics track. Awards went to Zach and Jasper C. Player of the week to start next week. Thank you to all my parents who jumped into help. I've got a great crew again this year.

Coach Bill

8.1's Sharks Black v Illawong

Welcome everyone to the new 2011/12 season of U8s T Ball. With some new players that haven't played before, new recruits from other clubs and previous players from last year we looked pretty good for our 1st game, with Coach Jason stating it was ok, but we still have a lot of work to do..!

The game began with a good 1st at bat for the sharks when new recruit Kye hitting a grand slam home run which of course brought home some much exited base runners. The team scored 7 runs which was good start. The 1st innings in the field didn't go too well with too many between legs although the guys were giving it their all.

In the 2nd Riley & Dane had a couple of good hits to get on base and were brought in with other good hits by Bowen & Luke. In the field Dane made a great stop and throw to Luke at first which he took with honours for the 1st out of the game. This was followed up but another good play from Cooper to Luke at first, although the runner was called safe, but only just. Dane also made a great tag on the runner coming home which was given out!

The 3rd innings was highlighted by the great hitting and base running of Kyle; this was very appreciated by the crowd, especially the scorers, as they were almost decapitated in his previous 3 bats..! In the field Cooper made a great stop and tag for an out, which allowed us to keep them to 5 runs.

In the 4th Cooper & Max hit solo home runs and this was very special for Max as it was his first game ever..! Koby and Joel made some good stops and throws; they also had some good hits in the last couple innings. Luke made some good plays in the way of a tag at second for the 2nd out and Bowen making a blistering stop from the pitchers spot.

The game finished with the kids having a great time and a Sharkies win with a score line of 35 - 33.

Max was named "Player of the Week" and was presented with an award.

Good luck for next week!

8/3 Black

What a fabulous opening day for the 8/3 Black team's season! We took on a Bonnet Bay team and took the win on the back of allowing BB only one inning of scoring the maximum runs.

This from a team who only managed 3 outs in 3 games on Gala Day. We also hit well and ran the bases perfectly! I can't name just a few players who were standouts as they all played great.

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Unfortunately the day was scarred by the behaviour of the opposition's coach. This is a reminder to all of the parents and coaches that the umpires are in fact juniors who volunteer to work these games. Of course we all want to win, but the price tag of unsportsmanlike behaviour is not worth the cost. We are here to have fun and learn and love the great game of baseball, which the 8/3 Blacks seem to have grasped, as not a single smiling player on the team asked me if we had won the game when it was over.

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9/1's

With the smell of freshly cut grass and glowing white lines, everything was in anticipation for the first game of the 2011/12 season. The mighty 9-1's were full of confidence after their gala day performance and eager to take on Yarrawarra.

The Sharks fielding started well and continued that way for the rest of the game. A great throw from McKenzie to Ryan at 1st base, a strike out and brilliant fielding by Rebecca to touch her 3rd base finished the Yarrawarra dig with 4 runs on the board.

Our first dig saw each batter connect well with the ball and after 7 quick runs we were back in the field. Quick thinking by Harry resulted in a tagged player running to 1st, Sam bulletted a ball to McKenzie on 1st and Ben at short stop threw to 1st to again restrict Yarrawarra to 4.

A miraculous recovery saw Byron get off his sick bed to lead off the 2nd dig off with Nik securing the 7 runs with a great hit to left field.

The game was well in the bag after the golden glove performance of Rivva at 1st base, which saw him take 2 catches from Ryan at short stop from the first two batters and a catch by Joshua at pitcher to end the dig with no runs scored. Some exciting batting and a big hit by Natasha, again secured 7 runs with the score at 21-8.

The fun continued in the field with Harry at pitcher chasing down the runner whilst trying to

return to 3rd base, then Joshua tagging the 3rd base runner and Ben taking a ball at 1st.

With their shoulders warmed up the outstanding batting continued with another 7 runs scored. The off season was a distant memory and the keen new comers to T-ball of Sam, Harry & McKenzie had quickly made their mark. A huge total of 35 runs were scored for the day and enjoyment had by all.

Final score 35-21.

Unfortunately we have a bye coming up this week, but if we look at the performance of our team in the first game of the season and the expected debut of the hard hitting Kurtis in round 3, what an exciting summer awaits the Sharks 9-1's.

Assistant Coach Paul

14/2's

Welcome back to all our players and parents to another season of Summer Baseball, and what better way to kick off the season, than with a convincing win against a strong opposition. Our two pitchers Marcus and Thomas did a great job on the mound this week, with Marcus earning the Man of the Match for his solid first innings which saw him not only pitch extremely well, but make solid fielding plays. Ben stepped up to the challenging position of catcher, and within a few pitches, looked like he'd played it all his life and later topped off a great game with a brilliant catch in left field. Matt finished up the catching and his strong arm saw a great throw over beat a stealing runner from the other team at a critical time of the game. Peter took a spectacular diving catch at short stop which has set a tough standard for "catch of the year" – only time will tell! Our strengths in the field were the highlight this week, with a little more batting practice needed to see us hit our full potential. This undefeated team is sure to be a fighting force that is sure to challenge a tough competition this season!

Jimmy

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17/3's: Cronulla-Giants 19 - Comets 5

The first game of the season gave us an opportunity to have a look at where the team is placed at the start of the season after only a couple of training runs together. Missing three players, Cronulla started the game impressively, batting six runners home in the first dig. A second innings lead of 13-0 provided the opportunity to move players around the diamond and give them a taste of playing in different positions. What impressed was some great hitting for the first game of the year, particularly with limited batting practice in the lead up to the match. Safe hits were scored by seven players to help build an unassailable lead, while our three pitchers – Jason Large, Thomas Jeffrey and Ben Szalay, meant the Comets had to work hard for their 5 runs. Our catchers, Jason Ireland and Jarrod Tranter, also impressed with great work behind the plate. A strong throw from Jarrod to our short stop, Jason Large, in the last innings to tag the runner at second caught the eye of the coaching staff, with a view to what we can do this season. The new players – Bella, Ryan and Jarrod – have proven to be a welcome addition to the team. We hope to build on what was a good start to the season by improving on our first match as the season rolls on. And it all happens again next week!

Wendy