



## BASEBALL CLUB

### Match Reports

#### Round 3 - 24 September 2011

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#### 8.1's

#### Sharks White 42 v St Pats Green 15

This is long but to do the boys justice it has to be.

Jordan Stavropoulos and Jasper Appleby are overseas doing it tough. Osca Catton was looking forward to his third game of T-Ball before falling victim to the dreaded bug which dances the rumba in the belly. That left us with nine. I thought this will be tough but the boys were happy as no one had to sit off.

1st dig. Rowdy stepped up first and hit the biggest hit of his career. Over the top of 2nd base it went. Whatever he had for breakfast should stay on the menu. Ben Christie also belted one out of the park to bring all the bases home. In the field Rowdy was unlucky not to hold a great catch at CF. Jack on 2nd cleaned up the next two batters with outs at 2nd. Then little Thomas at short stop fielded well and underarmed a short ball to Zach on 3rd. 3 OUT. 7 – 5!

2nd dig. Zach stepping up for his first hit wacked a big hit past 2nd. Great work after striking out last week. Brody Hunter cleared the car park on the other side of the field with a hit any A grader would be happy with and brought

all bases home. In the field St Pats' first batter hit to Jack on 2<sup>nd</sup>, threw to Ben on 1<sup>st</sup> – OUT! Second bat hit to Rowdy at SS, threw to 2<sup>nd</sup> – OUT! Third bat hit to Rowdy who threw a big throw, almost throwing his elbow out, to 1st – OUT! 14 – 5!

3rd dig. Ben and Brody kept the boys running around the bases with big hit homers. In the field Brody went to pitcher, scooped up the ball, threw to Ben on 1st - OUT. Ben did it next on his own, fielding a ground ball and back to 1st and Brody tagging the next runner for 3 out! 21 – 6!

4th dig. Zach gets a good hit away again and challenges the fielders. He runs to third and slides in like a real pro getting safe by a touch. Brody continues the big hits and unfortunately I call Thomas back to 1st on a fly ball, the fielder drops it and by the time I get Thomas running again he's tagged. Sorry my little mate. In the field Rowdy at CF steals the show when he runs in and around Charlie on 2nd base who had his eye on the fly ball coming at him. Rowdy throws the glove out, Charlie throws his glove out and Rowdy comes away with a great catch. Only 2 minutes earlier Rowdy was complaining it was his second time today at CF. Next out was Ben at P to Brody on 1st. Then Ben catches the third out. 28 – 6!

5th dig. Rowdy hits his first home run of his short career. As the coach calls go to 2, go to 3

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no one was stopping those little legs from completing the lap. The ball came in but Rowdy responded to the loud call, GO HOME. Brody hits another homer with Charlie enjoying the free run home and sliding in for the fun of it. First batter hits to Zach fielding at SS. Zach picks up a ground ball and throws a spot on throw to Jack on 1st OUT. Rowdy at P fumbles a ball but still gets it to 1st where Jack fumbles and the runner gets home. But the next two batters go out with great throws from Rowdy to Jack. 35 – 9!

6th dig. Brody hits home first with no runners on the bases. Ben hits a homer with all bases loaded. Jasper C and Bailey save their best till last with big hits. We finish our bat with 7 home again and totalling a massive 42 runs for the game. Great and smart hitting, Boys! Then Jacky Rule at P takes a catch and runs to 3rd for the double play. OUTSTANDING! Jasper C at SS fields close to 3rd and underarms it to Charlie for the third OUT. 42 – 15!

Well done boys you all played great.

I'd like to acknowledge the ST Pats team who tried their hardest and never gave up.

Player of the week: Zach Straker  
Video Ezy: Jack Rule  
Macdonalds: Rowdy Graves

Coach Bill

## **9.1's**

### **Sharks 30 Vs St Pats 27**

After a bye last weekend and Joshua Harrison away the 9/1s headed up to Waratah for a top of the table clash and what a great game it was.

In the first innings we stepped up to the plate with some great hits and St Pats were sharp in the field. One I would like to mention is Big Hitting Kurtis living up to his name batting at four in his comeback season. St Pats got 3 out and we were 5 home, side away.

Ok that was a bit quick but not a bad start.

Rivva was on first base after his golden glove performance last game and started off from where he left off. 1st batter not a bad hit, 2nd batter fielded by Ryan thrown to Rivva out, 3rd batter fielded by Sam thrown to Rivva out, 4th batter hit bringing batter one home, 5th batter fielded by Rivva who tagged the bag. 3 out, side away.

Heading into the second innings 5 - 1 up we were ready for some more big hits and great base running and that we did see with Rivva first up after a busy time in the field with a great hit, Rebecca with her sneaky hits towards third and then came Byron who was on fire with the bat today and had his best ever batting game for his career. 7 home side away. We're up 11-1. Fantastic.

Our second innings in the field saw plenty of action around centre field with Ryan taking a great catch, Ben tagging the runner on third and Kurtis and Sam connecting in the field with a pick up at pitcher and throw to first base. 3 out, 4 home. Score is 11-5.

The third innings was a cracker for our batting and fielding with some notable plays. Rivva was up first again, Kurtis hit his first home run and I think the first for our team this season, goodbye Bonnet Bay, you're a Sharkie now! 7 home side away. In the field we witnessed a double play with the second batter hitting straight to Ryan and with a great throw to Kurtis at first we had our second out. Nik was also sharp at catcher. St Pats then got a few home including a home run but Reliable Ryan closed up the innings with some more great fielding by tagging the runner at second. Score is 18-10.

In the fourth innings our fantastic fielding must have rubbed off on St Pats for a moment which saw their pitcher field the ball and throw to first on three occasions whilst we only got four home. McKenzie and Golden Gloved Rivva thought no worries we can do that and that they did with McKenzie picking the ball up at pitcher three times and Rivva tagging first base on every occasion. St Pats didn't quite replicate our batting with only getting 3 home. Score is 22-13.

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The fifth innings saw both teams get seven home with Natasha finally getting to run all the bases in her fast pink helmet and we must not forget to mention Sam's Man of the Match winning catch just off second base and Ryan and Rivva connecting again in the field. Score is now 29-20!

We ask the umpire is it time and game and he decides to press on. With the team not quite as focused as we had been all game we batted to only get Harry home and St Pats got an easy seven home. We finished up with a win and as Coach Brian said one of the most exciting games of U9 baseball we had ever seen.

Sharks 30 St Pats 27.

Man of the Match Sam Colburt, McDonald's Award Kurtis Woods for his home run on debut with the Sharks, and Video Ezy Award to Rivva Jory for another Golden Glove performance at 1st base.

Thank you to 8/1 White for hanging around after their win to support us again, Coach Brian, Assistant Coach Paul, Scorer Cindy, Bat boy Des and Photographers Richard and Corey. Without your support we couldn't do what we do.

### **14/2 – Sharks 4 v St George 11**

An early start on a Saturday morning saw a full team eager and ready to take on the top side – St George.

An interesting first innings saw 7 strike outs with our Peter getting 4 by himself... Then the pitching plate was moved back to its correct distance and we had a game on our hands!

A tough second innings saw us down 7 runs, but a good innings with the bat saw us get a few back and our confidence was still high.

We welcomed Liam and Michael Baker to Australia and to the team, and Liam quickly demonstrated his skills on the mound, holding out the opposition again and again. Nick finished off the match for us on the mound and performed extremely well.

Man of the match this week to Matthew McCulloch with a great effort at catcher, and some great hits to move himself and our runners around. A little more practice is needed with the bat over the coming weeks and months at training, and I believe our guys can be unstoppable!

Thanks to Brooke and Mathew from the 14/3's for helping us out this week also! Enjoy your holidays guys!

Jimmy