



## BASEBALL CLUB

### Match Reports

#### Round 11 - 3 December 2011

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##### 8.1 White - Sharks 34 v St Pats Green 5

We trained well on Tuesday after we missed last weekend's washout. We had fun and all left with our fingers crossed for No Rain. We woke Saturday morning to sunshine and game on. If we'd missed another game we'd all go stir crazy, including the parents. We were all there early for the team photo then into the warm-up. Sean Appleby whipped them into shape while I figured out the fielding for each dig. The parents lined up with coffees in hand, chatting like long lost friends. Well, we haven't all been there for two weeks.

1st Dig Brodie at pitcher scooped up the first hit of the day and fired to Ben on 1<sup>st</sup> - OUT. Their 2nd batter did well and throughout the dig progressed to 3rd. But Jacky Rule on 2nd was having no more of that. The 3rd batter was tagged on his way to 2nd. The 4th batter was run out on his way to 2nd after Jack fielded a hit straight to him. TJ was up first and hit a beauty. Rowdy stepped up 3rd bat and hit a fly ball and was caught leaving TJ scrambling back to 2nd. Very close. Brodie came in at 4 and hit a massive homer. Charlie up next in his bright red helmet and new bat showed what practice can do. WHACK and he was off. Jasper got out at 2nd and with one run short and Oscar ready to take off from 3rd Zac had a good swing but just needed another foot on it to clear the fielder. 3 OUT side away - 6 - 0

2nd Dig It wasn't looking too good for St Pats with their 2nd & 3rd batter out. Brodie scooped

up a ground ball near his base and stepped back 1st. Jasper C scooped it up at P and fired to Brodie. St Pats got their first batter home then J.C. took a great catch to close the batting. Jordie was first up and just couldn't get his eye in but bounced back later to feel that sweet hit when bat meets ball. Rowdy whacked another big hit with TJ and Jasper A. Side away - 13 - 1

3rd Dig St Pats opened with a big hit past the outfield. Their 2nd hitter was away as well and St Pats were looking good. The 3rd batter was caught out. Then Jasper at P fielded and fired to Rowdy on 1st OUT. They did again, OUT, side away. Then it was Jack and Brodie with the big hits for homers. 20 - 2.

4th Dig Unfortunately, St Pats 1st batter hit straight to Jack at P who threw to Charlie for a sweet out. A couple of big hits saw St Pats get another batter home. Jack and Charlie nearly did it again but the runner scraped in. It was Zac's turn at SS this time and a great throw to Charlie OUT. The 3rd was a catch to Jack at P. Big hits by Charlie, TJ, J.C., Jordan and Oscar hitting a homer which had the crowd standing with applause. 27 - 3

5th Dig St Pats kept their heads up and tried hard with 2 batters getting home. TJ at P took a clean ground ball and threw a beauty to Oscar on 1st OUT. Jack took a tag at 3rd base and the dig was rounded off with Ben at SS throwing to Jack. Brodie banged another homer turning the outfield around and bringing Rowdy home as well. Both Jaspers got away and were settled on

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the bases when big hitting Ben stepped up. But he just didn't quite get it and a fly ball went straight to 2nd for the catch. J.C. had done the right thing by only going 3 steps but even that was too much to get back to base. A great double play by the Pats. It had supporters on both sides standing and cheering. Oscar stepped up for a homer with his quick running too much for the fielders. Jack finished his day off with a huge hit which dad, Brian, just missed after having to race off to work. Brian, "it was out of the park." I'll replay it to you over a cold one. That was also enough to get Jack the "Player of the week" award. Well done mate. Final score 34 – 5.

I would like to congratulate Mick and his St Pats team who did their best and never stopped trying. To my boys, well, you just have us all amazed at how much you have improved. Your skill level has doubled and some of the plays you make leave us all dumb founded. It's exciting to watch. Great game, well done. Thank you parents for the support with ground duty and canteen. What a great bunch. Can't wait for next week.

Coach Bill

#### **9.1 - Sharks 24 v St Pats 35**

We were put on Diamond 4 after all posing for our team photo for the year.

St Pats are a tough opposition but that didn't stop us having a go.

Welcome back Rivva after a two week layoff getting your tonsils out.

In our first innings we see St Pats get seven home and at bat our first player home was Natasha batting at three, only to be followed by Byron. Score is 7-2

Our second innings sees some action in the field with McKenzie fielding the ball at Short Stop and throwing to Ryan on 1st base for our first out, Sam fielding the ball at 2nd base and throwing to Ryan for our second out and Sam starring again by tagging the runner at 2nd base with St Pats only getting four home. We get four home at bat too through Ryan, Sam, Harry and Joshua and the score is now 11-6.

St Pats get seven home again in the third innings even though Kurtis scoops the ball up at Short Stop and throws to McKenzie on 1st base for our first out and Byron took a cracker catch at Right Field for our second out. We struggle again with the bat to only get two home through Nik and Ryan and that leaves the score at 18-8.

We step out into the field in the fourth innings only allowing St Pats to get three home this time with McKenzie fielding the ball twice at Short Stop and throwing to Kurtis on 1st base for two of our outs, and McKenzie also taking a great catch while Ben was directing play at catcher. We are three out at bat in a flash and the score is now 21-8.

We match St Pats at the their game in the field at the top of the fifth innings and send them back in the dugout in no time through Ryan taking two great catches at Left Field and forcing a double play through Byron on 1st base to get our third out. You should have heard the sound of one of Ryan's catches hitting his glove it would have hurt. At bat we only get two home through Byron and Kurtis and the score is 21-10.

The sixth innings sees both teams get seven home even though Sam took a great catch at pitcher and Rebecca ran a double at bat, the score is now 28-17.

The seventh innings is much the same as the sixth score wise but we have a first for my t-ball career with one of St Pats batsmen out for batting out of order, we get our second out tagging the runner at 2nd base and while at bat Joshua gets a sneaky home run.

Final score is Sharks 24 St Pats 35.

It was great to see the whole team at the game today.

Thank you Coach Paul, Assistant Coach Bruce, Photographer Richard, Scorer Cindy, Bat Girl Taylah and all our friends and family for supporting us.

For a great effort in the field Man of the Match went to McKenzie and the McDonald's award to Ben and for a great all round effort the Video Ezy award went to Kurtis.