



BASEBALL CLUB

Match Reports

Round 12 - 10 December 2011

8.1 White Cronulla 42 v Illawong 10

Two attempts to train fell by the wayside. All we could do was keep our fingers crossed for Saturday. Not playing at home was our first ray of sunshine. Saturday morning home ground CLOSED. BUT we were off to Illawong. GAME ON.

The diamond was too wet and slippery to play on so the Illawong committee marked up another field to accommodate the match. We warmed up well and were ready to fire up. Fire up we did. Brodie and Ben our no. 4 & 8 batters lit the outfield up with gigantic home runs. Illawong's 2nd bat hit a catch to Jacky Rule who loves a ball in the mitt. The 4th batter hits straight to Jack and left his 3rd batter with nowhere to go. Tagged out at 2nd. Next batter hits to Jack again who throws to Ben on 1st for an outstanding play and OUT. 7 - 0

2nd Dig Jordan struck out twice last game but wasn't having any of that this game. His warm up was batting practice only. Then out he comes as first bat, no bases loaded and drills one pass the outfield and halfway back to Sutherland. Great hit mate. Zac cracks one and starts his run. In comes Osca. BANG home run. A special mention about Osca here. Osca and his little brother, Jasper are playing T-ball for the first time this year. Jasper is only 6 and playing with the big boys and more than holding his own. Osca, I say Osca had four bats this game and four massive home runs. I asked him

after the game, "What's it like to stand on 2nd base?" He simply said, "I don't know" and smiled. Unfortunately for Illawong the boys were right on their game and dismissed the 1st batter with a tag at 2nd. The 3rd with a catch by Jasper A at SS who threw to 1st and Brodie took the catch for 3 OUT sideaway. 14 - 0

3rd Dig After Ben's first hit the Illawong coach had his LF almost on the fence. Ben hit it to him and the little fella from Illawong almost landed the catch but it was a homer. Rowdy and Osca hit homers. Illawong on two occasions hit through our outfield surprising us and running in two home runs. Then Brodie at P fielded and threw to Rowdy on 1st OUT. Ben took a great catch at 2nd and then Jasper C at SS with a big throw to 1st had the 3rd OUT. 21 - 2

4th Dig Charlie, TJ and Jordie all had big hits with Osca's homer. We took out Illawong's 1st batter with a great play from Ben at RF threw to Oscar on 2nd OUT. Illawong then enjoyed a string of 5 runs before Ben and Osca linked again and the 3rd out came with a Jack pickup at P and throw to Charlie on 1st. 28 - 10

5th Dig Well you had to see this to believe it. Brodie, Rowdy, Jasper A, Ben and Osca all hit homers. The supporters were wearing out their hands clapping. In the field it was the same. Zac playing at 1st almost had an out on two occasions. Illawong got 3 runners home then Zac landed a catch from Jasper C at P OUT.

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Ben playing on 3rd raced away from his base and dived to take a great catch for the 2nd OUT. He even had to check the mitt to make sure he got it. He threw it home and went back to his base position. Whack, the hit came straight to him for another catch. 35 - 10

6th Dig Jack, Brodie and Ben Homers. Charlie at P fielded and threw to Jack on 1st OUT. Then Brodie three batters later caught a hit at left field and backed it up with a tag at 2nd for a tremendous double play to end the game. 42 - 10.

This was a super effort in the field and with the bat. 16 home run hits. 2 double plays and well I've said it before. You guys just astound me with your plays. Great game well done. Thank you to Illawong who again did not stop trying.

Player of the week : Osca Catton for the amazing 4 home runs.

Also a huge congratulations to the team and our parents. We are the "October Team of the Month!".

Coach Bill

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9/1 Bonnet Bay 23 vs. Sharks 23

We were prepared for anything today as we had nine players and we were playing Bonnet Bay at Bonnet Bay!

With Rivva away at Aunty Meagan's wedding and Harry and Sam at karate grading our team was not as strong as it normally is.

I called for a super sub by Coach Paul assured me we'll be right.

While Paul and Des warmed the girls up Bruce our able assistant coach laid a couple of pavers and got half of the water away from the door of the dugout with a Mount Franklin bottle. We are now ready for battle.

We're called girls today because Natasha and Rebecca are a little over being called guys and boys. It is hard when the ratio is 10:2.

At bat in the first innings we got off to a great start with great hits and base running to get six home. We backed that up in the field by only letting Bonnet Bay get two home through three great outs from Byron's catch at second base and double play to Ryan on first base and Joshua's pick up at pitcher and throw to Ryan. Score is 6-2.

The second innings saw both teams get four home at bat and our outs came through Ryan's throw from short stop to Kurtis at second base, Ben playing at pitcher and tagging the runner at third base and Ryan tagging the runner at first base while covering for McKenzie. Score is 10-6.

Both teams then got three home in the third innings with Rebecca at catcher and Natasha at pitcher. Our outs came through Byron catching a fly ball at short stop even though he assures Paul that the batsmen always hit to right field and Ryan playing at left field tagging two runners at second. Score is 13-9.

Bonnet Bay held us to one home in the fourth innings and we tried our best in the field with Nik at pitcher to only let them get two home with our outs coming through Ryan tagging a running player at second base and Kurtis taking two great catches at short stop. Score is now 14-11.

In the fifth innings we get six home including a home run from Ryan but Bonnet Bay manage seven home as we only got two of their batsmen out through Joshua fielding at short stop and throwing to McKenzie on first base and Ryan taking a catch at pitcher. Score is now 20-18.

This game is a close one and in the sixth innings we only manage three home to Bonnet Bay's five which evens up the ball game even though Byron tagged a runner at second base, Joshua playing at pitcher throws to Ryan at first base and McKenzie playing at short stop also threw to Ryan. Score is now 23 all.

Great game girls!

Thank you to Coach Paul, First Base Coach Bruce, Third Base coach Des, Photographer Carrie and Scorer Cindy for helping out the team.

For a great all round effort Man of the Match went to Ryan, the McDonald's award went to Byron and the Video Ezy award went to Natasha.