



THE SAINT

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DIVISION 2 FIRSTS

St.Kilda 2 was defeated by Port Melbourne 5

Highlights: If winning baseball games was a result of hitting the ball well - we'd have come away with the points vs local rival Port Melbourne. BUT - long, hard hit fly balls to outfielders doesn't get you on base or lead to big innings. Frustrating loss where signals were consistently missed, and Port Melbourne were far better at executing the little things than us - and deservedly won the game. Tough to execute when we're not picking up signals - inexcusable U12 stuff. Scotty Harris once again threw well for us, but Port got 2 out hits to right field to drop in - while we didn't. Defence was okay, but would have been bolstered by Higginson/Wenke (not to mention Dunn and Bates) but we need to think about situational hitting and paying attention to signals - sure our coach in previous years was much better looking than Coxy - but it shouldn't be that hard to look at him for 5 seconds in between pitches. Franky, O'Sullivan and GregsY lead the way with the bat - with Dale Benness ripping a line drive through the Port 3rd baseman to score our only 2 runs. Big game this week vs Melbourne - time to get back on track.

Won 10 – Lost 6

Keips



DIVISION 2 RESERVES

St.Kilda 6 was defeated by Port Melbourne 7

Hits: 2 - Sportsy, Jon Bell, 1 - Arnie (inc 2B), JJ (inc 2B), Sharpy, Weiny, Neil.

Highlights: The Saints Reserves, true to form, played another close game on the weekend but unfortunately fell over at the last barrier, losing to Port Melbourne by the score of 7 to 6. That was the same score the boys won by in the last game before the break, and it was clear there was a little ring rust as the Saints did not play with their usual crispness but still battled hard with Arnie delivering a clutch 2 out 2 RBI double in the 1st to give the Saints the lead 2-0. The Mariners tied it up in the bottom of the 1st, and then took the lead 6-2 before the Saints stormed back to score 4 runs in the top of the 5th to tie it up. A succession of hits that inning from the middle of the order was capped by Jon Bell's 2 out 2 RBI single which plated Weiny and Sportsy with the tying runs. After failing to convert a golden opportunity in the top of the 6th with the 1st 2 batters reaching based, the Saints watched in frustration as Port won the game in the bottom of the 6th without a base hit, thanks in part to a questionable call at 3rd base where Sportsy looked to have tagged out the runner but the ump saw things differently. Jon Bell was excellent on the hill and was the tough luck loser. The Saints return home this weekend where they look to avenge a week 1 loss to the Demons and get their finals hopes back on track.

Won 6 – Lost 6 – Draw 1

D.W

DIVISION 2 THIRDS

St.Kilda 20 defeated Port Melbourne 4

Hits: 3 - Ansley, Heard (inc 2B). 2 - Marek (inc 2B), McKenzie, SeanO. 1 - Millen, Silvera.

Pitching: Scoop 3Inn 3H 3K 1BB 4RS 2ER
Geoff 2Inn 1H 1K 0BB 0RS 0ER

Highlights: The loooong break came to an end with a "Home" game against the struggling Port Melbourne 3's. Due to a scheduling problem we played the game on a rough cow paddock out the back of Port's home ground... We put on a strong hitting display, many very hard hit balls - from Josh, Sean, Eulise and Marton in particular. Marty missed a home-run to dead centre, straight into the wind, by centimetres. Sea played a great 3rd base and collected 3 hits for the day. The returning Mitch MacKenzie had a Grand-Slam.....well, not quite, with bases loaded he smashed a hard hit single to right field that was mis-played. With four of our fastest runners in play ; Sea, Daniel, Ant & Mitch, this very quickly became a base clearing effort. Scoop and Geoff shared a solid pitching effort to help shake out the rust (and with us I do mean rust) that built up over the break. Marton was robbed of a pitching opportunity by the application of the new 15-run-rule-after-5-innings. Annoyingly, this brought our game to an end with 20 minutes left on the clock. We have now played every team in our Division and sit in 4th place on the ladder. An excellent first step in our new, higher level competition. Our challenge now is to stay in the final four - with five games left against tough opposition this will be a real test.

Won 9 – Lost 4

Geoff

DIVISION 2 FOURTHS

St.Kilda had a bye

Highlights: None

Won 4 – Lost 5 – Draw 3

SeanO

WHO SAID THAT ????????

“Jackie (Robinson), we've got no army. There's virtually nobody on our side. No owners, no umpires, very few newspapermen. And I'm afraid that many fans will be hostile. We'll be in a tough position. We can win only if we can convince the world that I'm doing this because you're a great ballplayer, a fine gentleman

Answer on page 4

WOMEN'S DIVISION 3

St.Kilda 2 defeated by Melbourne 23

Highlights: After a month's layoff the Sinners returned to the diamond, visiting the lush Melbourne ground in Box Hill. Several Underdogs championship softball players made their baseball debuts, contributing to a Sinners-record 10 players available to face the division's number one side. This was a game where the disparity in experience was readily evident, and the rust in lack of training over the holidays showed. Melbourne's ace pitcher entirely shut down St. Kilda's offence. St. Kilda went through four pitchers - Ana Assao, Angie Jackman, Gina Chinnery and Wiki Seymour - each with control issues not helped out by the umpire's stingy, small strike zone. Melbourne didn't hit the ball particularly hard, but the overwhelming number of walks was the primary reason for their 23 runs. In the final inning St. Kilda strung together their first rally of 2010, battling to score two runs punctuated by a nice drive by Ebony Butler. With four games left, despite not having won a game, it says here that the first of at least a couple of victories will be earned as soon as this weekend's game at home to Bundoora at 2pm.

Won 1 – Lost 12

Sea



DIVISION 4 RED

St.Kilda Red 19 was defeated by Carrum Downs 2

Highlights: Reds lined up against the in form Carrum Downs side. Complete with their former Div 2 starting pitcher and ex state captain of the softball team in the lineup...blah blah blah. When we saw the pitcher was not Mason Gosstray we looked forward to a good game. It certainly started that way with Lordy only giving up one unearned run in the first 2 digs and Saints plating two. The third inning saw things fall over. With no one out a high fly double and a walk brings up their best hitter. He struggles with 4 foul balls on an 0-2 count only for Lordy to deliver a terrible changeup that was placed where it belonged: over the home run fence. More doubles walks and errors make for 9 runs in the inning. Lordy comes good to strike out 3 of the last 4 batters to end the inning. Corey pitched the next dig and shuts them out but we cannot get anything going with the bat and at the end of four its 9-2. Our new Japanese import Daniel arrives and Lordy sees him warm up pitching and looking good. He is given the chance to pitch and jumps at it. Unfortunately the Carrum Downs hitters liked him too and ten more runs in the next two innings puts the game far out of reach of the Saints. The StKilda bats warm up a bit and have 1st and 3rd with no one out in the 5th but a base running error on a ground ball to third ends in a double play and the threat dies soon after.



We welcomed the "Big Dawg", Cody Everett into the lineup for his first game at St.Kilda for many years. While he had three strong at bats for a double and two deep flies, he may want to see more than 3 pitches next game, ha-ha.

Won 5 – Lost 6 – Drew 1

Lordy

DIVISION 4 BLACK

St.Kilda Black 18 defeated Melton 1



Highlights:#The first Melton batter scored and it looked like being a long day for the St Kilda Black team in their first game after the Christmas break. Ben Muldoon was pitching for St Kilda, in his long awaited return to the Mound, and it looked like it was going to take more than WD40 to get rid of the rust. The Blacks replied to Melton's first inning run with a few of their own. The ever reliable Ben Tan, Scott Meltzer and Ben Muldoon scoring to create a first inning lead of 3-1. After sculling the WD40, Muldoon really started to find the zone. He dominated the Melton batters for the rest of the game, giving up one hit and a walk in total. In that time The Blacks batters just got better and better, everyone scored a run and most got RBIs, finishing with a nine run inning to make the final score 18-1. The team were buoyant at the end, and although a few players are away next Sunday, they still believe they can win the second derby game of the season v St.Kilda Reds...

Won 5 – Lost 7 – Drew 1

Neil

SAINTS TRAINING 2010

Training is now in full swing with sessions on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Special Wednesday sessions with Adam Franks will be advised. Thursday night training also is Selection night with food provided afterwards from Club Sponsor 'Topolinos Pizza'. So get down and take some BP, shag some flies and work on your grounders. And afterwards why not treat yourself to a frosty Beveridge from the club bar affectionately known as '3rd BASE' – Your Last stop before home.



SUBSCRIPTIONS 2009/10*

Membership fees are now OVERdue and MUST be paid to Treasurer Luke Richards or your Team Manager. Come Finals time, NO PAY NO PLAY will be enforced. Fees can also be paid by direct Deposit. See Website for details.

Next Game – 23rd/24th January 2010

FIRSTS/SECONDS	THIRDS/FOURTHS	ST.KILDA BLACK	ST.KILDA RED	WOMEN'S
v	v	v	v	v
Melbourne	Melbourne	STK Red	ST.K Black	Bundoora
Home - 3.30/1pm	Away – 3.30/1pm	Home – 10.30am	Home – 10.30	Home – 2.00pm
Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Saturday

SOCIAL EVENTS

St Kilda Baseball Club presents

\$1000 REVERSE RAFFLE

Saturday 6th February 2010 from 8.00pm

Complimentary dinner, beer, wine, champagne & soft drinks until 11.00pm
Drinks at Bar Prices after 11.00pm

Cox Mackenzie Pavilion, Hockey Drive, Albert Park

Dress: Smart Casual
Tickets: \$35.00

Ticket No.

of 200

Standings after Round 13

	Won	Lost	Draw	Position
Firsts	10	6	0	5th
Seconds	6	6	1	9th
Thirds	9	4	0	4th
Fourths	4	5	3	6th
Red	5	6	1	6th
Black	5	7	1	5th
Women's	1	12	0	11th

Answer to 'WHO SAID THAT'

Branch Rickey (owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers) to Jackie Robinson

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