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DIVISION 2 FIRSTS

St.Kilda 5 was defeated by Springvale 9

Highlights: Still pretty flat, but an improved effort in the field from the Saints 1's failed to get us over the line vs Springvale. A few early errors, and some excellent hitting from Springvale saw them take an early lead, which at one stage we pegged back to 5-3, but we failed to convert many opportunities and Springvale hit very well throughout the day running out deserved winners. We clearly need to get back to playing more aggressive baseball - and enjoying the game. A big week ahead with Berwick mid-week then Preston on Saturday - we need a few wins!

Won 10 – Lost 7

Keips

DIVISION 2 RESERVES

St.Kilda 7 defeated Springvale 4

No Report

Won 7 – Lost 7 – Draw 1

D.W

DIVISION 2 THIRDS

St.Kilda 22 defeated Springvale 4

Hits: 3 - Elton (inc 2B, 3B), Leonard (inc 2B). 2 - Hanton (inc 2B), Aldridge (inc 2B), Sagorin (inc 2B). 1 - Heard (inc 2B), Sharples (inc 2B), Millen

Pitching: Scoop 6Inn 6H 3K 5BB 4RS 4ER

Highlights: Three. 3. III. The number of : BASES, Richard Elton smoothly sprinted after smashing a ball to the left field fence; BRUISES, Anthony Millen proudly collected as a result of being "hit by pitch" 3 times (!); BASES, Geoff L reluctantly staggered after his hard hit went through the legs of the centrefielder;

TIMES, Jonny Sagorin lustily threw up during the game after running hard in the heat; HITS, Richard and Geoff each solidly racked up today; POINTS, out of 10, the "Judges On The Hill" generously awarded to Geoff for his reverse twist with pike whilst gracefully failing to catch a foul fly ball down the 1st base line; WELL, half the number of RBIs that Richard powerfully put away today.....I could go on..... The 3's came out blasting! After allowing one run in the top of the first, the boys replied with nine runs off the Springy starter. We then followed this up with another nine run inning in the 2nd....Eight extra base hits out of a 15 hit total gives you some idea of well we hit as a team. Most importantly, we hit in bunches, a total contrast to last week when we stranded runner after runner by failing in key moments. Today saw an awesome display of intelligent hitting. Scoop was at his dominant best, allowing a solitary run until the bottom of the fifth, just losing his location for a few batters during which the, always dangerous, Springvale hitters took advantage. He really drove home the work we did with the bat. The defensive highlight - Jonny's run from his 2nd base position to field a pop-up over 1st base and to then throw from his knees to get the runner forced to two. Crushing stuff for an opposition trying to get something going. Oh, one more - 3 - the number of games left to win to see us into the Finals!

Won 10 – Lost 4 – Draw 1

Geoff



DIVISION 2 FOURTHS

St.Kilda 5 was defeated by Springvale 15

Hits: 2 - Crockenberg (inc 2B). 1 - More (inc 2B), Ansley, Everett, McRae.

Pitching: Drew 4Inn 11H 1K 0BB 8RS 4ER
Sea 3Inn 8H 0K 1BB 7RS 6ER

Highlights: With any chance of playing finals hinging on Sunday's result, the 4ths boys went into the game looking to knock of top of the table Springvale on a stinking hot day and a nasty north wind. But it was the Lions who came out swinging an equally hot bat, plating 6, shellshocking the Saints. We responded with one to get ourselves on the board early. Drew, who had been hit hard in the first, fought back and shut out the Lions in the second, third. We again scored, cutting the deficit to 4 and in the fifth handed the ball to Sea, who also shut down the Lions top order. We were on top now but couldn't find a way to get to Springvale's pitcher, putting runners on, but unable to get them in. In the top of the sixth, we surrendered 2 runs to take the game out to 10 to 2, but managed to avoid a big inning thanks to a sweet double play, our 5th in the last 2 games, which has been a very pleasing part of our play recently. We needed some runs badly, but springy counted with old man Wearney, who was proving to be a handful, as we went down meekly. The top of the seventh was a game breaker, the wind causing havoc as the first five Lions hitters reaching base on shots that on a normal day would have been gimmes, the end result being 5 runs to their score. We rallied in the last, scoring 3, but the deficit was to great and Springvale ran out deserving winners, ending our finals chances. A pretty good game in the field today in what was extremely trying conditions, but our hitting let us down again and has been our Achilles heel all season. A week off this week, thanks Claxton Shield, and a chance in the remaining 3 games to shape the four and maybe end some of the finals aspirations of several of the other clubs. Something I'm sure we will all delight in doing.....

Won 4 – Lost 7 – Draw 3

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WOMEN'S DIVISION 3

St.Kilda 11 was defeated by Upwey FTG 5

Highlights: For the first time all season, the Sinners began a game knowing they could win it. They started ruthlessly, played tight, assured defense, batted patiently, and earned a 3-2 lead against middle-of-the-table Upwey Ferntree Gully through two innings. The top of the third was the decisive inning, when UFTG hit St. Kilda starter Gina Chinnery to all parts of the outfield, scoring the maximum 7 runs. While St. Kilda characteristically tried to battle back, led by Aoife Murphy's 3 hits and Hannah Graff's 2 solid knocks in only her second game, they could not replicate their amazing comeback from the week before, and a double play in the bottom of the final inning thwarted any hopes of another sensational rally. The season comes down to one final game at home to Sandringham on Saturday morning, one last chance to earn that elusive first victory and end the season on a high.

Won 1 – Lost 13 – Draw 1

Sea



DIVISION 4 RED

St.Kilda Red defeated Melton (forfeit)

Highlights: StKilda travelled all the way out to Melton and I am pleased to say had 7 of the 9 there by 12pm. We were most the way through our warm up in a howling gale and 37 degree heat when the 6 Melton players walk over and inform us of a forfeit. / sigh. The confidence and percentage boost we were hoping for out there was not to be. Now it's on to our season defining game next week against Chelsea who appear to have been beaten up nicely by Blacks last week. Thanks boys!

Won 6 – Lost 6 – Drew 1

Lordy

DIVISION 4 BLACK

St.Kilda Black 19 was defeated by Chelsea 20

Highlights: We showed we can compete with the best...

There will always be a 1 in the loss column for this game, as there is for the last time these teams met. But even though the result was the same, the performance of the St Kilda Black team couldn't be more different. The top team in the league was hosting us at Edith Vale reserve and the memory of the 13-0 drubbing Chelsea gave us in November was at the front of our minds as we warmed up in the 38-degree heat with a hairdryer wind. There were a few team changes from that sad November day, with Ben Roberts and Brett Renton gracing us with their presence from the fourths, and thirds pitcher Ben Muldoon continuing his comeback on the mound for us. Muldoon had a heavy head from a big night with a Tequila ending at Andy Zs birthday bash, but he was confident it wouldn't affect his pitching. And it didn't, as we got the first two batters out quickly in the bottom of the first, and we looked like going into the second inning with a 3-0 lead. The final out however was hard to come by, and the middle of the Chelsea order - who have dominated pitchers all year - started to knock the ball around the park. They put on six runs which was a

as the Blacks gave away too many unearned runs from heat-effected errors in the field. Two of these errors deserve a special mention as they enabled one of the Chelsea hitters - rumored to be in his 70s - to score a lung-busting infield home run. The hit to left field looked like being a double, but Dean Teniswoods throw with the runner struggling to get to second base, went through to right field. The right fielder was very deep because of the strong winds, so second baseman Brett Renton had to get back to field the ball and sent it home to try and get them out. The Chelsea first baseman slid into home plate and emerged from the cloud of red dust with a well-deserved run. The main difference from November though was heads never dropped during the energy sapping sun-drenched game, and we entered the final inning at 2.50pm 18-11 down. The team had a real belief however, and the talk in the dugout was, 'we've come back before, we can do this again', and we did. We took the lead with everyone hitting the ball in whopping a nine run inning. It could've been more - but the combined error of the Welsh prop forward player manager trying to get home from second base, and the naive third base coach Brett Renton sending him to a certain out at home plate - meant we went in to the final inning defending a one run lead. Scott Meltzer took over from Ben 'tequila head' Muldoon, and it was big ask against the top of the league opposition. They scored two runs to win what was an exhausting, but very exciting game. A special mention should go to the endeavors of Ben Muldoon and Matt White who worked tirelessly pitching and catching on a very hot day on the diamond.

Won 5 – Lost 8 – 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**GRAND-FINAL
TICKETS ON-SALE**

**VICTORIA ACES
VS
STH AUSTRALIA**

@
La Trobe Uni
Feb 5-7, 2010



Next Game – 6th February 2010

FIRSTS/SECONDS

V
Preston
Home - 4.00/1.30pm
Saturday

THIRDS/FOURTHS

V
NO GAME

ST.KILDA BLACK

V
NO GAME

ST.KILDA RED

V
NO GAME

WOMEN'S

V
Sandringham
Home – 11.00am
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 15

	Won	Lost	Draw	Position
Firsts	10	7	0	8th
Seconds	7	7	1	8th
Thirds	10	4	1	4th
Fourths	4	7	3	7th
Red	6	6	1	6th
Black	5	8	1	7th
Women's	1	13	1	9th

Answer to 'WHO SAID THAT'

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