



# THE SAINT

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## DIVISION 2 FIRSTS

St.Kilda 12 defeated Berwick 5 (Wed Night)

**Highlights:** Once again some sloppy play on our part let our opposition score early runs - and we found ourselves down 3-0 after a Berwick leadoff inside the park homer to start the third dig - but from there it was all St Kilda. Bats fired with hits a plenty for Dunny, Franky, O'Sullivan, & Mack - with lots of big hits in key situations. We returned to playing aggressive baseball, with several stolen bases and extra bases taken keeping the pressure on Berwick. Keips threw the whole game, helped by a couple of key double plays, one of which closed out a threatening Berwick in what turned out to be the top of the last inning when the game was closer. All in all a good game for us where we broke a 5 game losing streak, but equally importantly we played the brand of baseball that's enabled us to be successful earlier this season.

Won 11 – Lost 8

Keips



## DIVISION 2 FIRSTS

St.Kilda 23 defeated Preston 3

**Highlights:** Preston have played us tough for 3+ seasons, including a 12 inning game earlier this year, so the end result was miles off what anyone would have expected - but a great win for us. Once again we started slowly, with Preston's Marshall Skinner hitting an RBI double in the 1st inning - to put them up 1-0 with runners on 2 and 3 with 1 out. From there Scotty Harris struck out the next two hitters, minimising the lead to just one run, which we quickly overcame, and then pushed out to a comfortable, then huge lead as the game progressed. Great to see us consistently put together good at-bats with runners in scoring position, and consistently hit the ball hard off each of the three Preston pitchers. Lots of hits from everyone - lead by Coxy with 4 including a home run, Mark 'Mongo' Davies with 3 in his first start in the ones this year, Dunny continues to get on base with walks and singles - the prototypical #2 hitter, Franky smashed it around with 2 hits as did Higginson, Kingi, GregsY, Pete O'Sullivan and Keips - including a 3 run homer to CF. Great game on the hill to Scotty - with Mills mopping up in the last. All in all a fantastic win heading into the reverse raffle function. Big game ahead where we need to continue to play aggressive, smart baseball against Footscray.

Won 12 – Lost 8

Keips



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## DIVISION 2 RESERVES

St.Kilda 8 defeated Preston 1

**Highlights:** The Saints Reserves defeated the Preston Reserves by the score of 8-1 on Saturday in a tale of 2 baseball games. In the first part of our story, the Saints looked anaemic and wasteful. After 4 innings the score was 0-0, with the Saints managing to find a way not to score even though they had bases loaded and 1 out in 1 inning, and then on a play at the plate where Arnie channelled Devo's spirit from Frogland by getting tagged out on a sure run. This prompted a spray from the manager between innings and then the 2nd half of our story, which was much happier. In the 5th inning the Saints scored 4 times to take command of the game, batting around the order with Stu starting the scoring after a demonstration in creative base running which saw him steal 2nd and score on an errant pickoff throw that he artfully booted into right-centre. After Preston broke through for a single run in the top of the 6th, the Saints answered with 4 more in the bottom of the 6th to put the game away. All up the Saints totalled 16 hits, with 3 for Arnie who redeemed himself at the plate, and 2 each for Stu, Batesy, Jon Bell, Zassa and Weiny. Jon Bell and Arnie each had 2 RBIs, with JJ and Zassa contributing 1 each. Zassa was solid on the hill, attacking the strike zone and pitching to his defense which notably did not make an error all day. Sea and Brendan Hanton played flawless outfield in their reserves debut this year. Next week its Footscray at home as the Reserves look to take care of their own business but still need lots of help to see themselves into the final 4.

Won 8 – Lost 7 – Draw 1

D.W



## WOMEN'S DIVISION 3

St.Kilda 12 was defeated by Sandringham 18

**Highlights:** St. Kilda's final regular scheduled game of the 2009/2010 season typified the experience of the season as a whole. With several key players unavailable due to prior commitments or personal issues, a couple of baseball newbies were drafted in for their very first game. The early 10am start time contributed to late arrivals by other players, minimizing adequate warmups; meanwhile, Sandringham, still in contention for finals, eased through Zen-style calisthenics and advanced stretches. When the game started, St. Kilda were prepared for business. The girls jumped out to a 7-3 lead after the first inning, thanks to patient hitting all through the lineup. Despite a shaky second inning in the field, the game was tied 8-8 through two. Pitcher Angie Jackman was delivering, striking out 8 batters in the end. Her defense let her down in the third, and Sandringham pulled ahead for good. Inventive but unfortunate baserunning and a growing impatience at the plate let St. Kilda down, despite first base chick Aoife Murphy's two doubles, and the ever battling Sinners succumbed to a more experienced Sandringham team, 18-12. It's mildly sad that just as the team was peaking, in whatever combination took the field on any given Saturday, the season has come to its close for St. Kilda. Barring surprise results this weekend when St. Kilda have a bye, the Sinners should finish up 9th of the 11 teams - a huge accomplishment considering none of the women had ever played baseball before, and the same team was never on the field any two games of the year. Well done to the team, many gracious thanks to JJ who was a terrific, dedicated assistant coach, and better luck next year. The women's report is over and out - with the women's award presentations Saturday March 20th at the College Lawn.

Won 1 – Lost 14 – Draw 1

Sea

## 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 '3<sup>rd</sup> BASE' – Your Last stop before home.

## WHO SAID THAT ????????

“Ray, people will come Ray. They'll come to Iowa for reasons they can't even fathom. They'll turn up your driveway not knowing for sure why they're doing it. They'll arrive at your door as innocent as children, longing for the past. Of course, we won't mind if you look around, you'll say. It's only \$20 per person. They'll pass over the money without even thinking about it: for it is money they have and peace they lack. And they'll walk out to the bleachers; sit in shirtsleeves on a perfect afternoon. They'll find they have reserved seats somewhere along one of the baselines, where they sat when they were children and cheered their heroes. And they'll watch the game and it'll be as if they dipped themselves in magic waters. The memories will be so thick they'll have to brush them away from their faces. People will come Ray. The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt and erased again. But baseball has marked the time. This field, this game: it's a part of our past, Ray. It reminds of us of all that once was good and it could be again. Oh... people will come Ray. People will most definitely come.”

Next Game – 14<sup>th</sup> Febuary 2010

### FIRSTS/SECONDS

v  
Footscray  
Away - 3.30/1.00pm

### THIRDS/FOURTHS

v  
Footscray  
Home - 3.30/1.00pm

### ST.KILDA BLACK

v  
Doncaster  
Away - 1.00pm

### ST.KILDA RED

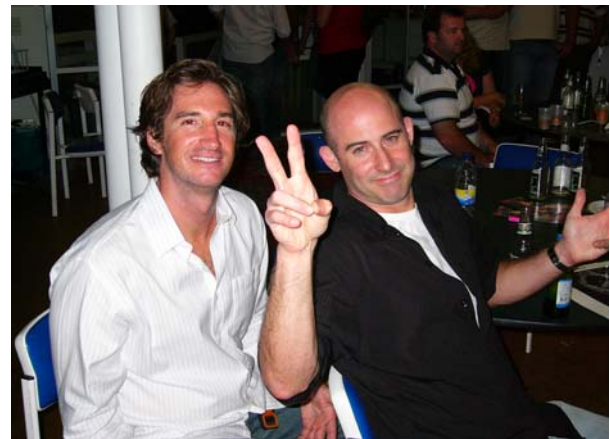
v  
Blackburn B  
Away - 1.00pm

### WOMEN'S

Season  
Over  
Finished  
9th

## EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sat March 20, Presentation Night (at the 2010 Collage Lawn)



### Standings after Round 15

	Won	Lost	Draw	Position
Firsts	12	8	0	5th
Seconds	8	7	1	8th
Thirds	10	4	1	4th
Fourths	4	7	3	7th
Red	7	6	1	5th
Black	5	9	1	7th
Women's	1	14	1	9th

### Answer to 'WHO SAID THAT'

Terence Mann (James Earl Jones)  
Field of Dreams 1989

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