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DIVISION 2 FIRSTS

St.Kilda 10 defeated Springvale 8

Hits: 2 - Franks (inc2B). 1 - Raffa (inc HR) Wenke, Gregory, Mills, O'Sullivan.

Highlights: All in all a good win against a team who've had the upper hand against us over the past few years. We hit the ball hard and often against Springy's starter Scott Baille, but while regular long fly balls to outfielders showed we were swinging the bats well - it didn't plate too many runs for us, with the exception of Raffa who put one over the outfield and fence for a solo shot. Scotty Harris started on the mound for us and did a very good job of shutting down Springvale, until we made a few very uncharacteristic errors with two out in the 5th to hand Springvale 3 runs. Down 5-4 we rallied against Springvale's Glen Richards with several long at-bats leading to walks, and a hard single to Adam Franks - Richards was removed after a few walks with Gary Mills dunking a ball into right field to score two important runs off Hogan. Neither team was particularly sharp in the field, but we finished strong and did a good job of capitalising on any mistakes through some small ball and clutch hitting. Millsy closed out the game in interesting fashion, but we got over the line by two and take a 3 and 1 record into this week's game against divvy 2 benchmark and old rival Fitzroy.

Won 3 - Lost 1

Stu

DIVISION 2 RESERVES

St.Kilda 10 defeated Springvale 9

Hits: 4 - Sharp. 1 - Stu (inc 2B), Zassa, Sportsy, Bell (inc 2B), JJ, Weinberger, Pomazon.

Pitching: Andrew Z 4Inn 6BB 2K 2RS. 1ER
Bell 2Inn 0BB 3K 1RS 1 ER

Highlights: The Saints Reserves posted their first win of the year on Sunday, defeating the defending Division 3 Reserve Champions Springvale in a thriller 10-9 on Sunday. Mike Sharp led the offense with 4 of the Saints 11 hits, scoring 3 times and banging out a stand up triple. JJ had 2 RBIS, while Sportsy, Weinberger, Stu Devlin, Jon Bell, Sharpy and Zassa all had 1 RBI. Zassa got the win pitching 3 effective innings before Jon Bell came in to pitch 2 solid innings of relief. Jon also drove in a run with a big double late in the game. With an 8-4 lead in the top of the final inning, Andrew Pomazon suffered some tough luck and let up 5 runs to see the Saints down 9-8 headed into their last at bat. The boys proved resilient, though, with Pomazon reaching on an excuse me base hit up the middle and an error on JJ's grounder setting the stage for the comeback. Weinberger dropped a single into shallow center, and Pomazon beat the throw with the ball squirting away allowing Weinberger and JJ to advance. The next pitch got past the catcher and JJ beat the throw at home, to give the Saints a much deserved win on which they hope to build this week in Fitzroy

Won 1 - Lost 3

Weiny



DIVISION 2 THIRDS

St.Kilda 6 was defeated by Springvale 7

Hits: 2 - Sharples (inc 2B), Leonard (inc 2B), Ansley. 1 - Marek (inc 2B), Aldridge, Millen

Pitching: Leonard 7 $\frac{2}{3}$ Inn 7ER 1K 4BB 10H

Highlights: An involving, high standard game, played in great spirit, that ended in a one run loss in the bottom of the 8th inning. Baseball lovers always look forward to a game where two fireballing young pitchers take the mound..... Yes, Springvale's Graeme Hough and our own "Veteran Annoyer of Hitters", pitched each other to a standstill today. Despite Geoff giving up two massive home runs earlier in the game, the teams went in to the 8th inning tied at 5 runs each. We were able to push one run across to grab the lead but blew any chance to score further with failures to execute fundamental small ball baseball when needed. We were then unable to contain Springy in the last and two runs came in, handing us the loss. Neil Sharples continued his monster start to the season - mashing the ball hard when it mattered most, driving in 3 of our 6 runs. Anthony Millen played his first game with the 3's and was outstanding in left field. His three superb running catches all saved runs. Daniel Aldridge, carrying a painful ankle injury and not expecting to play, stepped in off the bench when one of our players failed to show and played a good game at first base. In a tight game, leaving 7 runners on base and losing a couple out there is unacceptable. Springvale showed us today that the little things make a big difference in higher level baseball games. Heads up baserunning, focussed hitting, bunt execution and strategic thought by all players are essential to win good ball games. Here is our next challenge, the physical side of our game is looking good but the mental side needs to be stepped up.

Won 2 – Lost 2

Geoff

DIVISION 2 FOURTHS

St.Kilda 2 was defeated by Springvale 13

Hits: 1 - Robbie (inc 3B), Eulise (inc 2B), Gibbo, Drew, Scoop

Pitching: Scoop 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ Inn 6ER 5K 3BB 7H

Drew $\frac{2}{3}$ Inn 6ER 0K 0BB 8H

Highlights: Although the scoreline would suggest a one sided game, this was far from the case. A very close tussle for most of the game against a very strong Springvale unit. We jumped out early thanks to a leadoff triple from Robbie, scoring on Brett's ground out. From there both sides had difficulty scoring with both pitchers and defences dominating. Springvale tied it up in the 3rd and then went ahead by one. At this point we were wondering where our next run would come from as it just wasn't happening for us in the box. But in the top of the 4th, Sean wore one in the ribs, got to second and scored standing on Gibbo's base hit to centre left. Springvale answered with two on some good hitting paired with a fielding indiscretion from our defence to take a 4 to 2 lead. Old man Wearne came on for the last 2 innings to ensure there would be no Saints comeback and try as we might, that turned out to be the case. The lions put a 9 spot on the board late to blow the game out of reach, largely to some aggressive hitting and a fair share of luck. For as well as we played, particularly in defence, we fell well short with our efforts in the box. Not nearly aggressive enough in what is a hitting league. Something I'm sure we'll rectify.

Won 1 – Lost 3

SeanO



DIVISION 4 RED

St.Kilda Red 4 was defeated by Carrum Downs 15

Hits: 3 - Lordy (inc 2B). 2 - Cliff. 1 - Yugo, Peter, Corey.

Highlights: Playing what I assume is Carrum's firsts as it is a new club StKilda kept them close for a few innings before they pulled away in the last two. Game started with our guys going down in order and then Lordy hitting their 2nd batter and walking the third. Both runners proceed to steal to third and score on a wild pitch and a 4-3 ground out. 2-0 was a flattering scoreline to them. In the next 3 innings they score 3 runs on 2 hits and lots of steals. They are not really ahead of us when it comes to hitting as in the same time we put up 4 hits and knock in 2. After 4 innings it is 2-4 and Lordy is changed out for Cliff Lloyd to take the mound. We start the 5th with 3 hits in the first four batters to bring it to 4-5 with Lordy on 2 and 1 out. Unfortunately that was pretty much it for the day as our next 5 hitters go down in order and they get some luck when batting. A swirly wind does not help Cliff as he gets a lot of batters to pop up short in the outfield but they get away from us and they plate 10 runs in the last two. Cliff picked up two hits and did well pitching. Matt White and Nathan had good days in the field and we welcomed Matt Bellmain to our side.

Won 1 – Lost 2

Lordy

DIVISION 4 BLACK

St.Kilda 11 was defeated by Melton 13

Highlights: By the time we arrived in Melton, the winds had picked up, the skies darkened and there wasn't a tram in sight. Ben led us off with a walk, followed by another to Sean. Scott was put out at first but with loaded bases, the Saints crossed the plate and got on the board. Sean and Stephen came home on a hit to centre field by Al Meyer. A strike out by Ross and a ridiculously non-strategic walk by Josh meant that our ninth player, Eliyahu HaNovi, was up. An automatic out finished the

first. By the middle of the second inning, StK Black was up 8 to nothing, The bottom of the second was our undoing. After a walk, a double, a strike out and a single, Scott was replaced by Al. While Al's pitching was an impressive start to what will be a great pitching career, it was marred by an overly eager professional umpire calling balks for crimes as heinous as breathing. Two balks in a row helped Melton raise their score to 7. Two strike outs by Condon and Stephen felt like an awkward start to the third but an error going Meltzer's way followed by a hit each from Al, Craig and Ross and 3 more runs were added to our total. Al's honed curve ball was no match for the umpire's balk-calling machine. Six more runs scored putting Melton ahead by two. Al ended the inning earning his first ever K. Starting the fourth with one out, thanks to Elijah the Prophet, Ben struck out when Melton brought on their closer whose pitches came fast and scary. A loss by two runs with only 8 players, we were glad to see the skyline coming up over to the right side of the Westgate.

Won 1 – Lost 3

Josh

WOMEN'S DIVISION 3

St.Kilda 5 was defeated by Moorabbin 20

Hits: 2 - Crystal, Carly. 1 - Claire, Zoe.

Highlights: St. Kilda's women put out a full team for the first time despite a lack of experienced pitchers or catchers. Moorabbin took advantage of the situation from the outset, being patient at the plate and forcing St. Kilda starter Carol Chen to throw 88 pitches in the first two innings, leading 14-2. St. Kilda's offense was perked up from a two run double by Crystal Aubichon, who added a single in the 3rd for good measure, and a couple of hits from Carly Younger. Pitching and defense was the difference. A little more practice and the team will be a machine.

Won 0 – Lost 4

Sea



SAINTS HISTORY

THE SEEDS ARE SOWN – 1879

Although baseball in some form was played in 1847 on the Goldfields of Ballarat and on what are now the Exhibition gardens, it wasn't until 1879 that a baseball club in its truest sense was formed. It was May 5th to be precise in the Jewett Hotel in Clyde Street, St.Kilda where Mr G.M. Spencer and Mr S.P. Lord (US Consul General and US Vice consul) were elected President and Vice President. Mr C.W. Hughes was elected Secretary and C.J. Jewett, the Treasurer, thus forming the central core of the St.Kilda Baseball Club. Five days later, in a paddock on the corner of Chapel and Argyle Street, the very first organised practise was held. After several practise sessions and scratch matches, a defining moment in the club's history was set to take place. On June the 7th 1879, at the St.Kilda Cricket Ground, the very first organised game took place, with members of the St.Kilda club playing Mr Hick's Georgia Minstrel Company.



For the record, St.Kilda was victorious and were challenged to replay the game 2 weeks later. On this occasion the Georgia Minstrels won the game 29 to 18, employing the services of several professional players. The game was played before a large enthusiastic crowd at the cricket ground with the Minstrel band providing the entertainment. Indeed a glorious start for a club that would provide many more memorable moments over the coming decades.....

WHO SAID THAT ????????

See if you can guess every week from famous baseball quotes from Ballplayers, Managers, Writers and the Silver Screen. Starting with this one

"I see great things in baseball. It's our game, the American game. It will repair our losses and be a blessing to us"

Answer on Page 5

EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thu Nov 5, 2009 Parma Night at Elephant and Wheelbarrow. from 8:30pm
- Sat Nov 21, 2009 Sponsors/Past Players Day (vs Ormond). Details to follow
- Thu Dec 18, 2009 Xmas Breakup at Elephant and Wheelbarrow. from 8:30pm



•The Club is pleased to announce that it has purchased a new 'electric' line marking machine, thus retiring our current one which we have had for more years than I can remember. Over the coming weeks we will be educating the members on how to use the new machine and more importantly, how to maintain it.

PHOTO SPOTLIGHT



Saints Winter Manager Luke Richards holds up the 2009 'E' Grade Premiership Shield.

PLAYER PROFILE



Name
Jonathon Jones
(aka JJ)
Number #0
Bats
Right
Throws
Right

Background: Born in Davao in the Philippines, raised in Indiana. At the age of 15 played in the Senior League World Series. Was backup Catcher at Centergrove High School in Greenwood, Indiana where the school was rated in the top ten in the Country.

What brought to Australia: Work

Best thing on TV: Sportscenter (da da dup da da dup)

Baseball highlight to date: Winter League Grand Final playing for St.Kilda in 2009

What MLB team do you root for: Father was born in Missouri and I come from a big Baseball Family, so Cardinals fan all the way

Favorite drink: Pale Ale

Beyonce or Megan Fox: Megan Fox

Favorite Baseball Movie: The Natural



Full colour version of this publication and full Match Reports can be found online at www.stkildabaseball.org.au

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 due and payable to Luke Richards (Treasurer) or your Team Manager. Fees can also be paid by direct Deposit. See Website for details.

Standings after Round 4

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Position</u>
Firsts	3	1	5th
Seconds	1	3	10th
Thirds	2	2	7th
Fourths	1	3	8th
Red	1	2	5th
Black	1	3	6th
Womens	0	4	7th

Answer to 'WHO SAID THAT'
Walt Whitman (Poet 1846)

Next Game – 25th October 2009

FIRSTS/SECONDS

v

Fitzroy

Away - 3.30/1pm

THIRDS/FOURTHS

v

Fitzroy

Home: - 3.30/1pm

ST.KILDA BLACK

v

St.Kilda Red

Home – 1pm
Sat 31st

ST.KILDA RED

v

St.Kilda Black

Home – 1pm
Sat 31st