



THE SAINT

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CELEBRATING 130 Years

11th November 2009

DIVISION 2 FIRSTS

St.Kilda 6 defeated Williamstown 5

Highlights: The game began in not unusual fashion with the opposition jumping out to an early lead - with the Wolves plating 2 runs. From that point on we played much better defence and Scotty Harris took control. Williamstown's pitching was solid on the day, with few balls hit hard, but some uncharacteristic mistakes in the field from them allowed us to grab the lead, and we finished the game well with a double play ground out Higginson to Cox to Keiper. Scotty was by far the stand out performer for us on the day, despite picking a crap quaddie for the boys which was blown out of the water after the first race, all is forgiven after pitching 9 innings for 3 earned runs. Great team effort with the bats - with lots of us moving runners over and in when required - only Adam Franks seemed to consistently hit the ball hard, cheered on in the end by his legion of adoring fans. "Yay Franky!! C'Mon Adam!!!". Yes, we are all jealous. . . . A protest was lodged by Willy during the game after a batter was hit by a pitch after a balk call with a runner on 2nd base only - which the umpires decided meant that the runner on 2nd base advanced to 3rd on the balk, and the batter still at bat. For the record, unless all runners advance at least one base on the result of the pitch - the ball is dead and the balk takes precedence. HPB is a dead ball where base runners only advance if forced, so the runner on 2 did not advance. Despite several minutes of confusion (we are still seeking clarification how/why the initial balk was called) the umps got it right, and the batter scored him with an RBI single to left.

Note - if you're ever batting and a balk is called - swing for the fences! All in all a good win against last year's div 3 premiers. Welcome back to the 1's for Batesy who played 3rd for us with Kingi unable to play the Saturday game - good to have you back from Canada - keep your new shoes out of Albert Park Lake.

Won 4 – Lost 2

Keips



DIVISION 2 RESERVES

St.Kilda 4 defeated Williamstown 0

No Report

Won 2 – Lost 4

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DIVISION 2 THIRDS

St.Kilda 17 defeated Williamstown 3

No Report

Won 3 – Lost 3

Geoff



DIVISION 2 FOURTHS

St.Kilda 10 drew with Williamstown 10

Highlights: Well it wasn't the result we had hoped for, or deserved, but it was a much improved performance from recent weeks as the Saints 4ths secured their first points in 3 weeks holding onto a tense 10 to 10 tie. With Scoop earning a well deserved promotion to the thirds, we handed the ball to Drew for his first start in St.Kilda colors and what a job he did against a strong Williamstown lineup who were sitting fourth and with more than a smattering of 3rds premiership players from last season. Pete O'Sullivan made a cameo appearance in the 4ths side and we welcomed Scott and Cliff to the team. Offensively we acquitted ourselves very well getting the lead early and not surrendering it, albeit unluckily, until right at the very end. Highlights included some key clutch hits, good base running, a perfect sac bunt from cliff and applying pressure to their defence and watching it crack for a change. Lowlights again were a few lapses in the field and a none out bases loaded situation where we failed to move anyone around the bases. These two incidents in particular changed the eventual outcome of the game. Going into the last, we had a 10 to 6 lead but after a couple of hits and a few errant plays they had cut the lead to one. With the tying run at 3rd with one out, the change was made to put the hard throwing Pete O on the hill to close it out, but things never pan out the way you would like them to. The Willy hitter, having no clue about Pete's stuff, blooped a mistimed swing that landed somewhere between 2nd and right to tie the game. The next two batters were retired with ease to preserve the draw. Frustrating to say the least. Having played all 4 of the top 4 sides in the first 6 weeks we are looking forward to playing some of the lesser lights over the next few, hoping to start to close the gap. I'm sure we're up to it.....

Won 1 – Lost 4 – Draw 1

SeanO

DIVISION 4 BLACK

St.Kilda Black 0 was defeated by Chelsea 13

Highlights: Baseball players, Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun. It was a tough day at the office for St Kilda Black on Sunday. The signs weren't good from 11am, when erecting the new fence bamboozled most of the team. This was only solved when Ben Muldoon arrived as our saviour to assist us. The visitors from Chelsea were 5 for 5 in the win column, and they were always going to be a difficult challenge. The legendary Geoff Leonard started on the mound for St Kilda - a real treat - and he threw a great variety of his off speed pitches. He simply wasn't supported, the defense made many errors and allowed Chelsea to supplement their lead every inning. The errors weren't made behind home plate though, where catcher Al Meyer had a storming game. Unfortunately the Albert Park heat seemed to effect the Blacks much more than their opponents, and the offense wasn't as productive as it had been in previous weeks. The St Kilda heads dropped, the errors, the lack of hitting, and the hot Spring day added up to a demoralising couple of hours. It was 0-6 after three innings, and the length of time in the field was definitely sapping the players of any inspiration. The coach always asks for the team to above all else, enjoy the game, and even this was difficult for most on Sunday. The final score was 0-13, and heads remained low as the field was raked and everything was put away. The new fence was rolled up, still not breached, and maybe not worth the hassle next time.

Won 2 – Lost 4

Neil



TOPOLINOS
LICENCED RESTAURANT

DIVISION 4 RED

St.Kilda 3 defeated Melton 0 (forfeit)

No Report

Won 2 – Lost 3

Lordy

WOMEN'S DIVISION 3

St.Kilda 6 was defeated by Upwey 19

Highlights: St. Kilda's women embarked on the trip to Upwey Ferntree Gully in searing 35 degree heat looking for their first win of the season. With the men's teams' nickname of the "Saints", the women have fondly called themselves the "Sinners". The game was marred by injuries. Ebony Butler led off the game by pulling her hamstring trying to bunt her way on. Starting pitcher Carly Younger pitched with her right ankle wrapped in gauze - it was learned afterwards she had a torn tendon. It didn't affect her at the plate, smashing a double, walking twice, and stealing three bases. Tarra Passenger went 2/2 with a triple, a steal, a walk and two runs scored. Gina Chinnery made her pitching debut to commence what is expected to be a successful career on the mound. Bats weren't consistent, though the offense was better than the previous week, and the lack of pitching experience showed. The team says goodbye to Carly Younger who returned to Queensland. She'll be missed. Next game: Saturday 2pm @ Footscray

Won 0 – Lost 5

Sea



EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

•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.



WHO SAID THAT ????????

"The banishment for life of Pete Rose from baseball is a sad end of a sorry episode. One of the game's greatest players has engaged in a variety of acts which have stained the game, and he must now live with the consequences of those acts. There is absolutely no deal for reinstatement."

Answer on Page 4

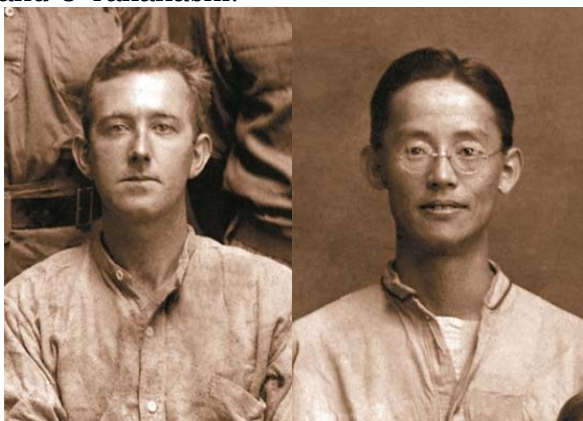


SAINTS HISTORY

BASEBALL WILDERNESS

1900 - 1919

With In the very early stages of the twentieth century, the game struggled to find a place and by 1903 only four clubs were competing, but as the next few years passed by, the popularity of the game increased and the league grew and grew and by 1908 there were 24 clubs participating. St.Kilda however, having been in the league the whole time failed to be successful on the field as the proceeding years were dominated by the powerful Melbourne and East Melbourne clubs, who were well financed, resourced and had a seemingly endless supply of players. In 1915, following some differences of opinion, many clubs, including St.Kilda, seceded the VBL and formed the Victorian Baseball Union. Whilst this was going on, St.Kilda would gain the services of Harry Nelson, an American involved with the construction of Luna Park, who was a very experienced pitcher and Cricket great Bill Ponsford, who would anchor the defence behind the plate. On the back of the 1918 season Ponsford was released to Fitzroy and Nelson to Prahran in exchange for Toey Bannister and O Takahashi.



These two changes in particular would herald a significant change in the fortunes of the team and launch the club into one of the most successful era's in it's history.....

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.

PHOTO SPOTLIGHT



Answer to 'WHO SAID THAT'

A.Barlett Giamatti

Commissioner Major League Baseball (Aug 24, 1989)

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Next Game – 15th November 2009

FIRSTS/SECONDS	THIRDS/FOURTHS	ST.KILDA BLACK	ST.KILDA RED
V	V	V	V
Waverley	Waverley	Blackburn B	Chelsea
Away - 3.30/1pm	Home - 3.30/1pm	Away – 1.00pm	Away – 1.00pm