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DIVISION 2 FIRSTS

St.Kilda 8 defeated Mulgrave 7

Hits: 3 - Cox. 2 - Dunn. 1 - Franks, Assao, GregsY, Harris

Highlights: 1's won a wacky encounter with Mulgrave 8-7. Millsy threw the first 7 and did a great job, well backed by the defence which made some big plays to shut down a few Rebels chances. Coxy rolling a diving double play with Higginson. With the bats we struggled to string hits together off Mulgrave's Simon Campbell, but key hits by Coxy, Dunny and some other cats ensured we kept in front 3-2. Then things got silly. Belly came in and induced a ground ball which went over Scotty's head at third and Higginson was unable to throw out the runner from deep in the hole. Some borderline pitches went the way of Mulgrave resulting in several walks and eventually a pitching change. Scotty got out of the inning but gave up a hit and a Sac Fly, leaving us suddenly down 7-3. We immediately answered through walks to Y, Scotty and Coxy - Dunny scored one with a hit, Franky scored 2 with a hit, Raffa scored another, and a wild throw from the catcher put us in front. Higginson lined out to right but not deep enough, and Bater's hard ground ball resulted in the 3rd out and a 1 run lead into the 9th. Scotty got Mulgrave 3 up 3 down for the 1 run win.

Won 9 - Lost 3

Keips



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DIVISION 2 RESERVES

St.Kilda 7 defeated Mulgrave 5

Hits: 2 - Arnie (inc 2B), Batesy (inc 2B). 1 - Sharpy (inc 3B), Sharpels (inc 2B), Weiny, JJ, Gibbo, Deevo.

Pitching: Andy Z 8Inn 7H 8K 5BB 3ER

Highlights: For the second straight game we exploded out of the box. Sharpy, got us off to a great start ripping a triple into the right centre gap to set the tone for the early going. With the first 6 batters of the game all playing a role we were able to put up 3 in our first go around. In the second Arnie placed a single into the RF corner to score a pair. Then in the 3rd Neil Sharples, in his first game in the 2's this season, roped a double into the RF corner to plate two more. The trouble came with the Rebels pitching change, having feasted on Mulgrave's starting pitcher's less than rapid speed we were a little shaky when a more solid pitcher took the mound. Andy Z, stepping up in the knowledge that the Guv would be called upon if he faltered, put the team on his shoulders and pitched yet another gem. With a solid defensive effort behind him we were able to minimise most of the damage Mulgrave was trying to inflict until the last. This is where it got really interesting with the umps zone growing ever smaller and Mulgrave's confidence growing the Rebels really started to come, loading up the bases. Down 2 and with the bases jammed Andy was able to deliver the crucial groundball and we were able to get the force at two and take the candy. Another win, a crucial one at that and we are now knocking on the door, though we need to be more patient in the box as with only 1 walk for the day all our hitters could have afforded to take

a few more pitches in the middle to late digs. With that said though this side is looking solid and we are more than capable of fighting our way into the 4. It should be quite a ride getting there if today's game is anything to go by. Good job fellas.

Won 5 – Lost 4 – Draw 1

Batesy

DIVISION 2 THIRDS

St.Kilda 8 defeated Mulgrave 3

Hits: 4 - Sagorin. 2 - Silvara (inc 3B), Crockenberg (inc 2B)), Leonard. 1 - Elton

Pitching: Scoop 6Inn 4H 5K 1BB OER

Highlights: A different look to the 3's but the same result, another win - number five in a row. A number of regulars were missing this week, most notably Neil Sharples with a well deserved promotion to the 2's. So, we called on the 4's for two outfielders - Eulise Silvera and some guy with a heinous orange moustache. Eulise and Phil provided all of the big hitting today, the rest of our hits were all singles. The indomitable Jonny Sagorin continued his Energiser Bunny impersonation going 4 for 4 and playing solid defence at 3rd base. Eulise also gave us our defensive highlight for the day - throwing out a runner at 2nd on a force play from his position in right field. Scoop was fabulous once again, no earned runs and no extra base hits. His pitching is timeless. Our general defensive work was below our best today, 5 errors was one of our sloppiest efforts all season. This did not bother Michael, he pitched around our mistakes. All pitchers take note; this is how to focus on YOUR job. Speaking of mental focus, I was extremely pleased with our intense approach. Today was a perfect demonstration of what happens when the mind drifts - Mulgrave spent the day whining about umpiring calls like spoilt toddlers. They seemed to forget they were playing against us and not the ump. Some of the most petulant nonsense I have seen for a long time.....they were deservedly out-thought and out-played.

Won 7 – Lost 3

Geoff

DIVISION 2 FOURTHS

St.Kilda 7 was defeated by Mulgrave 8

Hits: 3 - Patrick Lo, Ben Roberts. 2 - SeanO (inc 2B), Gibbo (inc 2B). 1 - Josh Heard

Pitching: Drew 6Inn 11H 5K 1BB 1ER

Highlights: After two consecutive washouts, it was fair to say that the lads were keen to get onto the field this week, as we made our way out to Mulgrave. Being only a game and percentage out of the four and the Rebels sporting a similar record to us, the importance of the contest for both sides was obvious. After three innings our lack of match practice was showing as we conceded 6 unearned runs, whilst barely raising a whimper in the box ourselves, except for Gibbo driving in 2 with a gapper. To the boy's credit the defense tightened up, allowing only 2 more runs for the game, the offense chipped away and we managed to get within one. Opportunities abounded in the final couple of innings, but alas we were unable to get those couple of clutch hits we needed, leaving 9 runners on, including the tying and go ahead runs in the last. A disappointing result, especially for Drew who, despite not having his best stuff, really battled when it counted and didn't get the support he deserved conceding only 1 earned run. Hitting standouts for the day were Patrick and Ben with 3 hits each and Gibbo and Sean with 4 hits between them with a double each. Thanks to Josh and Luke helping us out after losing a couple of our regulars to the 3rds side, Josh with a solid game at short and Luke with a couple of nice plays in the outfield and a textbook sac bunt. Saturday fixture at home against Berwick this week, another one of those sides that we need to beat. Looking for a much better performance after our enforced 2 week layoff and a game under our belt. I'm sure it's there.

Won 2 – Lost 5 – Draw 3

SeanO



DIVISION 4 BLACK

St.Kilda Black 7 defeated Cheltenham 2

Highlights: The St Kilda Black team returned to the opening game venue of the season to play Cheltenham again. There were a few changes to the team, with the Reds playing on the Saturday, and Sea Ansley dropping down from the thirds outfield for some pitching practice. The first inning started well as the first five batters got on base. Lead off Sea Ansley, short stop Ben Tan and rookie Dean Tenniswood all scored, as Josh Kerr and Neil Bennett were left on base. Cheltenham replied with a run of their own, but Sea's pitching was starting to become the dominant force in the game. He had definitely warmed up for the second inning, and threw seven consecutive strikes, a ball, and two more strikes, for a three up three down inning with three Ks to his name. The hitting kept ticking over and some sharp base running meant the St Kilda team took a 6-1 lead into the bottom of what became a remarkable fourth inning. Sea had his first pitch hit to left field for a single. The second pitch was hit straight to him, and he quickly threw the ball to first for a double play. That was two outs, off two pitches, surely the next batter was going to be patient at the plate. No, was the answer, as he hoisted the pitchers third pitch of the inning into the air to be caught by Sea himself. The manager asked him not to 'hog the outs', as they hustled off the field to start the fifth inning. The score was 7-2 going in to the sixth inning and the Black team found there batting mojo again, as Peter McCourt, Al Meyer and Stephen Carter all scored. Crackers Carlyon was the first out of the inning, and the umpire called a merciful time and game. These runs didn't count in the end, so the final score remained at 7-2. It was a great win for the St Kilda Black team, but more importantly the team only had a couple of errors in the field, and proved they could support a good pitcher on the mound.

Won 3 – Lost 6 – Drew 1

Neil

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DIVISION 4 RED

St.Kilda Red 12 defeated Berwick 10

Hits: 3 - Alistair (inc 2x2B,3B). 2 - Gabor (inc2B), Chris. 1 - Lordy (inc 2B), Corey, Josh.

Pitching: Corey 4Inn 7H 1K 1BB

Highlights: Corey starts on the mound for our Saturday game and at least we have 9 players this week. We lead off the game pretty mildly scoring one run from Yugo's leadoff walk. Berwick come back with 3 runs. Saints down 1-3. Second inning Chris Molnar gets on with a rip up the middle and scores after a long Yugo at bat ends in an infield error. Yugo scores on a huge line drive smash from Buzz that gets to the fence in deep right. Lordy at third base coach waves him around third telling him to go if he wants to. Their short stop is still picking up the relay but her(?) throw is perfect to home and despite a great slide under the tag the umpire calls him out. Corey gets on from an error to lead off the third and Lordy brings him home on a double to left. Gabor then scores Lordy on an infield hit after his mad wheels has stolen third. We load them up with a line drive single from Josh up the middle and a walk from Nathan. Unfortunately an infield fly rule confuses our base runners and the double play ends the inning. Berwick then score 4 runs on one hit. Saints now turn it up a notch in the fourth plating 7 runs. Buzz doubles twice in the inning and Gabor smashes one through the cones in deep left. Singles to Corey and Chris make for 5 earned runs out of the 7. Berwick don't go down weekly though and 3 hits and 3 walks get it to bases loaded with 2 out when Lordy replaces Corey on the mound. A strikeout on a slider in the dirt gets us over the line for a very gratifying win 12-10. A really good team win. 10 hits, 5 for extra bases, Grats to Corey on his first W as a pitcher and the fielding backed him up well.

Won 4 – Lost 5

Lordy

WOMEN'S DIVISION 3

St.Kilda 3 defeated Ormond 0 (forfeit)

Highlights: It would be wonderful to share with you the glorious tales behind St. Kilda Sinners' first victory of the season. Of starting pitcher Gina Chinnery's masterful 2-hit demolition of Ormond hitters. How Tarra Passenger dove around center field like a gypsy on Ritalin, stopping ball after ball after blessed ball with her golden glove from God. Of catcher Hayley Maxwell nailing three Ormond runners at second base. Of Ebony Butler's six stolen bases, including home twice. Aoife Murphy hitting her second and third homers of the season, and even Olivia Pudney earning the first two hits of her career. Unfortunately, this game never took place. Ormond forfeited the game before it began, and what was shaping up to be a magical first victory on the field, was instead a consolation victory in the standings. St. Kilda is starting to round into a solid team, and results within the next few weeks should be more favorable. We would hope one coming day that this match report will indeed describe the heroics of victory in a game actually played, but for now we must be satisfied with a W however it came.

Won 1 – Lost 8

Sea

WHO SAID THAT ????????

“To say the least, I'm amazed. Hitting seventy. I've never thought about it or dreamt about it. When I got to sixty-two early in September, everybody said, 'Shoot for seventy.' I'm speechless, really. I can't believe I hit 70 home runs. Can you? “

Answer on page 5

SAINTS HISTORY

FROM THE DARKNESS 1940 - 1949

“With the world in the dark grip of another world war, baseball would not quite disappear but it would play in a significantly reduced competition. A reserves premiership in 1940, followed by the club championship in 1941 was the only success for the club in the first few years of the decade as membership slowly decreased, members enlisting in the armed forces.

In 1942 the Army took control of the St.Kilda cricket ground and the club was forced to relocate to another venue at the south end of Albert Park, later to become known as the Ross Gregory oval. Relocating to other grounds would become an all too familiar practice over the next 50 years. Before the start of the 1943 season the club recruited strongly amongst US servicemen based in Melbourne and were able to field three teams. Three recruits of note were Pete Ambrosino, Glen Arthur and Anderson Bush, the later would be widely recognized as the finest pitcher to play for a club in this country. St.Kilda would lose only one game in the season, a 2 to 1 loss in the grand final against Melbourne, who had Ross Straw on the hill. In 1944 the Battery of Bush to Ambrosino beat section premiers Melbourne to go on to win the Victorian Major Championship. In 1945, with the war now over, the US servicemen returned home however membership was maintained through returning Australian troops. At this time a young 17 year old named Tom O'Halloran play his first game. Success eluded the club for the next few years, but the revival of the summer competition and the acquiring of Dan Moger produced a flag in the 1948/49 season.

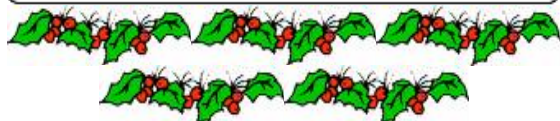
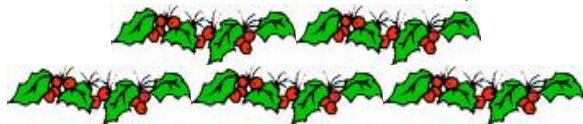


As the decade drew to a close, Brad Carter was awarded with life membership to the Victorian Baseball Association in recognition of his administration work thru the years and his service and success with the Claxton shield teams. Brad, in his 10th year as head coach, was instrumental in keeping St.Kilda competitive during the turbulent early years and the rebuilding post war era, tasting ultimate success on several occasions. An overall effort that would take its toll.



EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thu Dec 18, 2009 Xmas Breakup at Elephant and Wheelbarrow. from 8:30pm



WHO'S THAT GUY!!!



Next Game – 12th 13th December 2009

FIRSTS/SECONDS

v
Berwick
Away - 3.30/1pm
Sunday

THIRDS/FOURTHS

v
Berwick
Home - 3.30/1pm
Saturday

ST.KILDA BLACK

v
Blackburn A
Home – 1.00pm
Sunday

ST.KILDA RED

v
Cheltenham
Home – 3.30pm
Sunday

WOMEN'S

v
Doncaster
TBD
Saturday

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 10

	Won	Lost	Draw	Position
Firsts	9	3	0	3rd
Seconds	5	4	1	9th
Thirds	7	3	0	4th
Fourths	2	5	3	9th
Red	4	5	0	6th
Black	3	6	1	7th
Women's	1	8	0	11th

Answer to 'WHO SAID THAT'

Mark McGwire (1998) on setting new single season home run record

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