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BASEBALL PRAHRAN PREMIERS

The final game of the season to decide first position in the competition conducted by the Victorian Baseball League was won by Prahran., which team showed marked superiority against Northcote on the Malvern Ground on Saturday.

Nelson who pitched for St Kilda (Union) team in previous seasons has been the dominating factor in the hollow victories secured by Prahran in the final round of matches, few opponents having any idea of connecting with his deliveries. Fourteen Northcote batters struck out two were passed to first or the initial sack. During the whole game only two northern runners reached second but got no further.

It was not that Nelson was ending along anything out of the ordinary, Batters swung late at his fast ball, backed away from his curve coming over the plate or half -heartedly waved the bat at a decided out curve. In the opening stages Brown the Northcote pitcher was dubious as

to whether his arm would stand the strain but before he had realized that he could whether the storm opposing batters had taken advantage of his anxiety and accumulated a comfortable lead. He pitched with greater success in the concluding innings securing 7 strikeouts altogether.

Carreck again led the batting for Prahran with Brown and Thompson also rendering effective service with the stick, whilst Blackie, Kellet, Wolfe and Harris by excellent work in the field contributed towards the victory. Brown and Thompson are credited with the hits secured by Northcote. In the attack Brown did splendidly and received fair support, but little encouragement from his catcher. Thomson, Begg, Bailey Gibaud and Richardson were successful defensive players for the northerners.

Scores: Prahran 8 runs
Northcote 0

Umpires W Bowes and W.G. Porter.

Time of Game 1 hour and 45 minutes.

