



Cheltenham-Prahran third baseman John Ferguson looks anxiously across to the line umpire for his decision on the attempted pick-off of Sunshine runner Ron Sutherland at the hot corner.

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# Close, but no cigar for Chelt

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Baseball | Marty Shevelove

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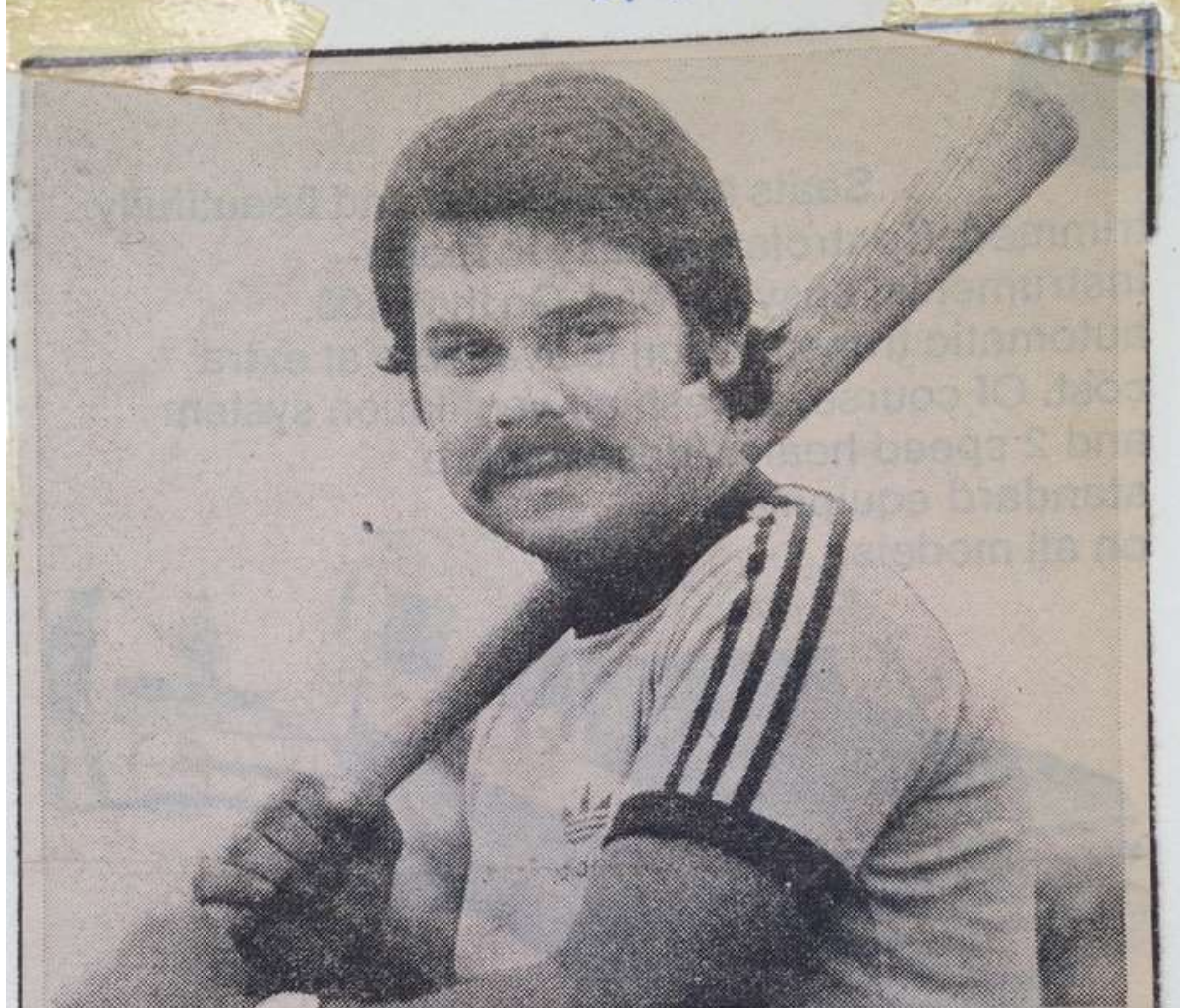
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**VICTORIAN** Sheffield Shield cricketer, Davenell Whatmore, above, is a hard-hitting early order batsman.

And, he's got the same reputation in First Division baseball for Cheltenham Rustlers.

Whatmore, 22, is equal fourth on the list of First Division hitters with 11. five behind the leader, Alan Wignall, of Malvern.

Whatmore started playing baseball in Cheltenham's under 15 team, and made his debut for the firsts in 1973.

He plays shortstop and outfield for the Rustlers.

"Baseball helps my

## Batting on!

By TONY PEEK

arm, and keeps my eye in for cricket," Whatmore said yesterday.

"I may not be able to play baseball much longer, because it will become a summer sport".

Victoria is the only state playing its major season in winter.

Whatmore said if he had to choose between the two, he would play cricket.

He played his first Sheffield Shield game

this year against Western Australia at the MCG, when Dennis Lillee ripped through the Victorians in both innings.

"I'm still trying to forget that game," said Whatmore, who plays District cricket for Prahran.

"Luckily, there's nobody as fierce as Lillee in baseball, although Sandringham pitcher, Brian Wonnacott, can be slippery".



## 24 in vic ball squad

Eight new players are in the Victorian baseball squad of 24 for the Australian championships in Perth next January.

Two American-born pitchers John Comer and Mike Raney, together with former S.A. players Ziggy Sobolski and Gary Coward made the squad.

Coburg's rookie catcher Norm Cockerell is a good choice following a season of consistent performances in top grade.

Pitching has been strengthened by the choice of seven regular pitchers and the relief to come from Dennis Kennedy, Max Grant and John Wadsworth.

The squad: D. Whatmore, J. Ferguson, P. Ferguson (Chelt.); N. Buszard, N. Cockerell, R. Straw, A. McLean (Coburg); J. Pate, R. Owen (Ess.); M. Grant (Foot.); A. Wignall (Mal.); M. Raney (Melb.); P. Delosa (Melb. Uni.); J. Comer, D. Kennedy, D. McGregor (New.); D. Weir, J. Hodges, M. Legge (Preston); B. Wonnacott, P. McFarlane, J. Sobolski, G. Coward, J. Wadsworth (Wav.). — GEORGE EDWARDS.

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by JIM UPFILL

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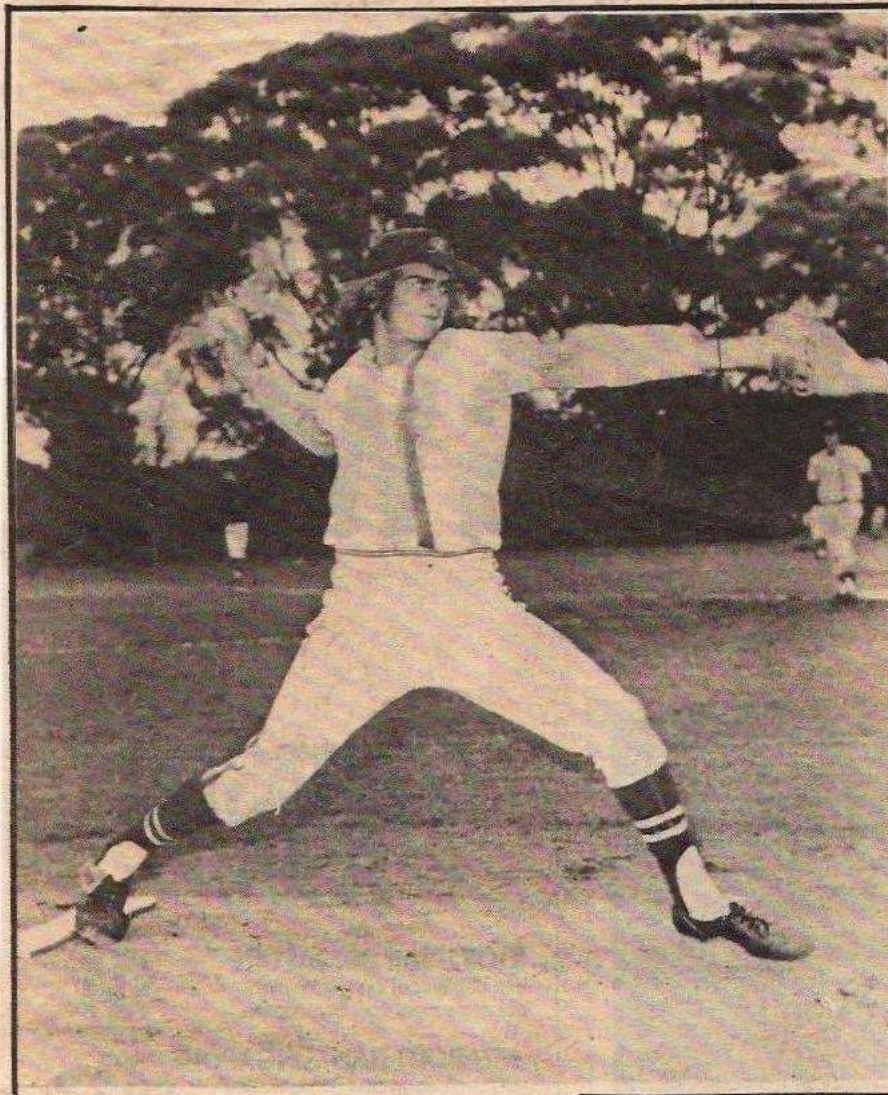
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## A fast one from Laurie

Laurie Hall is one of Cheltenham Rustlers top pitchers and has contributed to the team's arrival as a force in the current final series.

The Rustlers' home pitch is on the gas-lands reserve at Nepean Highway, Highett.

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## Hall belts grand slam homer

CHEL TENHAM Baseball Club first nine outclassed its Mulgrave opponents last week by a score of 19-5, to record its 16th win of the season.

The highlight of the game came in the fourth innings when the Rustlers' Laurie Hall belted a bases loaded, grand slam home run over the left field fence.

Hall's return to the team after injury has lifted the Cheltenham attack, and strengthened the defence.

Alan Tanner gave a superb display of curve ball pitching in heat wave conditions, and he was ably supported in the field by Peter Burdett, who executed three brilliant double plays.

The local hitters had a

field day to record eight runs in both the fourth and the sixth innings, to keep the team clear leaders in the competition.

Safe hits: K. Williams 4, L. Hall 3, P. Ferguson 3, P. Burdett 2, S. Foster 2, N. Le Page 2, J. Ferguson, L. Bailey, D. Corby, I. Brown.

Best: Alan Tanner, Peter Burdett.

The Seconds crushed Mulgrave by a mammoth score of 35-1.

Safe hits: M. Woods 4, W. Bailey 4, K. Russell 3, M. Trevorah 3, A. Baker 3, C. Siddel 2 (incl. home run), I. Harris 2, B. McCuskey, R. Boles.

The Thirds slipped from top place when defeated by Upwey 11-7.



# Chelt. baseballers STANDARD NEWS defeat premiers

On Sunday, the Cheltenham Baseball Club side defeated last year's premiers, Malvern, in a big hitting game, 9-7.

Cheltenham hits were, P. Ferguson, D. Whatmore, F. Capper, J. Ferguson, R. Upfill, G. Siddle and A.

Bentley.

Cheltenham's first game journeyed to Preston on Saturday, but found former player Don Weir's pitching too tight and hits hard to come by and went down four runs to two.

At one stage, with the Rustlers down one run, a potential double play, to halt a Preston offensive, ended with a force-out at second base. The relay throw hit the runner who made no attempt to slide and although "obstruction" appeared to be called by the umpire, no action was taken, with Preston gaining a valuable advantage. Safe hits for Rustlers, F. Capper, J. Ferguson and D. Whatmore.

In the DBA, A-grade game Rustlers threw away opportunities with wild pitches and errors to go down seven runs to four against a more determined Bonbeach. Safe hits: L. Purton, K. Knorr, T. Hogben, R. Bridger.

In the second innings Rustlers were in position to score runs with none out and first and third occupied when a line drive was brilliantly caught and relay throws caught two rustlers off-base to give Bonbeach a triple-play.

Although coming back to tie the score at four runs, all pass balls saw Bonbeach go ahead and David Ferguson, in control on the mound, helped Bonbeach on to its win.

The second nine retained its unbeaten record following a narrow two runs to one win over Preston.

This was an excellent performance by the young Rustlers and further triumph for first year coach Ron Lovell.

VBA southern-league team came from behind to record a narrow victory over last year's premiers, Caulfield, 12 runs to 11, with Neil Smith starring for the Rustlers with two hits.

Other safe hitters were Rob Nicholson 2, S. Jamieson 2, R. Lewin, M. Manning, M. Spencer-Gardiner.

The Rustlers are firmly entrenched in the top four and remain undefeated after three rounds.

The DBA "B"-Grade team went down to Bonbeach 10 runs to seven

with Rob McEwan returning to form with three hits and Colin Upfill turning in a sound performance.

Although not as impressive as the opening round, the under-17's accounted for Bonbeach four runs to two.

Trevor Hogben, Ian Currow, Peter Mullens, Ross Ginns and Peter Georgiadis were the safe hitters in a very even side.

The under-15's could not match Moorabbin and went down 13 runs to eight with Lee Bailey, Doug Mill, A. Kausman, R. Dowell and P. Kilburn, hitters for the Rustlers. Rustlers could not match the bustling tactics of the Moorabbin boys and nine errors went a long way towards the defeat.

Next Saturday's draw sees the Rustler's first and second nines at home at Cheltenham Park at 12.30 and 3 p.m.





### Cheltenham baseball

CHELTENHAM Baseball Club's first team defeated Springvale 6-5 in an exciting game at Springvale last week to retain top position on the ladder.

The Rustler mosquito fleet, comprising the Bailey twins and Peter Burdett, tallied six base hits and seven stolen bases between

them to demoralise the Springvale defence with their speedy base running.

The game was a see-saw affair with the score tied at five runs apiece in the eighth innings, when Lee Bailey walked, stole second, and scored the winning run on a right field single by Kevin Williams.

Minutes later, Williams made a great leaping backhand catch at first base to stop a Springvale rally, and save the game for Cheltenham behind steady relief pitching by Laurie Hall.

Safe hits: L. Bailey 2, W. Bailey 2, P. Burdett 2, S. Foster, A. Tanner, K. Wil-

liams, L. Hall.

Best: Lee and Wayne Bailey, Peter Burdett.

The seconds continued their recent first class form to down Springvale 8-1.

Safe hits: M. Woods 3, N. Le Page 2, B. McCuskey.

Best: Neil Le Page, Kevin Russell, Mark Woods.

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# Baseballers win eight out of nine

Kevin Knorr, with three home runs, was the star player in Cheltenham Rustlers' winning tally of eight wins out of nine games played last week-end.

"A1" GRADE: After leading five runs to nil early the Rustlers' pitching was all astray and a succession of "walks" and timely hits saw Footscray tie up the game. Then a grand slam home run by Footscray's Ian Curwood gave Footscray a winning break and they ran out winners 12 runs to 10.

A lone home run by John Ferguson in the 9th Innings was hit with no runners on base.

**SAFE HITS:**  
CHELTENHAM, P. Ferguson 3, J. Ferguson 2, R. Upfill, F. Capper, G. Siddle, J. Dinga, M. Tregoran.

**FOOTSCRAY:** 1. Curwood 2 (Home run), M. Grant 2, A. Culph, H. Campbell, P. Ley, G. Shannon 2, K. Whitford, G. Yates.

"A2" Grade: despite inaccuracy by the pitchers (12 "free" bases) the young second nine gained a further valuable two points by defeating Footscray 12 runs to 11 in the final minutes of the game.

Best players was undoubtedly Les Kausman with 3 safe hits, closely followed by Ross Chapman, playing his first game of the season, and coach Ron Lovell 2 safe hits each.

"A3" Grade: The third nine, comprising 5 under 17 players and a further 4 teenagers were always in control against Port Melbourne and ran out comfortable winners 13 runs to 5.

Under 17 pitcher Andrew Watson was in control in the early innings with Rod Lewin starring in the outfield and with experienced Sam Jamieson to add batting strength the result was never in doubt.

"A" Grade: The D.B.A. "A"'s under coach Lance Purton had a batting feast against Peninsula with Kevin Knorr turning in an outstanding performance with 3 home runs.

Under 17 players Ross Ginns (Shortstop) and Trevor Hogben (Outfield) were also impressive in their senior debuts. The battery of Ray Bridger to Steve Bott kept the opposition batters quiet and the final result was a 16 runs to 8 victory.

D.B.A. "B" Grade: After a marathon contest the Rustlers ran out narrow winners 24 runs to 20 after trailing to the 6th innings when they levelled the scores at 12 all. However Max Johanson in his second season as coach got a little extra out of his team to record a first round win. Tom Stalzer, back after a knee operation was a notable hard trier with Keith Boocock ever safe at Centrefield.

Con Adamis starred with 4 hits and Alan Richardson hit 1 home run.

D.B.A. "C" Grade: The "C" grade team still with 1975's premiership win in their thoughts started the

season with a big win 18 runs to 6.

Home runs to Frank Babidge, Tony Cooke and new captain Peter Teasdale were highlights of a good first game effort and a successful season seems assured.

Under 17's: The under 17 team journeyed to Frankston to record a mammoth 26 runs to 1 victory and even at this early stage are favorites for the pennant.

Luke Alexander 1 home run and 2 triples and single in first game of baseball was the outstanding player, P. Georgiadis 2, 1 Curnow 3 (incl. home run).

Under 15's: The under 15's suffered their second successive narrow defeat this time by Waverley 7 runs to 6.

Under 13's: The Rustlers moved to the top of the ladder following their third successive win with an easy win over Caulfield 22 runs to 6. Bruce Leo 4 safe hits, Andrew Wills 3, N. Le Page 2 (also 5 K's in 2 innings) D. Hibbert 2.





## Baseballers into grand final

ON Sunday, Moorabbin and Cheltenham Baseball Clubs fought out the second semi final, the winner moving straight into the grand final.

The game, right from the very outset, was being regarded as a mini grand final, with Moorabbin being last year's runners-up and Cheltenham being the club relegated from First division.

The game started in fiery fashion with Moorabbin's lead off hitter and captain coach John Wadsworth crashing out a two-base hit.

He was the first run to cross the plate when Murray Holmes slammed a ball to

second base and forced an error.

Cheltenham replied immediately scoring a run with two quick hits and having another runner in scoring position at second base.

Quick work by catcher Mal Imlach saw that runner thrown out at third base whilst attempting to steal.

Going into the fifth innings the score was still one-all until Moorabbin, with two down, scored two runs by Gary Douglas. He hit a double and showed some aggressive running to steal third.

Scott Porter then forced an error and Holmes followed with a hit to have

first and second occupied. Craig Kernick then slammed a double and Porter scored making the score 3-1.

In the sixth innings Moorabbin rallied again with a hit by Imlach who crossed the plate for the fourth run by a hit from Ross Neilson.

He then crossed the plate with another double by John Wadsworth.

Moorabbin's pitcher Graham Little was doing a fantastic job on the mound and it seemed that he was easily beating Cheltenham's hitters.

In the eighth innings with the score still at 5-1, Foster for Cheltenham hit a long, high fly to centre field where Gary Douglas made good ground to take an excellent diving catch and was helped off the field after crashing to the ground.

Moorabbin's ninth innings saw good batting.

The final out by Little to Breen saw an overall good team win with every player contributing.

There was no doubt in everyone's mind that Moorabbin's pitcher Graham Little was man of the match.



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## Cheltenham's win a family affair

CHELTENHAM Baseball Club first team defeated Footscray 4-0 at Highett Gasworks last week to retain top position on the ladder.

Strong play by veteran pitcher Alan Tanner and his twin nephews, Lee and Wayne Bailey, was the vital family contribution that sealed the victory.

Tanner hurled six scoreless innings and his assortment of curve and sinker ball pitches bamboozled the Bulldog batters.

The twin Bailey brothers notched up two safe hits apiece, and tore the Footscray defence apart with their speedy baserunning.

The Rustlers scored two runs in both the first and fifth innings, and their strong defence and relief pitching by Laurie Hall preserved a shut-out victory.

Safe hits: W. Bailey 2, L. Bailey 2, K. Williams 2, P. Ferguson, D. Corby.

Best: Alan Tanner, Lee and Wayne Bailey.

The second nine were untroubled to beat Footscray 12-0. Catcher Neil Le Page belted two long triples in a great display of power hitting.

Safe Hits: N. Le Page 2, K. Russell 2, I. Brown 2, R. Boles, I. Hunter.

Best: Neil Le Page and Ron Boles.

The thirds kept top place by beating highly-rated Dandenong 12-7, in a tough encounter.

Safe hits: M. Trevorah 2, D. Brooks 2, R. Upfili, S. Howe, K. Howe, G. McCulloch.

Best: Darren Brooks and Mark Diamond.

## Rustlers baseball

CHELTENHAM Baseballers were untroubled to defeat Williamstown 10-1 at the Gasworks Oval last Sunday.

Rustler rookie pitcher, Steve Babige, 19, hurled a first class complete game allowing six scattered hits, one walk, and making seven strike outs.

Young Babige, who was promoted to the senior team after pitching a no-hitter in the Seconds, had excellent control of his fast ball and change of pace pitches.

The local hitters opened the scoring when they exploded for three runs on a long double by Neil LePage and singles from Kevin Williams and Peter Burdett.

Big hitting catcher LePage belted another lead off stand up double in the fourth and the Rustlers shot to a winning lead.

Cheltenham then coasted to an easy victory to keep its unbeaten record intact.

Safe hits: N. LePage 3, K. Williams 2, P. Burdett 2, P. Ferguson, I. Brown, L. Hall.

Best: Steve Babige, Neil LePage.

The Seconds also remain undefeated when they scraped in against Williamstown 4-3.

Dave Corby obtained the only hit for the locals, but his long centre field triple was decisive when it scored the go-ahead run.

Safe hits: D. Corby. Best: Peter Kennedy, Andrew Siddel.

The Thirds were outclassed by Upwey 9-2.

The Under-17's lost to Doncaster 13-6. Best: Rob Stewart, Geoff Siddel.

The Under-15's remain undefeated with a 12-4 win over Mulgrave.

In this game, Jason Williamson achieved a baseballer's dream with a grand slam bases — loaded home run.

Best: Craig Heelam (10 strike outs), Leon Harris.

The Under-13 Rustlers and Steers played each other resulting in a 22-15 win to the Rustlers.

Best: Adam Guyatt, Eddie Fehar and Anthony Pickles.





## Rustlers squeeze

by JIM UPFILL

## 3-1 win

CHELTENHAM baseballers defeated Fitzroy 3-1 at the Gasworks Oval last Sunday when a late innings batting rally resulted in the winning runs after both teams had been locked in a tie at 1 run apiece.

Rustler coach John Ferguson played a brilliant defensive game at third base and batted in the winning runs in the seventh innings.

The locals opened the scoring in the first frame when Paul Ferguson's left field hit scored Kevin Williams.

Fitzroy equalised in its fifth innings and with both pitchers in fine form the

game became a defensive battle.

The local hitters came to life in the seventh innings when outfield hits to Dave Corby and Paul Ferguson loaded the bases to set the scene for coach John Ferguson's match-winning single to centre field.

A late Fitzroy batting rally was short-circuited when Peter Budett made a game-saving defensive play from deep in the hole at short stop.

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## **BASEBALL:**

# **Cheltenham tames Lions**

Cheltenham senior baseballers scored a grand win in an exciting game against Dandenong Lions last week, due to fine curve-ball pitching by John Longden, backed by a watertight defence.

Scores: Cheltenham 2  
defeated Lions 1.

Safe hits: Purton 2,  
Johansen, Upfill.

Best players: Purton,  
Longden, Anderson.

The Seconds trounced Carrum 9-4, with great drive provided by battery partners Geoff Riddle and Paul Jones.

The Thirds crushed MYF by the huge score of 45-1. Best players were Ian Hatch and Frank O'Shea.

The Fourths gained a walkover, and the junior team won 8-2, to give the club a clean sweep in all games.





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# Rustlers'

## Baseballers grab flag after last year's loss

CHELTENHAM baseballers defeated Upwey 11-6 in the Division (2) grand final replay at Strawfield last Sunday, giving them a premiership and promotion to Victorian senior Division One baseball next season.

The victory climaxed a rags to riches final series for the Rustlers, who faced weekly elimination after an early finals loss. The Rustlers came back strongly to win four pressure games in succession.

Cheltenham's young curve-ball pitcher, Kevin Russell held sway on the mound for the full nine innings and was backed up by a brilliant infield defence

by JIM UPFILL

and outstanding play from centrefielder, Laurie Hall.

The action started in the third innings when Upwey jumped to a three run lead.

The Rustlers came to bat and loaded the bases on an outfield hit, a walk and an error.

Ross Upfill then walked to force in the first run, an Upwey error scored another run, and designated hitter Kevin Williams "cleaned up" with a slashing double down the right field line to put the Rustlers in the lead 5-3.

Cheltenham continued the onslaught in the fourth innings when Paul Ferguson

batted in Laurie Hall and Neil Le Page connected for a bases-loaded centrefield hit to score two more runs.

The Rustlers put the icing on the premiership cake in the eighth innings when Paul Ferguson drilled a long hit to right field to score Ron Boles and Ross Upfill.

The hapless Upwey had no counter to the brilliant all-round play of the Cheltenham combination.

The club's successful summer season has been large due to team manager John Ferguson, with thorough preparation of his charges and tactical and leadership qualities.

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# Champagne' baseball

**Before a crowd of 500, Cheltenham Baseball Club played champagne baseball to inflict Waverley's first defeat of the season on the weekend.**

The result was especially pleasing for the club as its ground in the Le Page Reserve had just been officially opened by Mr Ron Smith of the Victorian Baseball Association and Cr Frank Le Page.

Waverley started well with Steve Hanlon hitting the first run but Cheltenham replied in the equalising innings.

David Whatmore, playing at shortstop, was Cheltenham's man of the match both on the field and handling the bat.

John Ferguson and Charlie Siddell helped the Rustlers to run out winners.

Following the retirement of coach Lance Purton and the withdrawal of pitcher Ray Bridger, the club's DBA A grade side played Chelsea with a depleted line-up.

After a disastrous first innings Rustlers trailed 3 runs to nil.

The team rallied with Trevor Hogben on the mound from the second innings on and with hits to Bill Quaiffe, Kevin Knorr and David Silver with strong support from T.J. Anderson and Colin Upfill, Cheltenham went into the 8th innings leading 6 runs to 5.

Chelsea were not to be denied and came back with two timely hits to right field to again hit the front to run out winners 7 runs to 6.

The VBA second nine, although fielding a very experienced line up, proved no match for the younger Waverley Wildcats and were thrashed 13 runs to 4.

Philip Bibby started on the mound for the Rustlers and although in control was being let down badly by poor infield play. Ross Chapman relieved Bibby on the mound and held Waverley batters in check but the Rustlers batters failed to fire and Cheltenham's unbeaten record came to an end.

The D.B.A. B grade team romped home 15 runs to 2 with Barry Grabowsky giving up only 2 hits in a sound pitching performance.

Keith Boocock starred with the bat with 3 hits with Ian McIntyre safe in the outfield and Rob McEwan turning in a good performance early in the game.

The V.B.A. third nine turned in a bad display to be defeated 18 runs to nil by Waverley.

Only safe hits were Steve Bott and Mark Manning and coach Harry Kalinski will have nightmares all next week trying to work out

a quick cure for the young Rustlers.

The D.B.A. C grade side continued its winning streak in one of the shortest ever "C" grade matches in the Dandenong competition.

Rustlers disposed of the opposition in a little over an hour and a half to win 9 runs to 2.

Frank Babidge dominated the game with 10 strike outs as well as notching two safe hits.

Newcomers Mark Lewis and Stephen Williams gained safe hits and Kel Roberts caught well. Tony Cook was sound at shortstop with sound teamwork ensur-

ing coach Peter Teasdale of a certain victory.

The under-17's received a walkover from Chelsea.

The under-15's playing Port Melbourne, with 8 runs in the first innings following consecutive hits to Peter Burdett, Michael Grubb, Paul Kilburn and a home run to Wayne Bailey set the scene for a well earned win.

Wayne Bailey completed a great day when he landed his second home run for the match and with strong support from Paul Kilburn, John Leo, Stephen Babidge.

The under-15's lightning premiership saw Rustlers win three and draw one game out of four to narrowly miss the final.

The under-13's returned to the winning list with a mammoth 27 runs to 3 win over Moorabbin.

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# Chelt. baseballers STANDARD NEWS defeat premiers

On Sunday, the Cheltenham Baseball Club side defeated last year's premiers, Malvern, in a big hitting game, 9-7.

Cheltenham hits were, P. Ferguson, D. Whatmore, F. Capper, J. Ferguson, R. Upfill, G. Siddle and A.

Bentley.

Cheltenham's first nine journeyed to Preston on Saturday, but found former player Don Weir's pitching too tight and hits hard to come by and went down four runs to two.

At one stage, with the Rustlers down one run, a potential double play, to halt a Preston offensive, ended with a force-out at second base. The relay throw hit the runner who made no attempt to slide and although "obstruction" appeared to be called by the umpire, no action was taken, with Preston gaining a valuable advantage. Safe hits for Rustlers, F. Capper, J. Ferguson and D. Whatmore.

In the DBA, A-grade game Rustlers threw away opportunities with wild pitches and errors to go down seven runs to four against a more determined Bonbeach. Safe hits: L. Purton, K. Knorr, T. Hogben, R. Bridger.

In the second innings Rustlers were in position to score runs with none out and first and third occupied when a line drive was brilliantly caught and relay throws caught two rustlers off-base to give Bonbeach a triple-play.

Although coming back to tie the score at four runs, all pass balls saw Bonbeach go ahead and David Ferguson, in control on the mound, helped Bonbeach on to its win.

The second nine retained its unbeaten record following a narrow two runs to one win over Preston.

This was an excellent performance by the young Rustlers and further triumph for first year coach Ron Lovell.

VBA southern-zone team came from behind to record a narrow victory over last year's premiers, Caulfield, 12 runs to 11, with Neil Smith starring for the Rustlers with two hits.

Other safe hitters were Rob Nicholson 2, S. Jamieson 2, R. Lewin, M. Manning, M. Spencer-Gardiner.

The Rustlers are firmly entrenched in the top four and remain undefeated after three rounds.

The DBA "B"-Grade team went down to Bonbeach 10 runs to seven

with Rob McEwan returning to form with three hits and Colin Upfill turning in a sound performance.

Although not as impressive as the opening round, the under-17's accounted for Bonbeach four runs to two.

Trevor Hogben, Ian Curnow, Peter Mullens, Ross Ginns and Peter Georgiadis were the safe hitters in a very even side.

The under-15's could not match Moorabbin and went down 13 runs to eight with Lee Bailey, Doug Mill, A. Kausman, R. Dowell and P. Kilburn, hitters for the Rustlers. Rustlers could not match the bustling tactics of the Moorabbin boys and nine errors went a long way towards the defeat.

Next Saturday's draw sees the Rustler's first and second nines at home at Cheltenham Park at 12.30 and 3 p.m.





STANDARD  
NEWS

# Baseballers win eight out of nine

Kevin Knorr, with three home runs, was the star player in Cheltenham Rustlers' winning tally of eight wins out of nine games played last week-end.

"A1" GRADE: After leading five runs to nil early the Rustlers' pitching was all astray and a succession of "walks" and timely hits saw Footscray tie up the game. Then a grand slam home run by Footscray's Ian Curwood gave Footscray a winning break and they ran out winners 12 runs to 10.

A lone home run by John Ferguson in the 9th Innings was hit with no runners on base.

**SAFE HITS:**  
CHELTENHAM, P. Ferguson 3, J. Ferguson 2, R. Uphill, F. Capper, G. Siddle, J. Dinga, M. Tregoran.

**FOOTSCRAY:** I. Curwood 2 (Home run), M. Grant 2, A. Culph, H. Campbell, P. Ley, G. Shannon 2, K. Whitford, G. Yates.

"A2" Grade: despite inaccuracy by the pitchers (12 "free" bases) the young second nine gained a further valuable two points by defeating Footscray 12 runs to 11 in the final minutes of the game.

Best players was undoubtedly Les Kausman with 3 safe hits, closely followed by Ross Chapman, playing his first game of the season, and coach Ron Lovell 2 safe hits each.

"A3" Grade: The third nine, comprising 5 under 17 players and a further 4 teenagers were always in control against Port Melbourne and ran out comfortable winners 13 runs to 5.

Under 17 pitcher Andrew Watson was in control in the early innings with Rod Lewin starring in the outfield and with experienced Sam Jamieson to add batting strength the result was never in doubt.

"A" Grade: The D.B.A. "A"'s under coach Lance Purton had a batting feast against Peninsula with Kevin Knorr turning in an outstanding performance with 3 home runs.

Under 17 players Ross Ginns (Shortstop) and Trevor Hogben (Outfield) were also impressive in their senior debuts. The battery of Ray Bridger to Steve Bott kept the opposition batters quiet and the final result was a 16 runs to 8 victory.

D.B.A. "B" Grade: After a marathon contest the Rustlers ran out narrow winners 24 runs to 20 after trailing to the 6th innings when they levelled the scores at 12 all. However Max Johanson in his second season as coach got a little extra out of his team to record a first round win. Tom Stalzer, back after a knee operation was a notable hard trier with Keith Boocock ever safe at Centrefield.

Con Adamis starred with 4 hits and Alan Richardson hit 1 home run.

D.B.A. "C" Grade: The "C" grade team still with 1975's premiership win in their thoughts started the

season with a big win 18 runs to 6.

Home runs to Frank Babidge, Tony Cooke and new captain Peter Teasdale were highlights of a good first game effort and a successful season seems assured.

Under 17's: The under 17 team journeyed to Frankston to record a mammoth 26 runs to 1 victory and even at this early stage are favorites for the pennant.

Luke Alexander 1 home run and 2 triples and single in first game of baseball was the outstanding player, P. Georgiadis 2, 1 Curnow 3 (incl. home run).

Under 15's: The under 15's suffered their second successive narrow defeat this time by Waverley 7 runs to 6.

Under 13's: The Rustlers moved to the top of the ladder following their third successive win with an easy win over Caulfield 22 runs to 6. Bruce Leo 4 safe hits, Andrew Wills 3, N. Le Page 2 (also 5 K's in 2 innings) D. Hibbert 2.

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# Baseballers continue winning streak

**Cheltenham's first division team journeyed to Sunshine last Saturday and thumped out 13 safe hits to Sunshine's seven to eventually run out winners 10 runs to 7.**

Ross Chapman started on the mound for Cheltenham in his first senior game of the season and held the Sunshine batters in check with the backing of a safe infield and Laurie Hall catching everything in the garden.

However, after leading three runs to nil Sunshine's pitcher avid McGuire hit in two runs and with several "walks" and a flurry of hits Sunshine went to a 5-3 lead.

Cheltenham rose to the occasion and with hits to Paul and John Ferguson following Davenall Whatmore's second hit and a long Home Run by Ross Upfill saw the visitors back in the lead.

Coach Alan Tanner redeemed himself with a hit and Alan Bentley hit in a further two runs to put the Rustlers in a sound position leading 10 runs to five and although Sunshine came back with two runs including a mammoth home run to Steve Blackmore, Laurie Hall who had relieved Ross Chapman on the mound finished the innings with a strike out enabling Cheltenham to retain third position on the ladder.

V.B.A. Second Nine lost their second match on end with a sound defeat at the hands of Sunshine 11-2 with one of the few Cheltenham players to fire being Daryl Roulston with three safe hits and scoring the only runs for the visitors. Other safe hitters were R. Robertson (Double), R. Lovell and under 17 player Richard Kausman.

The V.B.A. Third Nine also lost their second game on end with a 14 runs to 7 loss against neighbouring team Sandringham to drop to fifth place on the ladder. Safe Hits: H. Kalinski 3, C. Adams 2, S. Jamieson 2, I. Turnbull Home Run, R. Lewin 1, M. Manning 1, M. Wayne 1, M. Spencer-Gardiner 1.

D.B.A. "A" Grade team continued their indifferent form with a further narrow loss to Chelsea 5-4. Despite the loss newly appointed coach Kevin Knorr is confident of the team improving and with Phil Purvis adding experience at first base and some promising young players in Steve Bott and Trevor Hogben a return to the winning list is not far off.

Cheltenham's D.B.A. "C" Grade team continued their unbeaten run to record an easy 29 runs to 13 against Chelsea with veteran Kel Roberts scoring a grand slam home run in his four safe hits for the day to be one of the best players afield along with pitcher Frank Babidge. Captain Peter

Teasdale also starred with five safe hits (also including a grand slam home run). Other hitters were: D. Upfill 3 (including 1 home run), A. Cooke 2, M. Lewis 3, S. Williams 2, G. Cox 2.

Under 17's easily defeated Chelsea 11 runs to 3. Safe Hits: T. Hogben (Home Run), R. Charles, I. Curnow, M. Wayne.

Under 15's went down to Waverley (2) 5 runs to nil with few batters firing. Only hitters were Lee Bailey, Peter Burdett and newcomer Michael Grubb 1 each in a disappointing effort.

Under 13's continued their good form to record an excellent win over Moorabbin (2) 13-2 with pitcher Neil Le Page restricting Moorabbin batters to one hit. Best player afield was Paul Roberts (2 outfield hits) who was also sound at second base. Neil Le Page notched his fourth Home run of the season and new player Warren Kennedy also slammed a home run. Other safe hitters were Bruce Leo, Paul Carlisle and Andrew Kausman. Next Saturday the Peepees play Ormond-Glenhantly and on Sunday are entered in The V.B.A./Coca Cola Lightning Premiership at Caulfield

Park commencing 9 a.m.

Next Saturday sees the match of the season with Cheltenham's first division team meeting neighbouring team Sandringham with Sandringham's top pitchers Brian Wonnacott and Zig Zabolski facing the Rustlers' big batters in Dave Hall Whatmore, John and Paul Ferguson and Ross Upfill at Park Road Reserve.

Baseball enthusiasts are assured of some top baseball and can follow up with an evening of entertainment for club members and friends at an after game function.

John Ferguson still leads in the Kebroc Home Run Award with fresh home run hitters added to the list including Ross Upfill (Cheltenham), Steve Blackmore (Sunshine) Reg Simpson (Newport).

**Night Baseball:** Cheltenham have been drawn against Sunshine in the 10.15 p.m. game on June 2 in the S.E.C./V.B.A./Lightning Premiership at Waverley Baseball Ground High Street Road, Glen Waverley with the first game commencing at 6.30 p.m. Semi Final and final to be played on Thursday, June 3.

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# Cheltenham loses golden opportunity

Cheltenham's first nine lost a golden opportunity to be undisputed leaders in the V.B.A. First Division competition when it went down to Coburg 5 runs to 2 in Sunday's match at Coburg Cricket Ground.

Cheltenham went to an early 2 runs lead when in the third innings Ross Chapman hit safely and scored from Davenall Whatmore's triple to the centrefield fence. Fred Capper followed with a further safe hit to score. Whatmore and Rustlers assumed control.

Coburg replied with two runs in the fourth innings to tie up the game.

Despite getting two runners "on" in the 9th frame the Rustlers failed to score and went down 5 runs to 2 with 5 or 6 wild throws during the game allowing opposition runners many extra bases.

## D.B.A. "A" GRADE

Cheltenham after maintaining an early 3 run advantage over Noble Park, let the visitors score runs in the 5th and 7th innings to trail 3-2 in the 8th innings.

Noble Park's pitcher David Bell led off with a safe hit, followed by a hit to Shanks, a sacrifice and a further hit to Davenport before Cheltenham gained the second out.

The next two batters were put on base with "a walk" and hit by pitched ball with the game being broken up when Honnar also hit safely and Noble Park swept to a 6 runs to 3 advantage and sealed the game in the 9th frame with another run to record a 7 runs to 3 victory.

## D.B.A. "B" GRADE

Rustlers thumped out a mammoth 26 safe hits to easily defeat Noble Park's

second nine, 20 runs to 7.

Keith Boocock and Alan Richardson each scored 4 safe hits as did Brendan Hall. Other safe hitters were — B. Grabowski 3, C. Adams 3, N. Giasoumi 2, M. Trevorah 2, T. Stalzer 2, Max Johanson 2.

## D.B.A. "C" GRADE

With last week's defeat still in their minds Peter Teasdale's team took Noble Park's third nine apart to the tune of 33 runs to nil.

The highlight of the game was three generations of one family who all played in the one game. Frank Babidge senior scored 4 safe hits, son Frank Babidge 3 safe hits and 12-year-old Stephen Babidge, also took part in the game.

Tony Cooke starred with 5 safe hits, with George Ingram 3 safe hits and 7 strike-outs in an impressive performance on the mound. Other hitters were Stephen Williams 3, Peter Teasdale 3, Chris Peacock 2 and Mark Lewis 2.

## UNDER 17's

Cheltenham staged a grandstand finish to run out narrow winners over Noble Park 7 runs to 6, when, with one out, Ross Ginns hit to the infield to force the winning run across the plate.

Trevor Hogben was in control on the mound for Cheltenham and also hit safely. Other hitters were Mick Waye (who later in the day visited hospital following a split finger playing for the Rustlers Southern Zone

Team) and Peter Georgiadis.

## UNDER 15's

The under 15 Cheltenham team turned in a good performance to eclipse Melbourne 15 runs to 1.

Stephen Babidge pitched a no-hit game and with a safe hit to his credit was one of the best players along with Ashley Kausman. Other safe hitters were — John Leo, Paul Kilburn, Mike Grubb, Ashley Kausman 2, W. Bailey 1.

## UNDER 13's

Although scoring 6 runs in the first innings the young Rustlers lapsed into numerous fielding errors resulting in Caulfield scoring 4 runs.

With John Bentley at the mound Caulfield were shut-out for the morning while the Rustlers pounded the ball to run out winners 33 runs to 4.

Neil Le Page dominated the game with 3 home runs with Warren Kennedy and Paul Roberts also hitting round-trippers.

John Bentley finished the game with 8 strike outs as well as gaining 3 safe hits. Other safe hitters were — Bruce Leo 3, Paul Carlisle, Zoran Zakic, A. Wills and Rob. Stewart 2.

## UNDER 13 LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

Cheltenham's first round opponents Westgarth looked all-over winners when they led 1 run to nil into the second innings.

But Paul Roberts slammed a triple scoring 3 runs and when Bruce Leo followed up to score a further run Cheltenham had run out winners 4 runs to 1.

Bad weather set in and the rest of the day's program was cancelled and will be staged later in the season.

## V.B.A. SOUTHERN ZONE

Cheltenham found Malvern too strong and experienced and went down 24 runs to 4.

Safe Hits: R. Lewin 2, N. Smith 1, M. Manning 2, H. Kalinski 1.

Rustlers have a serious pitching problem to overcome before further successes are likely.

## NIGHT BASEBALL

Cheltenham meets Sunshine at 10.15 p.m. tonight at Waverley Baseball Park, High Street Rd., Glen Waverley, in the first round of the S.E.C. Lightning Premiership.

The first match commences at 6.30 p.m. with semi-finals and final on Thursday at the same venue.

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ABOVE: A new pavilion shared by Cheltenham Baseball Club. LEFT: Ross Ginns lines one up at practice. PICTURES: ANDREW BATSCH



# Baseballers enthusiastic

by JAMES WESTON

THE Cheltenham Baseball Club will be starting 1987 winter season with an understandably high level of optimism.

The club has featured in the A Grade finals every year since 1984, when it relocated at its present Farm Rd, Cheltenham, ground. All senior sides were in the finals last year.

An added bonus for the upcoming season is the opening of a new pavilion, which will be shared with the adjacent hockey club. The baseball club contributed \$25,000 towards the building of the pavilion, and is now looking, with the approval of council and the Moorabbin Airport, to erect floodlights at the ground.

## Reappointed

Trevor Hogden has been reappointed senior coach after a successful 1986 and he is running training on Saturdays from 10 am and Tuesdays from 5 pm. The junior section, which consists of Under-17, Under-15 and Under-13 teams, plays in Dandenong Baseball Association, and trains on Sundays at 10 am.

Any senior inquiries can be made to Mrs Jenny Babidge on 785 1094 (AH) or Mark Johnson on 583 5012 (AH), while juniors can contact Cheryl Howe on 786 9492.

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### CHELTENHAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Cheltenham defeated Geelong 5-4 in extra innings to win the State U18 baseball Championship in thrilling, high class game at Waverly on Sunday.

First batter up, Dan Gribbin belted a long double to centrefield and scored on Andrew Gribbin's single to left field to give Cheltenham an early lead. Geelong came back with 2 runs in the bottom of the second innings when Cheltenham's pitcher Tom Ellis temporarily lost the plate issuing 3 walks and hitting a batter with a pitch. A scratch infield hit gave Geelong a 2-1 lead. Geelong extended their lead to 3-1 in the third innings when a error at third was followed by a texas leaguer by Dale Ricketts.

Just as they have all season Cheltenham fought straight back in the top of the fourth innings when Ben Ford hit to right field and then Tom Ellis batting on a full count slammed Geelong pitcher Josh Spence over the left field fence for a home run to tie the score 3-3.

Andrew Gribbin replaced Ellis on the mound in the fifth innings for Cheltenham and kept the strong batters off balance an unable to score for the next 3 innings with the help of a smart, behind the runner, pick off play at first base by Andrew Adams and some very solid defence under pressure by Russell Ferguson at second base and Dan Gribbin at shortstop. Outfielders Chris Law, Brad Heenan and Scott Grieson were also rock solid.

Ben Ford lead off the eighth <sup>PLAY</sup>innings with his second hit but Geelong pitcher Joel Ricketts made a great to get the force at second on Ferguson's bunt. With one out and the game on the Ellis then blasted his second homer ( 450 foot over center field) to put Cheltenham ahead 5-3.

Andrew Gribbin struck out the leadoff batter but Dale Ricketts forced an error at third and Elliot Biddel followed with his third hit of the game. Catcher Kane Davidson couldn't handle a high fastball and Geelong scored to make the score 5-4. With the Premiership on the line, Gribbin took control of the situation and pitched brilliantly to strike <sup>OUT</sup>the last two batters to give Cheltenham the flag.

Tom Ellis earned the MVP award for his 2 home runs and 4 runs batted in as well as his 4 strong innings of pitching. Andrew Gribbin was also superb under late innings pressure picking up the win whilst striking out 6 and only giving up 2 hits over his four innings.

"This team has something special", said an understandably very pleased and proud Coach, John Ferguson, "at no point did they concede anything to Geelong and like they have done all season they a found a way to get back into and win the game against a very strong side. Every player stood up and contributed in great team effort".

GRAND FINAL WRITE UP.

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#### UNDER 18 STATE

Played: 18 Won: 15 Lost: 2 Drawn: 1 (Washout)

Team: Dan Gribbin (Capt) Andrew Adams, Tom Ellis, Brad Heenan, Kane Davidson, Chris Law, Andrew Gribbin, Ben Ford, Russell Ferguson, Scott Grierson, Shane Valenti.

Coach: John Ferguson  
Umpire/Manager: Al Gribbin

Assit Coach: Matt Gourlay  
Scorer: Di Adams

Victorian Under 18 Champions for 2004-5. The Team could not do any better than that! Baseball at the Under 18 state level in Victoria is a very tough and high standard competition. All the teams have representative players and many are well established senior players.

To win consistently against strong competition is the hallmark of a very good team and this was demonstrated on numerous occasions as the team always managed to find a way to win from whatever position it found itself in. Every player contributed and our ability to play as a team and for the Club was the key to our success.

The Club gave priority to the Under 18 state team so I was able to have first choice of our pitchers and catchers and this was a major factor in our consistency. Andrew Gribbin and Tom Ellis carried the pitching, with Russell Ferguson filling in where needed giving the team great pitching depth and this was our major strength. Ben Ford, Dan Gribbin and Kane Davidson covered the catching duties with Kane emerging as our top receiver by the seasons end..

The infield of Andrew Adams (1B) Russell Ferguson (2B) Dan Gribbin (SS) and Ben Ford and Andrew Gribbin (3B) was probably the best balanced and tightest in the competition. Dan's work at shortstop was outstanding in the latter part of the season. Our outfield, Brad Heenan, Scott Grierson, Tom Ellis was considerably strengthened when Chris Law returned from Japan after Christmas and overall was solid and reliable.

Our ability to win the key games was remarkable. For instance Tom Ellis pitched brilliantly and Andrew Gribbin belted to doubles to beat Geelong 2-1 to take us to the top of the ladder in Round 13. Andrew Gribbin struckout 10 and Russell Ferguson batted in 3 runs in a 4-1 win over Doncaster to ensure we finished on top of the ladder. In the Preliminary Final, behind 0-1 in the bottom of sixth innings, with the tail end of our line up to bat, Tom Ellis walked, Kane scratched an infield hit, Scottie forced a passball and drew a walk to set the table for Dan Gribbin to drive in the winning run with a line shot to rightfield.

The Grand Final against Geelong was an outstanding game of baseball that went extra innings. Behind 3-1 after 3 innings, Tom Ellis levelled the score with a 2 run homer. Andrew Gribbin took over the pitching and controlled the game until Tom in a "Ruthian" like performance hit his second 2 run homer to put Cheltenham ahead 5-3. After an anxious moment where Geelong clawed back to within one run, Cheddar

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took control of the game and struckout the last batter for the flag. With 3 strikeouts in the last innings and a lively fast ball Cheddar certainly "brought the cheese".

Thanks to Al Gribbin for his support as umpire and team manager. Nothing is ever too much trouble for Al and as most would understand, plate umpiring with pitchers throwing 85mph is no picnic. Thanks also to Matt Gourlay who provided most of the weeknight coaching, Di Adams for a great job as scorer and to the parents who made sure the players made the practices and the games.

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**Sports Focus**

*New Carothers is the genuine batter to the ABL — a ball of muscle poised to crack both end of the park*  
*ADRIAN LARSEN reports on the most accomplished with Australian baseball*

# Enforcer Carothers

## no rough diamond

**WHENEVER** he stepped up to bat, the great question on every player's mind was: "Will he swing or will he not?"


Chris Carothers has been doing his best to answer that question in the past few weeks. The 30-year-old has been hitting like a hot bat, leading the ABL in home runs and RBIs. He's also been swinging like a hot bat, leading the ABL in home runs and RBIs.

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# Speeding along

## Blackley pitches Missions past the Express

BY RAUL DOMINGUEZ JR.  
EXPRESS-NEWS STAFF WRITER

It had been six months since Beverly Blackley had seen her son, Travis, and all she wanted was a hug from her baby boy.

Well, Travis Blackley and Justin Leone had something a bit more special in mind. After all, Beverly and her husband, Lance, traveled from Melbourne, Australia, to watch Tuesday night's game.

Blackley picked up his 13th win in 16 decisions and Leone hit a three-run homer in the Missions' 6-3 win over Round Rock.

Blackley gave up two runs in 6½ innings as his ERA rose .03 points to 2.08, which still leads the Texas League.

The win extended the Missions' lead in the West Division to seven games.

As important as the victory was in the standings, the win took on added significance with the Blackleys in the stands.

Beverly and Lance arrived during the second inning. Travis saw



**Missions 6  
Round Rock 3**

Today:  
7:05 p.m.  
Missions (Baek  
1-0, 1.80) vs.  
Express (Powell  
4-8, 4.96)  
KKYX-AM 680  
■ Texas League  
standings/7C

them as he was warming up, but probably had to take a second look since his father had shaved off his usual beard.

"She (his mom) was stoked to see me and so was I," Blackley said.

The Missions were up 2-0 in the second inning after Blackley escaped a game-opening triple by Express shortstop Chris Burke.

It was an auspicious start on a special night, but Blackley demonstrated his mettle by stranding the runner.

"I wasn't too concerned," Blackley said. "I know this team is going to score a lot of runs."

After Burke roped a shot down the right-field line, Blackley got Gavin Wright to fly out to first, Tommy Whiteman to ground out to third and Mike Coolbaugh to ground out to shortstop.

Coolbaugh, a former Roosevelt standout, was 0 for 3 with a walk.

Missions center fielder Mike Curry opened the bottom of the first with his own triple. Curry scored on



Missions starter Travis Blackley won his 13th game this season in front of his parents, who made the long trip from Melbourne, Australia.

See MISSIONS/5C

**Rustlers**



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM LUTHER/ST

Teammates congratulate the Missions' Justin Leone after his three-run homer in the fifth inning.

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Cheltenham's Tom Ellis threw five scoreless innings on Sunday.

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## Catch kills rally

Marty Shevelove

NINE out of 10 times the ball gets through and the tying run comes around to score.

But in the bottom of the 12th inning of Sunday's baseball Victoria State League season opener against Newport, a Cheltenham line drive back to the box was snared by the Rams' pitcher and turned into a game-ending double play.

Newport prevailed 5-4 at Farm Rd, turning aside two Cheltenham comebackers in the Rustlers return to division one.

"We showed a lot of heart to come back from 4-0 down and then again to tie the game in the 10th inning," said Cheltenham playing manager Matt Gourlay. "It was a good ballgame. It's a pity we had to come out on the wrong end of it."

Russell Ferguson and Daniel Grubbs came through with clutch base hits in the eighth and 10th innings to keep the game

alive. Ben Wenke added two hits.

Blake Cunningham got tagged with the loss but threw extremely well in six innings of relief. Seattle Mariners farmhand Tom Ellis got the start and left after five frames of scoreless baseball. Boston Red Sox minor leaguer Adam Blackley surrendered three runs in two innings before giving the ball to Cunningham, who is just 17.

"You couldn't ask for anything more from Blake," Gourlay said.

Pitcher Cable Hogben was unavailable after injuring a foot at home, but should play this weekend when Cheltenham visits Blackburn.

Cheltenham's seconds edged Newport 8-7. Ben Macquise, Tony Ceyer, and Nick Rossall all had two hits. Dale Ravasi threw well.

The Rustlers' third turned a triple play in their 10-0 whitewash of Newport.

**Rustlers**



## U18 2005-06 EOY REPORT

2004/05

### UNDER 18 STATE

Played: 18 Won: 15 Lost: 2 Drawn: 1 (Washout)

Team: Dan Gribbin (Capt) Andrew Adams, Tom Ellis, Brad Heenan, Kane Davidson, Chris Law, Andrew Gribbin, Ben Ford, Russell Ferguson, Scott Grierson, Shane Valenti.

Coach: John Ferguson  
Umpire/Manager: Al Gribbin

Assit Coach: Matt Gourlay  
Scorer: Di Adams

Victorian Under 18 Champions for 2004-5. The Team could not do any better than that! Baseball at the Under 18 state level in Victoria is a very tough and high standard competition. All the teams have representative players and many are well established senior players.

To win consistently against strong competition is the hallmark of a very good team and this was demonstrated on numerous occasions as the team always managed to find a way to win from whatever position it found itself in. Every player contributed and our ability to play as a team and for the Club was the key to our success.

The Club gave priority to the Under 18 state team so I was able to have first choice of our pitchers and catchers and this was a major factor in our consistency. Andrew Gribbin and Tom Ellis carried the pitching, with Russell Ferguson filling in where needed giving the team great pitching depth and this was our major strength. Ben Ford, Dan Gribbin and Kane Davidson covered the catching duties with Kane emerging as our top receiver by the seasons end.

The infield of Andrew Adams (1B) Russell Ferguson (2B) Dan Gribbin (SS) and Ben Ford and Andrew Gribbin (3B) was probably the best balanced and tightest in the competition. Dan's work at shortstop was outstanding in the latter part of the season. Our outfield, Brad Heenan, Scott Grierson, Tom Ellis was considerably strengthened when Chris Law returned from Japan after Christmas and overall was solid and reliable.

Our ability to win the key games was remarkable. For instance Tom Ellis pitched brilliantly and Andrew Gribbin belted to doubles to beat Geelong 2-1 to take us to the top of the ladder in Round 13. Andrew Gribbin struckout 10 and Russell Ferguson batted in 3 runs in a 4-1 win over Doncaster to ensure we finished on top of the ladder. In the Preliminary Final, behind 0-1 in the bottom of sixth innings, with the tail end of our line up to bat, Tom Ellis walked, Kane scratched an infield hit, Scottie forced a passball and drew a walk to set the table for Dan Gribbin to drive in the winning run with a line shot to rightfield.

The Grand Final against Geelong was an outstanding game of baseball that went extra innings. Behind 3-1 after 3 innings, Tom Ellis levelled the score with a 2 run homer. Andrew Gribbin took over the pitching and controlled the game until Tom in a "Ruthian" like performance hit his second 2 run homer to put Cheltenham ahead 5-3. After an anxious moment where Geelong clawed back to within one run, Cheddar

The 'Rustlers' logo is a stylized, cursive script in blue with a white outline, set against a white background.





took control of the game and struckout the last batter for the flag. With 3 strikeouts in the last innings and a lively fast ball Cheddar certainly "brought the cheese".

Thanks to Al Gribbin for his support as umpire and team manager. Nothing is ever too much trouble for Al and as most would understand, plate umpiring with pitchers throwing 85mph is no picnic. Thanks also to Matt Gourlay who provided most of the weeknight coaching, Di Adams for a great job as scorer and to the parents who made sure the players made the practices and the games.

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## 2010-2011 Magnificent Season Opener

### Summer Season Division 1 Firsts –

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Cheltenham **8**, lost to Blackburn **9** in 8 innings. Game called due to poor light

Match report by **Steve Rossell**

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Blackburn started the 5th with a two bagger from their lead off and Cunningham walking the next batter. After stealing 3rd base Blackburn scored on a wild pitch to even the score once again at 4-4 and then scoring the go ahead run off a strong hit through the middle. 4-5. With 1st and 3rd occupied and none out, things were starting to look ominous for the Rustlers, but Cunningham fought back earning a double play for the home team infield, his second HPB (Cain Bumstead) and an infield fly to stem the tide. 4-5.

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## DIVISION 3 PREMIERS 1987-88



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The 7th saw the Orioles tack on another two runs and the Rustlers 3, with **Ferguson scoring two, picking up his fifth RBI for the day** and Gourlay hitting a single to take the game into the 8th with an 8-9 scoreline.

A run down play by Cheltenham denied a Blackburn chance to score, again leaving the door open for the Rustlers. The Orioles went to their bullpen once more and Adam Bright kept the home side scoreless with a double play to end the game. Final score 8-9.

Both teams played well, good hitting, good fielding and pitching, but errors were costing both sides and a 7-17 hit count in favour of Blackburn converting to a 8-9 scoreline is a telling stat. The Rustlers need to consistently win the one run ball games







and with this week's absentees being Hayden Dingle and Paul Rutgers back in the side, the only way is up.

### **WOMEN TROUNCE DEMONS 13-9**

Cheltenham broke through for a memorable win over Melbourne on our picturesque Lakeside field in perfect spring conditions.

Starter Jessica Jensen pitching to Jennifer Hawkins gave the team a great start holding Melbourne to a single hit and striking out 3 batters in 2 very solid innings of work. The batters capitalised on this performance scoring 3 in the bottom of the first innings and a matching winning 7 runs in the bottom of the second.

Barb Dooley started a 2 out rally and scored the first run after she beat out an infield single. Brittany Cole forced an error at second and Jensen singled to push Dooley across the plate.. Sue Leslie followed with another single to the left side to score Cole and the aggressive Emma de Vos drove a high fast ball in to right field for a third run.

Michelle Ogilvie drew a patient walk leading off in the bottom of the second to bring up the big end and the Demons found themselves in deep trouble when Pia Dunkley and Hawkins also walked to fill the bases. The reliable Dooley picked up a second hit to the left side to score Ogilvie and Cole hammered a line shot to right field to drive in 2 more runs. Jensen walked and forced a pitching change and the merry go round continued until the innings ended under the 7 run rule to give Chelt a 10-3 lead.

Brittany Cole relieved Jansen in the top of the third and after a nervous start that included a hit batter and a single to left, found her rhythm and pounded the zone to punch out 3 consecutive strikeouts in an impressive display of power pitching.

Chelt added a further 3 runs in their third innings on walks and a second hit by Cole and continued to run riot on the bases as the players found their wheels to steal 16 bases for the game. The fleet footed Pia Dunkley and Bar Dooley each stole 3 bases while the crafty Michelle Ogilvie stole 4 bases. ( and had the cheek to complain about sore legs) .

Leading 13-4 with 30 minutes to go and with excitement building in anticipation of a win, the intensity seemed to ease back. Melbourne rallied in their fourth with 2 hits and a hit batter to load the bases and forced Manager Ron Carothers to go to his specialist closer "Ice Lady" Dooley, Initially this moved seemed to be as effective a putting petrol on a fire as the next 3 Melbourne batters hit safely and 5 runs crossed the plate. Ever cool in a crisis Dooley steadied and induced a ground ball to Jensen at short who gunned the batter at first for the first out. Dooley then snapped up a line shot though the mound and doubled off the runner at first who had left on the hit to end the innings and secure the win.

After the game Manager, Ron Carothers speaking to a very happy team, praised the pitching of Jensen and Cole and the solid team batting where every player contributed. The team is developing considerable depth and versatility as the players settle into their roles and develop a feel for the game.

### **Box Score**

<b>Melbourne</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>
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**Cheltenham**                      **3**        **7**        **3**        -        **13**

**Hitting:** B Dooley 2 (and 3 RBI), B Cole 2 and 2 RBI, J Jensen 1 and 1 RBI, S Leslie 1 (and 1RBI), E, de Vos 1, L McCormick 1, S Cullen 2 RBI.

**Winning Pitcher:** Jessica Jensen

*Rustlers*





## SECOND'S Premiers 2014-15

### Grand final: 3-0 win v Essendon

**Matt Gourlay** reports:

The game we had worked hard to get to all year was finally here. The nerves that we had last weekend were gone and we were determined to get the job done.

Jack Enciondo was on the hill and gave us 5 1/3 strong innings of work. He showed great fight and composure well beyond his years.

Russell Ferguson pitched the last 1 2/3 innings. He was as focused as I have ever seen him and got the last 5 outs in about 20 pitches.

It was a typical Cheltenham day with the wind coming off the bay which made it tough for the hitters.

We broke the game open in the 2nd inning when with 1 out, Matt Carlile doubled to left field.

A wild throw from a groundball hit by Sam Trend Beacom to the shortstop saw Matt score the 1st run of the game. Jack Daniels then got an infield single to put runners on 1st and 2nd.

Brad Kmet then drew a walk to load the bases.

With 2 out, Karl Mackay lifted a ball to left centre which saw the 2 outfielders miscommunicate. The ball dropped in to add another 2 runs.

A 3 run 2nd inning which in the end was the difference between the 2 teams.

Our defence had a few lapses in the game but we didn't dwell on them and made the key pitches and plays when it counted.

The standout defensively was Jack Daniels. Playing 1st base due to the ankle injury of Jarrod Hall the previous week, Jack made 2 throws in the game to gun down the lead runner and take any momentum away from the opposition.





## **CHELTENHAM 14 defeated GEELONG 13**

With starter Robert Roth struggling in the first, the Baycats put up a four-spot on a combination of clean hitting and an error, followed up by a fifth run in the second – an ominous sign against a Rustler outfit that was without formidable players in Ben Leslie, Paul Rutgers, John Edwards, Paul Weichard, Daniel Mack and Adam Blackley

Although clawing a couple back against Geelong ace Thomas Kerr-Chapman, the Rustlers looked to be paddling as they went to Steve Gourlay in the bottom of five.

Even when Cheltenham teenager Mitch Holding took Geelong reliever Stuart Barnes for a solo bomb in the sixth, the visitors still seemed behind the eight-ball – especially when the Baycats stretched the lead to 9-3 as Blake Cunningham failed to receive the defensive support that he would have liked.

Although the Rustlers plated another three in the eighth – off Travis Rooke-Ley – they still faced a 10-6 deficit going into the ninth, with the Baycat import and his defence needing to make just three outs.

But in a remarkable late turnaround, the Cheltenham offence launched a blistering attack that produced a couple of passes and a string of hits to force eight runs across the plate in the top of nine – just enough, as it transpired, to hold off a Baycats side that almost pinched it on unearned runs in the equaliser.

Quite an extraordinary comeback in a game that looked done and dusted, and a tribute to the spirit of a Rustler outfit that collected sixteen knocks against the league leader – thanks largely to the clean hitting of Nick Rossell, Russell Ferguson, teenager Holding and Manager Hayden Dingle.

For its part, Geelong had great contributors in Matt Ryan (two hits, three RBIs), Ross Wilson (two and three), Troy Snarey and second-sacker Hiroshi Narasaki.

**Fourth-placed Cheltenham will resume after the break with a massive home game against league-leading Blackburn, while Geelong will be away to Malvern.**

<b>CHELTENHAM</b>	<b>0 0 0 2 0 1 0 3 8 (14) 2 errors</b>
<b>GEELONG</b>	<b>4 1 0 0 0 0 4 1 3 (13) 0 errors</b>

### **Hits.**

Cheltenham: N.Rossell 3, R.Ferguson 3, M.Holding 3, B.Stenhouse 3, H.Dingle 2, M.Gourlay, A.Gribbin

Geelong: T.Rooke-Ley 2, M.Ryan 2, R.Wilson 2, M.Miller, T.Snarey, N.Spence, C.Lyons, H.Narasaki

### **RBIs.**

Cheltenham: R.Ferguson 3, M.Holding 3, H.Dingle 2, M.Gourlay 2, B.Stenhouse







Geelong. M.Ryan 3, R.Wilson 3, T.Snarey 2, H.Narasaki 2, C.Gibbons, C.Lyons  
**Pitching.**

Cheltenham: R.Roth 4 inn, 4 H, 5 Ks, 4 BB, 1 HPB, 5 ER

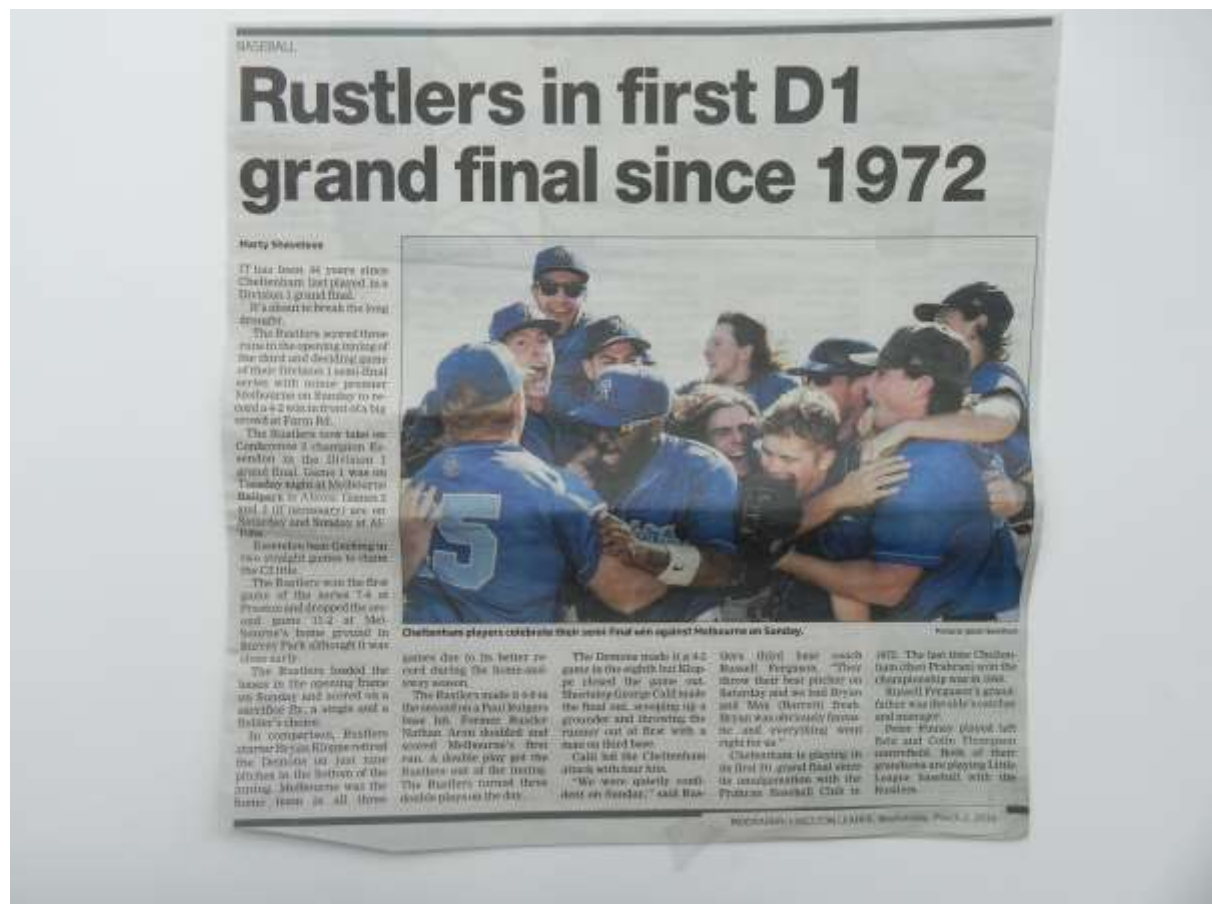
S.Gourlay 2 inn, 0 H, 3 Ks, 3 BB, 0 ER

B.Cunningham 3 inn, 7 H, 4 BB, 0 HPB, 1 ER

Geelong: T.Kerr-Chapman 5 inn, 5 H, 4 Ks, 3 BB, 0 HPB, 2 ER

S.Barnes 2.1 inn, 5 H, 0 K, 1 BB, 1 HPB, 4 ER

T.Rooke-Ley 1.2 inn, 6 H, 1 K, 2 BB, 1 HPB 8 ER



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## 4s Premiers 2014-15

## Grand final: 7-1 win v Sandringham

## 5X Back-to-back premiers

## 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15

### DWB reports:

There have been many long and storied reigns in our species history; King Louis XIV, Queen Victoria, anyone of a number of those unpronounceable monstrosities of names from the Qing Dynasty to name just a few. But I think scholars and history buffs alike can come together in agreement that none have ruled with quite the grandeur and pomposity as our current reigning monarchs of divvy 1, 4ths, who shall henceforth be assigned the epithet of **DaForfts Da Great**.

Putting on a commanding performance, My Favorite Team™ took home its 5th consecutive premiership and added to its ever increasing collection of flags, medallions and grotesquely swollen craniums.

Getting off to what I would describe as a perfect start for this team, David Johnson led off the game with a hilariously unattractive strike out, which always puts us in the right frame of mind as a squad. (The big home town partisan crowd tried to get on DJ after he repeated the performance again later in the game, but recognized the futility of the venture when Johnno was began receiving far more vicious abuse from his own bench.)

This set the table for Pat DiServi to blast a solo home run so far into outer space that I think the ball was given a mission to terraform Mars.

From here things all get a bit blurry in my alcohol riddled brain bucket, so if you want a proper detailed game breakdown, check the scorecast gizmo.

All I know is that we racked up 4 runs in one of the middle innings on an assortment of hits and errors to take command and picked up a run here and there afterwards to stretch the lead.







## 2014-15 State Rustlers take out premiership

### Back-to-back!

### 6-3 win v Essendon

**Scoop** reports: on the back of some mighty performances from Jack Enciondo, Max Barrett and George Callil, the Rustlers took out their second consecutive State League U18s premiership beating Essendon 6-3. It was a game played in great spirit between the two best teams in the comp, in marvellous conditions up at Waverley. For the top age guys in the team, it was their last hurrah as juniors and you can't ask for better than a premiership with your mates.

As the away team, Chelt had first bat and with 2 outs and one on, a crucial error at 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Bombers failed to retire the side, and with a hard hitting Chelt side this was always going to be dangerous, bringing dangerous Jack 'Slugger' Enciondo up to the plate now with 2 on. He saw a pitch he liked and promptly deposited it over the left field fence to enact severe punishment for the error – 3-0 up to the good guys.

In the Bomber first dig, it was a slightly shaky start for Big Max Barrett after walking the leadoff batter and having another runner on via a wonky throw from 2<sup>nd</sup> however, that was all the worries done with, and it stayed at 3-0 after some classic Max Ks shut the Bomber bats down.

The teams traded zeroes in the second, but the 3<sup>rd</sup> brought more Enciondo fireworks: with two on, the Bomber pitcher unfortunately for him chose the exact same spot to pitch to Jack that he did the first time and he suffered the same result, this one though 'only' a 2RBI double, making it 5-0 Rustlers and all the RBIs to J. Enciondo.

Meanwhile, Max was keeping a tab on the Bomber batters, restricting baserunners to a minimum, however, one did manage to get around to third and then get home on a wild throw from Short to first to bring in Essendon's first run. 5-1 bottom 4<sup>th</sup>.

Zeroes were again registered for the 5<sup>th</sup> before more fireworks in the





6<sup>th</sup>: a solo blast over the Centrefield fence from George Callil made it 6-1 to the Good Guys by the end of our inning. In the Bomber dig, just as manager Pat O'Neill was getting mildly concerned about a tiring Max Barrett on the hill after 5-plus innings of work, the Essendon batter turned Pat's concern to action with a 2-run shot over left field making it 6-3. Max had done his job, and in came the Man of the Day Jack Enciondo, who promptly closed down the Essendon 6<sup>th</sup> to take it into the last stanza.

After a scoreless Chelt 7<sup>th</sup>, it all came down to this – 3 outs for Chelt, 4 runs for Essendon. To cut a short story shorter, Chelt got the outs, Jack closing the game out with a sweet strikeout. Credit to the Essendon pitchers Lachlan Jack and Marc Sayers, they did a ripping job, Chelt only racked up 5 hits, but they were damaging.

Game over – Chelt State League Premiers! Back to back: 2013-14, 2014-15

**MVP: Jack Enciondo** for a 3-run HR, 2-RBI double and 1.2 scoreless innings of relief

**Pitching:**

Max 5.1 inn, 4Ks, 6 hits, 3 runs (1 unearned)

Jack 1.2 inn, 4Ks, 1 hit, 0 runs

**Hits:**

Jack 2 - HR, double

George 1 - HR

Sam Michael 1 - single

Sam TB 1 - single

It's worth noting that this team has won 4 State League premierships over the junior journey with most of the boys in all 4 of them: U14s (1), U16s (1) and U18s (2) and so have contributed a fair bit to the Cheltenham junior premiership war-chest over the past 5-6 years. They are a great unit well-led by Pat O'Neill over the past two years.







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