B2s Premiers10-6 win over Dandenong



DWB reports: Chelt jumped out ahead in the bottom of the first as David Johnson was knocked in on a Mika Tossavainen single.

Then racked up 4 runs in the top of the second on a string of hits, an RBI single to Jake Pocock capping it off.

Dandy got on the board in the bottom of the second, when a runner was thrown out stealing second on a first and third situation with the other runner scurrying home on the throw.

Chelt added another run in the 3rd when Brad Heenan added a triple on top of last week's home run to his big finals campaign.

Dandy threatened again in the 3rd but had a runner picked off trying to steal 3rd base which necessitated Johno picking a ball out of the dirt putting his body on the line, making the tag and taking a hard slide for his efforts. He made the out but unfortunately was injured on the play.

Johno would tough it out for another dig, and get involved in a ruckus when their 3rd basemen threw the ball into him after the inning was over but was at that point too injured to continue.

Both teams scoring dried up over the next 5 frames until Dandy got rolling in their last chance at bat in regulation as in this writers totally completely unbiased estimation the strike-zone got a little smaller all of a sudden. After two hits and a walk, the bases were loaded with none out. Then a potential double play ball slipped through and a runs home with it. After a 10+pitch at bat showdown, that had My Favorite Player thinking this was pretty epic, a seeing eye single up the middle brought in two more runs and things were getting a bit prickly. With 2 down now and a ball driven deep into the Left Centre alley, Leigh Heinrichs made up a ton of ground to get to it, but the ball whacked off his palm and with two more Dandy runs plated and the game now all tied up and going to over time just like it did last year between these two teams.

So to the top of the last and Jakey Pocock battles his way aboard, drawing a walk and then stealing second base. Leaving Jak Cummings with the job of bunting him over as the B2's turn to playing little ball for one run for the first time of the season. Jak foulded off two bunt attempts and got himself in the hole, but battled through a great at bat before smashing a drive over Centrefields head for a double. Bringing in the run and starting off a string of hits as the slumbering B2 offense came to life. A single to Adam Leech and booming double to Leigh Heinrichs, a single to Mika Tossavainen, DWB HBP and a Zak Palmer single followed, producing 3 more runs and Chelt now all but secure 10-6 lead.

Once Dandenong were sat down in order, the game was ours and that meant My Favorite Players squealing like a school girl and a series of uncomfortable long hetrosexual embraces from 12 manly, manly men.

Great stuff and especially sweet with this Dandy side being a real bogey for us over the last 5 years and showed why they are so tough to beat with their late near heroics.

And its doubly especially sweet having our two Juniors standing up in huge situations late in the game.

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