



## ***A1s vs Dingley***

### ***10-1 win for 2012 premiership***

### ***A1s Five-peat: 2008-09-10-11-12 flags to Chelt***

By Scoop



Well, well, well. What a tour-de-force performance. An absolutely put-your-glasses-down emphatic 10-1 Rustlers win in which right from the outset they stamped their intentions on this game like Dane Swan's tattooist. If the 2s was an intense down-to-the-death thriller, this was probably the follow-up game the heart needed as the **Dave Clarkson's** Rustlers were never headed in a start-to-finish-lead result.

Chelt came out very early and aggressively with lead-off **Ben Leslie** slamming out a 2nd-pitch double to set the tone for the remainder of the match. A walk to **Ferg** and a HPB to **JJ O'Connor** saw the bases loaded and a 2-RBI single to **Matt Blackmore** brought in the opening 2 runs of the game.

Chelt started up as they have most of the season with **Yoshi Campitelli** on the hill and he got the job done with an opening 0 spot to Dingley.

More of the same both ways in the 2nd with 2 more runs to Chelt courtesy of hits to **Brendan Horne**, a ripping RBI triple to **Ben** and an RBI single to **Ferg**. Another 0-spot to Dingley saw it 4-0 to the good guys.

Another run in the 5th to Chelt on the back of a massive solo-homerun to centre-left to **Brett Curnow** made it 5-0, and that's where it stayed until the 4th, when a solo answering HR to Dingley brought in what turned out to be their only offensive production for the day. Credit to the Dingley starter **Grant Irving**, after the initial onslaught though; he shut the game down with solid throwing through to the 8th dig when the strong Chelt lineup inevitably busted out again.

A leadoff single to **Paul Rutgers** was followed by an RBI single to **Adam Blackley**, a single to **Ben** and a 2-RBI double to **Ferg**, plus a 2-RBI double to **JJ** (after a false start the very ball before it was called foul ...) made it an impregnable 10-1 to Chelt.

Meanwhile, on the hill, **Yoshi** had tossed 7 excellent innings, giving up only 3 hits for 1 earned run, doing the business for his team, fantastically supported by error-free defence. The story got no easier for Dingley though with **Blake Cunningham** coming in to ice the deal in the 8th with 2 final innings of shutout ball – the highlight of which was a diving, horizontal-to-the-ground catch to **Brett** at shortstop.

The final out was a grounder putout at 1st – and that was it – it sort of felt that sudden at the end; Rustlers were DBA Champs again!

Highlights:

Pitching: **Yoshi** (7 inn) and **Blake** (2 inn) combined over 9 innings to restrict the Dingley lineup to 3 hits and 1 run. A great day out in anyone's language.

Hitting: Huge production here:

**Ben Leslie** 3 hits (triple, double, single); home run to **Brett Curnow**; **Matt Blackmore** (single, double); **Russ Ferg** (single, double); **Adam Blackley** (single, single); **JJ O'Connor** (double) and singles to **Paul Rutgers** and **Brendan Horne** for a total of 12 hits – enough to get the job done most days.

Well what a win. That's 5 in a row for Clarko's Rustlers and 10 of the last 12 DBA A Grade premierships – that is simply stunning.

Well done guys and well done Clarko!

***GO RUSTLERS!!! DBA A1 CHAMPS 2012***



**2012 DBA A1 Premiers**

Back L-R: Dave Clarkson (Coach), Matt Blackmore, Brendan Horne, Kane Davidson, Adam Blackley, Anthony Reinke, Blake Cunningham, Brett Curnow, Trevor Clemens (Assistant Coach)

Front L-R: Matt Carlile, Ben Leslie, Russell Ferguson, JJ O'Connor, Paul Rutgers, Yoshi Campitelli



Teams line up for the anthem before the game



Victorious Rustlers post-game