

## ***A3s vs Berwick***

### ***11-10 walkoff win in extras***

#### ***Leigh Heinrichs delivers walkoff single***



Well, this one didn't quite pan out entirely to script, but the job got done in the end. Credit to Berwick, they kept at it and brought their A game, making it a classic battle right to the end.

Top placed Rustlers had their hands full with this one, but in the 1st innings it looked to be a done deal with 7 runs straight up to Chelt. It stayed that way until a game-changing 3rd from the Dodgers where they managed to rack up 6 to make it a one-run ballgame. Chelt starter **Casey Hodgson** had a bit of a rough day, so he handed the ball to **Sean Gabb** who pitched a masterful last 7.

Both teams put 2 runs on in the 5th innings to make it 9-8 Chelt's way, then Berwick laid down the challenge emphatically plating 2 more in the 6th for a 1-run lead. Zeroes were traded in the 7th but Chelt pegged back the vital tying run in the 8th to make it 10-10.

A pair of zeroes each in the 9th sent it into extra innings.

And what a finish. In the bottom of the 10th with the winning run at 3rd, **Leigh Heinrichs** punched one out there scoring the runner and getting the walkoff win: 11-10 to Chelt, making it the A3's 3rd flag since 2008.

Highlights included a huge game to **Sean Gabb** who tossed 103 pitches over 7 innings, with an impressive 75 strikes to only 28 balls, with a whopping 12 strikeouts.

Other highlights were the excellent middle infielders; juniors **Sam Trend Beacom** and **Josh Lean**, who just swallowed everything that came their way in a huge defensive effort.

Hits on the day to **Johnno** (double, single), **Sam TB**, **Pat O'Neill**, **Gabb** (2 singles), **Steve Kav** (2 singles), **Adam Leech** and **Casey Hodgson**, and of course, the game-winner to **Leigh Heinrichs**.

Good game boys – didn't quite meet pre-match predictions (Pat, Johnno, you know what I'm talking about), but a win's a win, especially when it's a flag!

Well done boys.



