

**Prahran BC wins the A section premiership of Victoria as reported in the Sporting Globe**

## **Prahran's Pitcher Scott Swings Title Game**

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**Jimmy Scott won for Prahran its first "A" Section baseball premiership. He pitched winning ball throughout and ended as fast as he started. He curbed strong batters, and out pitched champion Tom Proctor, his opponent.**

Naismith hit to left field, but Nagle hit straight to Tamblyn (2<sup>nd</sup> base) for a double play. Jeffreys hit to shortstop to "force" Smith who had walked at second. Hit and walk wasted.

Proctor fanned Coulson, but errors to Smith and Vinning left Wishart at the keystone – scoring position. He stole third base. Ferguson hit safely to left field and Wishart scored on Naismith's fumble. Ferguson "interfered" at shortstop and Hyland was outed at first. One hit, three errors, one run.

Porter neatly picked up a bad bounce for first out. Proctor line drove to the outfield. Vinning struck out and wild pitch sent Proctor to second, but Bowtell flied high to first base.

### **Prahran Forces**

Hits to Porter and Sargent and a wild pitch sent in the second run. Proctor threw to the plate to get Sargent in the 'squeeze play'. Prahran were forcing the pace.

Scott was also pitching well with more speed and better control than last week.

A "walk" and an error let Collingwood "in" with 2 down in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jeffreys also walked to fill the bases. Porter (short-stop) fumbled Marx's grounder and Nagle came home. Proctor struck-out.

Proctor allowed two free passes in Prahran's third frame, but despite easy base stealing on Bowtell's weak throwing, they failed to score.

Scott was pitching better than Proctor at this stage and comfortably.

Vinning fanned again in the 4<sup>th</sup>. Rose hit to leftfield, but was wasted.

### **More Errors**

A "walk" was as good as two bases to Prahran. Porter picked a pass and stole second base. Sargent hit to right field sending Porter to the far corner. None down! Anderson flied to the pitcher, who tried to get Porter but a wild heave let in the run. A smart double play shortstop to first base to catcher - kept down any further score.

Smith set the Magpies off in the 5<sup>th</sup> with an outfield hit but weak batting followed.

Prahran also failed 1-2-3 with four pitched balls

Collingwood batted feebly in the 6<sup>th</sup> then Scott doubled to centre field to give Prahran a great start. Jeffreys let Porters drive through and the pitcher fumbled to let in Scott – another bad error.

Collingwood had the "big end" up in the 7<sup>th</sup>, but they went the way of the tail enders as Scott continued to dominate the game.

Coulson “brought down the house” with a bare handed catch on Jeffrey’s great hit to start eighth – it was gem.

Marx walked and stole second – Magpies finally steal – but Scott pitched grandly to deny Collingwood any runs.

In the last innings Bowlers hit safely and a pinch hitter was send in to replace Rose – he struck out – Naismith and Nagle flied out to centerfield, Scott threw Smith out at first for the final out.

**Box Score**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Collingwood</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Prahran</b>	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	-	4

**Safe Hits:**

**Prahran:** Sargent 2, Ferguson, Porter

**Collingwood:** Naismith 2, Proctor, Rose, Smith, Bowtell

**Prahran BC Premiers of Victoria 1949**

**Standing:** Jack Coulson, Jimmy Scott, Mrs B Foull (Scorer), Bill Anderson, Col Hyland

**Middle:** Ivan Porter, Jack Wadsworth, Jack Ferguson (Captain) Gordon Tamblyn

**Front:** H. Sargeant, Herb Raphael (President) L. Woods

