

## ***Under 17 Blues take out the Premiership!***

### ***Blues take the flag in 7-0 win over White***



Chelt Blue took out the 2012 winter season under 17 premiership in a comprehensive 7-0 win over Cheltenham White. Bringing their A-game on a perfect day for a Grand Final, the Blue squad played aggressive baseball from the start setting the tone early in the day.

Starting on the hill for the White team **Jack Enciondo** found the strikezone hard to find and a combination of walks, hits to **Sam Michael** and **Mitch Holding**, a wild pitch and another walk meant that the Blues took a 3-0 lead early before coach **Ron Carothers** rang the change for the White team, bringing in **Brandon Stenhouse** to stem the flow and end the innings. **Riki Preston** took to the hill for the Blues and sat down the 1st three White bats resulting in a first change lead of 3-0 to the Blues.

The Blues were able to add another run in the 2nd to make it 4-0 with **Riki** again shutting down the White bats in their dig with a nice mix of pitches.

The Blues were able to get runners on the bases again in the 3rd via walks and a reach-on-error, but **Brando** was able to gain a crucial innings-ending strikeout to end the threat. For the responding White dig, Blue coach **Matt Carlile** went to **Yuta Sekino** for relief and he delivered the goods with a crucial groundout to end the 3rd innings with runners on 2nd and 3rd after having given up a single to **Adam Love**, in what proved to be the White team's only hit for the day.

The game entered its last phase in the 4th innings with the Blues in a position to extend their lead and they started in the best possible fashion with a double to **Koji Campitelli**, followed by a big RBI single to **Sam Michael** making it 5-0. **Mitch Holding** copped a HPB and a single to **Andrew Curry** putting 2 runners on who were then brought home by a huge 2 RBI single to **Yuta Sekino** bringing the score to 7-0.

The equation was fairly simple at that point for the Whites in their reply dig - score 8 runs - for the Blues it was a matter of getting the easier ask of 3 outs and the flag was theirs. And that's how it panned out, **Yuta** got the final 3 outs for the Blues, ending the game with a nice strikeout.

A great win for the Blue team and continues a fine tradition of Cheltenham flags in junior age groups.

Special mention to Ron's White team; they had a great season finishing top of the ladder and were a better team than the scoreline indicates. But it was the Blues' day and they thoroughly deserved their win with a 1-hit shutout.

2012 Under 17 Premiers Cheltenham Blue:



**Back:** Andrew Curry, Connor O'Neill, Max Barrett. **Middle:** Yuta Sekino, Josh Lean, Sam Michael, Sam Trend Beacom, Naoki Liu, Matt Carlile (coach). **Front:** Riki Preston, Mitch Holding, Ravi Patel, Koji Campitelli





Premiership Coach Matt Carlile





Yuta's Magic Orange Shoes