

Under 17 MWBL Cheltenham Premiers!

6-4 GF win over GMBC



Scoop reports: Cheltenham are premiers of the under 17 MWBL Division 1 competition after downing GMBC 6-4 in the Grand Final.

Played at Farm Rd in fantastic sunny, albeit very glary, conditions, the Rustlers overcame a late 0-4 deficit to take out the Grand Final.

Coach Stenhouse started with Ace Max Barrett on the hill who allowed the first batter on through a hit, who then scored on a sacrifice fly for a 1 run lead to GM. The Rustlers were shut down for no hits or runs in our first. Max threw 2 more, giving up 3 in the 3rd, before being relieved by Jack Enciondo over the last 2 for 0 hits and 0 runs.

GMBC came out in the 3rd for 3 more runs (2 unearned) in a bit of a game-shaping innings, giving them a more than handy 4 run lead. Was it enough? No, as it turns out, but it certainly looked 'hot' for the home team staring down the barrel of a 4-run late deficit. We usually only concentrate on our own players in match reports, but full credit to GMBC starter Marcel D'Avoine, who tossed a pearler, a real cracker, restricting a strong hitting lineup to just 1 solitary hit over 4 innings.

However, a change of pitcher often brings a change of fortunes, and that's precisely what happened with Chelt busting out for 6 earned runs with the pitching change in the 5th, all on the back of safe hits, to establish a 6-4 lead that was good enough for the win in the end.

An interesting last 15 minutes to the game where a bit of a tangle occurred with a bases loaded 1-out decision with Chelt batting, where Matt Stenhouse ended up getting called 'out' twice, supposedly ending the innings and both sides going to the benches. Once this was rectified, the teams were correctly brought back out to finish the Cheltenham innings. Once that was done, it was time and game and a Chelt Premiership – the best kind!

A good win and a great season with the boys going undefeated over 16 games. The best team in the comp should win the flag, and this was the case – they deserved the premiership going undefeated. Particularly good win with the bare 9, as the team were short 3 quality players in the GF in Mitch Holding, Declan Chittenden and Josh Lean, all out injured in the week before the game.

Pitching:

Max 3 inn, 3 hits, 5Ks, 4 runs (2 earned)

Jack Enciondo 2 innings, 2 Ks, 0 hits, 0 runs

Hitting: Yuta (double), Max (single), Koji (single), Sam M (single), Jack (single) and Matt Sten (single)

Season Record

Played 16, won 16, lost 0

Grand Final 30/8/13 Cheltenham vs GMBC - Cheltenham won 6-4

Premiership lineup:

Back L-R: Stell Michael (Ass Coach), Sam Michael, Declan Chittenden, Naoki Liu, Max Barrett, Josh Lean, Matt Stenhouse, Mitch Holding, Jack Enciondo, Dave Stenhouse (Coach)

Front L-R: Riki Preston, Yuta Sekino, Koji Campitelli, Sam Trend Beacom

Some great pictures taken at the under 17 Grand Final win by **Tony Preston**:















