

CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC.
Summer Season 2001 –2002

JUNIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT
Friday March 15, 2002



President's Report

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to welcome you to Junior Presentation night for the 2001/2002 season.

Firstly, having picked up the baton from Alan Gribbin at the half waypoint of the season, I would like to thank Alan for his efforts and unselfish commitment to the Club, particularly its junior members, over the past two and a half seasons. Alan leaves big shoes to fill, and I hope I can be of as much assistance to the Club as Alan was.

This has been a successful season, in terms of junior participation, for the Club, with approximately 120 youngsters playing in 8 tee-ball teams, 9 teams competing in Friday night domestic competition, and 6 teams competing in Sunday competition in U12 to U16 age groups (at both Metro and State League level in each age group). We were unable to enter a team in U18 competition this season, however we hope to enter this age group next season.

We entered 5 teams in U12 Friday night domestic competition, with 3 teams making the finals. In the finals, the Brumbies finished runner up to Bonbeach, the Broncos and Stirrups finished 3rd and 4th respectively and the Cowboys finished 5th after the home and away rounds and the spurs finished 9th after the home and away rounds.

We entered 4 teams in U14 Friday night domestic competition, with all teams making the finals. In the finals, the Wranglers finished first, the Mavericks finished second, the Mustangs finished third, and the Jackaroos finished fourth.

My thanks to all parents, coaches, scorers, umpires, and all those involved in running the competitions, without your collective efforts the competition would not have been possible. My congratulations to the players for their efforts and sportsmanship, you have all been great ambassadors for the Club, and we look forward to seeing you all again next season.

The Club entered 6 teams in Sunday competition. Our U12 metro team finished 5th, missing the finals by only 3 points. Our U12 State League team finished Runner up to Waverley in the Grand Final, going down 6 runs to 4, in a hard fought and very entertaining game of baseball. Our U14 Metro team finished the home and away season on top and were runners up to Blackburn in the Grand Final, going down by 1 run (20 runs to 19) in a hard fought game that finished just prior to the 12pm deadline. Our U14 State League team finished 7th after the home and away rounds. Our U16 Metro team also finished 7th after their home and away rounds. Our U16 State League team finished 6th after their home and away rounds.

Again I thank the parents, coaches, scorers, umpires and all those involved in organising and running our Sunday teams, without whose efforts, we could not enter teams into the Sunday competitions. We have had a great season on the field and we look forward to seeing all the players and parents back again next season.

Your Committee are committed to developing Junior baseball within Cheltenham Baseball Club and as a major step in this direction, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Committee, to announce that Alan Gribbin has been appointed to the newly created role of Junior Development Manager.

Alan will be working vigorously during the off-season to ensure that Junior baseball at Cheltenham is even bigger and better next season and to ensure even greater opportunities for all our Junior baseballers.

Off the field, your baseball Club needs your help. We need far more people to become involved in helping around the Club, during the Summer season. We will be able to achieve so much more if we have many people doing some small task each, rather than a very small number of people trying to do far too much by themselves.

In the past, Presidents have appealed to the members and parents for help, with limited response. We must change this situation next season, to ensure the long term survival of our great Club. I ask all of you to contact the Committee and offer your services in some way (even if it is only once in the season) so as we can continue to grow our baseball Club together, and in so doing, continue to offer an ever improving, fun environment for our children to grow in.

Remember the word team stands for "together everyone achieves more".

Thank-you all again for a great season and we look forward to seeing you all again next season.

Yours in baseball,

Robert Krol
President

Immediate Past President's Report

Firstly I would like to congratulate and welcome the new Club President Mr. Robert Krol . Robert is new to our Club but has a firm desire to promote and reward those personnel who are committed to the Club and its policies. I wish Robert all the very best and would ask all our Club people to rally with and beside him to deliver better baseball for our Cheltenham Baseball community.

Season 2001 – 2002 was a building one for our Club. The plan was to introduce new players to the senior nine game whilst maintaining a position, ideally, in Divisions 1 or 2. In my, and I believe other Club personnels' opinion, it was a good plan built on the premise of using our own players and rewarding their commitment to training and game time. I congratulate those junior players [six in number] who played first nine baseball this season and look forward to their further baseball development and participation at the top level next season. I also congratulate all other juniors playing seniors players who particip[ated in the 2's, 3's and 4's nine ; they and the rest of our those senior staff have achieved a good result for the season. Raising the high bar is mandatory at the First Division level and I would hope that following committees are vigilant in continuing to develop and reward those players that are committed to a culture of ' reward for effort' both on and off the diamond. I thank all our senior nine coachs and managers for their excellent efforts in continuing to deliver this policy.

Our Teeball and Junior teams once again showed how Cheltenham is one of the very few Clubs in the V.B.A. who are building 'the base of baseball'. Teeball numbers were excellent and their Championship and runner up status is a terrific reward for effort. Now to get those ready for 12's to get up on the diamond in 2002-3 season.

The u/12's, u/14's & u/16's may not have won a flag this year but they are endowed with talent a plenty. Congratulations to all our junior players on a good season. The job now is to continue the development throughout all our junior teams, both domestic & Sunday. Making the game fun, creating high self esteem and further upskilling is the next step. The challenge will be to find the personnel in the form of coaches, scorers, umpires, volunteers and junior committee that will be committed to our junior section.

I couldn't possibly finish without mention of the Association of which we are a member ; the V.B.A. Two very frustrating years of attending P&S meetings on the western plains and one final year of not bothering to go. That's a story. Forget the issues just cut off the head I say. The V.B.A. as a unit no longer serves the affiliated Clubs to a level that is satisfactory or in the best interests of baseball. Baseball is becoming more unaffordable, fewer are participating, and the elite culture is choking it to death. The base of baseball is the saviour of baseball and these people are oblivious to this view and I fear unwilling to hear or act on any advice other than their own. Best do our thing and forget about a V.B.A.driven revival.

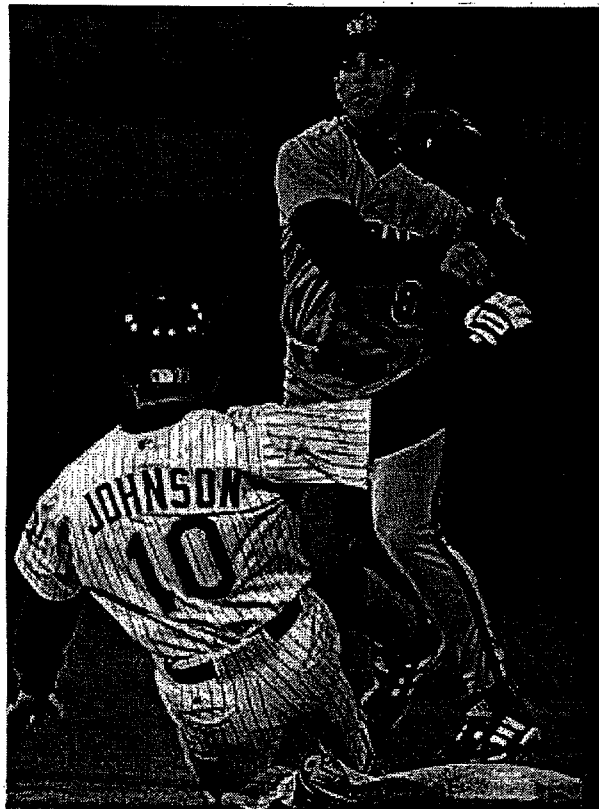
In closing I very much want to thank those Committee members who have over the past three years given enormous amounts of their time to organise 28 junior teams and 4 senior teams. It's a hell of a lot of work; it can be fun and yet it can at times test ones intestinal fortitude to the limit. I thank these people, not just for myself, but I thank them on behalf of the whole Chelt B.C. community for their work at the Club.

My new job at the Club is to be Manager and I look forward to building a strong and lasting junior section. It just needs people. So expect a phone call.

Thanks everyone and cheers.

Alan Gribbin

2002-3 Junior Development Manager.



Junior Coordinator's Report
2001/2002 Season

I would firstly like to congratulate the Committee in their efforts this year, as the Club fielded 25 junior teams a fantastic commitment to Junior Sport.

If Cheltenham is to maintain this level of junior involvement, or indeed increase our junior club, then serious preparation and structure must be in place for next season. Plans are underway to form a Junior Committee for next season, it will require your commitment as a club member to succeed. Please step forward and take up a role either on field or in administration and make this Club one in which we can all take pride.

This result could obviously not be achieved without the hard work and dedication of many people. Cheltenham Baseball Club thanks the coaches, the scorers, the umpires the team managers and assistants who made this season possible.

Special mention must be made of the contributions of Ann Bell Tee-Ball Coordinator, John Ferguson with his many hats, and Anne Ferguson for coordinating registrations. Their efforts in important and demanding areas were essential for the success of the season.

The participation of Junior Players was particularly pleasing in this years coaching staff. The club's younger members combined to manage 6 teams this season, a great effort and one which I'm sure the players in their teams enjoyed.

Congratulations to the All Star Tee-ball Coaches, assistants and players, the three Cheltenham teams entered in the State Tee-ball Championship finished first in Division 1, first and Runner Up in Division 2. A just reward for some intensive training.

As I will not be handling the role of Junior Coordinator next Summer, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped, inspired and counselled me over the past three years, especially my wife Connie.

I hope you are all looking forward to next season as much as me, and will find the time to participate in one of the most rewarding of opportunities, helping kids have fun.

Good luck to all teams who, at the time of writing, are still playing off in this years finals series.

Col Upfill
Junior Coordinator

Volunteer Committee For Season 2001 – 2002

President: Robert Krol (Current)
Alan Gribbin (Past)

Treasurer: Di Adams

Junior Co-Ordinator: Col Upfill

General Committee:

John Ferguson
Graeme Ainscough
Jenni Heenan (VBA Liaison Officer)

Canteen: Kelly

Cleaning: Katrina O'Neill

Sponsors:

Col and Connie Upfill
Robert Krol

Special Thanks:

To Dave Stenhouse for donating his time and labour in assembling the trophies presented tonight. Thanks Dave.

Under 12 Domestic – Broncos

This was an excellent season for the Broncos. We hit and then we fielded and did everything that was needed to do to get into the finals.

We started with 8 great players and got 2 more half way through the season. We had Justin and Michael who caught for us throughout the whole season. We had a mixture of talented pitchers who all threw very well during the season. Then there was our talented outfield – Tony, Sam and Reece who played exceptionally well during the season. Throwing people out and taking almost every catch that came even close to them. In the infield, we experimented with a lot of players and found that Nick Rossel was an exceptional 3rd baseman and that Sebastian played well at 2nd base. Our 1st baseman changed from week to week. Nathan Arron and Nathan McLean both were used in almost every position including pitching. Jack played in every position we asked him to and just before the end of the season discovered that he could throw better left handed than he could right!

We would like to thank all the parents who helped us out through the season whether it was scoring which was done mostly by Mandy McLean, with the help of Sue Cevac.

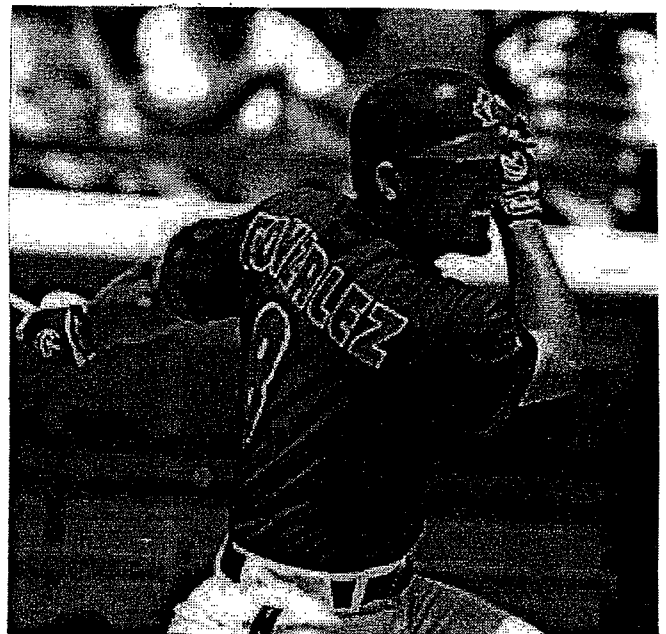
We would like to thank Gavin Erasmus for umpiring and anyone else who helped out that we missed out on mentioning.

Overall we had an excellent season: and the team moulded together into a tight bunch.

We hope that all of you continue to play baseball and wish you the best for the future.

It was a pleasure to coach you all.

Daniel Gribbin and Brad Heenan



UNDER 12 BRUMBIES

SEASON 2001/02

We made it to the Grand Final, do you believe it? At the start of the season I was concerned that with so many new players in one side that we might be on the wrong end of some one sided games. But to the players credit we only lost one game during the regular season, and in that game we had hit the lead only to run out of time.

The Brumbies played extremely well together as a team, with every player trying their hardest in whatever position I put them. All season I just kept rotating players off the bench and in all different positions and it seemed to work for us. Our ability to get people on base, followed up by some good hitting kept us scoring runs each week, and with Trent doing most of our pitching and Elliot, John, Kable, Andrew, Cameron and Luke all having a go, we made a pretty good team.

I have enjoyed coaching the Brumbies this season, seeing the smiles on their faces after they have hit the ball or fielded the ball or even managed to foul one off, really showed what Friday night baseball is all about.

I would thank my wife Robyn for scoring for me this season and to the other mums who helped out when Robyn wasn't there. Thanks Greg Blaskett for umpiring our home games and coaching a base during the other games. And the parents who came along and not only supported and encouraged their own children and their teammates, but the opposition as well, thank you.

Congratulations to the trophy winners, any one of four players deserved the MVP and all seven newer players deserved the encouragement award. It was very tough deciding.

Well done Brumbies and congratulations on a fantastic and most enjoyable season.

TREVOR HOGBEN

COACH.

BRUMBIES GAMES PLAYED SEASON 2001/2002

	2-Nov	9-Nov	16-Nov	23-Nov	30-Nov	7-Dec	14-Dec	1-Feb	8-Feb	22-Feb	1-Mar	8-Mar	TOTAL
BITTLE, ANDREW	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	11
BLASKETT, JOHN	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
DAVISON, TRENT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
DEWBERRY, LUKE	1	1	1			1	1	1	1		1	1	9
HOGBEN, KABLE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
HOGBEN, ROXANNE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
KARLICH, TOM	1	1	1		1		1	1	1		1	1	9
LASZLO, CAMERON	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
LASZLO, JAMES	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
MACQUIRE, ELLIOT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	11
MC LEAN, KASSY		1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	9

Under 12 Domestic – Cowboys

I have greatly enjoyed coaching this side with the boys for the Summer season.

I was very impressed by the way we all got along and enjoyed ourselves.

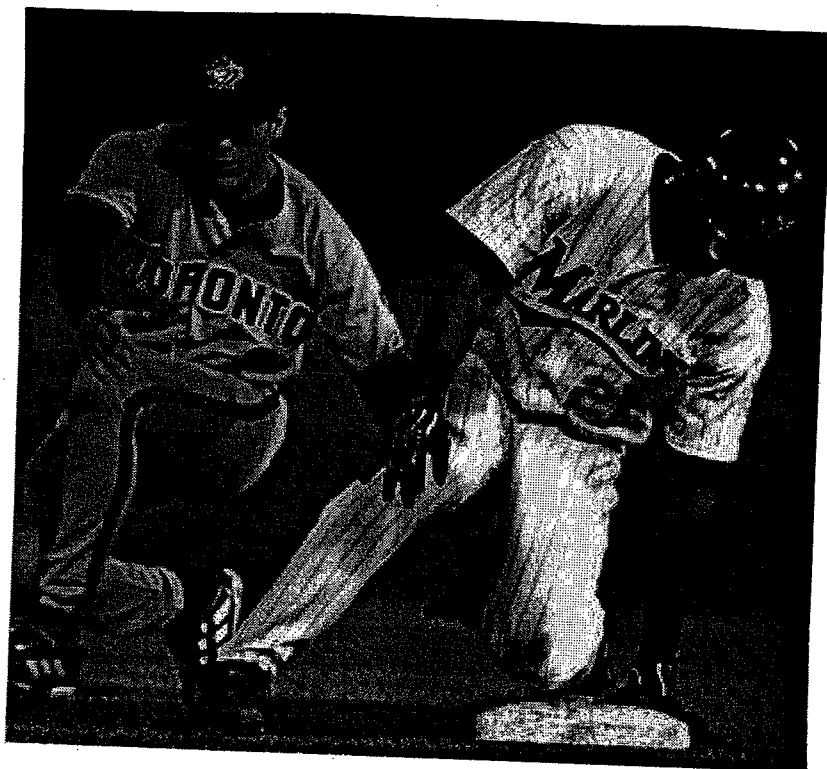
Many thanks for the parent's help in some way or another.

All the best for the future.

Peter Innes
Coach

Players

Mark Blackman
Nick Henschel
Nicholas Hyland
Sam Innes
Jordan Innes
Luke Ravesi
Andrew Rizzi
Peter Rizzi
Rohan Smith



U12 Domestic – St. Peters Boys Club

Following on from last year, St. Peters Boys Club fielded a team in the Cheltenham Baseball Club Friday night Centre competition. With 11 teams making up the competition this year, including Cheltenham, Berwick, Bonbeach and Chelsea, the season provided interesting competition that allowed the team to develop and demonstrate their Baseball skills. This year we had 12 players evenly split between 2nd year and new players, ably led by the 2nd yr players. The team often showed potential for a higher placing but too often the concentration waned at critical times and with the wonderful summer weather conspiring against everyone, this wasn't to be our year for the finals. Perhaps the highlight was an exciting draw played against one of the finalists, early this year. When the boys concentrated they showed they could match it with the best!

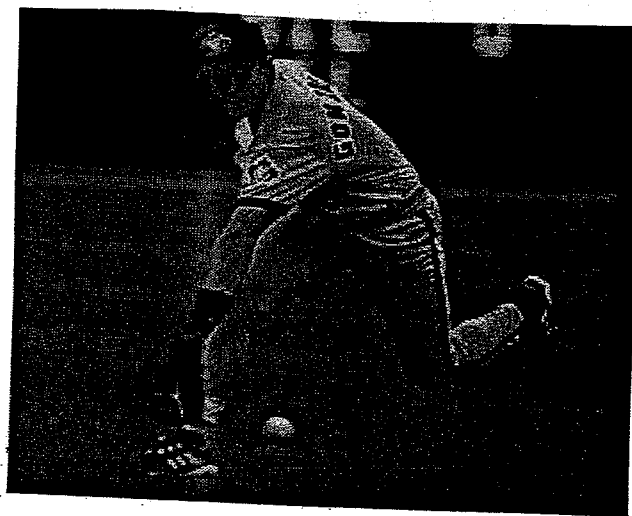
It's difficult to single out players in this team: they play together and stick together. Results are obtained together. It's a good thing to be associated with and makes the team special to coach. However there are only 3 awards.... I've used the Most Valuable Player and the Coaches award to recognise our Strike pair of Ben Hogan & Pat Liston. The Most Valuable Player for 2002, is Ben for his work at Catcher & with the Bat. The Coaches Award goes to Pat, primarily for his contributions with the Ball as pitcher. Apart from their Baseball skills, I think both boys' leadership qualities also helped to make the season successful. The Batting Award was hotly contested but any one who recalls clearly the early games will remember John Gillard's natural hitting ability, so with a batt Ave of .600 over the season the Batting Award goes to John.

Thanks to Kerin Holden for her interest and assisting with Umpiring, the Scorers: Mick, Tanya, Shelly & Tom. And of course, the parental support and barracking makes all the difference for the boys!

I have enjoyed my 2 years with the U'12 Team and look forward to assisting where possible next year.

Thank you

Dan Hogan
Coach



Under 12 Domestic – Spurs

This was the first season of baseball for the majority of the Spurs and considering this, the team performed extremely well. We enjoyed good turnouts at practice, although with my Wednesday night games, a few scorches and a couple of wet days, those training nights were somewhat reduced.

The team displayed good basic skills and with further participation, these kids will progress well.

I would like to express my thanks to Bruce Fitzgerald (Dad of Tom) who umpired the odd game, thanks Bruce. And also a big thanks to Christine Fitzgerald (Mum of Tom) who not only scored, but ferried me to away games.

Well done Spurs and good luck with your future baseball.

Simon Middleton
Coach



Under 12 Domestic - Stirrups

Glenn and I decided to coach an under 12 team earlier this year. We had many reasons for coaching, the main one being that the club has invested so much time in both of us that we thought it was time that we should put back into the club that has supported both of us for so long.

There were a few goals that we set out to achieve during the season.

The first being to make sure that everyone enjoyed themselves.

The second, that everyone improved in at least one aspect of the game.

The third was to be as competitive as possible whilst still maintaining a team feeling.

All three of these objectives have been achieved and Glenn and I have been very pleased with the progress of all the members of this team throughout the season.

Many of the members of our little squad were either straight out of the Cheltenham T-Ball program or brand new to the game with a few more experienced players to add to the mix.

We tried to make the trainings as interesting as possible mixing in games of cricket and football along-side of baseball fundamental skills. We had a fairly good turn out to all of our training sessions, which showed up all throughout the season.

Our team finished the season in fourth position and unfortunately our run came to an end in the quarter finals after a spirited performance by all.

We would both like to thank Jane Olsen for scoring and John Holland for umpiring throughout the season.

On behalf of the team Glenn and I would like to congratulate the Bonbeach under 12 team on their premiership win.

Finally Glenn and I would like to congratulate our team on the way they performed during the finals and the regular season.

Regards

Glenn Sanders and Daniel Williams

2001/2002 Under 12 State Team
Coaches Report

Firstly I would like to thank the **parents (mum's)** for getting the boys to training and games on time every week. I was very impressed with the commitment and dedication shown by both parents and players during the season.

Thanks also to our **dads** for laying the diamond and doing their umpiring duties behind the plate and on base when asked to.

A coach's job becomes much easier when you have committed people like **John Ferguson** around. John made sure our diamond was clearly marked out and ready to play on every home game including friendly's. Thank you, John.

Special thanks must go to **Janette Holland** for scoring and to **Trevor Hogben** for assisting me in the coaches box when not umpiring.

After starting the season with 11 kids that I had chosen from 3 training sessions, not knowing if they had played before, where they had played or what they knew about the game, we quickly became a team that had to be taken seriously by the opposition. Once a week we worked on hitting, fielding, throwing and base running. Although our training's were **much** the same every week the kids tried hard, learned a lot and improved tremendously throughout the season. At the end of the regular season we ended up in second place having won 12 and lost 3 with 184 runs for and 68 against.

In the 1st final we played our arch rivals Waverley. The kids were really pumped up and ready to go. Unfortunately we lost what everybody said was the best under 12 game they had watched in a long time. The final score was 3-2 where the winning run was scored in the bottom of the 7th innings. We now face Upway in the Preliminary Final and I am sure everyone joins me in wishing the team the best of luck.

During the season we had 5 boys namely **John Blaskett, Justin Erasmus, Kable Hogben, Sam Innes** and **Shane Middleton** selected to participate in an Under 12 Rubber ball Tournament to be held over a week in March/April against 5 teams from Japan. Congratulation's boys and good luck, if you do well you could be selected for a team to go either to Japan or Queensland in July.

The rest of the Under 12 State Team was **Tony Cevce, Trent Davidson, Nick, Henschel, Geoffrey Holland, Nathan McLean** and **Nick Rossell**.

To all of you, Thank you very much for a great season and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. I hope to see all of you back next season.

Coach

Gavin Erasmus

Under 12 - Metro

COACH: Lauren Olsen

SCORER: Jane Olsen

TEAM

Ben Hogan
Ben Cooen
Michael Olsen
Andrew Rizzi
Thomas Fitzgerald
Peter Rizzi

Nick Hyland
Elliot McGuire
Patrick Liston
Luke Ravesi
Mark Blackman

First of all, I'd like to thank all the kids for their great efforts this season. You've all done a great job.

And secondly, I'd like to thank Scott Dawes for taking the team for the first few games.

We started off the season missing the first two games due to lack of players, so that was a bit of a let down. But in the end, the kids pulled through ending up one place short of the finals.

The highlight of the season was definitely our game against Waverly. It was the first game I had coached solo, and the kids gave me a nice welcoming present: beating Waverly (who were the top side at that time) 19 - 18. It was a close game all the way through. There was great hitting on both teams, and an outstanding performance by Pat Liston with safe hits each at bat, 4 stolen bases, and a good performance behind the plate.

The pitching this season was exceptionally strong, with Elliot McGuire starting most games for us, while Luke Ravesi did the job as relief. Ben Cooen also came in when we needed pitchers, and did a great job.

Thanks guys, for making most of the season hell for me... I had loads of fun!!!

A special thanks to Bruce Fitzgerald for umpiring most home games, to Jane Olsen for scoring, and to all the parents for being the taxi drivers, and for coming down to support the team. If I've forgotten anyone, sorry... but thanks.

UNDER 14 JACKEROOS

Undoubtably the best under 14 team of the season, the Jackeroos hamstrung by injury finished in fourth position at the end of the home & away games. The semi final saw us in contention against the eventual pennant winners and the performance was a credit to all the players although we were unable to progress to the Grand Final.

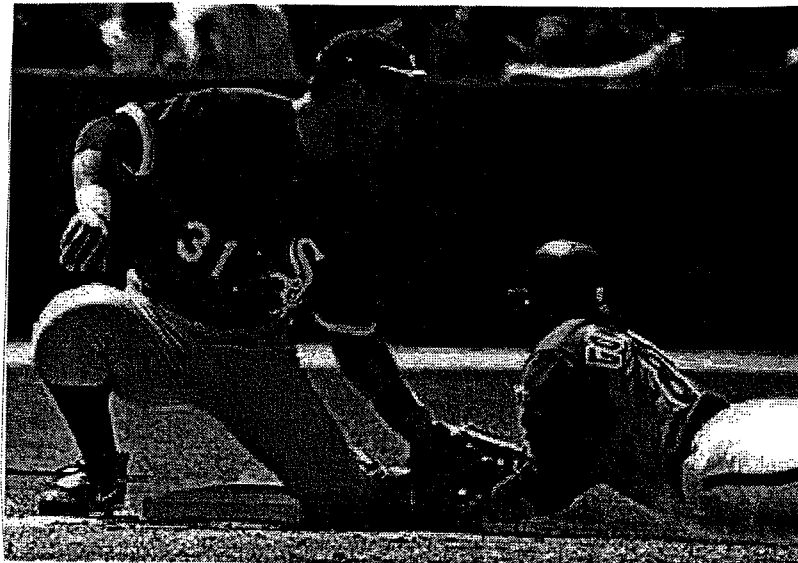
The team had many fine contributors for the season and, with the restrictions of those players required to pitch in the Sunday competition, achieved beyond the expectations of many pundits. The team batting average was .372 and I was particularly impressed by the hitting of Ben Ford whose slugging average was an unbelievable 1.737. Ben was injured late in the year and still managed to make all the remaining games (on crutches) to support the team and his brother Lachlan, which was a fine example from a fine young player.

A pleasing part of the attitude of the team was further illustrated as all players moved into the Sunday competition, unfortunately this meant the side could not train as a unit, however the additional games gave valuable experience to some of the newer players. Thanks to Jesse Li Donni, Jason Cooen, Masafumi Kinukawa & James Upfill for helping to form the club's 2nd Under 14 Metro team.

Congratulations to all the players and good luck to Ben and Matty Fitzgibbon with their injuries, well done to the award winners for the season and I hope to see you all back next year for another successful season.

Thanks also to Di Adams the team scorer.

Col Upfill
Jackeroos Manager



Under 14 Jakeroos 2000/2001

Player	GP	PA	AB	R	H	TB	BB	K	SB	OB	LOB	BAVG	SAVG	OBAVG	LOBAVG
Colin Tregallis-Smith	7	20	11	14	8	11	9		6	17	3	0.727	1.000	0.850	0.176
Ben Ford	8	23	19	15	12	33	4	1	3	17	1	0.632	1.737	0.739	0.059
Lachlan Ford	9	24	21	8	10	12	3	9	2	13	5	0.476	0.571	0.542	0.385
Andrew Adams	9	24	22	15	10	19	2		12	19	3	0.455	0.864	0.792	0.158
Masafumi Kinukawa	9	24	21	9	8	10	3	6	5	16	3	0.381	0.476	0.667	0.188
Jesse Li Donni	7	19	11	6	4	6	8	5	5	13	4	0.364	0.545	0.684	0.308
Josh Mulherin	9	25	20	7	5	7	5	3	8	13	5	0.250	0.350	0.520	0.385
Jason Cooen	8	20	17	4	3	4	3	5	4	9	5	0.176	0.235	0.450	0.556
James Upfill	9	22	18	3	3	3	4	11	5	7	3	0.167	0.167	0.318	0.429
Matthew Fitzgibbon	5	16	7	4	1	1	9	2	7	11	5	0.143	0.143	0.688	0.455
Also Batted															
Michael Rizzi	1	3	2				1	1	1	1	1	0.000	0.000	0.333	1.000
Michael James	2	3	3					3				0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Totals	83	223	172	85	64	106	51	46	58	136	38	0.372	0.616	0.610	0.279

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Under 14 Domestic - Mavericks

A great season for the 'Mavericks magnificent ten' thrill seekers baseball unit. Both individually and as team members they performed magnificently and really liked their Friday night baseball. It just goes to show what character these players had to be able to prepare and mentor themselves throughout the domestic season – despite being coached by a footballer and cricketer!

Jason Chitt and Michael Rizzi would eat baseballs for breakfast if someone bothered to serve them up! Dale Ravesi was always willing to catch, pitch or do anything asked of him. Brett 'the Kansas City Kid' Hinsley was terrific at shortstop. James Sakkas was always keen and fitted in well with the team. The Smith brothers Mitchell and Lyndon were fantastically committed team members with Mitch competing despite some very serious knee problems and Lyndon stealing himself to be competitive as a very young U/14 level player.

Justin DeRozario, Jesse Jackson and Andrew Gribbin are the 'team elders' and shared their knowledge with the team by assisting and encouraging at all times. They are good team leaders who helped out at all times during the season with warm ups and pre-game preparation.

Peter Ravesi's pre-game assistance was also greatly appreciated. There was an abundance of scorers but never on a regular basis, however I thank those people who volunteered to score and to assist with umpiring. We cannot play a decent game of baseball without that assistance in scoring and umpiring.

Back to the ones that we're here for...the players. I just can't thank them enough for their efforts, respect and good humour. They were given responsibility and they have excelled. I wish them all the best in baseball and as individuals and thank them once again for a 'Mav...nificent' season.

PS: The boys play in the 'grandi' on Friday night 8/3/02 and no matter the result they have had a great ride, a great season and certainly should feel very proud of themselves.

Alan Gribbin
Coach

TEAM AWARDS: I congratulate Jason Chitt [encourag't], Dale Ravesi [encoureg't] & Justin DeRozario [Batting] for gaining awards and again I thank all other members of the team for assisting these players in receiving these awards.

Under 14 Domestic – Mustangs

The team had a good mix of first and second year players. A solid defensive side with Mitch Jackson playing at 3rd base, Trent Vandenheiden at 2nd base and Luke Sabatini, Sean Gabb and James Brambery in the outfield. With Matthew Henderson having an excellent year at Short Stop and tight catching from Russell Ferguson, helping the pitching and keeping the runners honest.

Offensively the side was very good, led by Russell Ferguson batting over .800 and a team average of .430 and excellent running from Jarrod Hall, Matthew Henderson and Russell Ferguson off the bases always gave us a chance of winning.

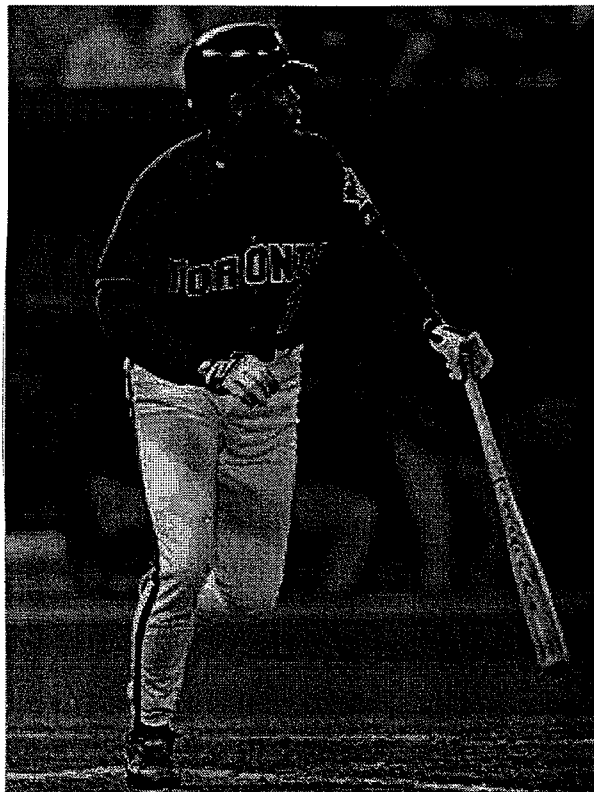
The Mustangs finished Second after the Home and Away season, going down in the semi-final 3 to 6 to the Mavericks in a good game of baseball.

Well done to all players, they have had a good year. Hopefully I have been able to teach them something throughout the season.

Thanks also to the parent support at each game and for getting the boys to the games.

A special thanks to Anne for her efforts in scoring all year.

Laurie Hall
Coach



U'14 Wranglers

Premiers

To start off with I would like to thank a few people, Yogi for being there every week throwing hundreds of pitches to the boys and been my co-coach. My mum Katrina for being the scorer when her social life didn't get in the way and Jackie for scoring when mum was missing.

Enough of the thanks lets go to the season.

We started off with a draw. Yogi and I sat around thinking "Wow this is going to be long season. Why did we say we would do it"

Well the next three games they won by over 10 runs.

Once again Yogi and I were sitting around talking about how we are going to win back to back.

From that day onwards we told the boys and girl that it would only be a successful season if we win. (Of course we didn't believe this.)

We went the season undefeated.

We had good times, we had bad times, but in the end each of the boys and girl became very special to each of us:

"I could kiss everyone of you" was the quote from my Co-coach in the speech at the end of the grand final.

Thank-You all for a great season and I hope to see you go places in baseball.

I will leave you with a quote.

A winner will say "I can, lets go!!!"

A loser will say " I cant, he/she will do it"

The super stars:

Lauren Olsen	Dylan Trevorah
David Edgar	Michael Lever
Tim O'Neill	Rob Brearley
Brad Erasmus	Steve Hillis
Tom Ellis	Andrew Rae

Coaches:

Pat O'Neill	Katrina O'Neill
David "Yogi" Olsen	Jackie Edgar

Scorers:



Under 14 State

Selection trials for the team started about 5 weeks prior to the commencement of the season. Selection trials were tough as usual as the depth of players at our Club is very even. A few surprise players popped up this year as I had a rough idea about whom would make the squad so all those who did, certainly deserved it.

We were looking good going into the start of the season with training work going well. Without practice games before the start of the season, all we needed was Waverley in the first game. Well, a loss in the first game wasn't all that bad as we made about 8 errors and if we had made the plays, Waverley were not looking good. 3 votes to Justin with 2 hits.

This was encouraging, so we progressed to the next round and had 5-4 win against a good Newport side. Some great pitching from Jesse who took the 3 votes.

Next came Essendon and this was a bomb feast with 6 for the game, 3 for Brad & 3 for Ben. Ben got the 3 votes with 4 hits.

S/Vale was next and another great game saw us win 8-7 with Tim getting the 3 votes for 2 hits and good out fielding.

We then went on the road to Fitzroy and again had a great battle winning 7-5 with Andrew Gribbin picking up 3 votes for his 2 hits into the outfield.

The following week saw the second half of the double header with Fitzroy taking honors with a convincing 6-1 win and some ordinary team play when things didn't go our way. Andrew Adams 3 votes for 2 really good line drive hits.

A rainy day at Bob Beach gave us a 15-0 win and Tim picked up another 3 votes for his 2 hits.

On the road again for the return match against Essendon and a 23-0 win with another 5 home runs from 5 different players and a Grand Slam to Russell coming out of a batting slump. 3 votes to Andrew Gribbin for his home run and a double.

Bon Beach again and 16-2 win with 3 hits to Andrew Adams picking up the 3 votes.

We then traveled to Doncaster and got beaten 17-11 in a good close game with 2 hits to Ben, Russell, Tom and Tim but Brad took the 3 votes with 3 hits against his old Club.

The loss came at a cost as the team started playing as individuals towards the end of the game as the going got really tough.

The return match against Donny on the Wednesday night saw us beaten 13-9 after 5 errors cost big time but we were playing as a team again and this showed with 11 hits including another 3 home runs. 3 votes to Andrew Gribbin for his HR and a single

On the road again to Newport we went down 6-8 and a really great game and a big turn around in the teamwork. 3 votes for Brad with 2 hits and turning some great double plays through SS.

Waverley was first up after the break and we played like we were still on holidays and only 2 turned up for training. We were definitely not focused for a side trying to hold their spot in the four. 3 votes to Justin for his 1 hit and not giving up closing the game on the mound.

After another huge rev up by the coach, we went on the road to Upwey for the mid week game and beat them 10-1 in game that was tough handing out the votes. Imagine a guy getting 4 hits for the game and another 2 HR

and they can't pick up the 3 votes. Andrew Gribbin pitched the whole game in his 80 pitches except for 1 batter and got 3 hits so he got the 3 votes.

Next was the big road trip to Geelong and this saw us play the best ball yet with some great pitching from Jesse and good team batting. We went down 5-4 but this was the kind of baseball I was wanting to see the team to produce each week.

The return game against Geelong saw another great game with us losing 2-4 and a terrific display of pitching from the opposition. We let ourselves down this week with some silly batting and base running. The game was there for us to take if only we could learn and do the little things that count. 3 votes to Jesse for another fine pitching display and a home run.

Midweek game against S/Vale was one we should have lost but managed to win 14-10 with some very ordinary baseball. Nobody really wanted to be there this week and it showed. Another 3 votes to Jesse for 3 hits including a HR.

Last game of the season. The guys knew it and played like it. A 2-19 shellacking saw us play probably the worst game for the year and a disappointing end to the season.

The overall season was disappointing not for the coaches but for the players themselves who in many respects let themselves down.

When the guys played like a team we were brilliant however there were too many occasions when a few individuals put themselves before the team and didn't take responsibility for their positional play. That's the age group but its still no excuse.

Playing baseball in the State league is not easy and everybody has to put in to be one. The season starts at preseason training and finishes with the last play of the season. Unless everybody puts in working together, you're not going to win more games than you lose.

Having said that there are always bright lights and the new players to the Club, Ben and Brad were certainly great assets to the side. Jesse gave some great pitching displays and has the potential to go a long way. This will need a lot of dedication from everybody. (Trust me, I know). There was some good back up on the mound from the other pitching staff and some really good catching displays from Russell. The rookies, Justin and Tim had some outstanding games and they will come into their own next year where they will be called upon to do a lot more work.

Although we didn't reach the goals I had set out to achieve this year; I had a really good time. These kids are on the way to becoming adults and the humour displayed by them was fun. I enjoyed the year but was disappointed in where we finished. We were a much better side than we showed and the opposition coaches often made this comment to me.

Another 3 votes to Laurie Hall for his coaching and umpiring throughout the season and for his great support. A special thanks to Di Adams for scoring and to all the parents who gave up their time for the team.

Lance Blackley
Coach

Under 14 – Metro League

The Metro League comprised of initially 9 teams with a further Cheltenham side added in Round 8, eliminating the bye. Two other Clubs, Waverley and Upwey entered multiple sides in the competition of U14's, creating a healthy Metro East division.

After the selection process of players pre-season, the squad of 12 confronted Melbourne first game and were comprehensively beaten 20-3 with some dispirited looks on some faces. After the next 4 games (all winning scores) and an influx of new players, an unworkable situation arose with the quantity of players (16), we formed a third U14 side. It was envisaged, and the good intentions that the boys received more game time and have an opportunity of playing in positions that only two sides could offer. However, at times, numbers were stretched through injury and other reasons, putting a strain on the system.

In all, 20 players were tried in a variety of positions and acquitted themselves well to the stage where the team completed the home and away season on top of the ladder with a 13-2 including 8 win-loss ratio.

As the finals are in progress while this report is being written, the second Semi final was lost 15-6 to Blackburn. However getting back in the winner's circle in the Prelim 10-4 in greasy conditions against Melbourne, a huge turnaround from our Round 1 effort.

I would like to praise the efforts of those who have helped the team achieve some goals, namely:

Connie and Col Upfill – Team Manager and Junior Co-Ordinator
Liz Sabatini – Team Manager
Jacinta Edgar – Scorer
Armando Sabatini – Grounds
Russell Macquire – Grounds
John Ferguson – Grounds
Peter Ravesi – Assistant Coach and Mentor

The Team was very fortunate to have the services for the bulk of the season for our main umpire at home games, Ron Carothers (a former ABL player) along with those who helped with the umpiring duties – our thanks go out to you all.

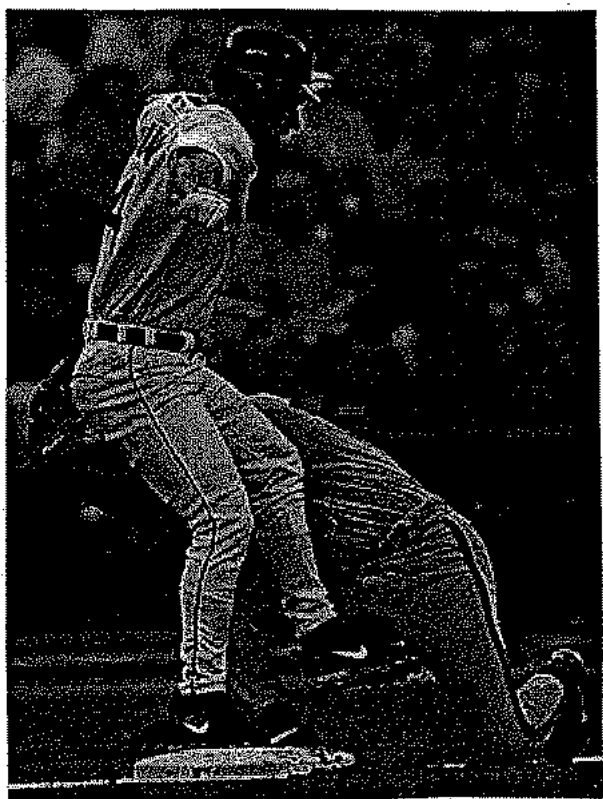
Many thanks also go to Peter Ravesi in his role as Assistant Coach. The coaching role is a made a lot less 'stressful' when all positions are filled.

Thanks to the parents who supported supplying the chocolates for those players who were last on game days!!

The team had a good bunch of parents supporting us weekly and it is gratefully appreciated.

Congratulations to all award winners and wish those who are venturing into U16's good luck.

Michael Trevorah
Coach



UNDER 14 METRO THE DREAM TEAM

PLAYER	GP	PA	AB	RUNS	HITS	HR	BBs	Ks	STEAL	OB	LOB	BATavg	OBavg	LOBavg
Ben Macguire	8	27	19	15	14	3	8	-	16	23	6	0.737	0.852	0.260
Matt Henderson	11	39	30	22	22	-	9	3	26	31	6	0.733	0.795	0.194
Josh Mulherin	10	35	27	13	18	-	5	1	26	24	7	0.667	0.686	0.291
Lachlan Ford	12	32	22	11	12	-	9	6	9	24	10	0.545	0.852	0.417
Colin T. Smith	7	23	13	10	7	-	9	4	9	17	4	0.538	0.739	0.235
Dylan Trevorah	14	51	31	24	16	-	20	-	21	35	6	0.516	0.686	0.171
David Edgar	14	47	32	17	14	-	14	8	19	28	10	0.438	0.596	0.357
Robert Brearley	11	27	17	14	7	1	8	7	12	18	3	0.412	0.667	0.166
Dale Ravesi	12	39	21	14	7	-	18	7	16	25	9	0.333	0.641	0.360
Luke Sabatini	12	32	26	9	7	-	6	6	5	11	4	0.269	0.344	0.364

ALSO BATTED

James Upfill	7	15	6	5	1	-	6	3	4	5	2	0.167
Michael Lever	6	15	6	4	2	-	5	4	3	8	3	0.250
Michael Rizzi	5	16	8	7	2	-	7	5	5	9	-	0.250
Masa Kinukawa	5	8	3	1	-	-	4	2	6	4	4	-
Matt Fitzgibbon	4	4	4	-	-							
Brett Hinsley	3	8	4	-	1							0.250
Sean Gabb	3	3	1	-	-							
Jason Cchit	3	2	-									
Andrew Gribbon	1	4	3	2	3							1.000
Justin D'Rozario	1	4	3	1	2							0.667
Lauren Olsen	1	3	-	-	-							
Scott Anderson	1	1	-	-	-							

Under 14 Metro – Chelt 2

The Chelt 2 Metro side was formed during the season when it became obvious that a third team was required. The schedule was redone and the team started to play on November 25. The biggest challenge for the Coach and team was to get everyone to show up on game day so that we could play the game. The boys who did show up on a regular basis were keen and gave it their best shot.

The team improved as the year progressed but unfortunately the wins did not come. We finished the season with a 1-7 win loss record. Because we were a new team without any experienced players, the boys got a chance to play many different positions. They got to experience first hand how difficult it is to pitch, catch, play the infield etc.

From the Coach's perspective, it was a satisfying year because 11 kids were given an opportunity to play. Their skills improved and hopefully they will return next season.

A special thanks to Connie Upfill for being the Team Manager. To Peter Cooen, Ron Hinsley and Peter Fitzgibbon for their assistance on game day, to the parents who were coerced into being scorers for the day and to all the parents for their support.

And last and most importantly, to the Chelt 2 Team, who consistently tried hard and performed at or near their ability level.

The Team

Jason Chitt
Sean Gabb
Michael Lever
James Upfill

Jason Cooen
Brett Hinsley
Jessie LiDonni
Michael James

Matthew Fitzgibbon
Masafumi Kinukawa
Michael Rizzi

Dave Coppens
Coach

UNDER 16 STATE

Unfortunately this team of exceptional players finished adrift of the finals this season, I say unfortunately because the side at full strength would be a challenge for any of the teams who did make the four, and I'm sure those teams were glad not to face Cheltenham in the playoffs.

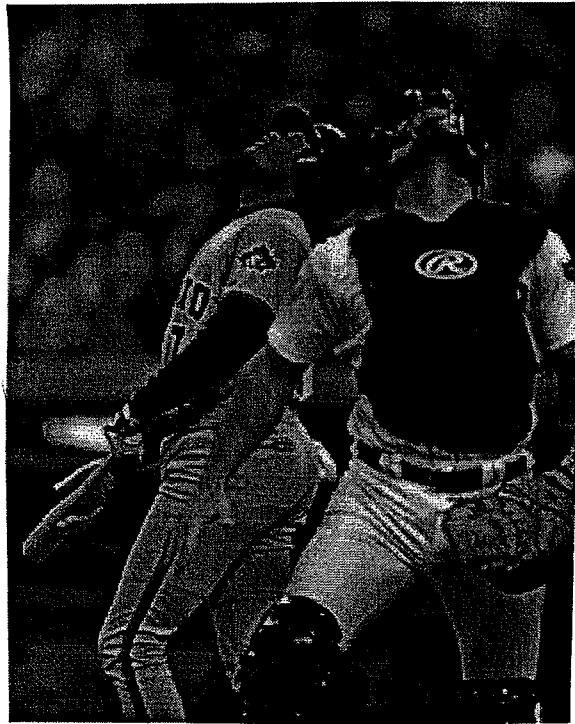
This was a season of what could have been, I believe the talent of the Under 16 State team is second to none in the competition. These young men however, with the pressures imposed in playing both junior and senior games, struggled to fulfil the morning assignment effectively.

When Ritchie Lander returned to the mound after Christmas, and Chris Hook committed himself to the team, the U/16's recorded some of the most impressive victories I have been privileged to have seen. With some awesome batting and defensive displays the guys were unstoppable, unfortunately the gap to the final four was eventually too great.

The season was highlighted with a very even team contribution, this is a side which played with heart and conviction and a good camaraderie. I am confident that within this group of players is a great foundation for the senior club in the years to come.

Many thanks to Vicki Middleton and Katrina O'Neill the Team scorers.

Col Upfill
U/16 State Mangaer



Under 16 State 2001/2002

Player	GP	PA	AB	R	H	TB	BB	K	SB	OB	LOB	BAVG	SAVG	OBAVG	LOBAVG
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Chris Hook	9	30	25	11	10	20	5	7		17	6	0.400	0.800	0.567	0.353
Ritchie Lander	13	41	26	10	10	11	14	10	3	25	12	0.385	0.423	0.610	0.480
Patrick Di Servi	14	48	31	13	10	12	16	11	4	30	11	0.323	0.387	0.625	0.367
Patrick O'Neill	15	53	44	13	13	19	9	11	5	24	9	0.295	0.432	0.453	0.375
Simon Middleton	14	38	32	9	9	10	6	8	1	18	4	0.281	0.313	0.474	0.222
Daniel Gribbin	15	49	40	15	11	15	9	10	9	26	5	0.275	0.375	0.531	0.192
Andrew Russell	12	37	29	7	5	5	8	5	6	23	9	0.172	0.172	0.622	0.391
Bryce Marshall	14	40	25	6	1	1	14	8	3	19	12	0.040	0.040	0.475	0.632
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Daniel McLean	3	7	7	1				4	1	1		0.000	0.000	0.143	0.000
Stuart Holland	3	7	6		1	1	1	2		2		0.167	0.167	0.286	0.000
Tom McCormick	2	4	4	1	1	1		3		1		0.250	0.250	0.250	0.000
Brad Heenan	1	2	2					1		1		0.000	0.000	0.500	0.000
Robert Brearley	1	3	2				1	2		1		0.000	0.000	0.333	0.000
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UNDER 16 METRO

The season commenced with what is probably best described as somewhat a mixed bunch of players making up the squad. In other words, typical of a new junior team. Some had been with Cheltenham for quite a while, some were new to the club and some were new to baseball. But by the end of the season we had a quality team which was giving the top clubs a real run for their money.

We didn't make it to the finals, although we did beat some of the teams above us, albeit while losing to some below us. But we never gave up and still had a chance coming into the final round.

As the season went on, it was great to see every player steadily lift his game and raise the standard of play – as a team.

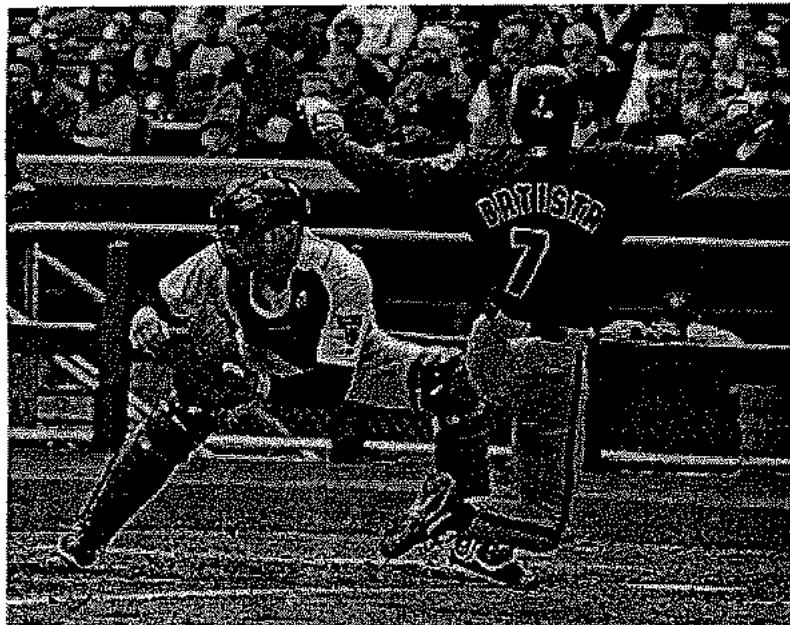
A highlight of the year was our base-running. Aggressive almost to the point of being suicidal, it kept us in many a game and won some for us. But the chief highlight was undoubtedly the enjoyment we had both on and off the field.

As always, the game couldn't be played and the fun would never have happened without a lot of support from many people. Many thanks to:

- Cheltenham Baseball Club and all the people who help run it, whether they be on the executive, marking out diamonds, selling drinks or simply helping out
- Simon for all the umpiring and Karen for the scoring
- Every other parent who came along, dragging their sons out of bed on cold wet mornings (and some bright sunny ones!), helping set up diamonds, act as back-up scorers, umpiring and for simply cheering us on
- Janette, as always, the sole organised person in the Holland household
- All the players – I was proud to be your coach.

See you next summer

John Holland



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