



CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC

Summer Season
2002-2003



JUNIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

Friday, 4 April 2003

President's Report

I would initially like to thank Robert Krol for his efforts as President of the club before vacating the position due to increasing work demands. Rob has continued to contribute and work around the club despite his heavy schedule, and his commitment is greatly appreciated.

As many would be aware the club has been placed in a difficult situation financially, due to the alleged misappropriation of almost all canteen profit for the year. It has been a credit to Dianne and Kevin Adams that we appear to have weathered this setback and been able to meet our commitments.

We have remained competitive this year on the playing field and my congratulations to Shawn Miller who, as I write, leads the firsts in the Second Division Preliminary Final. Our junior section again has been strong without however, achieving any Sunday pennants. It is a great source of pride to me the way in which our club fosters our junior players, and despite ultimate success our programs and attitude are a credit to all involved.

It requires a considerable amount of hard work to field the number of teams in a club the size of Cheltenham Baseball Club. The committee members have been wonderful, in particular John Ferguson whose energy in so many areas has been instrumental to smooth running of the season; Anne Ferguson on registrations; Alan Gribbin for his innovative and selfless achievements as junior director and all the tireless workers. The ladies who organised the junior trivia night also deserve special mention, thank you Connie, Sue, Elaine, Donna and Jenny.

The club, I believe, heads toward a bright future. To achieve all the things we would like, requires the hands of many. I would commend all club members, parents, friends to consider what this club can be with your help. Be a positive energy next season, participate and help our great club to be even better.

Col Upfill

The logo for the Quilters club, featuring the word "Quilters" in a stylized, cursive script with a decorative flourish underneath.

Junior Managers Report - Season 2002–2003

Season 2002 – 2003 has been an excellent one for our junior players and their teams. This season reflects what a good club, our club, is about. How we can all fit in and help to effect a great result for all our baseball club. Good culture and participation is everything. Please consider involvement at any level...the tiniest bit helps and continuing to promote a culture of input and assistance from our baseball parents and players is a must to ensure a healthy, functional and stimulating sporting environment for our children.

Tee-Ball Report

The Tee-Ball season, after some minor off-field hiccups, was once again a triumph for the players. Eight teams participated and enjoyed a very good season. There were several highlights of which the Cheltenham Tee-Ball "All Stars" teams provided one; they participated in, and won, the 2003 Tee-Ball championship (held at Cheltenham this year). A fine effort and a wonderful day were enjoyed by all. A sincere thank you to parent volunteers who assisted with canteen drinks, BBQ's and other support set-ups on the day. Also to grounds personnel for diamond layout and marking. And special thanks to those parents who assisted even though they had no children playing in the championship; a great effort by everyone on the day.

The season "finale" round robin event saw the "Pirates" take out the shield for 2002-03. Coached by Sue and Tony Cevec the team performed wonderfully throughout the Tee-Ball season...well done "Pirates". Indeed well done all teams.

A "Twilight" Tee-Ball game was held on a Wednesday evening with the majority of teams being able to attend. The players enjoyed not only their own games but were able to watch an intra-club U16 State and Metro's game on the main diamond. The general view was that the event was a huge success and given more lead-in time should be fixtured into next season's draw (apologies to those two teams this year that were unable to attend). Connecting the Tee-Ball to other areas of the club is an important element in the club structure and one that should be pursued at every opportunity.

To all our eight Tee-Ball team coaches I say "thank you for your excellent work with the kids". The selfless time given, your collective ability to promote and enhance our players self esteem, and your child and people management skills has been superb. Sport cannot operate without good people; coaches are the "office window" and you have all done a great service to our baseball community. Thank you to Peter Leslie, Rick Atkins, Ann Bell, Col Upfill, Sue and Tony Cevec, Greg Blaskett, Bruce Fitzgerald and 'Butch' Thorne.

We look forward to all our Tee-Ballers, their parents, coaches, umpires and managers being back on the diamonds with us next season...well done and thank you to everyone.

Alan Gribbin
CBC Junior Manager

The logo for the Rustlers baseball team, featuring the word "Rustlers" in a stylized, cursive script with a blue and white color scheme.

Friday Night and Sunday Ball Report - Summer 2002-2003

Our Friday night "Centre" program was this year changed to the VBA South East Centre. I'm not usually given to portraying the negative side of things but with the new "travel" policy being applied to the Domestic baseball I feel a need to voice my concern.

The VBA has now, for quite a while been unable to instigate growth in the base numbers of baseball. It has left promotion to the clubs or relied upon other influences such as the trickle down effect of elite baseball programs. Cheltenham has always done its own work in promotion and the seeking of players. This occurs at the junior level and our efforts are focused heavily in this area...we do a better than good job at promoting baseball as a sport for our local community. They (VBA) do not. Instead of running "Elite" programs in parallel to Domestic programs they run to the detriment of domestic junior club ball. Far too much resource afforded to this area for far too little result.

The VBA now intervenes in the managing and running of what was once the Cheltenham Domestic Baseball Centre which has consistently been one of the few highly successful junior centres in the metro area. The jury shall remain out on what effect and influence the VBA way of management will have on our club programs. If communication is a measure then we're going to have some hurdles to jump! This is due to an almost total inability or lack of desire to debate, consult, and continually communicate with clubs. Issues such as driving past neighbouring clubs on the way to play Berwick where the rooms aren't open (no WC's) and gloves are used as bases so the kids can at least play. Unknown season start dates. Start dates that ensure early season involvement for new and existing players (cricket starts prior to Baseball), rules and distribution of same, structure of games, codes of conduct and simple reporting practices where duty of care are prominent, (this is development baseball for goodness sake), umpiring issues, scoring clinics, and umpires clinics. These issues now become the role of the VBA's to sort and provide...I probably should thank them for taking the load...but will it work? This situation did not occur when the centre was overseen by us. We built it and now the VBA feels it will take it over and develop it further...my concern remains that they do these things with little or no consultation and to the detriment of clubs with good programs and processes; the jury is definitely out on VBA and its worth to many levels of baseball.

Cheltenham does a remarkably good job at providing a sporting environment where our children are appreciated as individuals and club members and where our guest teams are accorded the same privileges. A lot of effort from some very committed people provides the backbone of our club. This is why we do well; we have better people where communication and support are paramount.

To the VBA I say...stop taking fees for nought and start to assist (meaningfully, knowingly and caringly) in providing ongoing support for those who are doing exactly that. (Perhaps I should send the VBA the CD..."where do the children play"... to replace the "My Way" and "we want it all" theme songs they clearly must have in their offices. Does the word "partnerships" mean anything to this association?)

Having exorcised that little demon of a thought (this is a reporting letter) we now move along with the seasons team reports. Thank you for your patience in reading this part of the report, I hope it is informative and gives perspective to those who may follow - history is important and I would remind people that ill does prosper when good people do nothing.

The logo for Rustlers, featuring the word "Rustlers" in a stylized, cursive script with a blue and purple color scheme.

The Friday night competition was contested by five Cheltenham Under 12 and four Cheltenham Under 14 teams and once again we congratulate the players on the manner in which they played throughout the season. Terrific displays of sportsmanship and a keenness to be their best both on and off the diamond. New coaches and new teams performed extremely well and this was evidenced by team ladder positions at the completion of the season. Cowboys, Broncos, Stallions, Mavericks and Indians all performing well. To all our coaching staff and team supporters I say thank you for your involvement and the opportunities you have provided the players, team and club. The Grand Final for Under 12's saw the "Indians" team trying very hard but were unable to be premiers - runners up was still a marvellous effort and one that many other teams would gladly have taken if offered.

The Under 14 Friday night saw our teams extremely competitive with three of the four teams being in the finals. Eventually the Stallions played the Mavericks in what was a very tight and well contested Grand Final with the Stallions taking out the flag. Great game and to all the Friday night teams a great season. Hope to see all of you folks for the next season.

As our club people may be aware, we have a club policy that requires all Sunday game 12's and 14's players to compulsorily play Friday night to be eligible for the Sunday VBA competition. This policy is there so as to enhance and upskill not only these players but those Friday night players who choose this night as their main sport event. Accordingly we divide the "more skilled" players amongst these teams to increase skills and to improve competition. This policy does work and our Friday night and Sunday programs have remained quite vigorous for many years. Let's continue this policy.

Sunday ball is the VBA State and Metro leagues time on the diamonds. This is what "we" refer to as the baseball extension program. No doubt it is the more skilled and competitive fixture for junior baseball and many junior players strive to play here.

We have nine Sunday teams from 12's to 18's. All have performed remarkably well this season in fact I think the level to which they achieved was just wonderful. Many of these teams commenced the season with only the basic level of skill and application and excelled enough to achieve finals appearances for all but three of the teams with these three finishing outside the four on percentage...a terrific individual and club effort. Being the demanding little beast I am, I believe we can achieve to this level and beyond next season it will take more thought and application for not only our players but the overall off-field network to achieve higher and ongoing consistent results...we can be part of this program.

The results of each team are contained within our team coach reports.

To thank people who have assisted during the season is both necessary and essential. Constantly our workers state that they are not seeking thanks, however I believe the work and achievements of these people requires recognition. The obvious danger here is that I will forget a name...so I will apologise now if that is the case and trust that you accept this as an apology.

Rustlers

Our Tee-Ball co-ordinator (post Xmas) Colin Upfill for his continued care and attention to the welfare of our Tee-Ballers. Connie Halliday/Upfill for her help and MC'ing expertise, Sue Felsenthal and husband Dean for their seasons help and in particular for the time, skill and energy in typing up, printing and putting together of the Junior and Senior club reports, our treasurer Di Adams (affectionately known as the money nazi...who said that!), Kevin "Mr Chocolate" Adams for his tireless work, Rick Atkins for being good enough to come down early Saturdays and mark Tee-Ball diamonds, Steve Rossell for the same (and Nick Rossell). The team managers of all junior teams (these are VERY important positions and allow us to support and utilise our junior personnel and to communicate club info). All junior level umpires and support given these people (Rod Blackman and others...please continue the good work), to Peter Cooen and Jason for helping out with BBQ's and music, Barry Cochrane for ground assistance, parents for grounds assistance, Robert Krol for "Mr Cadburys the mobile beverages keg", Tina and Peter Cooen for sponsorship of trophies, Brad Lark for his (continued) sponsorship of Tee-Ball trophies, to the Aron family Heather and Julian for their assistance in many areas and the provision of the Under 12 and 14 participation award certificates, to John and Jane Olsen for ongoing help whenever called upon, John Ferguson for adopting the grounds as his slave home, again to Christine Fitzgerald, Tina Cooen, and Heather Aron who assist on a very young but increasingly effective junior committee (thank you), to our senior whole club committee for their support in creating and maintaining a focus on both baseball and personal development of our greatest asset...our young players. And lastly and once again to all our coaches...young and old deserve the best support, consideration and respect that we are able to give them and other on field and off field support staff. We cannot have a game, cannot have sport for our children if we do not support those persons and committees that give to that sporting club.

In Summary And In Closing - Highlights Of The Season:

Continuing to create and support an environment "of people doing and helping out". Watching and supporting junior coach and mentor other junior teams...continue that strategy. Increasing communication at start and throughout season. Playing mid-week Tee-Ball and intra-club baseball with a combined social event...is great. Seeing so many of our players being rewarded for their efforts by selection to state, VPBL, and senior Cheltenham teams. Having "new parent volunteers" for coaching, umpiring, managing, scoring and other. Parents being happy to volunteer for junior committee and other important work. Seeing and being part of putting 27 junior teams out on the diamonds each week and keeping those kids happy and busy. I'm sure they enjoyed the season...well done.

I will not be handling the role of Junior Manager next season as my time is done. And now time to move on. Revolving doors are the best sports doors and I encourage parents to now take on the role. The rewards are not always obvious and time given can be inequitable...however the knowledge that comes with knowing that several hundred kids are gainfully busy, happy and appreciated is certainly reward enough. I thank again parents for your efforts and support over the past years. And to the kids, the players, I say this..."never let your get up and go, get up and go".

Cheers,
Alan Gribbin
Junior Manager

The logo for Rustlers, featuring the word "Rustlers" in a stylized, cursive script with a blue-to-purple gradient and a shadow effect.

Under 12 – Cheltenham Broncos

We started the season as the underdogs, winning only two games before Christmas, but in the end we beat all odds to come up from the bottom and win all but one game this year. We finished third on the ladder, with only one other Cheltenham team in the finals. The Broncos fought to the end and unfortunately were beaten in the first final.

It was a great loss for the boys to lose their star coach, Justin Leone, halfway through the season, leaving some big shoes to fill. To the boys' credit, they have been a great bunch of kids and were very welcoming towards me.

I would like to thank Justin for his help and advice during my first few weeks of coaching, and also the boys for doing their best to achieve so much.

Top effort by our all rounders: Nick Hyland, Mark Blackman, Luke Hogan and Jarryd Lyons. Their outstanding skills were invaluable in every position they played.

Congratulations to the other guys for their tireless and fantastic efforts throughout the season. The whole team's great attitude and enthusiasm made it extremely hard to choose the awards recipients.

I would also like to thank all the parents for their help and support during the season.

Congratulations to all the Broncos on a very successful season and especially for never giving up.

David Edgar

Team Members

Jayden Barwick	Mark Blackman	Anthony Blaskett
Matthew Carlile	Luke Hogan	Nicholas Hyland
Jarryd Lyons	Robbie Schober	Rohan Smith
Tom Stone	Alex Woodward	

David Edgar - Relieving Coach
Justin Leone - Coach (Returned USA late Feb 03)
Helen Smith - Manager
Jacki Edgar - Manager



Under 12 – Cheltenham Stirrups

Congratulations Stirrups on a great 02/03 summer season.

After a slow start where a win didn't come until round 4, we finished the season with seven wins and five losses (two of these wins were against teams in the finals). We started the season with 11 players but due to retirements we finished with only eight, and of those eight there were six first year players.

A coach can only ask his players to do their best and with Adam, Aron, Ben, James, Matthew, Michael, Shelby and Tom (and Dean, Gareth and Tom (retired) that is what I got both at training and on game day. To see players improve each week and the smile on their faces for personal achievements is very satisfying.

I would like to thank Peter as team manager, Karen as scorer, Russell and Peter with help at training, Alan for umpiring and the support of all parents to the team and me.

Shayne Harvey

Team Members

Ben Cooen	Tom Cotter	Matthew Harvey
Shelby Henning	Aron Hutchison	Tom Karlich
Adam Katz	James Murray	Michael Olsen
Dean Balassis	Gareth Curel	

Shayne Harvey - Coach



Stirrups

Under 12 – Cheltenham Cowboys

The Cheltenham Cowboys began the season inexperienced with all 10 players having their first go at baseball. Six team members had however played T-Ball with the Cheltenham Heat for the past 3-4 years. We recruited four more school friends to form the Cowboys.

The goals for the season were knowledge of the game, teamwork and FUN. Under the expertise of Brad Erasmus, the boys were coached into a baseball team. Except for catching, all players had opportunities to play in all positions (much to the annoyance of the opposition scorer!!!!).

The boys embraced the opportunity to have a go. They learnt the game quickly and showed some fabulous skills and baseball thinking in the short time that they had to learn.

Two team members joined the Sunday Under 12 Metro Representative side and loved the level of competition and coaching they experienced.

Special thanks to Karen Welch for always assisting at training, Greg Wells for being our umpire, Glenn Farmer our designated pitcher (a little more practice necessary) and the other parents for all their support.

Last, but not least, a special thank you to the Club for their support and assistance, in particular Christine Fitzgerald, Di Adams, Alan Gribbin, John Carlile, Bruce Fitzgerald in helping us get up and go.

Karen Michaelis and Leigh Farmer

Team Members

Jesse Cassely	Harrison Espie	Daniel Farmer
Kris Gray	Jordan Michaelis	Matthew Pitt
Mitchell Pitt	Ben Rayner	Chris Welch
Jack Wren	Nick Rayner (substitute)	



Under 12 – Cheltenham Mavericks

Hey I'm Brad and this is Kane – we are the coaches of the Cheltenham Mavericks. To start off I will give you a brief recap of our season. We won seven of our 12 games.

Our season started off with flying colours winning six of our first six games. We had a lot of injuries in our team, first of all Geoff had a rotated cuff that put him out for three weeks and Jack with a neck injury. Also we had Pat with a cold. There were only one or two games in which we fielded a full side so all considered, we had a great season.

All players experienced different positions throughout the season with most having a pitch. We hope this will encourage our players to try out for every position on the field in their future years in baseball – remember the more positions you can play, the better the baseballer you will be.

I would also like to thank our scorers Mr Rizzi and Jeanette Holland. Thanks also to Toxley for his efforts in umpiring.

Congratulations guys on a great season as we wish you every success in the season ahead.

Brad Hennen and Kane Davidson

Team Members

Geoffrey Holland	Cameron Laszlo	Patrick Liston
Oliver Oxley	Rowan Payne	Andrew Rizzi
Peter Rizzi	Jackson Schneider	Clifford Schwerin-Casey
Jake Stewart		

Brad Hennen – Coach
Kane Davidson - Coach



Mavericks

Under 12 – Cheltenham Indians

A season to remember. With this season being our first as coaches we had no idea as to what to expect. As the season got underway we feel as though we got to know our players and how to get the most out of them.

A large pitching staff is what all coaches dream of and that is exactly what we had. With Tom Fitzgerald, Angus Macquire, Nick Fitzgerald, Nathan Aron, Yaron Topp, Andrew Dempster, and James Dargue pitching for us we were seemingly unstoppable. This terrific pitching combined with our tremendously powerful batting line up gave us many victories throughout the season.

With five wins from our first five games we looked like we were going to cruise through the season. Then we met Sandy Grey. With both teams in the top two spots we were always expecting a tough match and with their pitcher throwing no walks for the entire game we knew we had to use the bat to win it. With some good batting in the first dig we were two runs up with a runner on second base and one out. Then, while the runner was stealing we hit a line drive at short (which he caught) and all of a sudden they were coming off the field. How unlucky. This play happened twice more throughout the game and killed our innings when it was just starting to look promising. We ended up losing the game 7-5 but this was nothing to worry about because the guys played excellent baseball and luck just didn't go our way on the day.

The next two games proved to be just as hard as the previous. Luckily we won the first 11-10 but due to the large amount of errors, lost the second 8-4. The rest of the season seemed to blow by without us winning all our games (giving us 10 wins, 2 losses and one bye to finish the year).

The finals went well with us playing the Cheltenham Broncos for a spot in the grand final. After a shaky start we won comfortably seeing us through into the grand final. This game didn't start as well as planned and after one dig we found ourselves 6-0 down. A pep talk was in order. So with new determination in their eyes the guys took the field and kept Sandringham to two runs for the rest of the game. Unfortunately their pitching was just too strong and the game resulted in an 8-2 loss.

In conclusion we would like to thank Christine Fitzgerald for scoring throughout the season and to congratulate the guys on a most memorable season and to wish them all the best in their future baseball.

Andrew Gribbin and Russell Ferguson

Team Members

Nathan Aron	Andrew Bittle	James Dargue
Andrew Dempster	Matthew Felsenthal	Will Felsenthal
Nicholas Fitzgerald	Thomas Fitzgerald	Joshua Jackson
Angus Macquire	Yaron Topp	

Andrew Gribbin – Coach
Russell Ferguson – Coach



Under 12 Stallions

Firstly a big thank you to all parents for their support during the year.

Unfortunately we started the year slowly due to lack of numbers, and until the end of November played with eight most weeks. In fact during this period, most games were lost by one or two runs.

With the introduction of a couple of recruits, the team was turned around and we won most games thereafter.

I hope all players enjoyed their year and look forward to their participation at Cheltenham next year.

John Carlile

Team Members

Matthew Carlile	Luke Hogan	Alex Woodward
Nicholas Fitzgerald	Angus Macquire	Daniel Farmer
Jordan Michaelis	Jarryd Lyons	Rowan Payne

John Carlile – Coach
Marty Lyons – Assistant Coach
Jenny Carlile - Scorer



Rustlers

Under 12 Rustlers

The team played very well during the season and deserved their 2nd position on the ladder after the Home and Away Season.

The team exceeded the coaches expectations during the season, my goal at the start of the season was to be competitive, then it quickly became making the finals and then to get the double chance. The team's improvements can be seen in their results against the top of the ladder Waverley, a loss by 10 runs, then a loss by four runs, then a loss by one run. We had hoped to nail them during the finals however that wasn't to happen.

Our two losses to sides beside Waverley were only during a four week period in which we had four key injuries to players who could all pitch (including my starting pitchers), catch and play infield.

Highlight game for the season was our 22 to 3 victory over Upwey on 8 December 2002 and it was a battle for 2nd position on the ladder. In this game we had two over the fence home runs by Geoffrey and Thomas, they were joined by Nathan on 23 February 2003. In my second year involvement with Under 12, both State and Metro, there have only been four home run hitters. The score is now three Cheltenham players and one opposition player from last season. Remember boys, we do not want any Harry Half Cuts at Cheltenham.

I would like to thank the dedication of all the players and families as for the majority of the season we had only nine players. A special thank you to Will Felsenthal and James Dargue who were allowed to fill in when needed and to provide the side with a bench for the upcoming finals to cover injuries and illness.

A special thank you to Jane Olsen (scorer), Julian Aron (base coach), Debbie Hyland (manager), Rod Blackman (line umpire), Kevin Williams and Peter Burnett (umpires). Your assistance was invaluable to the team success. It is especially pleasing to see parents without a baseball background get involved. Rod's efforts and willingness to umpire including being plate umpire on Friday night is indicative of the calibre of people we like to have involved.

To the five boys playing in the International Rubber Ball Series, congratulations. To the remaining boys, I know you all were good enough to make three Victorian sides if you had decided to try out. I implore you all to stick at it as you are already a good side that will only improve in future seasons and to enjoy the friendships you have already developed at the club.

Bruce Fitzgerald

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Under 12 Rustlers

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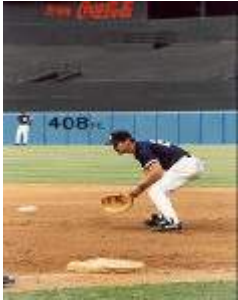
Home Runs

Thomas Fitzgerald	8 December 2002	-vs- Upwey	3 Runs
Geoffrey Holland	8 December 2002	-vs- Upwey	Grand Slam
Nathan Aron	23 February 2003	-vs- Doncaster	2 Runs

Team Members

Nathan Aron	Mark Blackman	Ben Cooen
James Dargue	Will Felsenthal	Thomas Fitzgerald
Geoffrey Holland	Nicholas Hyland	Patrick Liston
Michael Olsen	Jake Stewart	

Bruce Fitzgerald – Coach



Under 14 – Cheltenham Mavericks

The Mavericks were graced this year with nine very talented and very willing players. We had a mixture of State League players, Metro players and some very eager players who had played little baseball at all.

The Mavericks consisted of Charlie Dack, a very willing, always ready to learn young boy who could play just about everywhere. Elliott Macquire could play any position on the diamond and was always eager to play. Rob Brearley has a lot of talent and is a good player when he concentrates which is about 95% of the time. Joel Thompson played very well and when he connects can hit the ball very well. Big Lachlan Ford can crush the ball and isn't afraid to voice his opinion. Josh Mulherin is a natural player who manages to always come up with either a hit or a walk. Shane Middleton, a very capable pitcher and batter when he gets switches on. Tony Cevac is a good little player who can play virtually every position and follows instruction, and last but not least Dylan Trevorah who always gives 100% at everything he does.

The first few games of the year I mixed it around a little, just to see who could play where and who could follow instructions. I found that we had a good all-round balanced team that was capable of making the finals.

We slackened off at the end of the first half of the season and the start of the next half losing and drawing the games but after that we came together as a side and battled and beat our opposition.

We managed to reach the Grand Final and played fellow Cheltenham team, the Stallions, however in a close game we were eventually runners-up.

I believe we had a good fun year and I personally enjoyed coaching this bunch of kids.

Dan Gribbin

Team Members

Tavis Barwick	Robert Brearley	Tony Cevac
Charles Dack	Lachlan Ford	Elliott Macquire
Shane Middleton	Josh Mulherin	Joel Thompson
Dylan Trevorah		

Dan Gribbin – Coach



Under 14 – Cheltenham Stallions

Our team was very fortunate this season with the depth of talent on the squad. We never had a problem at the mound or behind the plate. Kable and Colin were our staple pitchers, with Jason and Sean ready for a throw. Michael, Sean, Jason and Kable shared the catching. Luke performed well at first base, not allowing the ball past his glove.

Automatic out when the opposition hit the ball in the vicinity of Justin on third base. Nicholas took some spectacular fly balls, while Andrew showed some quick plays on second base. Mathew in his first season of baseball amazed me with his ability to field and make some good hits against daunting pitchers.

Batting was dominated by Justin, with several home runs and a grand slam. Colin and Jason can also hit the ball very hard, yet not so consistent this season.

Every player batted well which shows on the amount of runs scored most weeks.

We played off in the Grand Final with fellow Cheltenham team, the Mavericks, and in a close game came out as Premiers.

Special thanks to Trevor Hogben for umpiring or scoring every week.

Peter Ravesi

Team Members

Justin D'Rozario	Kable Hogben	Colin Trigellis-Smith
Jason Chhit	Sean Gabb	Michael Hogan
Luke Ravesi	Andrew Charleston	Nicholas Charleston
Mathew Sarkies		

Peter Ravesi – Coach
Trevor Hogben – Scorer
Robyn Hogben – Scorer



Under 14 – Cheltenham Broncos

Firstly I would like to thank all the boys in the team. We certainly had an interesting season. The boys made a great effort each game and although we battled through some games, we usually gave the opposition a good fight.

I would sincerely like to thank Dan Hogan for scoring each week and also to Greg Blaskett for assisting me in coaching. It is very much appreciated. Thanks to all the boys for a fun season and also to the parents and families who came to support the kids.

Peter Innes

Team Members

Sam Innes	Michael Rizzi	James Uphill
Nick Rossell	John Blaskett	Masafumi Kinukawa
Lindon Smith	Ben Hogan	James Laszlo

Peter Innes – Coach
Dan Hogan – Scorer



Rutters

Under 14 – Cheltenham Jackeroos

The Jackeroos won seven games, lost five and drew one. Unfortunately this was exactly half a game shy of finishing in the finals. Overall the guys deserved to play off, and I'm sure we would have given it a good shake if we had made it.

A couple of retirements (Steven Hillis early in the season and Ben Stewart towards the end) meant that the "Roos" finished with only eight players.

The side was also hampered by injury to Dean Clements in the first half of the season and his performance in the second half possibly suffered as a result. Dean was the team's starting pitcher and produced some fine games.

The infield positions were usually held down by Will Osborne, Trent Vanderheiden, Tim O'Neill and Nathan McLean with Blake Cunningham bearing the responsibility of most of the catching.

Trent Davidson, Jesse Li Donni and Ben Stewart were the outfield stars.

The team won most games on their prowess with the bat, led by Tim, Dean, Blake and Trent Davidson and ably backed up by the other guys – our offense was usually something special.

I wish the guys success with next season (limited success if you're playing against Cheltenham in the winter) and all the best for the future.

Colin Upfill

Team Members

Dean Clements	Blake Cunningham	Trent Davidson
Jesse Li Donni	Nathan McLean	Timothy O'Neill
William Osborne	Ben Stewart	Trent Vanderheiden

Colin Upfill – Coach



Under 14 Metro Stallions

In a sensational finish to the season, the Under 14 Metro team reeled off three straight wins to secure a berth in the finals. In a season which produced some up and down performances, it's great to see the guys playing good ball at the right time of the season.

Even with mate Justin D'Rozario forecasting doom each week for our starting pitcher Jason Chhit, he was able to overcome and lead the team often brilliantly from the mound.

The infield developed into a solid outfit with Masafumi Kinukawa showing poise and strength at first base, Will Osborne nearly impassable at third, Mike Rizzi aggressive as ever at short, Jim-Bob Upfill and Nathan McLean dependable at two. Sean Gabb caught most games and gained the respect of opposition runners.

The outfield was platooned by Tony Cevec, Nick Rossell (who both made some sensational plays during the season) and power batters Rob Brearley and Trent Davidson.

Rob had six home runs for the season, and Jason Chhit had four, the team batted over .400 and it must have been a nightmare for opposition pitchers.

I hope as you read this that we have acquitted ourselves well in the finals, and good luck to the guys as they go forward in baseball.

Colin Upfill

Team Members

Masafumi Kinukawa	Michael Rizzi	Nick Rossell
James Upfill	Trent Davidson	Nathan McLean
William Osborne	Robert Brearley	Tony Cevec
Jason Chhit	Sean Gabb	

Colin Upfill – Coach



Rustlers

Under 14 Rustlers

After the pre-season selection process was completed, an initial squad of 12 formed the side, however with Justin Erasmus moving to Queensland the team consisted of:

John Blaskett	Dean Clements	Blake Cunningham
Justin D'Rozario	Kable Hogben	Shane Middleton
Josh Mulherin	Tim O'Neill	Dylan Trevorah
Colin Trigellis-Smith	Lachlan Ford (later to Under 16 Metro)	
Elliott Macquire (from Under 14 Metro)		

Michael Trevorah - Coach

We welcomed Dean, Blake and their families to the Club.

The team finished the home and away rounds with 11 wins, three losses and two byes for 3rd position. We also had a good balance of second year (7) and first year (6) players.

I would like to thank all of those who contributed to the running of the side, namely:

John Ferguson and parents – Ground Marking
Trevor Hogben – Assistant Coach
Nick D'Rozario – Team Manager
Lyn Trevorah and Jenny D'Rozario – Social
Chris Cunningham – Sunscreen Monitor
Andy, Greg and Alan T – Umpire Duties
Vicki, Katrina and Alan C – Scoring Duties
Steve, Greg and Robert O'Neill – Player Welfare
Anthony Blaskett – Bat Boy
plus all our supporters – it was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all award winners and to Tim, Justin, Blake and Josh on their personal achievements of representing Victoria at the Under 14 Carnival held in the Northern Territory.

Michael Trevorah





CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC

Summer Season
2002-2003

TEAM AWARDS

Under 12 – Cheltenham Broncos

Most Valuable Player	Nick Hyland
Most Improved Player	Robbie Schober
Encouragement Award	Rohan Smith

Under 12 – Cheltenham Stirrups

Most Valuable Player	Ben Cooen
Most Consistent	Michael Olsen
Coaches Trophy	Shelby Henning

Under 12 – Cheltenham Cowboys

Most Valuable Player	Jordan Michaelis
Best First Year Player	Matthew Pitt
Coaches Award	Daniel Farmer

Under 12 – Cheltenham Mavericks

Most Valuable Player	Geoff Holland
Batting Award	Pat Liston (.680)
Coaches Encouragement Award	Jack Schneider

Under 12 – Cheltenham Indians

Most Valuable Player	Nathan Aron
Batting Award	Thomas Fitzgerald (.667)
Coaches Award	Andrew Dempster

Under 12 Stallions

Most Valuable Player	Jarryd Lyons
Best Defensive Player	Angus Macquire
Coaches Award	Luke Hogan

Under 12 Rustlers

Most Valuable Player	Geoffrey Holland
Batting Award	Pat Liston (.583)
Most Improved Player	Mark Blackman

Under 14 – Cheltenham Mavericks

Most Valuable Player	Shane Middleton
Batting Award	Josh Mulherin (.818)
Coaches Award	Elliot Macquire

Under 14 – Cheltenham Stallions

Most Valuable Player	Justin D'Rozario
Coaches Award	Colin Trigellis-Smith
Coaches Award	Kable Hogben
Grand Slam	Justin D'Rozario

Under 14 – Cheltenham Broncos

Most Valuable Player	John Blaskett
Coaches Award	Michael Rizzi
Encouragement Award	James Laszlo

Under 14 – Cheltenham Jackeroos

Most Valuable Player	Blake Cunningham
Batting Award	Tim O'Neill
Coaches Award	Trent Davidson

Under 14 – Metro Stallions

Most Valuable Player	Jason Chhit
Batting Award	Robert Brearley
Coaches Award	Masafumi Kinukawa

Under 14 – Rustlers

Best and Fairest	Justin D'Rozario
Runner Up	Josh Mulherin
Batting Award	Dean Clements (.545)

RISING STAR AWARDS

Under 12 – Broncos	Mark Blackman
Under 12 – Stirrups	Ben Cooen
Under 12 – Cowboys	Jordan Michaelis
Under 12 – Mavericks	Jack Schneider
Under 12 – Indians	Thomas Fitzgerald Angus Maguire
Under 14 – Mavericks	Lachlan Ford
Under 14 – Stallions	Kable Hogben
Under 14 – Broncos	Michael Rizzi James Uptill Masafumi Kinukawa
Under 14 – Jackeroos	Tim O'Neill

CLUB ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Congratulations and well done to the following teams:

Under 12 Indians – Runners-up

Under 14 Stallions – Premiers

Under 14 Mavericks – Runners-up

Junior Clubman Award – **Daniel Gribbin**, Under 16's, Junior Coach, and 1's Player

Junior Champion Award – **Adam Blackley**, Under 18's and Senior 1's Player

Junior Coaching Award – **David Stenhouse**, Under 16 Broncos

Congratulations to the following players who are participants in the 2002-2003 Rubberball Victoria Development Squad

Nathan Aron
Ben Cooen
Thomas Fitzgerald
Geoff Holland
Pat Liston

Congratulations to Cheltenham's State and VPBL Representatives for 2002–2003

Justin D'Rozario – Under 14 Vic Team
Josh Mulherin – Under 14 Vic Team
Tim O'Neill – Under 14 Vic Team
Blake Cunningham - Under 14 VPBL Team
Daniel Gribbin – Under 16 Vic Team
Daniel Williams – Under 18 Vic Team
Adam Blackley – Under 18 Vic Team