

*...Under 14 State Rustlers continued*

## STOP THE PRESSES!!!

**Cheltenham defeats Waverley in a great 9-8 come from behind victory.**

Things were not looking great at 3-7 behind with one innings left. Waverley's starting pitcher had thrown 78 pitches, I instructed Brad that he was not allowed to swing at the first pitch to ensure that he was the last batter to face that pitcher, Brad followed the instructions but unfortunately struck out. I called the boys together and told them that we weren't hitting until we had a strike on us as we needed 4 runs to tie and as such required as many base runners as possible.

Ben hit a single to right field, Geoff got a base on ball, Patrick hit a double to centrefield to score a run, Thomas hit a double to centrefield to score two runs, Nathan hit a single to the pitcher and advanced Thomas to third. We stole Nathan to 2nd then Waverley threw a wild pitch and Thomas scored on that play to tie the game.

Caleb then hit a double to left field to score Nathan, 1 run up. Daniel hit a double to right field to score Caleb, 2 runs up. Michael and Brad get a base of balls each to load up the bases. Ben lines the ball to shortstop, who unfortunately takes a great catch and a double play to close our innings.

Waverley's first batter hits a home run, 1 run up, still 3 outs required, the next batter gets a hit, **coach now getting edgy**, Nathan K's out next 3 batters—Chelt wins.

The scorebook makes interesting reading as it proves the better side won the day. Waverley have an unhealthy reliance on a few players, their bottom 5 batters had 13 K's and 2 scattered hits.

Cheltenham had 8 players with hits and the other two got on with base on balls.

Congratulations to Patrick Liston for winning the "MVP in Grand Final"



*Rustlers*

## CHELtenham BASEBALL CLUB INC Summer Season 2004-2005



Under 14 State Rustlers  
Grand Final Winners  
2004-05

## JUNIOR PRESENTATION Sunday, 20 March 2005



## President's Report

Here we are at the end of another baseball season !!

And what a fantastic season it has been.

The on-field results, have been absolutely fantastic, and are a credit to everyone involved. It is evidence that the U12 and U14 components, of our junior programme, are well and truly on track.

We had 4 x U12 teams, and 3 x U14 teams, entered in the Friday night competition.

Two of the U12 teams made the semi-finals, with one team advancing to the Grand Final, losing by only one run. All three of the U14 teams made the semi-finals, with 2 of these teams playing each other, in the Grand Final.

In the Sunday morning competition, we had 2 x U12 teams and 2 x U14 teams.

In U12's, our metro team made the semi-finals. In U14's, our state league team made the Grand Final, and staged a brilliant batting rally, in the top of the last inning, to take the lead for the first time in the game, and then kept Waverley out, in the bottom of the inning, to record a memorable victory. This was a fantastic result, especially when you consider that the Waverley team had not lost an U14 game, for 2 x seasons.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all those people, who so willingly gave of their time, to take on the roles of coaches, scorers, team managers and assistants. I would also like to say a special thank-you to Greg Blaskett and John Carlile, for taking on the roles of junior co-ordinators, for the U12 and U14 sections of the club, respectively.

In closing, I would like to thank all the players, for representing Cheltenham Baseball Club with distinction, and I would like to thank their parents, for being their "taxi" to get them to training, and to the games, each week.

Don't Forget – It's **your** club. No matter if you're a player, or a parent - **get involved** and help to ensure that the club continues to grow, and becomes an even bigger and better club than it already is.

We look forward to seeing you all back again next season. Bring a friend, bring a brother, or a sister – the more, the merrier !!!

Yours, in baseball,

**Robert Krol**  
**PRESIDENT**

*...Under 14 State Rustlers continued*

Waverley is beatable as they start to get shaky when pressure is applied.

In our 4 run Semi loss we had 15 K's in 7 innings, 5 hits amongst 3 hitters and 3 easy errors. In our 5 - 6 loss during the year 6K's in 7 innings, 8 hits, 1 sacrifice, 1 base on ball and 3 hard errors.

So to beat Waverley we need more contact hitting to exert pressure onto their fielders. It's all up to you boys.

A special thank you to my assistant coach Steve Babidge, Plate Umpires Peter Burnett, Matthew Gourlay, Lance Blackley & Alan Grierson, Line Umpires Glen Farmer & Geoff Long, Scorers Erica & Allan Grierson, Geoff Long & Jayde Aron, Base Coach Julian Aron, John Carlile the U 14 Co-ordinator and everyone who assisted training.

An observation to all parents and supporters from someone who started playing baseball in 1986 and has Coached or been on a Committee for Summer & Winter since 1987, who is down at the club or at a game on Wednesday 4 to 7pm, Friday night, Saturday Morning, Sunday Morning & Afternoon and that is just a normal week. My fellow Committee Members some of whom spend a lot more time on club matters than myself and who like myself have careers, jobs, families to raise, involvements in other clubs and interest are sick and tired of hearing inane gripes and whining from destructive people who only have the interests of their own children at heart and not the club as a whole and who quite often not prepare to do something meaningful for the Club.

The options are quite simple as far as I can see it:-

- Get involved in some official function for the club, you, your child, other people children and the club will benefit.
- We shall be attempting to start a Junior Committee next year (U14, U12 & Tee Ball) so there are plenty of vacancies available.
- Be a supporter and value the efforts of people who are contributing to your child.
- Leave

The rewards for being in partnership and supporting the club are evident in this past weekend's grand final victory; a victory for all our players, parents, supporters and club. Please be supportive of it or make a decision about your presence.

Yours in baseball  
Bruce Fitzgerald

### Team Members

Tom Fitzgerald	Nathan Aron	Daniel Farmer
Patrick Liston	Caleb Long	Jake Babidge
Bradley Sheather	Ben Cooen	Michael Olsen
Geoffrey Holland	Todd Grierson	

Bruce Fitzgerald—Coach

Steve Babidge—Assistant Coach

Erica Grierson—Scorer

## Under 14 State Rustlers

As I write this report, it is Friday before the boy's play in the Grand Final against Waverley.

I'm very pleased with the boy's effort in finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> after the home & away season with 9 wins, 3 losses, a draw and a washout, this side was clearly the 2<sup>nd</sup> best team in the competition and thoroughly deserve their chance to Win a Grand Final.

Two of the losses were against the undefeated Waverley and the other loss was against the Northern Diamondbacks, the only game we let ourselves down in. Sure there were games that we should have won by more but the coach is a hard task marker. Our draw was against Essendon in the last game, a battle to decide 2<sup>nd</sup> position. The draw wasn't a true reflection, a few key injuries limited the coach in moves available and we were stiff in that we batted/pounded the ball into the outfield, unfortunately their outfielders had a great game and took some great catches, maybe the best outfield we faced.

This is tough I usually talk about the award winners but I'm been told the report will be released prior to the awards, I mustn't let the cat out of the bag.

I think the side strength was the pitching, well done Pat, Nathan & Ben, the main battery and our infield. I think we had the equal of any infield if not the best, well done boy's, but remember you must all work on your soft hands and keep bottoms down when fielding ground balls. Caleb did a wonderful job in being my main catcher for the year in the toughest position on the field, he was relieved occasionally by Thomas, but I thought we were a better balanced side with Caleb catching and Thomas in the middle infield. Michael & Todd served the side well in their utility roles.

Daniel did a wonderful job for us at centrefield catching everything and using his speed to chase down the ball. A boom to the side was the return of Geoff from injuries which only strengthen the infield and hitting. Speaking about the hitting an obvious strength were the home runs hit by Nathan, Pat, Caleb & Geoff.

Most improved player is an award I like to hand out as it is pleasing to see players improve and quite often goes to a player who listens and learns. We have 3 strong candidates in Ben, Brad & Jake. Ben's pitching came on strong as the season wore along and was most valuable when Nathan was injured. Brad in only his 2<sup>nd</sup> season of ball progressed from the Metro to the State side, got two hits for me early but then seemed to be mesmerised by the quicker pitchers, but he worked it out and by the end of the season was swinging at the strikes. Jake who I'm sure everyone will be surprised finished equal 4<sup>th</sup> in the batting average was a great effort given he has been away from the game for a while, but he must really work hard at his fielding & baserunning.

The side lost the semi 2 – 6 against Waverley and then crushed Sandringham 14 – 4 in the Preliminary.

## Under 12 Coordinator's Report

The judges verdict...7-7-6-7. I was watching "Dancing with the Stars" and was reminded to write this report. The performance was *entertaining, learning and improvement* was noted but there was the expectation of a *better performance next time*...

I could have been talking of our Summer Under 12 program. I think there were more positives than negatives and it is my hope that the kids (mainly) and the parents had fun and enjoyed themselves. Like the dancers, it was having a go and having fun that the whole thing was about.

I will leave the coaches to comment on the kid's efforts but there were couple of positives and achievements for the program that I think deserve special mention:

- A new team of coaches for Friday nights and Sundays. Backed up by assistant coaches, many new to that role, for every team.
- We got the numbers right – I don't think we struggled for numbers (except for State week 2?) yet everyone got a go.
- We "spread the talent", as a club winning more than we lost and with half our teams making the finals.
- Building a base of girl players to launch their own team next year...
- Two Sunday teams (last year one) and three boys selected for the Friendship Series (last year two). (We had enough talent for there to be 6 or 7 selected – for those of you who missed out, keep practicing. Sometimes the selectors get it wrong).
- Organising a VBA Tee-ball/Baseball clinic at Dingley P.S. – with the opportunity to return next year.
- Practice for Friday nights throughout the year.
- Real hope and excitement for next season. Seeing this year's Metro team play so well is very encouraging for next Summer season.

### Things I would like to see in the future:

- Great support for the International U12 Friendship tournament at Cheltenham on **Easter Saturday and Monday**. Three of our own are playing, plus Daniel Farmer who went to Japan last year. Those children born in 1994 should particularly be there as you will have a chance to find out about the program and be selected next year.
- Increased activities and social functions after games so that the parents have a greater sense of belonging to the Club. (You and the kids ARE the Club).
- A parent put their hand up to be Under 12 Co-ordinator next year (I'm happy to help and resource but we continually need new blood!). The great coaches make our job much easier. We also need a Junior Coordinator to oversee the entire Junior program and liaise with the VBA (this role needs to be filled but we got by without it in the 2004-5 season). Please see me if you are interested in either.

## Special thanks:

**Wiggy (Trent), Trent V, Stuart and Michael (Riz)** for their time and to their **parents** (supporters and taxi drivers) – the kids owe you a lot. Thank you to all of the **adult coaches (Colin, Ronnie, Ian, Don, etc etc)** and assistants for your time, enthusiasm and care of our kids. **Sue Felsenthal** who doesn't just stick to running a great T-ball program. To anybody who marked out a diamond, remembered to pick up balls after training, helped in the canteen or and just supporting your children. Thanks to **Rachel Curnow** and **Charlie Dack** for consistently supporting and umpiring (Rachel also sent match reports in regularly for publication). I also wanted to give a special thanks to **Steve** – thanks mate for going out of the comfort zone, despite health scares, and keeping the attitude fun and appropriate to a Friday night. At times you held things together – all the time you made it better.

Thanks also to all of the **scorers**, for sending in scores as well as completing the books – you are last but certainly not least.

I hope to see you all – at Under 12 or 14 level next year. Enjoy the winter – at baseball or elsewhere.

Greg Blaskett

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**The following positions are available for the Summer Committee—  
Season 2005-06. If you would like further information on these  
positions, please contact Greg Blaskett on 9551 1457**

President  
Registration Secretary  
Junior Coordinator  
Tee-ball Coordinator  
U12 Coordinator  
General Committee Members

**The AGM for Cheltenham Baseball Club—Summer Committee will be  
held at the Clubrooms,  
Cheltenham Baseball Club,  
Kingston Heath Reserve, Farm Road, Cheltenham,  
Thursday, 26 May 2005 at 7.30pm.**

## Under 14 Metro Stallions

This year has seen a few ups and downs but all in all has seen some great improvement through the year. By attending training and being enthusiastic this improvement will continue and give them more confidence to swing the bat and dive for that ground ball that was just too far away a few months ago.

As a team we have tried to ensure that encouragement and support for our team mates has been a priority and having fun was above winning.

Nearly every week we play clubs who have only one side at U14 level and decide that Metro level is there best chance of winning. On most weeks we have been in a position to win as this team believes in itself and keeps trying to the very last out. These boys will form the State side for next year and with this attitude will be much better prepared for the increased competition.

In closing I would like to thank:

Scorer	- Karen Cotter
Pitch Count	- Peter Katz
Umpire	- Dean Felsenthal
Assistant coach	- Adam McLean
Operations Manager	- Tony Hogan

John Carlile

## Team Members

Adam Katz	Tom Cotter
Matthew Harvey	Matthew Felsenthal
Matthew Carlile	Oliver Oxley
Will Felsenthal	Luke Hogan
Scott Maxwell	Jesse Casserly

John Carlile—Coach  
Adam McLean—Assistant Coach  
Karen Cotter—Scorer  
Dean Felsenthal—Umpire

### *...U14 Brumbies Report Continued*

In summing up, I was so disappointed for the Brumbies as I felt that the team by grand-final day had really bonded well and had worked hard to deserve a win. Oh well, we will all have to work that little bit harder!!!

Best wishes for your future baseball.

Shayne Harvey

### **Team Members**

Caleb Long  
Patrick Liston  
Matthew Carlile  
Adam Katz  
Yaron Topp

Scott Maxwell  
Tom Cotter  
Tom Stone  
Matthew Harvey  
Shelby Henning

Shayne Harvey—Coach  
Kable Hogben—Assistant Coach  
Karen Cotter—Scorer



### **Under 14 Coordinator's Report**

It is with much pleasure that I write this report. We tried something new this year after listening to various comments from parents over the last few years and discussions with senior Cheltenham people.

This year we did not have one person to stand up as a Junior Coordinator but split the role by age group. In the past the overall Junior Coordinator role has been handled by fantastic people but the work load left them quite "flat" with all the responsibility and personalities within a club of this size. We must thank them for getting the club to this stage of its development with such a strong junior program which will within the next few years support a much stronger senior club.

At the U14 level I have had great assistance from all parents, you have all put up your hands for small jobs which has made my job so much easier. With this sort of support Cheltenham Baseball Club can only continue to provide the best environment for our kids to grow from young boys/girls to mature supportive young adults.

Thanks to all players and parents this year for your training attendance and enthusiasm for improving their baseball.

*Remember – Talent is very common – Applied Talent is very RARE*

Congratulations to the players who represented the State at the Australian carnivals in January:

Patrick Liston  
Nathan Aron  
Ben Cooen  
Caleb Long

Congratulations to all award winners.

In closing special thanks to the team coaches, scorers, umpires (don't mention Sandringham) and social co-ordinators for your assistance this year.

John Carlile



## Under 12 – Cheltenham Broncos

What a great season these kids had! Every time I watched one of their games there was such enthusiasm and positive team spirit. The girls were an absolute delight and may form the backbone of an all girls team next year. Everyone made a contribution, and as any of the parents would know, the awards for this team could have gone to almost anyone.

We had a winning season, winning more than we lost, and everyone contributed and had fun. There were a number of the team who would have done even better if they had just a bit more experience and confidence.

In alphabetical order, our regulars:

**Anthony** – was Mr Consistent, but also fielded well and was an on field leader.

**Ashleigh** – was always there and very reliable. Ashleigh stick with it – and build confidence – have a go!

**Cassie** – was a great little fielder who often made contact. I remember the double-play too.

**Chris** – you are a natural athlete who will be a terrific player if you stick to it and keep learning.

**Daniel** – One of our first picks as Pitcher or Catcher who was one of our best players each week.

**Jayde** – Perhaps the BEST Under 12 first base player in the club. It was great that you joined us and had a great year.

**Miff** – Looking back at the stats you can obviously do it. Believe in yourself and you will be a real contributor next year.

**Robbie** – You improved the most over the year. By the end of the year, you were one of our best hitters. Keep practicing!!

**Stuart** – You were also a big improver after Christmas. Your hitting and pitching ended up very strong – it shows what you can do when you put your mind to it.

**Tom** – Best on base percentage for the team. A very good season – Tom, find some aggression and no one will stop you!!

Thanks to Don as a first year coach at Cheltenham, to Rob and Marcella for their consistent support throughout the year in their respective roles and to Steve for being the heart and soul of the side keeping things together from week to week.

Greg Blaskett  
On behalf of the Coach

### Team Members

Jayde Aron	Christopher Welch
Daniel Lapa	Anthony Blaskett
Miffanwy Smith	Robbie Schober
Cassie Tulley	Ashleigh Holmes
Stuart Biggar	Tom Orchard

Don Tulley—Coach  
Rob Schober—Assistant Coach  
Steve Taylor—Team Manager  
Marcella Lapa—Scorer

## Under 14 – Cheltenham Brumbies

I would like to congratulate the Brumbies on their performance this season. To finish runners-up (congratulations Broncos) in such an even competition where all the top four finished on even points the team can be very proud of their achievement. Each player in whatever position they were given did the job to the best of their ability.

Having lost the last game to Sandringham Maroon (13-11) it meant that they finished first and we finished fourth. This meant that we would have to play them again at Sandringham. At 6-0 down early in the game it looked like our season would finish in the semis. We scrambled our way to 6-3 and then the highlight of the season for me was to see the team respond with a nine run innings and for us to win 12-6.

Unfortunately we could not carry that enthusiasm into the grand-final against the Broncos and after an even first innings we fell away to lose 12-6.

The Brumbies consisted of :

MATTHEW CARLILE who could be put in any position and his positive talk would always lift the team.

TOM COTTER was normally our lead-off batter, first base and had a pitch.

MATTHEW HARVEY did a great job as our main catcher, had a pitch and loves his baseball.

SHELBY HENNING is a delight to coach and continues to improve (highlighted by her hit in the grand-final).

ADAM KATZ was our starting pitcher who's confidence grew as the season went on. His pitching in both finals was outstanding.

CALEB LONG was our stand-out player with the bat, in the field or as relief pitcher.

PATRICK LISTON had an exceptional batting year (Ave 0.808) and showed great leadership qualities.

SCOTT MAXWELL was our second catcher. His confidence and ability continues to improve.

TOM STONE was our big improver this season. His attitude at training leading up to the finals was first-class.

YARON TOPP normally fielded at second base, had a pitch, some great hits during the season and always trains well.

A big thank-you to Kable Hogben for his help throughout the season, Karen Cotter for scoring, Geoff Long for umpiring, Peter Katz as team manager and to the parents for their valued support to me and your children.



## Under 14 – Cheltenham Mavericks

Firstly I would like to congratulate the 2004/05 Cheltenham Mavericks on a great season.

With a 6-4-2 record we finished third after the home and away season with a semi final show down with the Cheltenham Broncos.

Although the result didn't go our way losing 10-12 I was very proud of the way the boys fought it out with a late rally. It was another example of the way we played all year. Just go out put the ball in play and see what happens.

I don't wish to single out players because the year was a true team effort. I would however like to congratulate the three trophy winners; all three categories were so close that anyone could have won the awards.

I would also like to thank all the parents for there support throughout the season and give a special thank you to Christine Fitzgerald for scoring and Dean Felsenthal for umpiring every week.

To the players I hope you all had as much fun as I did throughout the year and I encourage you all to continue on with the game.

Andrew Coppens

### Team Members

Oliver Oxley  
Daniel Farmer  
Matthew Felsenthal  
Tom Fitzgerald  
Jordan Innes

Luke Maher  
James Dargue  
Will Felsenthal  
Jesse Casserly

Andrew Coppens—Coach  
Christine Fitzgerald—Scorer  
Dean Felsenthal—Umpire

## Under 12 – Cheltenham Stirrups

This was my first season coaching and I was really pleased to get such a great bunch of kids.

The Stirrups were a pretty young team, they played well throughout the season and made it through to the semi finals but unfortunately were beaten by the Cowboys.

Congratulations to Jordan Michaelis on being selected to play in the U12 Rubberball Tournament – good luck in the tournament.

I would like to thank Peter Leslie, our Team Manager, for helping me with the players at training and on game day. I would also like to thank him for driving me to the away games.

Thank you also to Dianne Jones for scoring.

To all the parents, thank you for your commitment and support, but most of all, thank you to the players for all your effort and trying your best.

Trent Vanderheiden

### Team Members

Ryan Taylor  
Ben Leslie  
Justin Aron  
Harrison Michaelis  
Richard Clifford  
Alexander Dack

Jordan Michaelis  
Ben Greer  
Rhys Jones  
Joss TePaa  
Jack Ogilvie

Trent Vanderheiden—Coach  
Peter Leslie—Team Manager

## Under 12 – Cheltenham Cowboys

This year the Cheltenham Cowboys had a great season only losing one game for the season and they had two draws. All of these boys have a lot of talent and I hardly had to coach them, they just went out there and played great baseball. Unfortunately we lost the Grand Final to Bonbeach 5-6 but the kids played well.

I would like to thank:

Kane Bode for being a reliable centre fielder and nice bunt, Adam Burdett for some great catching in the last five or six games and also some great hitting, Dean Cooper for being a fast starting pitcher all season, Adrian Hare for also some hard hitting and good catches, Tyrone Ludowyk for some constant pitching when I needed you, Angus Maguire thanks for catching early in the season and pitching in the grand final, Paul Morris don't give up by 14's you could be a great catcher, Will Murphy great effort out there nice hitting, Brandon Thomson for some smart infield work just keep your glove down and you will be alright, Ryan Williams nice first base work, good hands. Congratulations Angus on getting into the Rubberball tournament.

I'd also like to thank Steve Cooper for being a good assistant and telling the kids to get on the game. Also Peter Burdett and Nick Rossell for umpiring. I'd also like to thank Greg Blaskett and Sue Felsenthal for organizing everything and giving me all your support. And finally I would like to thank all the parents for bringing the kids to the training and the games every week.

Good luck to all the kids for next season and next year.

Trent "Wiggy" Davidson

### Team Members

William Murphy  
Tyrone Ludowyk  
Paul Morris  
Ryan Williams  
Adrian Hare

Angus Macquire  
Dean Cooper  
Adam Burdett  
Brandon Thomson  
Kane Bode

Trent Davidson—Coach  
Elaine Williams—Scorer  
Peter Burdett—Umpire  
Nick Rossell—Umpire

## Under 14 – Cheltenham Broncos

It has been a great year for this team. We are in the 4 and if things go our way we will make the finals. With such a wide span of abilities it has been fantastic to see the support that all the players have had for each other when things have been going both good and bad.

Again the improvement in the players has been the result of their attendance at training. Keep up the good work.

Hopefully by the time you have read this we will have made the finals and maybe won the GF – here's hoping.

In closing I would like to thank:

Scorer	- Weekly lucky dip
Pitch Count	- Tina Cooen
Umpire	- Rod Blackman
Assistant Coach	- Julian Aron & Steve Babidge
Operations Manager	- Tony Hogan
Social Co-ordinators	- Cheryl & Tony Hogan

John Carlile

### Team Members

Bradley Sheather  
Nathan Aron  
Adam Smrdl  
James Murray  
Jake Cox

Michael Olsen  
Ben Cooen  
Mark Blackman  
Jake Babidge  
Luke Hogan

John Carlile—Coach  
Steve Babidge—Assistant Coach



### *...U12 Metro Stallions Report continued*

I would like to thank all the parents and other friends who came out to support Cheltenham this season and we look for your continuous support next season as we strive to take that extra step in improving our overall performance.

Ron Carothers  
Head Coach

#### **Team Members**

Brandon Thomson  
Callum Carothers  
Brett Curnow  
Adam Burdett  
Jack Ogilvie  
Chase Cevec

Jak Jowett  
Jake Cox  
Christopher Welch  
Houston Vandenberg-Pitt  
Tyler Corcoran  
Rhys Jones

Ron Carothers—Head Coach  
Ian Curnow—Assistant Coach  
Peter Burdett—Assistant Coach  
Dianne Jones—Scorer

### **Under 12 – Cheltenham Brumbies**

Although the Under 12 Brumbies failed to make the finals this season we fought out most games. It was a great pleasure to coach this bunch of kids. Each of them had their own skills and managed to use them this season.

Nick Fitzgerald and Chase Cevec pitched very consistently throughout the season as well as others who had a go every once and a while. Tyler Corcoran with his homerun hitting secured many wins. Our infielders Brittney Cevec and Jordan Russell were solid all season and our outfielders Matt Taranto and Rhys Buckley didn't let one down. Mardy Dare and Houston Vandenberg-Pitt who were our all rounders were unstoppable where ever I put them. But a huge success was Chris Greenwood who was our catcher and power hitter for the season. In his first summer season he is showing great potential and can do anything if he puts his mind to it.

Big thanks to our scorers Mark Russell and Sue Cevec as well as Tony Cevec who umpired throughout the season and filled in for me when I was away. Thanks to Stuart for assisting me through the season and to all the parents for bringing their children to the games and training.

Michael Rizzi

#### **Team Members**

Rhys Buckley  
Houston Vandenberg-Pitt  
Nicholas Fitzgerald  
Mardy Dare  
Christopher Greenwood

Matthew Taranto  
Tyler Corcoran  
Chase Cevec  
Brittney Cevec  
Jordan Russell

Michael Rizzi—Coach  
Stuart Vandenberg-Pitt—Assistant Coach  
Tony Cevec—Umpire  
Mark Russell & Sue Cevec—Scorers

## Under 12 State Rustlers

This 2004/2005 season has been a learning experience for the Under 12 State team.

We've had a number of games where lapses of concentration have made the difference between a win and a loss. These lapses of concentration unfortunately not only happened at games but also at practice were the boys would have to go diving for cover every now and again as they were going to be hit by balls.

Our first win came at Geelong following an overnight stay in Geelong as a team building exercise. Greg & Colin organised the weekend, including the activities, accommodation and food, and it certainly helped us gel as a team. All the boys enjoyed their trip away, and were a credit to their families and the club.

Two further wins against Essendon and Werribee gave us a boost in confidence. However, we couldn't keep the winning streak going for the rest of the season. The boys have all improved throughout the season. Good luck to Angus, Jordan and Nick in the Rubberball series in March.

I was fortunate to have the assistance of Colin Upfill as my assistant coach, Nathan Aron as assistant at practices, Simon Michaelis as our umpire, and Christine Fitzgerald and Marcella Lapa as scorers. Thank you all for your assistance. Thank you also to all our parents who encouraged the boys every week, took them to practices and games, and assisted whenever required. I would like to especially thank Greg Blaskett for his guidance, advice and support throughout the season. It was much appreciated.

To the Cheltenham Under 12 teams, - make sure that you enjoy your baseball. It is not worth playing unless you have fun, even if it means laughing at yourself after doing something silly. People won't mind, as long as you do your best. You are the future leaders of the Cheltenham Baseball Club, whether it is coaching or playing in the First's - you will be the future leaders. So listen to what the coaches say, as they have more experience than you do at the moment and make sure you always concentrate and give a 110% every time you go out onto that field.

Stuart Holland and Colin Upfill

### Team Members

Anthony Blaskett  
Robbie Schober  
Angus Macquire  
Tom Orchard  
Jordan Michaelis

Stuart Biggar  
Ben Leslie  
Dean Cooper  
Nicholas Fitzgerald  
Daniel Lapa

Stuart Holland—Coach  
Christine Fitzgerald—Scorer  
Simon Michaelis—Umpire

Colin Upfill—Assistant Coach  
Marcella Lapa—Scorer

## Under 12 Metro Stallions

### "I'm a Stallion Baby"

The Cheltenham Stallions Under 12 baseball team produced a sensational performance in the 2004/2005 season and I want again to be the first to congratulate the team and the parents of these athletes on a great effort. I am extremely proud of them and their dedication throughout the season.

We finished the season with 9 wins, 4 loses, 1 washout and a big semi-final win over Sandringham (14-12) with everyone getting plenty of game time and having fun learning more about the game of baseball.

The season was filled with lots of fun and exciting plays from everyone.

I hoped I have showed them more about baseball to further improve their baseball skills and to use these skills at all times.

Next season for you there will be much more to learn being a little bit older and hopefully a better attentive listener.

A big thank you to Dianne Jones, our scorer, for getting Rhys to all the games as he provided a spark to the team. Thanks Jake for deciding to play, it was a pleasure to coach you and I hope you learnt about hitting because I have a lot more to teach you - great improvement in your swing! Brett Curnow, thanks for being at every practice session arranging practice sessions with me. When you finish playing I know you will make a great coach because I see the passion in you.

Brandon, one of the best consistent contact hitters all year - what a competitor! Adam "Can Do It" Burdett, what an outstanding attitude and approach to the game. You can be in my team any day mate.

Tyler, Callum, Chase and Houston you all possess a special talent: relentless and committed; speed and power; crafty and determined; eager and perseverance. Jak, great glove at first base. We could always count on getting an out when the ball was thrown to you. Next season when you combine a great glove with a great bat you will be unstoppable.

Chris, thank you for your commitment and dedication getting from basketball to baseball. You have good skills and they will only get better.

Jack Ogilvie you have made a mountain of improvement and built great confidence in your game and I am very, very proud of you for the huge effort you displayed this season. Congratulations Jack and I hope you continue to play baseball with so much passion. Well done.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CHELTENHAM'S SENIOR VICTORIAN  
PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2004-2005**

Glen Richards (Pitcher)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CHELTENHAM'S STATE  
REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2004-2005**

Nathan Aron  
Patrick Liston  
Caleb Long  
John Blaskett  
Josh Mulherin  
Justin D'Rozario  
Daniel Gribbin  
Andrew Gribbin  
Tom Ellis

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CHELTENHAM'S VPBL  
REPRESENTATIVES FOR  
2004-2005**

Ben Cooen  
Blake Cunningham  
Russell Ferguson

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CHELTENHAM'S UNDER 12's  
REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE RUBBERBALL TOURNAMENT  
2004-2005**

Nicholas Fitzgerald  
Angus Macquire  
Jordan Michaelis

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MVP IN GRAND FINAL 2004-2005**

Tom Ellis  
Josh Mulherin  
Patrick Liston



**CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC**  
Summer Season  
2004-2005



**JUNIOR PRESENTATION  
TEAM AWARDS**  
Sunday, 20 March 2005

**Under 12**

Most Valuable Girl

This year's inaugural winner is Brittney  
Cevec with a batting average of .470

**Under 12 - Broncos**

Most Valuable Player

Batting Award

Coach's Award

Daniel Lapa

Anthony Blaskett (.560)

Tom Orchard

**Under 12 - Brumbies**

Most Valuable Player

Batting Award

Coach's Award

Nicholas Fitzgerald

Chase Cevec

Chris Greenwood

**Under 12 - Stirrups**

Most Valuable Player

Most Promising Player

Coach's Award

Jordan Michaelis

Ryan Taylor

Ben Leslie

**Under 12 - Cowboys**

Most Valuable Player

Batting Award

Coach's Award

Dean Cooper

Adam Burdett (.666)

Tyrone Ludowyk

**Under 12 – State Rustlers**

Most Valuable Player

Fielding Award

Coach's Award

Angus Macquire

Jordan Michaelis

Dean Cooper

**Under 12 – Metro Stallions**

Most Valuable Player

Batting Award

Coach's Award

Brett Curnow

Adam Burdett (.530)

Jack Ogilvie

**Under 14 - Broncos**

Most Valuable Player

Most Improved Player

Most Improved Player

Nathan Aron

James Murray

Ben Cooen

**Under 14 - Mavericks**

Most Valuable Player

Batting Award

Coach's Award

Daniel Farmer

James Dargue (0.571)

Luke Maher

**Under 14 – Brumbies**

Most Valuable Player

Batting Award

Coach's Award

Caleb Long

Patrick Liston

Matthew Carlile

**Under 14 – State Rustlers**

Most Valuable Player

Batting Award

Coach's Award

Patrick Liston

Nathan Aron (.571)

Brad Sheather

**Under 14 – Metro Stallions**

Batting Award

Coach's Award

Coach's Award

Matthew Harvey (.483)

Adam Katz

Luke Hogan

**CLUB ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Junior Champion Award

Andrew Gribbin

Life Member's Cup for Best

Junior Clubman – Joint Award

Tony Cevec

James Upfill

Best Junior Coach

Shayne Harvey

Senior Clubman Award

Sue Felsenthal

Golden Glove Award

Daniel Gribbin

Rookie of the Year CBC Summer

Russell Ferguson

**SHUT OUTS**

Justin D'Rozario. v Werribee. Score line, Chelt 10 d Werribee on 19/12/04. Justin  
pitched 5 innings, 3 hits, 6 strikeouts, 0 walks, 8 balls, 42 strikes.

Andrew Gribbin v. Newport 21/11/04

Nick Russell v Moorabbin 10/10/2004

Dean Clements v Berwick 05/12/2004

**NO HIT GAME**

Nathan Aron on the 14/11/04 against Bonbeach pitched 4 innings for no hits, no  
runs

and 1 base on ball.

Patrick Liston on the 6/02/05 against Northern Diamondback pitched 4 innings  
for no hits, no runs and 1 base on ball.

**GRAND SLAM**

Tom Ellis v Waverley 30/1/05

Nathan Aron v Cheltenham Mavericks 18/02/05

Brendan Mulherin v Eastern Allstars 31/10/04