



Rustlers

TEE-BALL PRESENTATION SEASON 2009-2010

ROOKIE BALL—STALLIONS

This year I had the privilege to coach another all-star team "The Stallions"

It was a little different than other years but the boys adapted very quickly to the concept of hitting a ball that was thrown to them by a pitcher, not off a tee.

Although there was no scoring we would have won 4 out of 5 games.

Our Team line up was:

Julian Bradshaw
Oliver Bowley
James Bright
Aden Williams
Elliot Higgins
Marcus DeGregorio
James Eadie
Thomas Newton
Keiran Farrell

Each player did something special on the day. Well done guys, you were a pleasure to coach.

Special thanks to assistant coach John DeGregorio and team manager Tracy Eadie.

Thanks also to all the parents who came to support our team.

Regards

Anthony Bowley
Coach

ROOKIE BALL—RUSTLERS

There were only eight of them and they had Jimbob as their coach, but despite these impediments the Cheltenham Rustlers proved themselves worthy adversaries for every team they faced at the 2010 rookie ball gala day.

Jake Turner was able to harness his raw strength and power to crush the ball all day long and his explosive speed was an important asset.

Cam Zimmerman was undoubtedly the most determined player on the field, his speed and courage allowed him to make several stellar defensive plays.

Matthew Coe's enthusiasm and hustle energised the team, while he also punched above his weight with both bat and glove.

Per Bellarts has outstanding polish, both in the batters box and in the field, he really looks like someone who was born to play ball.

Charlie Douglas was the rock of the team he held down difficult positions with ease all day and consistently batted in runs.

Ryunosuke Komuro showed tremendous potential, he constantly hit the ball hard and showed steely focus in the field, all with a smile on his face.

Tom 'T.O.' Ogilvie added the X-factor to the team; he could always come up with the big play or the big hit in an important situation.

Sam Marshall tried hard all day and improved out of sight, displaying several skills both as a hitter and as a defender.

A special thanks to Declan H, Sam D and Jackson F for filling in for us when they had the bye. Thanks to my fellow coaches Cuppy and Jacky boy, Rob for doing all 4,000 jobs I gave him, and to Michelle for all her work.

Cheers

James Upfill
Coach

TEE-BALL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Well, where to begin. My first season as Teeball Coordinator what an adventure. Came into the season with a few new ideas, thought I would give them a go and see what happens.

So, I started off expecting the usual numbers to come back and maybe getting a few new kids playing teeball this season. As the saying goes, "If you build it, they will come", the kids just kept coming and coming. We finished off the season with 102 registered teeball players, which is huge. Eight teams of 10 and two teams of 11. Then I thought OMG (Oh My Goodness) what do I do now.

That's when a fantastic bunch of people offered their time and expertise to help me with their coaching know how. These wonderful coaches have given up their time every Saturday morning to coach their teams and usually a night during the week making sure the children knew how to play the game correctly. Without them it would have been impossible to have such a successful season. I would like to thank Colin Upfill – Marlins, Bruce Fitzgerald – Yankees, Anthony Bowley – Pirates, Craig Sexton – Astros, Peter Burnett & Kathryn Buchanan – Heat, Gary Hall – Red Sox, John Nosedo – Dodgers, Chris Reece – Cubs, Stuart Holding – Orioles, and Brian Stent – Padres.

As well as these coaches, we had a few junior players also giving up their time assisting some of these teams. They are: Jack Ogilvie – Marlins, Nick & Emily Fitzgerald – Yankees, Lachlan Whiteside – Astros and a couple of sons assisting their dads: Mitchell Holding – Orioles and Ben Sexton – Astros.

Baseball Victoria changed the usual format for the annual teeball tournament this year. The competition was divided into Under 8 Teeball and Under 10 Rookie Ball. The tournament was also renamed from All-Stars Tournament to the Teeball/Rookie Ball Gala Day. The other change was no more scoring. We headed off for our one day in February entering four Rookie Ball teams and one Teeball team. Everyone looked fantastic in their Cheltenham uniforms and they all came ready to play. Again, our coaches stepped up and several offered their services yet again.

The teams were well organized by James Upfill who made several changes to the team make ups to come up with our final teams. Thank you again James for your contribution and to John De Gregorio who added to our stable of coaches for this day.

TEE-BALL COORDINATOR'S REPORT...continued

The end of the 2009/10 sees a lot of players completing their apprenticeship in teeball and moving on to baseball. Good luck and best wishes to you all.

My report wouldn't be complete without a lot of thank you's. A big THANK YOU to:

Tracy Eadie—Organizing the printing & distribution of team t-shirts

Angela Te Moni—Team photos for teeball and Under 12 Friday night teams

Connie Upfill—Coming to teeball every week to help Tina out in the canteen

Tina Cooen—Always having great food and a smile in the canteen

John Ferguson—Being there every week at the crack of dawn marking out all the diamonds.

Sue Felsenthal—Putting together the presentation booklet and printing.

Thank you to everyone who have helped me in a number of ways, helping with the distribution of chocolates, cooking barbecues and lots of other jobs around the place.

Thanks to all parents and supporters for bringing your children every week and making my first coordinating gig run so smoothly.

Last but, by no means least my family (Allan, Rachel, Jack & Thomas) for putting up with me tying myself to the computer doing lots of baseball stuff all summer long and leaving our house anything but perfect.

Look forward to seeing you all next season, bring back lots of friends and let's see if we can improve on this year.

Michelle Ogilvie
Tee-ball Coordinator

ROOKIE BALL—MUSTANGS

The Cheltenham Mustangs had a very successful tee ball day. After a rocky start with Brady and Jaiden Watts being late for the first game, the boys pulled together as a team and throughout the whole day they batted well with the new coach pitch rule.

There were some good hits by Dante Caruso and Sam Beehre both hitting multiple doubles and some really good hits by the rest of the team

In the field we were blessed to have so many talented fielders who could catch and throw the ball so well, special mention to Jaiden Watts who made a really good double play in the last game.

I would also like to thank all the kids who put their hands up to catch, it takes a lot of guts to play a new position that you have only just learnt.

I would also like to thank my Dad Bruce, Emily and Lachlan Whiteside for helping me throughout the day, and who could forget the parents, I would like to thank them as well for helping me make the day such a success, and for getting up early in the morning to drive all the way out to Upwey—it is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the Players:

Liston Diaz
Sam Beehre
Brady Watts
Jaiden Watts
Declan Hynes
Dante Caruso
Daniel Schneider
Nicholas Gouzanis
Christopher Nielson

Assistant Coaches: Lachlan Whiteside and Emily Fitzgerald
Umpire: Bruce Fitzgerald

Nick Fitzgerald
Coach

ROOKIE BALL—BRONCOS

This years Cheltenham Broncos consisted of 9 enthusiastic teeballers who were all busting to take on the new Rookie Ball format after several weeks of training.

It didn't take long for the whole team to get their eye in and start smashing the coaches' pitch all over the ball park. Jackson, Hannah and Marc where regularly hitters to the outfield. There were hits to the right field, hits to the left field, Eli smashed it over second on a couple of occasions. Sam nearly took the coaches cap off in one instance.

The base running was great, Ben ran in a homer and Josh was very quick around the bases also. Niamh and Tyson were amongst those that fielded well all day resulting in the majority of opposition batting innings finding them selves '3 out side away'.

With these kids coming through the future looks good for baseball at Cheltenham.

Players:

Jackson Fear-Kienast
Hannah Burnett
Tyson Milne
Marc Fridman
Eli TeMoni
Niamh Carmody
Joshua Pettigrew
Sam Doree
Benjamin Sexton

Coaches: Craig Sexton, Peter Burnett
Team Manager: Angela TeMoni

Craig Sexton
Coach

CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tee-ball

To Michelle, as Tee-ball Coordinator you look after approximately 40% of our player numbers. I would like to thank you on behalf of the club and the parents for your work this year. I believe the effort you have put in this year will reap rewards for the club for many years. The goal, as a club is to build on this to ensure that we are able to provide a quality program into the future. The main game at tee-ball is to have fun – I hope this has been achieved and everyone has had a good time.

To all the coaches, scorers, umpires and helpers, thank you for your efforts and hope to see you next year.

Juniors

To Peter Leslie/Stell Michael

The club fielded 17 junior sides this year. This is a lot of work. Thank you for your efforts. Looking at the ladders all seemed to be competitive – this is the club's first goal. The decision to have an in house U12 program has seen a huge improvement in the consistency of games played, which has lead to an increase in the enjoyment of all involved. The commitment of the U14 players who played both Friday and Sunday has enabled a consistent team structure which I am sure has helped with their development. The Sunday sides again have had their ups & downs but that is the nature of competitive sport.

Overall the learning and development continues and we can only get better if everyone is part of the team. Again to all the coaches, scorers, umpires and helpers, thank you for your efforts – we cannot do it without you.

Seniors

To Hayden/Paul/Michael

The set goal was to stay in Division 1. This has been achieved. I thank you on behalf of the Club for your efforts.

The general assessment is that without injuries and 10 more hits at the right time we would have made the top 4 and been a very real chance to do some damage.

All our other sides have been competitive with 3 sides making the finals. The 4th's missed the finals by % and the 2nd's by about 2 games. Hopefully we can win a premiership or 2.

At this level it is a team effort to get all the sides filled on a week by week basis and be competitive. So to the "whole" team thank you for your efforts over the year.

CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT... continued

Club Level

The following are some big positives from my point of view:

- Club is financial
- Fees were increased by only \$5 - this is the first increase for 3 years
- With the help of Peter Katz, John Ferguson, Dave Stenhouse, Peter Leslie, Wedge and Ian Curnow we continued to improve facilities eg grounds, batting tunnel upgrade
- The increase in tee-ball players to over 100, plus 4 teams competing at the All-Stars day
- As mentioned above the in-house U12 centre
- Senior games played at Cheltenham mid week
- Peter Katz running the Thursday night BBQ

Where to now?:

- New committee members are required – some committee members have indicated that they will be stepping down
- Try to continue to assist aspiring coaches
- Establish an U14 in-house centre
- Continued help to keep working on improving facilities
- If we can get approval from Council we will be trying to improve the infrastructure around the club.

How can you help?:

- Make yourself aware of what is happening around the club – the club website – rustlers.org.au is a great source of information
- Assist the coaches where possible – let them coach,
- Keep us informed of changes to email addresses,
- If you are able to do little things, the committee can focus a few more big ticket items

Anyone who maybe able to help with sponsorship or fund raising, please feel free to contact me on BH 9275 2981 AH 9878 4338 or email carlilej@bigpond.net.au.

Yours Sincerely

John Carlile
Summer President
Cheltenham Baseball Club

UNDER 8 TEE-BALL—BRUMBIES

The Cheltenham Brumbies gathered at Upwey Baseball Club bright and early in the morning, excited and ready to play ball. With no scoring on the day it was decided to rotate every player through every position to give all a fair go.

Our first game was against Sandringham Blue and the Brumbies quickly showed they knew how to swing a bat. Great fielding by Yuki Fukusaki, Tom Dale and Taj Duff stopped many runs against us.

The second game was against Melbourne Demons. With Zac White as pitcher, Luke Vorbach as short stop and Jackson Heyward at third base, many outs were taken. Once again the whole team smashed the ball out of the diamond with multiple two base hits. Luckily for us our third game was a bye so we got to have a lunch break and a well earned rest.

Game 4 saw us up against Sandringham Yellow. The competition was fierce with the (unofficial) lead changing many times. Brylie Wilmshurt took a great catch as pitcher. Jamie Nosedo was solid at third base and Jarryd Thomas took many outs at first base. John and I were both impressed with our batting which included a double by Blake Holding.

All in all a great day of Tee Ball was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Sharna Blaskett for being Team Manager and John Nosedo for being Assistant Coach.

Stuart Holding
Coach



TEE-BALL/ ROOKIE BALL GALA DAY!



ORIOLES



With a lot of young players and one who had played before, it was clear at the start of the season that we would be concentrating our efforts on learning the game and building the basic skills of fielding and batting. All players were rotated through all positions so as to build experience and skills in all aspects of the game regardless of the final scores. In particular correct batting technique combined with lots of batting practice

provided all players with solid skills with the bat.

Brodie Quinn – A good listener who has applied what he has learnt to become a good lead off batter and a good catch in the field.

Mitchell Stent – His good batting technique has seen some great home runs. Little League age next year! Good luck in the future.

Max Phillips - Well co-ordinated and reliable first baseman.. Very fast base runner. If he is on base – he is home!

Blake Holding – Good technique practiced regularly has given Blake a very strong arm. Reliable at centre field with a 45 foot throw. Good batting throughout the season.

Briony Hill – Good athletic ability and applying what she has learnt has made Briony a great all rounder. Regularly batting at P5 due to her base running.

Jack Octigan – Hard working ball player. Always gives 100%. Jack has a big future in baseball.

Kellan Hill – Kellan has trained and played hard all season. He has consistently improved and is a great catch.

Connor Dubout – Connor has worked hard on his batting all season which has seen a huge improvement in his skills.

Jackson Stent – A natural player who has improved week by week. Tall for his age. Jackson has great strength with the bat.

Daniel Schneider – A most experienced player. Daniel's ability has seen some great catches and big outfielder hits.

A very big thank you to the Hill, Phillips and Octigan families and my son Mitch for their help throughout the season. With technique, encouragement and patience these kids will achieve greatness.

Stu Holding
Coach

ASTROS



This year saw four returning Astros from the 08/09 season and six rookies joining them for an action packed summer.

All the team seemed to be excited about playing every game whether we won or lost and every game produced some spectacular plays from first time catches to home runs and even a triple play!

Lachlan, new to teeball was thrilled when he took his first catch and had to check his glove to see if the ball was actually there. It was no fluke though as he followed it up two weeks later with another (of which he was equally excited about).

Jarryd suffered a broken arm early in the season but was back playing by about round 6. He and his mate **Zac** had not played Teeball before and were always keen to learn new skills. As a result both players have learnt to play all positions in the field and regularly make 'outs' with good throwing and catching.

Kahli was this years only 'Astro girl' and is a favorite with the whole team (and the opposing teams). She has improved her skills immensely with her favorite position being short stop and playing ground balls where she could teach the other players a thing or two.

Josh came along to Teeball to check it out this year and I think he (and his family) are now hooked. All his skills improved from the beginning of the season with his batting and running being his strong points.

Yuki although being one of the youngest new players in the team already had some great teeball skills learnt from his older brother. During the season he has learnt a lot of the rules and tricks to playing teeball and always gives 100%. He hits hard, runs hard and if things are tight he loves to slide into the base just like a pro.

As previously mentioned we had 4 returning players to the 09/10 line up: Jackson, Christopher, Eli and Benjamin.

Jackson had a great season as 'one of the big boys'. With his reliable throwing catching and power hitting he's forming into a strong player with still another couple a years teeball left.

Another young player is **Christopher** who in his second year of teeball has earned himself a feared reputation for his monster hitting. This year he expanded on that by taking quite a few catches and learning the ins and outs of the game.

HEAT ...continued

Special mention to Kathryn Buchanan (my boss lady). Kathryn managed the HEATers every Saturday. All I did was the 'yelling' every Saturday.

Many thanks to Michelle. Without her many hours of effort and dedication none of this season could've happened. Amazingly, she did all this with a smile on her face every week!!

Well done to all the other T-Ball sides. Excellent season. Many thanks to the coaches who helped me out with extra fielders when we were short a player or two.

HEATers – Your improvement throughout the season was outstanding. With what you have learnt, with what you have accomplished together as a team this season – what can you do next season?

Yours in team sport.

Peter Burnett
Coach

HEAT



The HEATers had a great season... It was great fun. Congratulations to all the players, parents, grandparents, siblings and supporters who came along each Saturday morning (oh yeah – and the odd dog or two).

At the start of the season we set ourselves two clear goals. One, to have fun and two, to improve each week. Based on that criteria – I declare the 2009-2010 HEAT season a complete success!!! While there is always room for improvement in any team sport, we had some excellent players who all have their special qualities.

Our players were:

Blake. A new comer this season. Showed great skills and ball sense – might come from his cricket background.

Elliott. Showed he is a very good player this season. Has the unique talent of bashing the ball while his eyes are firmly fixed on the planes flying overhead – amazing!

Quincy. The man! Soft hands (fielding), clean swing (batting) and speed on base. This boy can play! Had a wonderful season.

Andrew. The man to depend on! Works hard at his game and is there to be counted on. His improvement both with the bat and in the field this season was outstanding. Not real sure, but Andrew might be the only one of a few who listened to instructions – and then followed them.

Spencer. The whole package. If the team needed a job done, Spencer was the man to do it. Happy to play anywhere as long as he played.

Harry. A very good first year player, always keen and enthusiastic. Unfortunately missed the second half of the season as he moved house (I hope he took his parents with him?).

Kaleb. Has such determination that his commitment cannot be questioned. He just gets the job done! Very reliable in the field and in the batting box.

Brylie. Not a lot has changed from last season for the 'silent one' – now quickly becoming the 'fast' one. Well done Brylie. Has your mum got the team photo yet?

Kenan. The quiet achiever, give him a bat or put him in the field – then stand back - watch him get the job done. Excellent season.

Zachary. Might be a little bit smaller than the other kids – but he plays well above his weight division and gained speed as the season progressed. One to watch. Should look forward to a bigger season next year.

ASTROS...continued

Eli was back this year for his third season with the mighty Astros and continues to improve. He fields well and is always quick to tag a runner for an 'out'. This year his batting has improved heaps and can always be relied on to smash a strong low two base hit to the out field.

Ben came into this season also as a veteran of two previous seasons and had his best year yet. He took a catch almost every game and would always look to play on for a double (or as in game 12 a triple play). Along the way he's learnt a lot a lot of skills that will stand him in good stead when he goes to baseball next season.

The new format All stars competition was well represented by Astros players this year with all who took part coming back very pleased with their performances.

Lachlan Whiteside once again was the Astros Assistant Coach and the 'Technical Skills' side of things. He had a busy season helping us out and playing for Victoria U14 also. Well done Lachie.

Thanks also to Angela for doing most of the seasons scoring and to Alan for assisting with coaching.

The main objective with teeball is for the kids to get out there and have a go which they all did each week with the help of all the parents and grandparents who encouraged and cheered on the team each week.

Craig Sexton
Coach

CUBS



The Cubs have had a great year and have shown steady improvement through the season. For a side consisting mostly of rookie players they have done exceptionally well. They have developed the skills and knowledge to mix it with the best and with time and practice they will only get better. And most importantly have fun along the way

I would like to thank all the players in the side for their dedication and hard work and for putting up with a cranky coach. I look forward to watching all of you grow and develop into better Tee-ballers.

Thank you to Michael, Sam and Jordan who filled in when people were away

To all the parents thank you for your support and assistance throughout the season. What a great group to deal with, always willing to help out in any capacity and good fun to be around. Thank you in particular to Mark, Bart, Danny, Kath, Kerry, Marie, Claire and Gayle for their assistance with training, scoring, umpiring and coaching, you certainly made my job a lot easier and a lot of fun.

Keep up the hard work and enjoy your Tee-ball guys and girls , see you next season.

Yours Truly

Chris Reece
Coach

YANKEES



The Yankees started the season slowly but improved as the season went on especially once Nicholas took over game day coaching.

The side was ably led by **Charlie, Declan** and **Sam**. They continue to improve with their hitting, fielding and base running. The biggest improvement was with their concentration and general baseball knowledge.

Jahmayne & **Ruby** continue to develop and are on the threshold of performing consistently, both will take the next step with improved concentration. Ruby adds what every side requires 'Girl Power'.

My new players **Kiran, Matthew, Nicholas** and **Taj** have all shown good ball skills and co-ordination the future bodes well. Matthew in particular is a sweet mover to ball and has good natural ball sense.

Slader and **Xander** made guest appearance during the season as they came down from Queensland but unfortunately moved back, I'm pretty sure it wasn't anything I said.

Bailey stepped in late in the season to fill the void. It is pleasing to see young players like Taj & Bailey take the knocks, wipe away the tears and get on with the game.

Thank you for the Yankees parents who help Base Coach, Score, Bat Boy/ Girl and stepped in to fill the void when required, it is important for your own child, the club and yourselves that you get involved.

Thanks from the whole side for Nick as once he took over the coaching the players responded with improved performances, a bloodless coup, by the way Nick have you done your homework yet?!

A special thank you for my young assistants, Emily, Izaiah, Jesse and Oliver all ex Yankees who show the right stuff.

A big hug to our Tee Ball Coordinator Michelle who did a sterling job in her first year, the organisation, passion and drive was outstanding.

Bruce Fitzgerald
Coach

RED SOX



The 2009/10 season for the Red Sox saw the whole team back and 3 new recruits- the Hopkins brothers and Ash the "pocket rocket". We had 3 sets of brothers in the team which creates a great family atmosphere and good wrestling contests. I saw all of the players from last year improve in their skills and understanding of the game and this helped the new boys do the same. We definitely became a tough team to beat.

Archer has matured into one of the best teeballers in the club with great skills and a good understanding of the game. His running of the bases is sensational and he was still able to play first base when he broke his arm.

Harry played well all year with consistently strong hitting and is a natural first baseman with a ripper stretch.

Hollywood was able to demonstrate some flashy brilliance when he had time off from acting.

Declan has a huge amount of talent and batted incredibly well in the last couple of games, he will be a good baseballer.

Brodie had his first season and improved heaps, he also did some quality wrestling.

Jack has an unusual approach that is often very successful, keep doing it your way Jack.

Woodley is our super athlete who is like Dash from the Incredibles. He likes chatting to the opposition and putting them off.

Ben is a very enthusiastic sportsman who will be good at whatever he does. He took the catch of the year as pitcher.

Jordan is our team tough guy whose throwing improved a lot during the year. He can tell the opposition where he is going to hit it and still get safe.

Ash is the smallest guy on our team with the biggest heart. I can see him making the Majors in a few years.

Special thanks to our assistant coaches Steve and Johnny, our batting coach Ronny, our umpire Terry, our scorer Annie, and of course our cheer squad.

Thanks for a great year Red Sox!

Gary Hall
Coach

CUBS...continued

Players:

Jake Stafford. Talented Teeballer, good striker of the Ball, quick runner and daring. With age, his attention and knowledge of the game will improve making him a dominant Teeball/Baseball player.

James Bright. Pleasant boy to coach, keen, polite and willing to learn. Good striker of the ball, his throwing and catching will improve with age and practice making him a good 1st baseman.

Aden Williams. Great listener and always tries hard, Solid fielding and throwing skills and a swing to match. Big future in baseball.

Sam Marshall. A dedicated Teeballer and good team member. Happy and confident to play in any position asked. His regular attendance at training will see him develop into a good teeballer.

James Matic. Very mature and sensible player, Mr consistent. Solid batting effort and excellent in the field. Hang in there James you will be a good Baseballer.

Nicholas Matic. Great competitor tries his hardest both in the batting box and in the field. The best swing in the team.

Zac Reece. Coaching your own son has its challenges. Zac has the ability to develop into a handy Teeballer, I think with time and practice he will improve and enjoy his Baseball a lot more.

Caitlen Martens. A very special member of the team, tries her hardest at all times. I wish all the team listened and tried as well as Caitlen. Keep working on that swing "swing the bat hard" and you will mix it with the best of the boys.

Alex Martens. What a dynamo. Alex has made solid progress throughout the season in both batting and fielding. Can't wait to see him develop over the next couple of years.

Luke Matic. Plays the game with a lot of passion and effort, keen to be better than his older brothers. As Luke grows older he will be one of the stars in the team.

MARLINS



The great green machine has once again swept all before them in a fantastic season of Tee Ball. Although, in our effort to sweep thoroughly, we sometimes neglected to win. It was a season of highs and lows which is often the case with a mixture of ages from seasoned professional to green rookie.

The fighting fish (in alphabetical order)

Cam Zimmerman was a revelation all season, his energy and enthusiasm is remarkable. Cam is not only acrobatic but also has a great feel for the game and some useful tools like speed and hitting power which belies his size.

Jake Turner had a wonderful season, in his last season he has reached the height of his powers with bat & ball. Tall and strong Jake became one of the corner stones of the Marlins.

Thomas "TO" The T-Man Ogilvie although still only 8 is a veteran of the team. Tom is already playing terrific baseball and can play on to champion level if he wishes.

Rory Fear-Kienast is the youngest of the Marlins and although small in stature he is fearless in the field and bats above his division, once this young mans concentration collides with his ability we can expect good things.

Jordan Fear-Kienast middle brother to Rory has had an outstanding season, from small beginnings Jordan has grown with each game and when he puts his mind to it can match skills with the best.

Jackson Fear-Kienast senior of this trio of brothers, needs only to continue with his current attitude and abilities to become a star. Jackson is a polished performer who understands how the game should be played.

Kai Uehara joined the Fish through the season and immediately became integral to the success of the team. Kai's pleasant disposition and athletic ability were welcome enhancements.

Liston Diaz was another excellent recruit; he has marvelous hand – eye coordination and power in his swing. Liston was not available for all the games but I hope he keeps up sport as he is a natural athlete.

Dante Caruso proved to be our pocket battleship; Dante has plenty of power in a robust frame that is made for baseball. An excellent fielder and hitter he was the springboard of many wins for the team.

Niahm 'Midnight' 'Picnic Box' Carmody one of two young ladies in the team ended the season as its number one hitter, Niahm understands the intricacies of batting and with a little more fielding will be a class player.

Hanna 'Noushka' Burnett has rounded out another fine season for the Green Machine. Her years have been fruitful and the team will miss her solid and thoughtful approach to the sport.

PIRATES ...continued

Tyson Milne—Tyson had a great first year. Tyson ran like a rabbit; hit numerous doubles and a home run. He has a great arm and fields the ball in all areas with no problem. Well-done Tyson

James Eadie—James was our biggest hitter for the year. I have no idea how many double, triples or home runs he hit but there was a lot. James has a cannon of an arm and with a bit more practice on hitting his target the sky is the limit. Well done James keep up the good work.

Oliver Bowley—Oliver's 3rd season was by far his best. His fielding, throwing and hitting keeps improving the more he plays. Super job Oliver!

Before I finish I would like to thank my assistant Paul Eadie who took over when I was not available.

I would also like to thank Sia Dale for helping on training nights and game days. Also Rob Pickthall for scoring every week.

And a big thank you to all the Mums and Dads who supported us every Saturday morning.

And last but not least thank you Michelle for a fantastic job with organising Tee-Ball this year.

All the best
Anthony Bowley
Coach

PIRATES



Well, another season has finished. It feels like it was just last week the season started.

The Pirates had a great year and all the boys improved well beyond what I thought they would. With four original Pirates and six first year players the team became one of the power teams in the comp.

James DiGiovambattista—In his second season, James has improved every week. Always happy to be at training or at the game enthusiasm was never the question. If only he can loose his big brother's bat, which weighs as much as him. He keeps telling me it's not too big for him, maybe he is right, in 4 years! Way to go James!

Luke Vorbach—This kid can play! Luke throws, hits and fields like someone that has been playing for a couple of seasons. Look forward to following Lukes progress over the next few years. Great job Luke!

Mathew Pickthall alias BEN TEN—Mathew's progressed well in his first year especially with his hitting and thinking while running bases. Maybe it was his Ben Ten shoes that made him run so well. Well-done Ben

Tom Dale—Tom played his second season this year and improved with every game. Last year I nicknamed him muscles and I still stand by that. He is the only 7 year old I have seen that can push out 10 push-ups non-stop Go Muscles!

Marc Fridman—Marc was one of the new boys on the block. Marc started the year finding it hard to hit the ball and throw to a target, but by the end of the season Marc was constantly hitting the ball through the infield and hitting targets with his throws. Well done Marc, keep up the good work

Heath Wadley—Heath was another newcomer. Heath always had a smile no matter how bad things got. His enthusiasm at training and at the game made my job easier. Heath's batting and throwing improved hugely throughout the year. Way to go H.

Julian Bradshaw—Standing at 3ft, Jules was a giant killer. One of the four Cheltenham Panther football recruits, Jules had a standout first year. Solid batting and defence, Jules proved to be hard to get out or hard to get past. Great stuff Jules

MARLINS...continued

Thank you to the parents and family for their support and encouragement of the Marlins' players, it is great to know the kids are getting a chance to play sport with the best possible attitudes. Also to the coaches and support of the other teams who have made this year so enjoyable.

What would we have done without Jack Ogilvie as assistant manager and Gianni Caruso as umpire? A big thank you, to two courageous young men.

To our wonderful coordinator, of whom we ask and receive so much, what a fantastic effort to organize such a successful year Michelle.

Thanks Connie for letting me come out to play.

Fight the Sun

Col
Coach

DODGERS



The Dodgers' season began with 9 boys new to Tee-ball and a Rookie Coach. The boys have all made steady progress throughout the season, have learnt the basic fundamentals of Tee-ball. Terms like crow hop, force play, flyball, tag and pass ball now have meaning.

The season has been about having fun and learning how to execute the important fundamentals of throwing, catching, fielding and hitting .

The boys also enjoyed training seasons that included playing British bulldogs, cat n mouse, and sliding practice in the wet.

Matthew Field is a power hitter responsible for scoring many runs.

Max Miller's throwing has improved greatly and hits the ball very well.

Tyson Kidd is a left handed hitter who throws the ball hard and flat.

Marcus De Gregorio is the speedster who runs like the wind.

Kieran Farrell has improved all round and plays 2nd base very well.

Sebastian Smith "The Weapon" is small in stature but willing to step up to any challenge.

Keagen Faurie's throwing has really improved and played some good innings as pitcher.

Jamie Nosedo is another who has improved his throwing and is hitting the ball harder.

Josh Smith is another speedster and rock solid at 3rd base. The lead off hitter!

Jett Miller has made some amazing plays (including a match winner). All round skills have really improved.

Daniel Field has only played a few games. He is very determined and always gives 100% effort.

I would like to thank a couple of parents for their help this season. David Field for scoring the majority of games and in David's absence, Ross Faurie would fill in. Also, I would like to thank John De Gregorio for helping me all season, assisting at training and game day. John also umpired our home games.

Special mention to the benchwarmers..... thanks for all the cheering!

Thank you for a great season.

John Nosedo

PADRES



I would like to thank all the kids in the Padres side for a great season. You kids really surprised me! We played the whole season losing only one game!

This happened, not because we were good but because we were having so much fun the score didn't matter!

Winning like we did made you feel like coming back week after week! A special mention to the Mums and Dads for coming down to the ground on Saturday mornings to help with the kids, it was a really great help. Thank you.

Now to the kids in my team -

Mason - this little fella at the start of the season could not hit the ball off the tee! As the weeks went on he started hitting the ball and running the bases really well! Keep it up Mason.

Sam - had a good season hitting the ball and catching fly balls. He picked up the game really well!! Well done Sam.

Brady - Brady picked up the game easily. He hit the ball really well during the season! We had a laugh and coaching him was really easy! Well done Brady.

Ryunosuke - what can I say about this kid, he hit the ball, ran really fast and even started sliding into the bases keep it up! Well done Ryunosuke.

This was **Thomas** and **Boyd's** first year of tee ball and they both had a good season getting hits and fielding the ball and knowing where to throw the ball when it gets hit to them! Keep it up kids!

Per - this kid will be a good baseballer in the future for Cheltenham when he hits the ball it goes a long way!! Keep it up Per.

Jaiden - man this is another kid who can hit the ball! As long as he points his feet straight when he hits the ball, he can hit the ball a long way and he runs fast as well!! Well done Jaiden.

Sarah - Sarah is a lovely kid and fun kid to coach! Sarah, baseball is a fun game and you had fun being out there playing with the boys learning the game, as well as showing the boys how to do it!! Well done Sarah

Ben - this young fella came to us at the end of the season and asked if he could play in our team. He got 4 hits and ran the bases really fast he won the award at the end of the game for really putting in! Well done Ben and we will see you next season!

Brian Stent
Coach