



# CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC

Summer Season

2012 – 2013



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## Vale Gabriela 'Gabby' Taranto



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**24 January 1969 – 13 March 2013**

The Cheltenham Baseball Club is greatly saddened at the passing of one of its most beloved and respected members **Gabriela "Gabby" Taranto** aged 44, on the 13th of March, 2013.

Gabby, wife of Phil and mother to Cheltenham players Matt, Stefan and Ryan, put up the greatest fight against ovarian cancer, a fight which inspired those around her. Just recently she was at a place she loved, Farm Rd Cheltenham, watching her sons and their team mates in action wearing teal socks and ribbons in tribute to her struggle.

Gab was a long time member of Cheltenham Baseball Club and a very active member in both Summer and Winter sections of the club. At various times she performed the roles of Teeball Coordinator, Uniform Shop Coordinator, Summer Committee member and of course, the role she probably enjoyed most, that of team scorer; she loved doing the stats! She was passionate about the club and worked tirelessly to do all the things she could to contribute to its continued success and was only slowed down at the end by debilitating sickness.

Sons Matt, Stefan and Ryan have all been with the club from early ages, going through the ranks of teeball, junior and senior baseball. Just last week, Ryan's Under 16 AA team took out their division's premiership – something that would have given Gabby enormous pleasure. Phil has also taken coaching roles with junior teams – and along with Gabby's extensive contributions, the Taranto Family name is a very strong and honoured one at Cheltenham BC.

Everyone around the club will miss her greatly; her passion for the club and for her boys playing the game was clear to all – she was the classic 'team mum'. Strong clubs exist because of people like you Gabby Taranto – you will be missed.

**The Cheltenham Baseball Club wishes to extend its sympathies to Phil, Matt, Stefan and Ryan.**

The funeral was held at St John's Lutheran Church at 1.30pm Monday the 18th of March.



## **CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB 2012 – 2013 SUMMER SEASON**

### **2012 - 2013 Summer Committee**

<b>President:</b>	Lance Blackley
<b>Vice-president:</b>	John Ferguson
<b>Secretary:</b>	Stell Michael
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Andrew Coppens
<b>Ordinary Member:</b>	Peter Leslie
<b>Ordinary Member:</b>	Jenny Carlile
<b>Ordinary Member:</b>	David Holland
<b>Ordinary Member:</b>	Karen Dunn
<b>Ordinary Member:</b>	Graeme Ainscough
<b>Ordinary Member:</b>	Al Gribbin
<b>Ordinary Member:</b>	Paul Cummings

### **Positions of Responsibility**

<b>Bar operator:</b>	Lance Blackley
<b>Canteen:</b>	Tina Cooen
<b>Registrar:</b>	Stell Michael
<b>Korean Teams Liaison:</b>	Stell Michael
<b>Umpires Coordinator:</b>	Peter Leslie
<b>U18/16 Coordinator:</b>	Peter Leslie
<b>U14 Coordinator:</b>	David Holland
<b>LL Coordinator:</b>	Michelle Ogilvie
<b>T-Ball Coordinators:</b>	Stuart Holding / Chysanne Trend
<b>Grounds Equipment Marshall:</b>	John Ferguson
<b>Sponsorship:</b>	Paul Cummings
<b>Social:</b>	Jenny Carlile
<b>Aces Liaison / Social:</b>	Al Gribbin
<b>Junior Parents / Social:</b>	Karen Dunn
<b>Webmaster:</b>	Steve Campitelli
<b>Grants:</b>	John Ferguson
<b>Council Liaison:</b>	John Ferguson
<b>Kingston SC / Utilities:</b>	Graeme Ainscough



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## **2012 – 2013 President's Report**

It was with some intrepidation that I agreed to take on the role of Club President this season after some arm twisting from Ferg who said that "I only needed to worry about the first nine players, we have a good committee and all the others things are covered with other committee members". Well, it sounded simple enough and so I became the new Club President just before Presentation Night last year. I proceeded to issue a challenge to the senior group by producing the Premiership Cup from 1963. That was the last Division One Premiership won by the Club (at least we think it was because there's no date on the Cup and nobody can remember!).

I knew that John Carlile and his previous committees had placed the Club in a good position and I was delighted to meet the Committee members to see just how tuned into the running of the Club they really are. The Club administration is broken into age groups with coordinators at each age group and everybody does a magnificent job coordinating coaches and the running of their sections within the Club.

This has allowed me to sit back a little and observe operations and just see the detail on where we have room for improvement. Again I'm delighted to say, we just needed tweaking here and there but there were also a few difficulties that that we needed to address.

Late payment of fees still exists throughout the Club and 6 weeks into the season became a great distraction to other pressing matters. Next season the perennial offenders are likely to see themselves not taking the field. We will also be endeavouring to create online registrations and payments to make the process simpler with no excuses. This is probably the only real negative issue I've come across for the year.

In terms of Club Operations, we have instigated some initiatives that will pay good dividends in the future. These include:

- Entering an advertising agreement with Business Plaza. This is an online Community advertising web site utilising local and national sponsorship on behalf of the Club. We expect in a few years, that this agreement should provide in excess of \$10,000 per year sponsorship.
- The purchase of the new Slushy Machine. After an assessment of Coffee V's Slushy machines, we determined that during Summer, it was more viable to purchase the slushy machine.
- Building of the Lakeside Diamond Back Net. A Community Grant combined with Club funds has now turned this diamond into a real baseball field that I can personally say, makes the field more enjoyable to play on.

Our Sponsorship agreement with Bendigo Bank continued this year with sponsorship of the Tee Ball. This is a highly valued sponsor so we remind all club members to go and see Bernie Lads down at the Cheltenham Branch if you are considering changes to your financial arrangements. We also had the pleasure of taking Burnie to an Aces game this year and Aces CEO Windsor was good enough to arrange for Bernie to throw the first pitch of the game. The Cheltenham Aces players also arranged to have the baseball signed by the Aces team so now Bernie has a showpiece for his desk.

Middendorp Electrical also provided good sponsorship again this year and we value that arrangement.

We were also very pleased to gain a new sponsor with Bentleigh RSL coming on board to provide some financial assistance. Free meal vouchers, Committee meetings at the RSL and a meal after the game with the senior side was a real winner which was enjoyed by all who attended. We will pursue this arrangement again next year.

We also gained another sponsorship from Hunt Engineering. A past Club coach, Terry Reid was quick to take up the offer when asked and we thank Terry for the contribution and hope we can continue this next year.

We were also delighted when Steve Rossell offered a sponsorship for the Tee Ball Gala Day by sponsoring the replacement of the uniforms. The new uniforms are absolutely stunning and were so popular with the players that they wanted to buy one. Well, sorry about that but they're not for sale. The players will just need to earn the right to wear one.



## **2012 – 2013 President's Report**

Next year we will be introducing a new blue uniform playing top for the senior teams. The design is completed and ready to go awaiting Baseball Victoria approval. The top is light weight microfibre that won't fade and is of a high quality at a very reasonable low cost. Bull shirts and Hoodies have been ordered and should be available in a few weeks.

On the field there has been great success all round.

Our Tee Ball competition had 6 teams comprising of 58 children this year. The season culminated with the Gala Day and our number one team winning all of their games. CBC also stood up and organised the day after Baseball Victoria decided that they couldn't arrange the day. 23 teams played on the day and the winner was baseball as the children playing the day just loved it.

Our Under 12 Friday Night Competition had 6 Teams comprising of 60 players with a Sunday Little League team reaching the first round of the playoffs.

The Under 14 Friday Night competition had 4 Teams with 40 Players and an AAA Team and Major League team playing baseball on the Sunday. Both teams finished mid field which is a pretty good effort. We also had 2 players selected in the Victorian teams to play the National Championships.

This year we had 3 Sunday Under 16 Teams with 2 Major League Teams and an AA League team comprising of 32 Players. Our AA team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place on the Ladder but took out the Championship with a 13-6 victory over Newport. This shows some great improvement over the year and the team really hitting form during the finals. Our Major League team finished in top position on the ladder. They had a scare in the first semi but pushed ahead into the Grand Final, finally winning 5-4 after a few heart flutters by the spectators. The lads actually dominated all day and a few stray BB's and chinkas made the game look a lot closer than it really was. We also had a total of 10 Players being selected for Victoria to play in the National Championships.

We had a single Under 18 team this season with 10 Players reaching the final series finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> position on the ladder. The team did themselves proud by reaching the Preliminary Final but unfortunately were defeated 1-0 in a nail biter. Great effort guys and shows we have some great talent pushing through the ranks. We also had 3 players selected for Victoria to play in the National Championships.

This all means we had 22 Junior teams and of course 22 coaches, 22 assistant coaches, 22 scorers 22 umpires and other helpers to assist with setting up diamonds etc. Our specialist coaches of Ron Corothers, Alan Tanner, Paul Rutgers and Robert Roth all provided expert coaching. All the other team coaches can be very pleased with the results of the junior section of the Club and their team performances.

One of the highlights for the Juniors this year was the visit by the Aces team to run a junior clinic. 97 Tee Ballers, U12's and U14's went through their paces at the training stations and players and Aces' Coaches got a real buzz out of the event.

Travis' Club Speaking Night was also a great success and although I missed the evening, I had some very positive feedback from lots of people. Travis is a unique talent in our Club and his stories and baseball talk is something that he enjoys sharing and something that we always treasure.

Senior Teams at all grades did very well throughout the season, with the First Nine finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> position and really took it right up to Essendon. The fantastic pitching efforts by Blake and Adam show that we have some of the best pitching talent in the Summer League. We were unlucky to lose two 1 run ball games throughout the season and in all honesty, should have actually won after a number of lost opportunities. The Second Nine just missed out on finals in 5<sup>th</sup> position. The Third Nine finished in 4<sup>th</sup> spot on the ladder and went down 11-9 to Malvern in the Preliminary final. The Fourth Nine finished in 1<sup>st</sup> Place on the Ladder and came out with a great 11-1 victory over Melbourne. However the 5<sup>th</sup> Nine, after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, couldn't get the job done against Blackburn. Don't be harsh on yourselves, the Blackburn team is full of old Division 1 players and shouldn't be playing that grade anyway. So, a job well done for getting there anyway.



## **2012 – 2013 President's Report**

Another success this year was the formation of our first Masters team ever. Nicknamed the Mustlers by Scoop, this was an extremely successful and entertaining year for the team. Ever seen grown men run around like Tee ball players? That was us for the first few weeks while we got our baseball arms and legs back. The side made the playoffs and gave the opposition a real scare with a 7-6 loss to Bonbeach.

I mentioned earlier in the report that one of my main roles for planning the year, was the top end of the Club. The Committee decided that to secure success in the Firsts, we needed an additional quality pitcher. An import Pitcher was my task to find. It was not easy as past contacts started to dry up quickly. But persistence paid off and Robert Roth joined the Rustler fold for the season. When getting an International player, there is always a chance that they are either not up to the task or they are they just don't fit into our club culture. We have been extremely pleased with Robert this year as he is a very nice young man who has fitted in well with the team and club supporters. When we signed Robert up, I told him that this would be an incredible experience. He has made good friends and the experience will have changed his outlook on life. We will welcome Robert back if we have the opportunity to make it work again.

Our Junior Club Representative players were numerous this year and our senior members were not left short of selection in the Aces squad either. We had a total of 5 Players in Adam Blackley, Travis Blackley, Kable Hogben, Ben Leslie and Blake Cunningham all representing our Club in the Aces Squad and earlier in the season Nick Rosell was selected in the Victorian U23 Squad also playing the National Championships. This was a great effort and an indication that we have some extremely good talent at our Club.

We should also acknowledge that Travis Blackley has been awarded the title of the Australian Baseball Federation Player of the Year for 2012-13. Justly deserved given his achievements and consolidation into the Oakland Athletics Major League Baseball Roster last year. The challenge continues for him this year and we wish him great success.

Well, we have had many great achievements to celebrate this season. Just take a good look at the wins and losses and just 2 wins more at just about every level would have seen us clean up just about everything. There are many positives this season and we will keep trying to get the mix right.

It's also a sad farewell to Tina who has performed the duties of the Canteen Manager for many years now. We thank Tina for her efforts during that time and she will be missed by everybody including all the dogs which looked to Tina for the hot dog scraps and a drink in the dog's bowl.

I cannot possibly list everybody to thank this year. Coaches, scorers, umpires, managers, supporters, sponsors and Committee members are all due a big pat on the back. It's this thing that we all do to work towards the common goal of wanting to see the Club succeed at every level is what makes our Club so great.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to my wife, Bev who just looks at me every time I walk out the door and return home an hour late and smiles. I know that she knows how much I have enjoyed the year. And it's not just the baseball, it was meeting all of the wonderful people that surround our Club and making new friends that has made this year so memorable.

Back next year to bigger and better things.

Lance Blackley  
Club President – Summer Committee





## **UNDER 12 COORDINATOR REPORT 2012-2013**

Season 2012/13 seemed to come and go in the blink of an eye. We fielded six Friday night teams in our Centre competition and one Under 12 Major League team.

Our Sunday team was quite a young team this season but still had a very successful season. They were third on the ladder going into the last game of the season. We came up against Waverley and needed to hold them to 12runs to remain third. Unfortunately, this didn't occur and the end result was fourth on the ladder with Geelong moving into third. Off to Geelong for week one of finals. We couldn't take away a win but, it was a well fought out match and the score didn't really reflect how close the game was. These boys were coached by Rob Zimmerman and Jack Ogilvie and hopefully they can go one better on this result next season. Congratulations on making the finals Little League Rustlers.

We welcomed two Under 12 teams from Sandringham into our Friday night competition which gave us a competition of 8 teams. This was a great opportunity for players who aren't involved in the Sunday games to play against another club. Sandringham was a great addition to our Friday night competition this year.

Most of our Friday night teams were fairly even this year with the amount of wins per team relatively close. Antony Harrowell's Yankees had the most wins for the season with the nearest team the Phillies being one win behind.

A huge thank you to John Ferguson for his tireless work at the club. John set up the diamonds every Friday night for us and ran the Wednesday night training sessions for our under 12s each week.

He was assisted in these sessions by our wonderful coaches. They are Anthony Bowley (Phillies), Antony Harrowell (Yankees), John Hopkins (Red Sox), John Nosedo (Dodgers), Pedro Enciondo (Rangers) and Rob Zimmerman (Reds). Without these coaches, their assistants, scorers and other helpers the season would not have been as successful as it was. I would like to say thank you very much for your help and support throughout the season.

Peter Leslie organised a roster of Under 16 & 18 players to come and umpire each week for us. Thank you Peter for running this and thanks to our older players for supporting our under 12 competition. Also a thank you to Dave Coppens who umpired nearly every Friday night.

Lastly, I would like thank everyone who contributed in any way, big or small to the successful summer season. Without our coaches guiding our players, parents for bringing them to the ground, scorers, etc the season would not have been as enjoyable as it was.

Hope to see you all next Summer!

Michelle Ogilvie  
Under 12 Co-Ordinator

## UNDER 12 SUNDAY REPORT 2012 – 2013

Tryouts began in September with 15 kids showing up ready to give it a crack. We ended tryouts with 11 that would be our Sunday team with the 12th member in the USA until after Christmas break. A big thank you to Stell Michael who assisted in running the tryouts with my first year rookie jitters.

The first 5 games of the year were grading games to see if we could make the Major Leagues with just three returning players from last years squad. The first game of the year started out with a lot of nervousness as we were down 7-0 after one inning. The boys hunkered down and ended up drawing 10-10. The next four games were a bit of a snooze fest as Cheltenham dominated the other teams and made it to the Majors with an undefeated record.



On to the Majors and it was a season full of ups and downs. One thing that never changed though was the effort the boys gave every single week and as a coach you can never ask for anymore than that. We were competitive in every game this year with the exception of a certain team that seemed to just be at another level to the rest of the competition. The boys had many key hits throughout the year and played amazing defense most of the year which contributed to a lot of wins and a finals berth. We had to travel to Geelong for our finals game and though we didn't win, we got there and that is something to be proud of as Cheltenham under 12's had not made Major League Finals in a number of years. Congrats boys hard work pays off and always remember that. You win as a team and lose as a team, that's teamwork!

A giant thank you goes out to Jack Ogilvie for being my Assistant Coach this year and having some very unique ideas for training and helping pitch batting practice. Thank you to Nicole Crocker for being the Team Manager this year for all the emails and jerseys being organised. Antony thank you for umpiring the majority of our home games this year. It is not an easy job and you can catch a lot of flak for it but you did a great job. Rob Coe thank you for being the Bench Dad for the year and getting the kids up to the plate and situated. To all the other parents who helped set up the fields, scored and also who got their kids there every week THANK YOU!

Sunday Under 12's Major League 12 wins 3 losses 1 Draw

Rob Zimmerman  
Under 12 Coach

**Assistant Coach** Jack Ogilvie  
**Team Manager** Nicole Crocker

Josh Ashen	Dante Caruso
Oliver Bowley	Declan Crocker
Matt Coe	Yuki Fukusaku
Luca Harrowell	Thomas Ogilvie
Max Phillips	Will Tucker
Luke Vorbach	Cameron Zimmerman

## UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE YANKEES 2012 - 2013



### The Cast:

- **Cooper Williamson** – A very energetic, enthusiastic and talented player. A pleasure to coach as he can play various positions and always gives 100%. No slouch with the bat either finishing with a BV of 406 and 2 RBIs. I look forward to seeing Cooper get stronger with each season.
- **Dylan Williamson** – A great young player. As if Pitching 17 Inns and getting 24 Strike Outs in his first year wasn't enough, throw in a BV of 667 with 13 RBIs and 2 Home Runs and you have a fantastic season. What more is there to say apart from Congratulations Dylan on receiving The Coaches Award.
- **Ethan Alston** – A quiet guy who has really come ahead in leaps and bounds this season. Willing to play any position he has taken some great catches and made some very important plays. Although his BV is not as high as some of his team mates he has still played a key role in the team's success with 6 RBIs. Congratulations Ethan on receiving The Most Improved Award.
- **Jack Rice** – Another quiet guy who is really coming on well and improving week in week out. Having missed a number of weeks through illness earlier in the season Jack worked hard on his return and has been a pleasure to coach and watch develop. I look forward to big hits in not too distant the future.
- **Luca Harrowell** – A real team player who is very hard to faze. Struggled with the bat in a few games but still managed to finish the season with a very credible BV of 444. Luca's real strength this season has been in the outfield where he has delighted the Friday Night Crowds with a number of sensational catches. I look forward to seeing Luca play next summer.
- **Mack Turley** – A naturally gifted sportsman with great hand eye coordination. It has been a delight to witness his first year in Baseball which has been exceptional. Mack took to catching like a duck to water and was solid behind the plate, but his batting was where the real stats begin. Finishing the season with a BV of 556 with 24 (yes 24) RBIs and 6 Home Runs means Congratulations are in order as Mack receives The MVP Award.
- **Mason Bodor** – A player who enjoys his baseball and is always keen and eager to play. Mason is the kind of player that coaches enjoy coaching as he will play whatever position is required without complaint. It has been great to see him improve throughout the season and with 4 RBIs, I look forward to seeing him continue.
- **Matt Coe** – A great player who can play any position. As one of the senior members of the team Matt led by example and was always dependable when called upon. Matt had a strong season which is represented in his figures of a BV of 640 with 5 RBIs and his consistency when pitching. I wish Matt all the best with his move to U14s next summer.
- **Nick Gilchrist** – A guy who loves to have fun and keep the team entertained, it is great to have him in the team. Nick did a great job catching and finished with very respectable stats with the bat, with a BV of 520 and 5 RBIs he ensured that he entertained on the scoresheet also.
- **Thomas Ogilvie** – A talented player who has been around Baseball since he was knee high to a grasshopper, in his last year of U12, Tom was the senior of the team. Tom was our lead pitcher in the majority of games and had a great season with the bat recording a BV of 655 with 7 RBIs. I wish Tom all the best also with his progression to U14s next summer.

## UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE YANKEES 2012 - 2013

### The Story:

Starting the season with 4 returning U12's, a few others coming off their first season playing Winter League, a couple of Tee-Ballers and a new player to the club, the Yankees had a good mix of old and new. We trained well at the pre-season sessions and were primed, expecting big things for our season..... Then we had our 1<sup>st</sup> Game and our thoughts of grandeur were not just taken from us, but trodden into the turf when we were beaten 8 – 0.

But in the words of many great leaders of the past, this was “the loss that we needed to have” (Yeah right, but it sounded good!) and it seemed to work as we bounced back in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Game with a 7 – 4 win. Woo hoo this is obviously what was supposed to happen first up, we were excited and thought we were on fire..... until our flames were extinguished in a torrential rain delayed 3<sup>rd</sup> game (where flippers probably would have been better than cleats!) and we were handed an 8 – 5 loss.

Ok, ok now I get it..... if the 1<sup>st</sup> game was “the loss we needed to have” this was his long lost mate who nobody told us about! Back to the drawing board, another great training session and a very forgettable pep talk from the coach, seemed to have the desired effect as we started on an 8 game winning streak with the following results; 4<sup>th</sup> Game 9 – 5, 5<sup>th</sup> Game 5 – 3, 6<sup>th</sup> Game 8 – 3, 7<sup>th</sup> Game 11 – 4, 8<sup>th</sup> Game 9 – 8, 9<sup>th</sup> Game 6 – 1, 10<sup>th</sup> Game 4 – 3, 11<sup>th</sup> Game 10 – 5.

Now this is what it is all about, we were like a bug flying along care free, not a worry in the world until in the last Home & Away round of the season we ended up being brought back to reality by a big bug squashing team, getting beaten 8 – 3 in the 12<sup>th</sup> Game.

I should have remembered that some things always come in threes, so this was obviously the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Trifecta of “the losses that we needed to have!”

So here endeth the season proper and here starteth the unofficial last game of the season where teams play other teams based on the unofficial finishing positions on the unofficial ladder! Get my drift, well doesn't matter if you don't because most importantly the team did, pulling together for a fantastic final match and getting a great 6 – 5 win to finish the season as the very humble and very likable Friday Night U12 Champs for the 2012 – 2013 Summer season..... The Yankees.

### The Credits:

Thank you to all the Family and Friends who came along to support the team each week and made sure that the cast turned up ready and rearing to play their parts.

Thank you to the other coaches involved in the Wednesday night training and especially **John Ferguson** for not only running the training sessions, but for also setting up before them and the Friday Night matches. Lastly but by no means least, a special thanks to **Michelle Ogilvie** and **Natalie Williamson** for scoring, each week and to **Jason Williamson** for keeping the bench and batters in order.

Yours in Baseball,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ant!', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

Antony Harrowell  
Under 12 LL Yankees Coach



## UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE PHILLIES 2012 - 2013



Friday night baseball has always been fun to coach and this year has been no different.

With a hand full of players that have already played under 12 baseball before, we also had three boys that have come up from tee-ball and two new players Lucas & Kieran.

While all of the players are still learning the basics of the game, the Phillies proved to be a force in the competition finishing the year in second position with eight wins, 3 losses and 2 draws. In the final we lost to the very good Yankees team 5-7.

Everyone should be proud of their achievements and the way that they all improved throughout the season.

To the players going up to under 14's next year, good luck.

To the remaining players staying in the under 12's competition keep up the good work, listen to your coaches and enjoy your baseball.

It was a pleasure coaching you all, you are a credit to your parents.

To **Asher, Michael & Steve** thank you for scoring.

To **Stew**, thank you for your help throughout the year.

To **Michelle**, thank you for all the work that you have done this season.

Last but not least, thank you **John Ferg** for everything that you have done. Your knowledge of the game is second to none and I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from you during the training sessions.

**Coach: Anthony Bowley**

**Assistant coach: Stewart Holding**

**Team:**

Oliver Bowley

Tristan Blackley

Lucas Confalonieri

Yuki Fukusaku

Blake Holding

Zachary Hault

Tyson Kidd

Kieran Morgan

Jack Octigan

Fraser Parsons

Kiran Pereira

Ruby Smith

## *UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE DODGERS 2012 - 2013*

The image shows the word "Dodgers" in a stylized, blue, cursive script font, which is the traditional logo for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

After coaching 3 years of Tee Ball it was time to step up to the big league of U12 Coach Pitch Baseball. The Dodgers consisted of a group of boys & girls with mixed levels of experience and skill. My aim for the season was to provide an environment where all the kids could have fun, learn about how the game is played and allow all kids to play all positions regardless of skill level and score.

The first game of the season went off with a bang as we were handed a 15-2 thrashing at the hands of the Rangers. Not too sure how much "fun" that was.

Week 2 and 3 saw the team improve and we strung together 2 wins. However those wins were the last until the New Year as we lost 6 straight. Even though we were getting beaten, I could sense that we were getting better. We were hitting the ball harder and fielding was improving. It seemed that one loose innings was the difference between winning and losing. The Christmas break turned the Dodgers into a more aggressive team, as we won all four games after the break with a total run aggregate of 35-14. The finale was a victory that included 3 home runs. From that first match to the last, the team improved immensely to the point where I believe we were the strongest team in the competition at the end of the season.

**ROCCO ANGELONE** was always happy and enthusiastic at training and game day. His fielding and throwing have improved over the year. A pleasure to have on the team!

**HENRY CORNWALL** is another great team player. He never stopped trying. He was a pleasure to coach and have on our team.

**KALEB DORDEVIC** is a very committed player who would pitch, catch and play 1<sup>st</sup> base all at once if possible. Kaleb made some great plays in the field and really took a shine to catching.

## ***UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE DODGERS 2012 - 2013***

**DEACON FULLER** is an all round baseballer. A power hitter (27 hits from 37 at bat), great fielder and pitched in many games. A real talent!

**JAMIE NOSEDA** was the quiet achiever of the team. He finished the season with the 2<sup>nd</sup> best batting average (.428) and did his job in the field without much fuss or fanfare.

**MAX PHILLIPS** has the potential to be a really good baseballer. When confident he can smash the ball (2 home runs). Remember to back yourself Max and "You can do it!"

**WILL TUCKER** is a natural ball player who swings the bat hard and throws great. He pitched some really good innings towards the end of the season.

**ANDREW VACOUFTSIS** is a solid team player who I could put anywhere in the field and get the job done. He took a great catch in the final game and is solid with the bat.

**TOM DALE** has graduated from TeeBall with me and is a natural sportsman. Either with bat or ball, Tom was always a solid contributor.

**BRYLIE WILMSHURST** is an enthusiastic team member with a passion for playing 1<sup>st</sup> base, always willing to be right in the action.

**DANTE CURUSO** was a late inclusion to the Dodgers. Dante really added some power to the batting line up and was very reliable in the field. As a catcher Dante already understands how to frame a pitch.

I would also like to thank all of the parents that came and supported the team. I hope you all enjoyed the season as much as I have.

A special mention to **Michael Phillips** for scoring the majority of games and **Sai Dale** for filling in his absence. I would also like to thank **John Ferg & Michelle Ogilvie** for all their hard work. Without their input this competition would struggle.

**John Nosedo**

**U12 LL Dodgers Coach**

## UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE REDS 2012 - 2013



It was a great year for the Reds. When we had a full team it was team that could beat anyone on the day, but that was easier said than done. There were lots of challenges along the way having several kids from the same school which created scheduling conflicts with camps and birthday parties. We ended up finishing in 3rd place after a very convincing win over the Rangers in the last game of the year! Congrats boys! All in all it was a good year and I hope everyone had fun and that you all return for another great season.



**Ben Campbell-** When he focuses he is one the best on the field! Hope you come back Ben.

**Sam Dimits-** Struggled early with his batting but fought through the difficulties and by the end was the big hitter we knew he could be.

**Rhys Fairweather-** Joined us late in the year and was the "Quiet Assassin" solid anywhere he batted or played.

**Lachlan Long-** The most positive kid on our team, always smiling and tried his hardest.

**Ryan McCall-** Joined us late in the year because of numbers and fitted right in. In the final game he made several key catches.

**Owen McGindle-** Always has passion for hitting and gives 110% at the plate. The passion to hit was amazing!

**Aaron Perry-** Never played baseball before this year and not once could you tell. Hit the ball with power, pitched well and solid in the field.

**Jarryd Thomas-** "Zac" I mean Jarryd was our most improved player from the beginning until the end. Hard work pays off

**Luke Vorbach-** I call him "mister everything" played anywhere and everywhere in the field. Hit big time hits when we needed them most.

**Zac White-** "Jarryd" I mean Zac has great speed, never complains and was big contributor in the field and with the bat.

**Cameron Zimmerman-** Wreaked Havoc on the bases, pitched well, and was our big hitter that with one swing could hit one out at anytime.

A big thank you to my Assistant Coach **Mark Campbell** for being more the coach at times than me due scheduling conflicts on the Fridays. Also a thank you to my wife **Lisa Zimmerman** for taking the reigns as Team Manager and taking some of the pressure off. Also a special thanks to **John Fairweather** for umpiring the last two games and for helping with coaching. Thank you to all the parents that helped score and managed the bench throughout the year. I know it can be tough but without you all helping it wouldn't be possible.

Rob Zimmerman

Under 12 Reds Coach



## *UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE RED SOX 2012 - 2013*



Another fun Friday night summer competition!

Thanks firstly to all of the parents who managed to get the kids to games and training each week.

Thanks also to **Nerida, Russell** and **Steve** for their help with coaching and scoring each week.

As the youngest team in the competition this year our whole focus was on the kids getting a turn in most positions and having some fun and enjoying their baseball. We did really well to match it with the big boys each week and even pinched a couple of wins. I think the boys really improved over the season.

I hope the boys enjoyed the season and along the way feel like they improved and learnt a bit more about the game.

I've loved every week and the great attitude from our team!

It's great to belong to such a great club with such a dedicated group of coordinators, coaches, and parents.

A special thanks also to **John Ferguson** who sets up all of the diamonds each week for us and **Michelle**, our U12 coordinator. Make sure you say thanks to them when you see him around.

Well done to all and I really look forward to seeing you all next season.

John Hopkins  
Under 12 Red Sox Coach

## UNDER 12 LITTLE LEAGUE RANGERS 2012 - 2013



The Rangers had a great start of the season but fell away after the Christmas break due to interruptions with School

Camps affecting the kids preparations for the last few games of the season. Though I was so proud of the kids that they still came to participate and be there for their mates in the team. That's what Team Sport is all

about just being there for your Mates. But over all they had a great season with 7 wins, 2 Draws and 3 Losses, we had just missed out on playing in the top 2 play offs and I know the kids were disappointed but over all I hope the kids walked away with having an enjoyable season of Baseball.



**James Bright:** played in all different positions and also pitched a few innings and did a great job also with the Bat with a .577 average, which is terrific.

**Dakota Evans:** played mostly in the outfield with no complaints and did a great job. He always gave me his best and when he had a chance to pitch he did a great job, it was priceless just to see his face lit up like the sun when he pitched. He also did a good job with the bat with a .250 average.

**Deacon Kitts:** Played mostly at 3<sup>rd</sup> base and was very solid and a great contributor to the team game plan. He was a very enjoyable Kid to work with, always willing to learn and it showed in his improvement through out the season. He also batted well with a .273 average.

**Michael Lemon:** Well what can I say about this kid he gave me everything he had. I had played him everywhere from catching to pitching, outfield to infield, he was just a joy to coach. Here's a kid that can be a great baseballer if he continues with the attitude his has with the game and that's never give in. He also had a fantastic at bat with a .581 average.

**Ryan McCall:** played mostly infield and also pitched a few innings and did a great job. He also batted well at .655 average. The team for the last few games sadly missed him in the line up.

**Jacob Mitchell:** played outfield, infield and also caught a few games and did a terrific job. He was sadly missed when he got injured he is a fantastic contributor to the team. His batting was also great with a .500 average.

**Sam Patterson:** played mostly in the outfield but when he got his chance in the infield he did a great job. His a funny kid his one of those kids that doesn't really look at you in the eye when you talk to him, so I think he may miss out on a lot of opportunities with that sort of nature. But I realized that he actually is listening. Good kid to work with and did a good job in the field and the bat with a .421 batting average.

**Billy Peake:** played at first base and pitched most of the games and did a great job. His batting was fantastic he batted at .704 and won the batting average of the team, Great offered.

**Jake Stafford:** played first base and did an outstanding job. He also batted terrific at .556 average with a few bombs included. Well this kid could also be anything if he put his mind into it and works hard in being in a team environment.

**Aden Williams:** played predominantly as my main catcher and did a terrific job. He also had go in the infielder and pitched a couple of innings. He had a great season and batted well with a .423 average.

Before I finish I like to thank the other under 12 coaches and Ferg for training my kids when I couldn't make it to due to other commitments I had during the season. A Special Thank to my main scorer Kerry Williams and to the other parents who help out when she wasn't available.

PS I like to thank all the Parents for their great support.

Pedro Enciondo  
U12 Rangers Coach

## UNDER 14 COORDINATORS REPORT



Initial concerns regarding numbers for Sunday Under 14 baseball this Summer were quickly alleviated when, way back in October, we began tryouts under the expert guidance of John Carlile.

So good was the turnout, in fact, that we managed to enter 2 Sunday teams and after grading games our A team qualified for Major League and our B team was to play in AAA.

Both teams performed very well with the A team just missing a finals spot after only 1 win on the board at Christmas break. A massive New Year saw them show the ability we suspected they had. The AAA team likewise performed well and whilst notching 4 wins for the season were no match for a few of the top sides who somehow managed to end up in AAA grade.

John Carlile did a brilliant job in running our Thursday night training sessions with both teams training together. John's expert knowledge and understanding of the game came out every week with lessons learnt by all the boys constantly. The benefit of the knowledge all the Under 14 boys have gained throughout the season will be realized in the short and long term future for every individual. Its no surprise John has once again given the Southern Mariners another opportunity on the Gold Coast in a couple of months.

After some deliberation it was decided that we would enter 4 teams of 9 into the Friday Night SE Division U14 competition. Our belief was that this would give all players full game time every week and more at-bats, hence more opportunity for hits, hence more enjoyment! And that is exactly how it panned out. Whilst on occasion some teams played short or called on fill-ins, at least the players weren't getting splinters or having 1 or 2 plate appearances over the course of the 90 minute games.

On reading the reports of the 4 coaches, the season was a success and many kids got opportunities they may not have had with extended lineups.

On the subject of coaches, my hat goes off to 4 wonderful and dedicated guys in Stell, Gaz, Leechy and Craig for their commitment and enthusiasm both at training and on Friday nights. All teams enjoyed success at various times and most importantly everyone enjoyed their season. Thank you gentlemen – a fine job all round.

In the end Stell's Yankees and Gary's Phillies earned finals spots, however neither advanced to the Grand Final on the back of losses to Malvern and Sandringham respectively in the semis. Stell reported that his boys just weren't on on the night and Gary didn't report at all as he was sipping beers by the pool in Thailand. He did add that the stand-in coach was sent to the lions with Sandy having fielded a major league strength team on most occasions during the season. It was no surprise to anyone that they smashed their way through most teams right through to the Grand Final and easily took that out as well. Most, I say, because Adam Leech's Giants were the only team to defeat them during the summer.

Finals aren't what it is all about on Fridays. No doubt had we stacked a side we would have had Sandy's measure but in the end it would stand for nothing. The benefit of four even Cheltenham teams in the competition far outweighs ladder positions.

The Club wishes to congratulate Jack Dunn and Noah Answerth who both made the state representative side in Canberra and performed extremely well. Also congratulations to Declan Croker who, whilst being an Under 12 player, joined Stell's U14 Friday team and was selected in the Southern Mariners team who were successful and are heading to the Gold Coast very soon.

Nothing happens without the help, support and sheer hard work of many people. All have contributed in some way to making season 2012-13 an enjoyable and memorable one. Thank you again to John Carlile and the regular fathers who assisted John and I on Thursday nights – Stewart Dunn, Antony Harrowell, Russ Ashen, Adam Leech, Gary Hall, John Hopkins and Steve Pocock. All helped to make training

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smoothly run at various times. To John Ferguson for his tireless efforts and dedication to the Club in so many areas but specifically in ground maintenance, I thank you Ferg on behalf of the whole group.

To the scorers, team managers, match report writers, parents who helped set up diamonds, worked on BBQ's and simply got their children to the games and gave them great support – thank you all.

To Ashley Flynn, Jak Cummings, Sam Michael and Jack Daniels, all U16 players, who volunteered as assistant coaches for our 4 Friday nights I commend you. Four terrific boys who are not only extremely talented but who are keen to help and expand their knowledge – coaches of the future no doubt! Well done and thank you boys!

To the wonderful Tina who brightens our day every Sunday thanks for the coffees, dimmies and hot dogs and the warmth in the voice and your smile without fail, all the time. We are all going to miss you!

Thank you to Gavin Daniels who gave up his time to umpire most main diamond games. A consummate professional who loves what he does and does it brilliantly.

On the subject of umpires I am truly grateful to the assistance of our senior players in helping out with umpiring of our Sunday games. Led by Russ Ferguson who coordinated the roster I also thank Hayden Dingle, Ben Leslie, Yoshi Campitelli, Michael Rizzi, Dylan Trevorah, Andrew Gribbon, Nick Fitzgerald, James Upfill and Matt Gourlay for giving up their Sundays to umpire. Thanks also to Col Upfill and Ant Harrowell for filling in on the mound as well.

Thank you to Alan Tanner who has ensured our pitching strengths are on the right track attending Wednesday and Thursday night training and concentrating on our up-and-coming pitchers.

It would be remiss of me not to pay tribute to Gabby Taranto, a wonderful lady and stalwart of the Club for so many years. Her passing and subsequent funeral was a sad occasion for many people. Clearly much loved based on the numbers at St Lutherans Church last Monday. Our thoughts are always with Phil, Matt, Stef and Ryan.

I would like to congratulate the Under 16 A & C teams as well as the fourths on their premierships. Also to our firsts who did a mighty job in the 2 semi games against top opposition – one step further next year. Thank you Hayden and the team for taking in my son as bat boy each week. He loved it and he was made to feel part of the team all the time particularly with the touching presentation of a signed ball from the boys and the bat Matt Gourlay gave him.

Finally thank you to Lance Blackley, Stell Michael, John Ferguson and my fellow committee members. Thank you for the support and drive the Club gives to its junior ranks ensuring the future of this great Club is never in doubt.

Congratulations to all award winners both at Junior and Senior presentations. Be proud of your achievements and strive for improvement for the 2013-14 season.

Another wonderful summer of baseball and I cant wait for next season

**David Holland**  
**Under 14 Coordinator.**





## **UNDER 14 BLUE 2012 – 2013**

### **U14 Thursday Night**

This year there was a conscious decision by the coaching staff to combine the 2 Sunday sides and train as a squad. This could only be achieved with the commitment of the coaches and parents who put up the hands.

The kids seem to enjoy each other's company and took up the challenges they were set each week.

The attendance each week was fantastic and I believe that is a reflection of the environment developed.

Overall the standard has improved and I hope that they have been able to learn a few things which they can build on into the future. Also I think the end of sessions challenges from Gary were an incentive to turn up!

I would like to thank everyone who has helped David & I during the year - Stewart, Russell, Steve, Adam, Antony, John and Adam.

Special thanks to Al Tanner for his continued support and guidance to the pitchers.

### **U14 Blue Report**

A season so close!

Over the season the team played 16 games and won 10. Unfortunately the six losses were in the regular season.

Before Christmas we lost 3 games that we could have won. And we won our last 6 games beating 2 sides in the 4. So if we had of turned 1 to 2 of the close games into wins we would have played finals – so close. As I said to the players, that is what competition is about, that is why scores are kept. They are at an age now that being competitive as a team is the aim and winning is a measure of success.

I have seen improvement in all the players over the year. You can see it in the way they talk on the field, their increased knowledge of the game and their general attitude.

Hopefully they have gained confidence in themselves that they take into the future.

I would like to thank all the parents for their support during the year at training and game days. Special thanks to: Sue (for scoring) and Steve Pocock (team manager) for all their help during the year.

Also, Stewart Dunn for his help and last but not least assistant coach Gary Hall for his help and end of game warm downs.

John Carlile  
U14 Blue Coach

## UNDER 14 WHITE 2012 - 2013



Way back in October we began tryouts for Under 14 Sunday baseball and both John and I were pleasantly surprised and excited about the numbers turning up. It appeared that we would be fielding 2 Sunday teams, not one as was previously anticipated.

I was very excited to be looking after the second side for the Summer from the outset with the knowledge that I would be working closely with John Carlile and would have the enthusiastic assistance of Adam Leech.



The challenge initially was to try to get these boys to bond early on in the piece and start to play and enjoy baseball as a team. This was certainly a challenge with 5 new players to the Club, 6 boys up from under 12's and one returning Under 14 player all thrown together with little knowledge of the skill level of some to help Adam and I plan.

The grading games, as they usual do, threw up some one sided games and through the 5 weeks of ridiculousness all we really wanted to do was get into the real stuff. Smashings at the hands of Blackburn and Sandringham (who both ended up in Major League, combined with a close loss to Waverley, a draw and a tie meant we were to play AAA. I was very pleased with this as although I knew we were unlikely to play finals at least the boys would develop and improve playing against same or higher level Clubs. Some may suggest we were a AA level team, and that may be the case and we probably would have played finals at that level, however the improvement achieved and the challenges thrown up would have been minimal along the way.

By Round 5 we had 3 wins on the board and were 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder. This certainly got my juices going however I realized that the better sides were to be encountered after the Christmas break.

The season opener at Newport set the tone for our objectives throughout the season – aggression in the batters box and aggression between the bases. I was very pleased with the boys' commitment to this attitude through the entire season.

After the break we struggled against some top opposition and managed just 1 more win which came in the second last round against Upwey.

So we finished 4-7 and 7<sup>th</sup> place at season end which is probably close to my expectation overall. We were competitive in general and exceptional at times and both Adam and I were very proud of all 12 boys who represented the Club. Most importantly the team bonded, improved and enjoyed their baseball. Nothing is more important.

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### **The team was made up of:**

**Matthew Holland (C, SS,-)** A breakout season from our team leader. Matt took a lot of responsibility on board after initial disappointment in not making the Blue team. He pushed that aside and by season end was our best player overall. Matt had his best season with the bat (.387 avge) stole bases with cocky aggression, fielded superbly in the infield and has become a smart thinking and courageous catcher. A worthy winner of the MVP award.

**Kyle Clarke (OF)-**Kyle started slowly with the bat but soon became our most powerful hitter slotting into the 3-spot most weeks. Kyle finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the batting and with some technique tweaking will soon be a regular multiple-base hitter. More self-confidence and understanding in defence will ensure Kyle becomes a good all-round player in any side.

**Shelby McKeown (LF)-** Shelby also was one of our power hitters smashing 3 big doubles and making the cleanup position his for most of the season. Shelby is always keen to learn and improve and was very impressive at left field. His 2 doubles against Waverley were a highlight of the season. Well done Shelbs.

**Brodie Hopkins (2B)-** What a courageous boy! Like his Dad was in the ring, the “whippet” was always keen for a stoush with whatever pitcher the opposition put up. Brodie has a good swing and recorded the most RBI's for the season. His attitude and improvement was outstanding and with some size will improve his hitting power. Brodes also held down 2<sup>nd</sup> base with excellence.

**Kaito Aono (P)-** You cant help but love this kid! As the youngest in the side Kaito was thrown the ball to start most games and whilst his ERA may not show it he pitched very well on most occasions. Variety in his armour will come later and he will be a formidable pitcher for a long time to come. His bat was asleep early on but he came home with a wet sail and actually had a .500 avge with runners in position. An exceptional talent, easy to coach, always first to training and last to leave and just loves the game.

**Jake Harrowell (1B)-** Despite having injury problems early on Jake didn't miss a game, travelling and supporting the boys even when he couldn't play. Once he joined the action the team was injected with enthusiasm, encouragement and lots of voice (lots!) Jake held down first base with just 1 error for the season and was a leader of the team. Does he EVER stop smiling?

**Cruiz Leech (P)-** Earned the nickname “the closer” as our most effective pitcher with the lowest ERA. Cruiz was called upon many times to close out a game and did so extremely well. Over 14 innings pitched, he notched 17 K's and an ERA of 7.95 to win our pitching award. Also slotted into the 2 spot as our sole lefty completing a strong top 4 batting line up with Matt, Kyle and Shelby.

**Josh Smith (3B, OF)-** Josh is the most coachable boy I have met. Every time Josh was given a challenge he responded and learnt something. Playing mostly infield Joshy was a pleasure to have on the team. His big doubles against Melbourne and Moorabbin showed he has the ability to hit and just needs some consistency. Another that will improve in all areas as he matures physically. Keep your eye on the ball buddy, not your nose!

**Dylan Buhrmann (P)-** Dylan joined the Club and was immediately identified as a pitcher with a natural action. And what an arm! Quicker and harder than any other in the team Dylan pitched some great games for us and

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had opposition batters trembling. Some more consistency and radar attention will see Dylan a regular starter on the mound for many years.

**Liam Halloran (OF)**- Another newby not only to the Club but to the game, Liam is a natural sportsman who soon adapted to the round bat in his hand. All Liam needs is some attention to his cricket swing and hits will become more regular and with his power and coordination the ball will sail. Great work in the outfield in our last game with 2 superb CF catches and he has a solid arm. I certainly hope Liam continues his baseball dream. Although he wasn't on our pitching roster it is an area he could become a real talent in.

**Ben Sexton (C)**- Whilst Ben will admit he probably didn't have his best batting season he was vital as part of the catching combination with Matt. Ben has a good sense of the game and his catching was quite superb throughout. Like most of the boys in the team, strength in the core and arms will come with maturity and he will be picking off base stealers every week. Always happy to put his hand up for any task. Great job Benny!

**Taiga Takahashi (P, SS)**- Taiga is a natural talent in baseball. He began as a competent 1<sup>st</sup> baseman in the absence of Jake, turned into a very good pitcher and then showed all his skills as a shortstop. His batting will improve with adjustments to his swing and technique but he is a baseball star of the future.

So another season ends and in the wash-up I couldn't have been happier with the attitude, development and improvement of every member of the team. I have enjoyed helping to shape these boys and hopefully along the way they have learnt a thing or two about a game I am very passionate about. Every week these boys gave Adam and I something to be proud of, gave us a lot of laughs and became friends. Thank you to all 12 boys for a summer of fun and great baseball. You are all a credit to your parents.

On the subject of parents, I was blessed again to have a terrific, enthusiastic and supportive group of parents on the sidelines helping out in all areas and allowing Adam and I to focus on the boys. I met for the first time **Lisa** and **Brett** and **Gina** and **Chris**. All 4 were outstanding in their support of me and the team. Thank you **Lisa** and **Brett** for looking after scoring duties every week and **Chris** and **Gina** for marshalling the diamond setup. (thanks for the coffees too Gina). **Mikiko, Maki, Ant, John**, and all the parents – thank you for wonderful assistance and support of the team. **John Carlile** has been a brilliant mentor to me and has taught me a lot so I thank John for his guidance and advice throughout. Finally to **Adam Leech** – couldn't have done it without you mate! You brought such enthusiasm to the group and imparted your baseball knowledge to all the boys. With your weekly catch cry from base coach of "get off!" you helped shape and develop aggression and confidence into all the boys. Great job Leechy – I look forward to following your coaching career and well done on the flag for the fourths!

Thank you to Lance and the committee for giving me the opportunity to coach these up-and-coming stars of the future. Love the game, love the Club. Enjoy Winter ball everyone and see you next Summer.

**David Holland**

**U14 White Coach**





## UNDER 14 YANKEES REPORT 2012 - 2013



Another season and for the first time in a long, long time I didn't have a child playing Friday night baseball. What was I to do with my Fridays over summer?? What else, I was going to coach an U14 Chelt team of course. And this season I asked Sam if he'd be interested in coaching with me. Foolishly agreeing he also roped in Murad as his ally, one would coach, one would umpire, then on away games they'd run the games from the base coaching roles and I could sleep in the dugout. That was the plan at least, all that noise kept me awake though. But seriously I thought that coaching would assist both boys in getting a better understanding and appreciation of the game, and I think it did. A couple of weeks into the team training Sam looked at me after one

training session and asked me "were we like that?" "Yep, sure were..."

The Yankees were made up of a good mix of top age, bottom age and even a couple of out of age kids. My initial estimation was that this was a good development squad, and plenty to work with. The potential was there and I was excited to see how they'd develop. To finish the season in second position was a fantastic performance, and only the increase in intensity and user of better players in finals meant our season ended after only the first week. Our emphasis was mainly working on hitting, a bit of other stuff, but let's face it, everyone wants to hit the ball. The training sessions were light, but focused on swinging the bats at every opportunity. I looked back at the last final against Malvern, and was initially a bit disappointed in the result. But then looking through the score book and how we performed at the start of summer (so long ago it seemed) the team was averaging 3 hits and 5-6 looking strike outs a game. This last game all the boys were swinging and making contact. The aggression was there, and boys were all having good at bats, most at least getting the ball in play and forcing the defence to make good plays. So to paraphrase Rod Stewart's ex it did happen, but not overnight. The improvement was there, and quite marked when I thought about where we'd started from. Looking at the younger guys who were not too far off, looking a bit like deer in spotlights at the start of the season, to having consistently good at bats was great. Their approach and assertiveness was fantastic to watch, didn't always get on base, but they looked good whatever happened.

The team was made up of the following boys:

**Noah Answerth:** new boy to the club, sneaky lefty first baseman with a fantastic glove, and also can hit with power. Unlimited potential and only been playing the game for a few years.

**Bryce Peterson:** the prodigal son. After a year off came back and in no time at all was hitting the ball hard and far, and throwing with great power. Was like he'd never left at all.

**Jacob Morris:** another power hitter who was initially reluctant to pitch, but got the taste for it and gave us great play in any position on the ground.

**Charles Douglas:** a bottom age lad with a very nice swing who improved his hitting and fielding through the year. Very smooth and in the finals was one of the few lads to have a very nice safe hit up the middle against Malvern

**Ryan Tyquin:** another bottom age quiet child who has a huge upside. A very strong arm and very good eye. Started off a bit tentative, but his attack in the field and at bat improved dramatically during the season.

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**Liam Halloran:** First year player who has a canon of an arm but was unfortunately cursed with a cricketer's swing. Some work on adjusting that and waiting back has turned him into a very good and quick swinging batter. Fielding and glove work also improved over the course of the season. One to really watch develop.

**Eric Kim:** actually an underage boy who's batting and fielding also improved markedly over the season. An intense competitor who gave us some great play offensively and defensively.

**Rod Warner:** a fantastic game player, not the best trainer, but a clever and innovative lad. Once he started waiting back on pitches he too became a consistent hitter.

**Jake Harrowell:** I've coached another energiser bunny like him in the past (nickname a bit like Rhino....). Same kind of boundless enthusiasm and love of the game. A good all over player who's encouragement and great play is a joy to watch.

**Declan Croker:** our second under age player. He's got an incredible work ethic, always wants to play and work and will take any excuse to have a few more cuts in the cage. Lefty hitter and pitcher, played out of age and was very solid, will only be better and better next year.

So we managed to last the season with a minimum of damage, only a slight knee injury to Jake before Xmas our only blemish on an otherwise perfect health record. We did play a few games short with 8, but that wasn't an issue. As I kept saying to anyone who'd listen, over a 90 minute domestic game I'd rather have 4 teams of 8 than 3 of 12. Six boys playing 45 minutes each other week would have been terrible. I have to again thank **Ferg** for all the work he does on the grounds, **Tina and Kathy** for their fantastic work on the canteen, **Dave Holland** who had done a huge amount of work this season, not just with the Friday night comp, but also coaching a Sunday team, young **Sam Michael** and **Murad Mohamed** for their great help at trainings and games, and of course **Nicole Croker** for her help on set up, scoring all games, and de facto team managing was a tremendous help.

Stell Michael  
U14 Yankees Coach.

<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Phillies</b>	<b>2-4</b>
<b>Round 2</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Sandringham</b>	<b>2-11</b>
<b>Round 3</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Springvale</b>	<b>Forfeit</b>
<b>Round 4</b>	<b>Drew</b>	<b>Malvern</b>	<b>5-5</b>
<b>Round 5</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Malvern Braves</b>	<b>7-5</b>
<b>Round 6</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Red Sox</b>	<b>7-6</b>
<b>Round 7</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Giants</b>	<b>11-4</b>
<b>Round 8</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Phillies</b>	<b>12-6</b>
<b>Round 9</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Sandringham</b>	<b>1-4</b>
<b>Round 10</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Springvale</b>	<b>Forfeit</b>
<b>Round 11</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Malvern</b>	<b>9-10</b>
<b>Round 12</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Malvern Braves</b>	<b>11-4</b>
<b>Semi Final</b>	<b>Lost to</b>	<b>Malvern</b>	<b>4-12</b>



The Phillies had a sensational season losing to Sandringham in the semi finals. The team was a great group of boys who obviously really enjoyed each other's company. Daniel joined us later in the season for his debut at playing baseball and slotted in well, followed by Josh Pettigrew who badly broke his arm before the season started. We had a great leadership group with Jake, Matt, Arch and Sam who provided a pretty awesome pitching and catching combo for the team as well. Everyone contributed so well, were great to coach ,and coach included , had a very enjoyable summer of baseball.

Big thank you to **Ash Flynn**, who came in and assisted coached for us- great guy with great advice.

**Gav Daniels** gave up his own time to umpire almost all of our games and to an extremely high standard with utmost professionalism.

Also **Dave Holland** was a huge presence with his scoring, game reports, stats and, and.....

Now for the players-

**Fletch Fuller** - enthusiasm a plenty he is fast, active swings the bat hard and has a go at everything. When I needed a pitcher he stood up, backed himself and did a great job.

**Brodie Hopkins**- consistent all season, Brodes really puts in. had plenty of RBIs from getting bat on ball, really improved in the field and did a great job our second catcher.

**Dave McDonald**- Dave came back after practicing a lot over the Xmas break and had 3 doubles for 4 RBIs in the first match back. Dave has super reflexes and took some amazing catches. He loved being challenged and that's where we saw his best.

**Josh Smith**- Josh is a smart baseballer who knows what he can do and plays to his strengths. He is a great guy who loves learning and improving and an important team man.

**Daniel Nicholls**- came into the team with no previous experience and not knowing anyone. He had great natural skills and played well and unfortunately didn't finish the season but hope to see him next year.

**Josh Pettigrew**- came on late in the season and showed the team how to relax and have fun. Josh got some good hits and a great out at second against Sandringham.

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**Sam Doree-** is an effortless baseballer with loads of talent. He is a character and fun part of the team. He really rises to the challenge against Sandringham and pitched super, which made up for the time he drilled a foul ball and nearly took Fletcher's head off!

**Archer Hall-** as coach you can't show too much favoritism for your son but Arch is a great team player, easy to coach, fields really well and consistently gets a base. He loves his baseball and I love him.

**Matt Holland-** has had a sensational season. He has worked hard at his catching and led the team from behind the plate. His batting got better and better and was consistently getting safe hits at the end of the season. He thinks about the game and as he grows will become a force in baseball.

**Jake Pocock** - is a super talented athlete with great skills, is always there to help out and loves competing. What more can I say?

### **Gary Hall - Coach**

<i>Round 1</i>	<i>Defeated</i>	<i>Yankees</i>	<i>4 – 2</i>
<i>Round 2</i>	<i>Defeated</i>	<i>Springvale</i>	<i>13 – 6</i>
<i>Round 3</i>	<i>Defeated</i>	<i>Malvern Braves</i>	<i>9 – 2</i>
<i>Round 4</i>	<i>Defeated</i>	<i>Giants</i>	<i>14 – 0</i>
<i>Round 5</i>	<i>Lost to</i>	<i>Sandringham</i>	<i>7 – 10</i>
<i>Round 6</i>	<i>Lost to</i>	<i>Malvern</i>	<i>2 – 4</i>
<i>Round 7</i>	<i>Drew</i>	<i>Red Sox</i>	<i>7 – 7</i>
<i>Round 8</i>	<i>Lost to</i>	<i>Yankees</i>	<i>6 – 12</i>
<i>Round 9</i>	<i>Defeated</i>	<i>Springvale</i>	<i>Forfeit</i>
<i>Round 10</i>	<i>Defeated</i>	<i>Malvern Braves</i>	<i>13 – 9</i>
<i>Round 11</i>	<i>Drew</i>	<i>Giants</i>	<i>8 – 8</i>
<i>Round 12</i>	<i>Lost to</i>	<i>Sandringham</i>	<i>5 – 6</i>
<i>Semi Final</i>	<i>Lost to</i>	<i>Sandringham</i>	<i>1 – 11</i>

### **Phillies 2012 - 2013**

Sam Doree  
Fletcher Fuller  
Archer Hall  
Matt Holland  
Brodie Hopkins  
Daniel Nicholls  
David McDonald  
Josh Pettigrew  
Jake Pocock  
Josh Smith



#### **Awards:**

<b>MVP:</b>	<b>Jake Pocock</b>
<b>Most Improved:</b>	<b>Matt Holland</b>
<b>Golden Glove:</b>	<b>Archer Hall</b>



## UNDER 14 GIANTS 2012-2013



The Cheltenham Giants put together a solid season after a tough start to the year losing their first five games. We finished the season W3-L8-D1.

The highlight of the season would have to be our dominating win against the now decorated premiers Sandringham. We were unlucky not to collect a few more wins along the journey but the boys will be better for the experience in those close situations.

As a coach I would like to thank all the players for their efforts both at training and on game day. The attention shown by each individual in trying to improve their game and listening to instructions certainly shone through by the end of the season.

A big thank you to my assistant coach Jack Daniels. Jack did an amazing job helping out at training midweek also running warm-ups, base coaching and the odd stint of umpiring on game day.

To Lisa and Brett Clarke for handling the scoring duties for the season, I really appreciated you both giving up the time to help out. It is a massive task and I was very fortunate to have you there each week.

Now for the Giants team.....

**John-Paul Callil** - Had a fantastic year coming runner up in the Batting Avg, held up the SS position and was often a starter or first change in our pitching rotation.

**Shelby McKeown** - Shared the catching duties behind the plate with Nils. Often having to look in the sun or chase wild pitches to the fence. Shelby had his best game against the Red Sox hitting a massive double and crossing the plate three times to score.

**Nils Bellarts** - The other half of the Giants catching duo. Nils was solid behind the plate recording 27 put outs, the highest in the team. Nils also showed his pitching skills guiding us to victory against the Malvern Braves.

**Cruiz Leech** - Did a great job pitching in tight situations and was a fantastic infielder all season holding down first and second base.

**Angus Brooks** - Was our leading run scorer and base stealer. Angus crossed the plate in nearly every game he played and did a great job taking the opposition pitchers to full counts.

**Kyle Clarke** - Had a great year with the stick hitting six singles and two doubles with an avg of .533 which helped him secure the batting award for the Giants. He improved his base running and by the end of the season was sliding and stealing all over the place.

**Taiga Takahashi** - Pitched extremely well all season with the lowest ERA of all our pitchers. Taiga's fielding was also outstanding taking some amazing catches and put outs for the season.

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**Angus Octigan** – The team MVP carried the bulk of the pitching duties as well as providing leadership to his teammates. Angus was our leading RBI scorer and did not make an error in the field.

**Thomas Newton** – The most improved all season. Not registering a hit in his first four games, Thomas went on a hitting streak recording six hits from nine at bats with seven RBI's, to finish third in the batting avg

He also pitched a great game against the Malvern Braves recording four outs in helping to securing the win

MVP AWARD – ANGUS OCTIGAN

BATTING AWARD – KYLE CLARK .533 avg

MOST IMPROVED – THOMAS NEWTON

<i>Round 1</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Sandringham</i>	<i>3-8</i>
<i>Round 2</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Malvern</i>	<i>8-12</i>
<i>Round 3</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Red Sox</i>	<i>2-13</i>
<i>Round 4</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Phillies</i>	<i>0-14</i>
<i>Round 5</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Springvale</i>	<i>1-4</i>
<i>Round 6</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Malvern Braves</i>	<i>8-3</i>
<i>Round 7</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Yankees</i>	<i>4-11</i>
<i>Round 8</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Sandringham</i>	<i>10-5</i>
<i>Round 9</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Malvern</i>	<i>4-5</i>
<i>Round 10</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Red Sox</i>	<i>12-4</i>
<i>Round 11</i>	<i>Drew</i>	<i>Phillies</i>	<i>8 – 8</i>
<i>Round 12</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Springvale</i>	<i>2-14</i>

Adam Leech  
U14 Giants Coach



## UNDER 14 RED SOX REPORT



This summer's Red Sox was made up of a mix of players with varying experience. The most experienced player Jack Dunn (who smashed a home run in our first game against Malvern), became unavailable early in the season due to State duties which created opportunity for others to 'step up'.

The majority of the season was dedicated to having players 'step up' into roles they hadn't played before whether it be in the field or in the batting order.

**Michael Moore** generally led the team both by example and encouragement. He consistently batted well (.400 for the season) and pitched well often under significant pressure. His batting efforts were finally rewarded in round 11 against Sandringham with a huge home run bomb.

In addition to Michael, the pitching duties were generally shared between **Jacob Watt** and **Mackenzie Lawrence** with credible results. Both Jacob and Mac also showed some remarkable skills in the outfield, at times denying several big hitting opposition their moment of glory.

Fast running **Kaito Hennig** cemented the lead batter title early in the season and accumulated a good tally of runs.

The Red Sox were unique in that we had two female team members in **Hannah Mindum** and **Niamh Carmody**. Hannah struggled with the bat early but her persistence paid off later in the season notching up several hits including a beautiful line drive over first base. Niamh combined her baseball with being a member of a softball team which ran concurrently. The smaller faster ball proved difficult to hit but she was able to read the ball well enough to milk plenty of base on balls and put runs on the board.

The majority of the catching was done by **Ben Sexton** who probably didn't have the season he would have liked with regard to his batting. He had some great sessions in the field particularly as short stop against Sandringham where he caught 3 fly balls, made a double play and a ground out (5 outs) in the first 2 innings.

**Jackson Hoult** was always on the verge of going crazy with the bat but would be bought back to earth with a couple of K2's. He finished up with a respectable number of hits and run credits.

Without Jack playing the Red Sox could have been in real strife if not for **Lachlan Mindum** who helped out and filled in for many games. He came to most of our training sessions and when not required was always in the dugout cheering the team on. Hopefully the experience will be a great benefit in his future baseball career.

After Christmas and our last 3 games, our player shortage situation was helped out by the return to Cheltenham by **Gianni Caruso** who brought some good skills to the team.

As always it would be impossible to field a team each week with out the help of many 'non players'.

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**Jak Cummings** this year made his debut as an Assistant Coach in addition to his duties to his own U16 team and brought some great baseball knowledge to the team, umpired on one occasion and provided great help to me.

Thanks to **Ruth Moore** behind the scenes most weeks with the scoring and when she wasn't able **Frank Mindum** jumped in.

Special thanks to **Melanie Mindum** for also umpiring which is no easy task so thanks Mel.

Lastly thanks also to those parents who helped at our home games by setting up ground and scorers facilities.

It was enjoyable coaching such a great bunch of kids that seemed to enjoy each others company. They all trained well and continually encouraged each other.

I hope that all the Red Sox team members stick with their baseball and wish them all well.

<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Springvale</b>	<b>Forfeit</b>
<b>Round 2</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Malvern Braves</b>	<b>5-10</b>
<b>Round 3</b>	<b>Defeated</b>	<b>Giants</b>	<b>13-2</b>
<b>Round 4</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Sandringham</b>	<b>2-9</b>
<b>Round 5</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Malvern</b>	<b>6-9</b>
<b>Round 6</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Yankees</b>	<b>6-7</b>
<b>Round 7</b>	<b>Drew</b>	<b>Phillies</b>	<b>7 – 7</b>
<b>Round 8</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Springvale</b>	<b>2-15</b>
<b>Round 9</b>	<b>Defeated</b>	<b>Malvern Braves</b>	<b>3-2</b>
<b>Round 10</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Giants</b>	<b>4-12</b>
<b>Round 11</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Sandringham</b>	<b>2-9</b>
<b>Round 12</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Malvern</b>	<b>2-13</b>

### **Under 14 Red Sox**

*Niamh Carmody*

*Gianni Caruso*

*Jack Dunn*

*Kaito Hennig*

*Jackson Hoult*

*Hannah Mindum*

*Lachlan Mindum*

*Michael Moore*

*Mackenzie Lawrence*

*Ben Sexton*

*Jacob Watt*

**MVP**

**Coaches Award**

**Encouragement Award**

**Michael Moore**

**Mackenzie Lawrence**

**Jacob Watt**

Craig Sexton

Red Sox Coach





## U16 & U18 Coordinators Report

I drove to Newport to watch our 16c team win a grand final. I drove home with a smile, not because we won 13-5, but because I saw a group of boys enjoying their baseball at a level where they were highly competitive. At the start of the season I had to make hard decisions on how to configure our 3 x 16 teams. One State 2 metro or A B C sides. After many discussions with Ferg and Lance we decided on ABC. There is no correct way to do this, but for this group of boys, this year, I think we got it right. The A team is to play off in grand final. The B team were competitive without making finals. The C team are premiers at AA. Well done 16s.

Well done to our 18s who finished off the season in 3 places. The report coming out of Doncaster was that it was a fantastic game. The boys only going down by one run. It's hard with 18s having to supply pitchers to senior teams each week, which sometimes doesn't show off our best on Sunday mornings. But Pat has done a fantastic job to get these boys into finals and win one, lose one.

Also like to make special mention of Pat O'Neil, Ronny, Brad Lark and Mick Trevorah. This season there was a lot of thought put into where best to play juniors for their best development. More than any other season I've seen, they have mostly got this right. A lot of thought and effort was put into the development of this group of players. This wasn't easy with the large number of juniors playing seniors in our club.

Well done to **Lachlan Maddon, Brandon Stenhouse and Mitch Holding**, on making their debut in the Firsts this season and to **Max Barrett, George Callil, Koji Campitelli, Jack Enciondo, Mitchell Holding, Sam Michael, Yuta Sekino and Sam Trend Beacom** on making the State Blue team and **Naoki Liu and Murad Mohamed** on making the State White team.

A big thank you to all players that helped out by umpiring 12s on a Friday night. They did appreciate your effort.

Congratulations to Ron Carothers and Paul Cummings as Premiership coaches.

Thank you to **Pat O'Neil, David Johnson** for their great work with 18s. I had a very positive conversation with one of your players parents and said what a great job you both had done and you are both the perfect personality's to be taking 18s. Thanks also to **Sue Palmer** for scoring and Katrina for lending us your boys.

Ronny what can I say other than well done. You got 9 Chelt players in the Victorian team, left out a couple but always next year. Grand final win over Waverly. Thanks **Paul Barrett** for your assistance and scoop {**Steve Campitelli**} for scoring and Graham for umpiring. Also **Stuey** for just being stuey.

Anthony well done putting up with me for a season. **Gavin Daniels** for Umpiring and **Tony** for scoring. Some great help from terrific parents in this team. Didn't quite make finals but we gave it our all and show promise for next year.

Finally **Paul Cummings** and his great group of helpers. Firstly congratulations on a well earned grand final win. Your team of parents are a delight to work with always helping around the club as well as on the field. Thanks for your effort this year. Special mention to **Craig Sexton, Dale Flynn and Ros McKenna**.

**Peter Leslie**

**16S and 18s coordinator**

## UNDER 16 A REPORT



The dust has settled and the curtain has finally come down on a remarkable season as Cheltenham Under 16 Blue Team danced all the way to the (Big Dance) Grand Final and won a nail-bitter 5-4 against Waverley Wildcats last Sunday morning to capture the Victorian Summer League State Championship, proudly sketching their name on the Les Polson Perpetual Shield. After compiling a 5-0 win/loss record through the grading rounds, Cheltenham went on to win an impressive 11 games in a row before losing their first game of the season to Waverley in the semi-final before claiming victory in the Grand Final, but not without a fight.

We jumped in front 2-0 early in the first inning when Koki singled, stole second and scored on Koji ground ruled doubled. A Mitch Holding singled scored Koji and Cheltenham were off to the races. With Max Barrett in fine form on the mound we had every base covered. The second inning started brilliantly as well and had Waverley on the ropes again but they managed to escape without any more runs scored against them. By this stage "Big Max" was in complete control on the mound with several big strike outs.

In the fourth inning, the champagne was nearly popping and Stu was eager to get those buffalo wings on the barbie. MVP winner Max Barrett led off with a single to right field and advanced on a wild throw. Head Coach Chris Hodgkinson had seen enough and his star pitcher, Sam Hunter, who had been a nightmare to opposition all season long, was headed for the showers. Cheltenham's right fielder Declan Chittenden quickly greeted Lachlan Bourke with a crushing RBI double to deep right field to score Max, followed by Koki Fukusaki's towering 2-run home run to take the score to 5-0 and potentially putting the game and definitely the champagne back on ice. I really start to think about the Johnny Barbecue Sauce on my buffalo wings.yum! However, the mark of a good team is to have the ability to persevere and to fight back against adversity and Waverley nearly, nearly sent the game into extra innings.

After cruising through to the fourth, Max was greeted with a leadoff home run and I made a change..a brilliant job on the hill and with the bat as well by Max. In comes Jack Enciondo who has been sensational all year on the mound and also with the bat. Jack worked himself into a pretty descent rhythm through the fourth and fifth, but the Waverley boys obviously don't like buffalo wings so they decided they wanted to hang around a little longer just like a pesky

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wildcat. Waverley put together a late rally which put everyone on the edge. After a lead off deep fly ball out to centre fielder Sam Michael, Waverley score 4 runs to bring the score to 5-4 with the tying run on second and the go ahead run on first base in front of now a capacity crowd who came over from the completion of the Waverley onslaught in representation of Grand Finalist in Under 12, 14, and 18.

There was only one thing to do and that was to get an out, but we had to get pass Josh Lean, who had hit a three run home run off Max in the Semi-final game for our first and only lost of the season. After fighting off a couple of pitches and the count 2-2, Jack "Hammer Time" Enciondo lit up the outside corner for strike three, lights out, game over and Cheltenham Grand Final Winners and all I could think about was those buffalo wings and some ice cold Budweiser. What a great game and a great finish for two great teams.

My boys handled themselves professionally all season long; confronting the challenge weekend and week out with positive results. The discipline and your work ethics boys was top notch and it was such an absolute pleasure to be involved in your baseball development lives. We will win together again!!

Thank you goes out to all the player's parents for waiting over time at night until the boys finished training. I tried to get them out early but you know how kids are...rubbish huh? Special thank you to my assistant coach Paul Barrett; Stell Michael, Stu Holding, Steve "Scoop" Campitelli, Brendan Trend-Beacom and Graeme Chittenden...you guys really did a great job in support of me and to the game all season, thank you so much!!!!

And finally to express my condolences on behalf of the team to the Taranto family- Steve, Matt, Stefan and Ryan..what a courageous mom and supporter and great friend we have in Gabby, and to you boys who have shown so much bravery, strength and relentless dedication is just outstanding. You are part of a supporting club and family at Cheltenham!!!

Congratulations Cheltenham Under 16 Blue Victorian State Champions for Summer 2012/2013.  
**18-1 will be hard to beat.**

Ronnie Carothers  
Under 16A Coach

## **UNDER 16 B REPORT**

The club ventured into new territory this year, having two teams in the Major League. It was a plan we had knowing that the boys would be better off development wise playing in the Major League rather than playing in the Minor League.

I was hoping that we could be competitive and we proved to be. By the Christmas break we had won three and lost three. By the end of the season we finished with a 4-7 win lost record. We finished 7<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, which I believe was a fantastic achievement considering that five of the twelve players were lower age players.



The boys definitely improved by playing in the major league, coming up against State pitchers, pushing them to play at a much higher standard. Both Peter and I were extremely happy with the boy's achievements this year.

All in all I think it has been a very productive year, especially for the bottom age boys who will go into next years competition a lot more confident.

Well done to all of the boys and good luck next year.

I would like to thank the parents who helped throughout the year, either marking out the diamond or putting out the Witches hats in the outfield.

A big thanks to Tony for scoring and to Adehlia for taking on the job as team manager.

To Gavin, thank you for umpiring every home game and even one away game.

To John Ferg and Lance, thank you for filling in as coaches for the first game of the year.

To Peter, a big thank you for being my assistant. I hope you enjoyed yourself. Your help was invaluable, starting training on Wednesday nights and helping me on Sundays, thanks again.

Last but not least thank you to the junior committee. The work you do often goes unnoticed. You do a fantastic job and without you the club wouldn't be where it is. Well Done.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to coach a great group of boys.

Anthony Bowley  
Under 16B Coach

**MVP**  
**Coaches Award**  
**Rising Star**

**Jack Filimaau**  
**Jack Daniels**  
**Mathew Stenhouse**



## UNDER 16C REPORT



Wow what a season!! After being placed into a very strong grading group we quickly realised that we didn't have what was needed to make the Major League group. Much to our disappointment we didn't even make the AAA grouping. After putting it to the boys that we could nominate for AAA or just enter the AA and kick some butt and then ask to be promoted on our performance, the team decided to let our baseball be the decider. Enter the season proper 3 games and only 1 win, well that didn't work out how we expected. This was probably the best lesson we could have learnt as this was where we built our season from.

The focus for our team was to start low and build up towards the top. From a training point this group never gave an inch. Everything I asked of them they did. We were big on fitness and strength again this season and I believe this helped the guys in many areas from hitting to throwing and just simply outlasting our opponent. Each week you could see that the little things were improving so that was our motto:- "Do the little things right and the rest will take care of itself"

As is with all teams we had our big guns and we had 4, these four boys Ashley Flynn, Matt Cameron, Jak Cummings and Luke Porter all had big jobs and did them each and every time. Our pitching staff and big hitters were key to our success and these guys were our leading hitters, pitchers and catcher. Although we did rely on these guys a lot it was a whole team effort with all players doing the job that they were given to do this year.

A highlight early on in the season was when Ryan "I'll never shut up Taranto" hit a 2base shot over 3<sup>rd</sup> base. You could even see the surprise even in Ryan's eyes. Training sessions were always interesting especially with Fredo frog Holten in our team, this guy could one day stand the stage as a stand-up comedian as he could always break the serious side of training with a joke or by ripping his top off and flexing his ripped body.

Our season didn't go without injury concerns Nick Mindum was showing great signs of being another big hitting 3<sup>rd</sup> base option until he popped his hip which hampered him for the remainder of the year. Connor O'Neil started the year in great style and looking like a possible clean up hitter until he also had some hip and leg issues. Fortunately for us and Connor he was fully fit and stealing home "YES STEALING" ready for the finals. Matt McKenna had another great year playing 1<sup>st</sup> base for most of the year and relieving Ash Flynn behind the dish when needed. A key game for Matt Mck was against Upway FTG when we needed to bat time and with two outs Matt was able to foul off about 6 plus shots to kill time enough for us to sneak home with a 1 run win.

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Luke "sexbo" Sexton was our everywhere man 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lf, Rf and I believe he even caught a half Game. Luke struggled early in the year with his bat but with persistence and some STELL magic improved his hitting just in time to have some crucial hits in the finals.

Peter Vacouftsis entered this season playing Sunday baseball for the first time and found the going a little tough at times with the difference in pitching speeds. This didn't stop his enthusiasm and he continued to work hard at training and during the games. Our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman Henry Beven had a really positive season and hitting well in crucial games and was a fourth option pitcher early in our season. Henry was always keen to learn and was someone that could take his baseball to the next level with some extra work in the winter.

At the seasons end we finished in equal 1<sup>st</sup> place only to be relegated to third after multiple count backs. This meant our first final was against Ormond who had beaten us on both previous encounters 10-2 and 13- 7 . For those who didn't read the match report you missed out on a good one. End scores Chelt stormed home with a 29-1 run win, this then meant we head off to Newport to compete in the GF. One week later we arrive at Newport and, after a brief discussion with Graham, Newport's coach, it was very quickly established that the two of us were more nervous than the boys and we both had spent the whole week stressing about the day.

With both teams having 12 hits a piece it was the little things that made the difference. Jak Cummings 3 Hits and 3RBI, Ashley Flynn also 3 Hits and 4 RBI, Matt Cammeron 3inns 3ks,6R and Luke Porter 2hits,1R, 2ks, 3Hits.

A great day on the mound by both Matt and Luke P helped Chelt finish on top with a 13-6 grand final win. This result came from building our strengths from early in the season to hit our peak at the business end. This group of young men did it the hard way as they aren't all gifted with perfect baseball skills but do have plenty of heart and determination to succeed. Hard work always pays off.

Play of the day/season goes to Dale Flynn. Yes, I know he is a parent but during the GF a fly ball was hit foul off 3<sup>rd</sup> base Henry Beven. Henry positioned himself in line with the fence to take the catch but to the screams from our large supporter base of "catch it" DALE decided he would reach over the fence and try to catch it only to clip Henry's glove and the ball landed on the ground. (bloody umpires always want to be involved in the game ).

The final highlight for us as a team and for me on a personal note was that we could deliver Ryan Taranto with the Grand final win and hand him the Flag/pennant to take into the hospital to show his mum.

I would really like to thank Frank Mindum team manager and driver, Craig Sexton Assistant coach, Roslyn McKenna scorer, Dale Flynn Umpire and Julie Cameron cool head/ assistant. Without the help of these people we wouldn't have had the great year we had. Also many thanks to all the parents that helped out with the setting up at home games and any other duties that we helped out with. Thanks also to Peter Leslie our u16 Coordinator for his help throughout the year and thanks again to the Cheltenham Committee for having enough faith in me to give me the Coaching job again.

**Can't wait to have another crack next summer.**

Paul Cummings  
Under 16C Coach



## Under 18's

First I would like to thank Sue Palmer for stepping in as our scorer and Johnno for helping out with base coaching away games and umpiring home games, also to Mad Dog and Lovey for umpiring the away games.

This season had a mixture of emotions.

We started off with our four qualifying games in which we performed quite well against some weaker opposition. With four wins we qualified for the Major League section where we quickly came up against some stronger opposition.

With the game just before Christmas against Sandringham we got our butts handed to us and it was the wakeup call the team needed.

With a simple equation it came down to us needing to win all the games after Christmas to qualify for finals. With one hiccup against Doncaster we came down to the final game against Essendon where we wore teal in respect and support for Gabby Taranto. We came out with a win and after Sandringham lost we got a chance to go to Geelong in the semi finals. After the long drive down we played both our best offensive and defensive game of the year. Unfortunately, we couldn't get our bats going the next week and we lost 1-0.

We ended up the year where most people didn't think we would. But with all credit going to the boys who fought hard and battled hard when needed.

Hopefully the boys who played their final junior game at Doncaster will hang around and play baseball at any level with the Rustlers and those boys that have next year let's go out and win the flag.

Enjoy winter at which ever club you are at but most of all "Go the Rustlers"

Pat O'Neill

Under 18's Coach



# Division 1 2nds

What a year! Equal third and we were unlucky not to make finals, falling over in last game.

It was an interesting year and I think we used close to 30 guys for the season, I feel this is a good thing for the club as a majority of these are young kids are getting a taste of how big a jump it is from juniors to fourths all the way through to the seconds and for some, the ones.

Our pitching was very strong all year with Yoshi, Brandon and Lachy, and a bit of help from Stevie Gourlay. We had some offensive struggles through the year as our best hitters ended up having a good year in the ones; Adam Love, Zak Palmer, Jack (Swedish house) Enciondo, Koji Campitelli all came up from the lower grades to end up having great games in the twos together with the mixture of the older guys who played, Rizzi, Hall and Carlile, who are still young.

I would like to thank all the pitchers that came down and played in the twos and had a swing. Thanks to Peter Leslie and all the other people that helped score this season. I would like to thank Hayden Dingle, Matt Taylor and Mick Trevorah for their support throughout the year, and to the Cheltenham Committee thank you for the year.

Hope to see you all next year

**Chippa**

**Seconds Coach**





# THE THIRDS

This season I was given the role as thirds coach, my first time coaching since Under 12's a few seasons back. Our team comprised mainly of younger players, James Upfill and me the only exceptions. We started well defeating Sunshine at home 7-1; this was followed by a poor performance against Geelong that resulted in a 5-1 loss. We were trying to develop a game that embraced all aspects of baseball, with a positive team approach...cover swings on steals, bunting runners into scoring position, busting up double plays, doing a minimum job in the batting box while encouraging each other's efforts.

Our early season pitching was solid with Jack Enciondo doing the job and along with Mitchell Holding behind the plate and Adam Love hitting everything the strength of our team was becoming apparent. A win against Blackburn then a loss to Waverley, left us two and two. We then beat Upwey despite nearly blowing an 8 run lead and a draw against Malvern followed. We were playing good but inconsistent baseball and with injuries in the higher grades we began to lose some players to the twos. Challenging times lay ahead as even getting 9 players onto the park started to become difficult. A 1 run loss to ladder leader Melbourne reinforced my belief that we were as good as any team in our division on our day.

A big win against Sandringham set us up for a real opportunity in the coming weeks to cement a spot in the top four. Koji Campitelli, Zak Palmer, Jack Enciondo and Mitchell Holding were now in the twos and performing well, and unfortunately we lost our next three games to Doncaster, Preston and Essendon to leave us well outside the four and our season almost looked done. Enter Geoff Holland. Having known Geoff for a long time I knew that his qualities as a player and a person were just what our side required. He brought an immediate energy to our line-up and as a result of his pitching we won our last two games before Christmas against Sunshine and Geelong without conceding a run. We went into the Christmas break in 6<sup>th</sup> spot, just 1 game out of the four.

The fixture after Christmas saw us playing against all of the teams above us, as a team we viewed this as a real opportunity. Scratchy wins against Waverley and Upwey put us in striking distance and the next game against 4<sup>th</sup> placed Malvern was our biggest game of the season. Unfortunately, we let ourselves down and were soundly beaten. We could not afford any more losses and a 12-2 win against 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Melbourne kept us alive. The pitching of fourths pitcher Casey Hodgson was pivotal in the result; we would call on him again before the season was out. A win against Sandringham which showcased Mitch Bowen's potential set up a final round game against top placed Doncaster, a win would see us secure 4<sup>th</sup> spot; a loss would see us out. Casey Hodgson started for us and we set the tone early with solid defence a great team hitting. Our short game produced a match winning lead as Yuta Sekino came on to close out the game for a 7-2 win and elimination final against Malvern. The final against Malvern started conventionally enough with both teams defending well and Malvern leading 3-2 after four innings. Then came our bad innings, something that had haunted us all year, Malvern peeled of 6 runs in an error riddled nightmare, the writing was on the wall. What followed was my proudest moment as coach for the season. The players responded with great hitting and by the top of the 6<sup>th</sup> we had snatched a 1 run lead, 6 more outs would see us through. Unfortunately it wasn't to be, Malvern were just a bit too good in the finish, getting us by 2 runs. The effort of our young side could not be questioned; this type of resilience would not have been found at the beginning of the year.

This season is one that our players can be proud of. They represented the club outstandingly well, many opponents commented on the talent of our young players. We competed often against much more experienced units and were never overawed. Cheltenham along with Waverley probably fielded the youngest teams which certainly holds our club in good stead, rather than the thirds being a path to veterans on a Monday night, for us it seems to be a road to the seconds and higher with 5 of the 32 players that worked their way through our team playing in the 2<sup>nd</sup>s or 1<sup>st</sup>s, a really promising sign. I would like to thank all players who participated in the thirds this season, a special thanks to James Upfill in his role as assistant coach. I must also thank my friends Jeanette Holland and Colin Upfill for their respective roles as scorer and team umpire ... true club people. Thursday nights will be a little more boring without Chairman Trevorah along with Pat and Ronnie having a laugh and plotting the opposition's downfall for the following week. Congratulations to all trophy winners and thanks to the club for the opportunity.

**Brad Lark**  
**3<sup>rd</sup>s Coach**



# The Fourths



I had the task of being manager of the Fourths this season. I say manager because there wasn't too much coaching needed with the older guys we had in the team. There was a bit of pressure taking on the role as we were back to back champions.

The season started off with what looked more like a football team with 18 guys listed on the team sheet and guys still to return so the club put in a 5th side which helped out with playing time for the guys.

We went along our winning way going 17 win, 1 lose and a draw and the one loss still burns as we got stuffed around and got moved to a Saturday and were missing a large amount of players.

With 17 wins we finished on top of the ladder and had a home final where we won a close game against Sunshine. We then had a week off where right up until the Thursday night we thought we would be playing on our main diamond. Instead BV, in their wisdom, handed the third place team in Melbourne a home grand final. This didn't sit well with most of the team but once 'play ball' was called we went out hard and won the game in a mercy rule result.

Special mention goes out to the young blokes that came through our team this year. I hope we could teach you the right way to play the game and of course the feeling of winning a flag! And Naoki you are a catcher.

Thanks to Mum for scoring for us once again.

Three in a row now let's go for four.

**Pat O'Neill**

**Fourths Manager**



# Division 4 East Colts Report

The season started a few weeks into the fixture, as numbers for regulars were short to complete a side.

The team is in debt to Nikki Marshall, who pushed for the inclusion offering her scoring help, and a couple of players as well.

The nucleus of the team was Under 16's and a few oldies and boldies.

The Div.4 East Colts Plus side was a goer.

A 6 team competition, the side finished 2nd in the home and away season, losing twice to Blackburn, and to the Cheltenham MG Korean based side twice as well.

Being a small competition, playing each other seemed a regular occurrence.

The boys were able to turn the tables on Blacky and the MG sides in remarkable fashion, winning by large amounts.

With pitching rotations switched between junior and senior teams, 7 guys had their turn on the mound. Turning to the finals, the experienced Blackburn turned on the heat in the 2nd semi for a win, but bounced back in the prelim to prevail 15 to 8 to the MG outfit.

At time of the report, the GF was still to play.

Thanks must go out to Ron C. for his coaching input, Nikki and Tony for the scoring duties, Graham Chittenden as the home club umpire, and the loyal bunch of families who took time out to watch the guys develop into better ball players.

Yes, even the apprentice master's players.

Enjoyable moments, and a very productive season

**Cheers.....Michael Trevorah**



# The Masters



2012 – 13 marked the inaugural year for the Cheltenham Masters (Mustlers) and it proved a very successful and entertaining concept. With a squad of 13 players the side proved to be very tight knit and competitive group with a win loss of 10:4, an average of 0.757 and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

The side proved very competitive against more seasoned and established sides in Bonbeach and Sandringham. This was evident in our final against Bonbeach where the side played tight defensive game but went down by 1 run. Bonbeach then lost to Sandringham in the Grand Final 3 -2, proving we were right in the mix.

Never think Baseballers mellow as they age. Quite the opposite, cross the line and its "win at all costs" and White Liner Fever! The only problem is that our minds are willing but our bodies a little more mature.

Another enjoyable concept of Masters is the social aspect. Post game hospitality by the home side proved another competition as each club tried to outdo each other in the quality and quantity of meals and refreshments. And of course there was the compulsory sharing of old war stories and bragging rights.

But on a serious note I would like to thank the players and spectators for their support and commitment to the CBC Masters. I think we all thoroughly enjoyed the competition and concept and I'm sure we have set a precedent for future Masters sides in the way we represented the club.

Thank you to Steve Campitelli "Scoop" for his colourful and comical "blow by blow" post match reports. To Bev Blackley our scorer and number 1 ticket holder, thank you for your time and effort. To Katrina thank you for all your behind the play activity and support.

Regards

Chris Reece.

MVP

John Nosedo.

Batting Award

Chris Reece.

Coaches Award

David Johnson.

Special Awards. Shut out

Lance Blackley and John Nosedo.



## **MASTERS 2012 – 2013**

### **Voting and Batting Averages.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>At Bat</b>	<b>Hits</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Votes</b>
David Johnson	38	21	0.553	13
Adam Leech	28	15	0.536	10
Anthony Bowley	30	16	0.533	8
Lance Blackley	36	18	0.500	7
<b>John Nosedá</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>16</b>
Trevor Hogben	36	17	0.472	1
<b>Chris Reece</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.571</b>	10
Paul Kilburn	25	11	0.440	4
Steve Campitelli	25	10	0.400	9
Rod Hind	21	8	0.381	3
Russell Ashen	26	9	0.346	1
Craig Sexton	18	6	0.333	
Russell Thompson	3	0	0.000	
Dave Stenhouse	2	0	0.000	
Steve Earl	3	2	0.667	
Gary Hall	3	2	0.667	
Peter Burdett	9	5	0.556	2
Simon Rowell	9	4	0.444	
Paul Barrett	5	2	0.400	





## ***Southern Mariners qualify for Qld – Again!***



The Little league State Championships have finished with the Southern Mariners finishing second, qualifying them for a spot at Nationals in Queensland later in the year. The Mariners finished the 3 days play with a 4-1 record, then beat the Northern D-backs in a playoff for 2nd spot.

Congratulations Mariners!

**Below, Cheltenham 2013 Southern Mariners Reps:**

**Al Tanner (pitching coach), John Paul Calil, Declan Croker, Will Tucker, John Carlile (Head Coach)**





## STATE REPS 2012 – 2013

### ***Cheltenham BC well represented in Victorian Youth Teams***



Cheltenham BC was very well represented across the levels with a total of 18 Rustlers making the Under 14, 16 and 18 squads to contest their respective National Championships back in January.

The club wishes to congratulate all the players who managed to make it into the squads, and particularly the following Cheltenham Rustlers:



#### **UNDER 14**

*National Championships held in Canberra, ACT, from 12-19 January 2013*

**Victoria Blue:** Jack Dunn

**Victoria White:** Noah Answerth

#### **UNDER 16**

*National Championships held at the Geelong Baseball Centre, from 12-20 January 2013*

**Victoria Blue:** Max Barrett, George Callil, Koji Campitelli, Jack Enciondo, Mitchell Holding, Sam Michael, Yuta Sekino, Sam Trend Beacom

**Victoria White:** Naoki Liu, Murad Mohamed

#### **UNDER 18**

*National Championships held at the Geelong Baseball Centre, from 12-20 January 2013*

**Victoria Blue:** Lachlan Madden

**Victoria White:** Brandon Stenhouse, Jordan Osborne

## ***CHELTENHAM REPS YEAR 7 STATE CHAMPIONS!***

Cheltenham Baseball Club was well represented at the Sports School Victoria State Baseball Championships back in December where the Parkdale Secondary College team took out the title of State Champions along with Camberwell SC.

The team of 10 had 7 Cheltenham players, all of whom performed with excellence and distinction throughout the day.

After a close defeat over Strathmore we easily accounted for Montmorency and Wodonga to qualify for the Grand Final being winners of our section.

It was a day of 4 seasons with lashings of rain followed by bright sunshine and cold winds. It was also a day of fun, brilliant baseball, controversy and sportsmanship. Bubbie Buzachero was on hand to umpire our qualifying games and provided the boys with some entertainment in the Wodonga game. Unfortunately the Grand Final could not be completed as a heavy downpour made the diamond unfit for play.

The following Cheltenham boys represented Parkdale and we congratulate them on their fine efforts.

**Ashley Flynn** – led the team brilliantly. Finished the day with a .778 BA with 10 RBI's, 4 triples and an ITP home run!

**Jake Pocock** – held down short stop for the majority of the day and batted well with a .636 BA. Also pitched 2.2 Inn for 3 K and 0 Runs.

**Matt Holland** – dominated at 2<sup>nd</sup> base, laid a beautiful sac bunt in the GF to allow Ash in for the go ahead run and batted .333 with 3 RBI's

**Angus Octigan** – Mr Everywhere! Had a great day batting .750 with 3 doubles, pitched the entire game vs Montmorency with 6K's and 3 ER and went behind the plate for 2 games.

**Bryce Peterson** – Pitched 3 run-less innings vs Strathmore with 5K's and just 1 hit and hit a 3RBI single in game 2

**Jacob Morris** – Errorless behind the plate for 2 games and took 2 sensational fly ball catches at centre field in the opening game

**Michael Moore** – Great day with the bat hitting .444 with 2 RBI's and held down 1<sup>st</sup> base brilliantly all day.

Well done boys from all at Cheltenham Baseball Club



**Back** - Ash Flynn (3<sup>rd</sup> from left), Bryce Peterson (4<sup>th</sup> from left), Michael Moore (5<sup>th</sup> from left), Angus Octigan (6<sup>th</sup> from left), **Front** – Jacob Morris, Matt Holland, Jake Pocock



## **CHELTHENHAM REPS YEAR 8 STATE CHAMPIONS!**

Following on from our story about the Year 7 Parkdale students with a few Chelt kids (or is it the other way around?) won the State Baseball Champs for their year level, comes the great news that Cheltenham Secondary College, also with a number of Chelt Rustlers on their roster, took out the Year 8 Championships!

CSC was represented by Rustlers under 16s players **Jak Cummings, Michael Leslie, Matty McKenna, Nick Mindum, Peter Vacouftsis** and ex-players **Joshua Desperlus** and **Blake Cummings**, making it a real Rustlers-flavoured outfit.

Played at Knox baseball club, the CSC Year 8 boys disposed of Viewbank and Yarrawonga, (forfeiting against Maribyrnong) to make the finals against Camberwell on Weds the 5th.  
Jak Cummings and Michael Leslie both pitched exceptionally well, on top of their usual batting skills.

After winning both pool games Cheltenham came up against Gary Bitmead's Camberwell High school. Starting with Jak on the mound and Matty behind the dish fighting off an injured right hand the boys allowed them to score 3 in the first but rallied with 7 of our own.

Nick was outstanding at centre field for the day taking numerous catches. Peter V took a vital outfield catch in earlier game. Matty Mac was excellent behind the dish and pitched well until he tried to stop a line drive with his non glove hand resulting in a very sore right paw. Michael batted well, as well as pitched behind Jak who was outstanding effort especially in the must win first game.  
Going into the final innings Cheltenham was 8 up only needing two outs to clinch the final. Jak had previously reached his pitch limit. Michael Leslie closed Camberwell High Down and finished the last batter with a well caught fly ball by josh on his final pitch reaching his limit.

All our Cheltenham boys batted extra well to some interesting pitching, some slow, some extremely fast, but they all got safe hits and were a stand out among the school team  
Chelt took out the final 12-4 in convincing fashion and now we can say we have had a clear hand in both the Year 7 and 8 State Championships - perhaps the schools might like to donate the pennants to the Chelt club pavilion!

The school also benefitted greatly with guidance on the finer points of the game from **Peter Leslie** and **Paul Cummings**.



## ACES ARRIVE AT FARM ROAD!



*Rustlers*



Star players from Melbourne's own professional baseball team, the Jet Couriers Melbourne Aces, descended on Cheltenham Baseball Club Wednesday night 28<sup>th</sup> November, to host a clinic with our junior players.

In an initiative coined the "**Aces Junior Tour**", team members from abroad and locally born, work their way from club to club, coaching junior players and passing on their professional knowledge and expertise.

Tour planner and Victorian baseball identity **Bubbie Buzachero** was thrilled with the success of Wednesday's clinic. "This was our biggest turnout so far. The work the Aces players are doing is really catching on in the Victorian baseball community".

With 81 participants ranging in ages from T-Ball to U14's, Buzachero's sentiments were echoed throughout the night.

"Wow, this is so great you guys are doing this, when are you coming back?" said a passing parent.

While Aces right field slugger and **Kansas City Royals** prospect **Carlo Testa** expressed, "This is awesome, I love doing this".

With some participants sad to see the clinic come to an end, and others looking ready to be tucked into bed, by the end of the night, each junior player had been expertly drilled in the fundamentals of throwing, fielding, batting, pitching, catching and bunting.

A quick sausage sizzle and plenty of photographs to remember the night by, rounded out the night. But not before every autograph was signed and show bags were personally delivered to every participant.

Special thanks to **Peter Leslie** for his broad foresight and integral role in coordinating the night. Also thanks to Karen Dunn for organizing the sausage sizzle.

In particular we thank Aces stars **Justin Huber, Bubbie Buzachero, Kevin Reece, Zac Arneson, Carlo Tester, Josh Hendricks, Liam Bedford, Aaron Sayers, Darryl George** and our own **Adam Blackley** for their expert guidance to the children on the night. Thanks also to our own star pitcher **Rob Roth** for helping the Aces out on the night.



## 2012 - 2013 AWARD WINNERS

### UNDER 12'S

UNDER 12 MAJOR LEAGUE	<i>Batting Award</i> <b>WILL TUCKER</b>	<i>Pitching Award</i> <b>JOSH ASHEN</b>	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>LUCA HARROWELL</b>
UNDER 12 YANKEES	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>Mack Turley</b>	<i>Most Improved</i> <b>ETHAN ALSTON</b>	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>Dylan Williamson</b>
UNDER 12 PHILLIES	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>BLAKE HOLDING</b>	<i>Most Improved</i> <b>KIERAN MORGAN</b>	<i>Rising Star</i> <b>OLIVER BOWLEY</b>
UNDER 12 RANGERS	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>MICHAEL LEMON</b>	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>JAKE STAFFORD</b>	<i>Batting Award</i> <b>BILLY PEAKE</b>
UNDER 12 REDS	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>CAMERON ZIMMERMAN</b>	<i>Most Improved</i> <b>AARON PERRY</b>	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>LUKE VORBACH</b>
UNDER 12 DODGERS	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>DEAKIN FULLER</b>	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>KALEB DORDEVIC</b>	<i>Encouragement Award</i> <b>JAMIE NOSEDA</b>
UNDER 12 RED SOX	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>JOSH ASHEN</b>	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>JAMES D'ABATE</b>	<i>Encouragement Award</i> <b>WOODLEY HALL</b>

### UNDER 14'S

UNDER 14 MAJOR LEAGUE	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>NOAH ANSWERTH</b>	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>JACK DUNN</b>	<i>Most Improved</i> <b>MICHAEL MOORE</b>
UNDER 14 MINOR AAA	<i>MVP &amp; Batting Award</i> <b>MATTHEW HOLLAND</b> <i>Coaches Award</i> <b>KAITO AONO</b>	<i>Pitching Award</i> <b>CRUIZ LEECH</b>	<i>Most Improved</i> <b>BRODIE HOPKINS</b>
UNDER 14 YANKEES	<i>MVP &amp; Batting Award</i> <b>NOAH ANSWERTH</b>	<i>Most Improved</i> <b>LIAM HALLORAN</b>	<i>Golden Glove</i> <b>BRYCE PETERSON</b>
UNDER 14 PHILLIES	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>JAKE POCOCK</b>	<i>Most Improved</i> <b>MATTHEW HOLLAND</b>	<i>Golden Glove</i> <b>ARCHER HALL</b>
UNDER 14 GIANTS	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>ANGUS OCTIGAN</b>	<i>Batting Award</i> <b>KYLE CLARKE</b>	<i>Most Improved</i> <b>THOMAS NEWTON</b>
UNDER 14 RED SOX	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>MICHAEL MOORE</b>	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>MACKENZIE LAWRENCE</b>	<i>Encouragement Award</i> <b>JACOB WATT</b>

### UNDER 16'S

UNDER 16 A	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>JACK ENCIONDO</b> <i>Most Improved</i> <b>MITCHELL HOLDING</b>	<i>Batting Award</i> <b>KOJI CAMPITELLI</b>	<i>Pitching Award</i> <b>MAX BARRETT</b>
UNDER 16 B	<i>Batting Award</i> <b>JACK FILIMAU</b>	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>JACK DANIELS</b>	<i>Rising Star</i> <b>MATHEW STENHOUSE</b>
UNDER 16 C	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>LUKE PORTER</b> <i>Coaches Award</i> <b>ASHLEY FLYNN</b>	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>JAK CUMMINGS</b>	<i>Pitching Award</i> <b>MATTHEW CAMERON</b>
Grand Slam	<b>SAM TREND-BEACOM</b>	<b>vs Blackburn 24/2/13</b>	

# ***JUNIOR CLUB AWARDS 2012 - 2013***

## **Junior Club Person – Sam Michael**

### **Nominations**

<b>Sam Michael</b>	Assistant Junior Coach
<b>Matthew Holland</b>	Tee Ball Umpire / Firsts Bat Boy
<b>Ashley Flynn</b>	Assistant Junior Coach
<b>Jack Daniels</b>	Assistant Junior Coach



## **Best Junior Coach – John Carlile**

### **Nominations**

<b>John Carlile</b>	Under 14 ML Coach / Coach SE Mariners
<b>David Holland</b>	Under 14 AAA Coach
<b>Nick Fitzgerald</b>	Tee Ball / Rookie Ball Coach
<b>Pat O'Neill</b>	Under 18 Coach
<b>Paul Cummings</b>	Under 16 C Premiership Coach



## **THANK YOU TO**

<b>JOHN FERGUSON</b>	Tireless in keeping our diamonds up to scratch and setting up on Friday Nights
<b>TINA COOEN</b>	Our wonderful Canteen Manager
<b>LANCE BLACKLEY</b>	Presentation Day MC
<b>PETER LESLIE</b>	Coordinating Aces Day and providing Scorers Clinics
<b>STEVE CAMPITELLI</b>	Brilliant Webmaster





## 2012 - 2013 AWARD WINNERS - UNDER 18 & SENIOR

### UNDER 18'S

<b>UNDER 18 MAJOR LEAGUE</b>	<i>Kevin Williams Memorial MVP</i> <b>BRANDON STENHOUSE</b>	<i>Batting Award</i> <b>BRANDON STENHOUSE (.585)</b>	<i>Most Improved</i> <b>STEFAN TARANTO</b>
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### SENIORS

<b>DIVISION 1 4THS</b>	<i>Batting Award</i> <b>DANIEL WARD-BOURTON (.540)</b>	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>STEFAN TARANTO</b>	<i>Most Improved</i> <b>NAOKI LIU</b>
<b>DIVISION 1 3RDS</b>	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>GEOFFREY HOLLAND</b>	<i>Batting Award</i> <b>YUTA SEKINO (.517)</b>	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>DEAN COOPER</b>
<b>DIVISION 1 RESERVES</b>	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>MATT CARLILE</b>	<i>Batting Award</i> <b>MATT CARLILE</b>	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>KOJI CAMPITELLI</b>
<b>FIRST NINE</b>	<i>Gwen &amp; Len LePage MVP</i> <b>BLAKE CUNNINGHAM</b>	<i>Batting Award</i> <b>NICK ROSSELL</b>	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>MITCH HOLDING</b>
<b>DIVISION 2 STH MASTERS</b>	<i>MVP Award</i> <b>JOHN NOSEDA</b>	<i>Batting Award</i> <b>CHRIS REECE (.571)</b>	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>DAVID JOHNSON</b>
<b>DIVISION 4 EAST</b>	<i>MVP / Batting Award</i> <b>RICKY PRESTON (.605)</b>	<i>Most Improved</i> <b>EDDIE BECHER</b>	<i>Coaches Award</i> <b>DECLAN CHITTENDEN</b>

### CLUB AWARDS

<b>JUNIOR CHAMPION</b>	<b>BRANDON STENHOUSE</b>
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<b>ROOKIE OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>MITCH HOLDING</b>
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<b>GOLDEN GLOVE AWARD</b>	<b>DYLAN TREVORAH</b>
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<b>BEST SENIOR CLUBMAN</b>	<b>STELL MICHAEL</b>
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### SHUT OUTS

<b>UNDER 18 MAJOR LEAGUE</b>	<i>vs Upwey</i> <b>MITCH BOWEN</b>
<b>DIV 1 4THS</b>	<i>vs Preston</i> <b>CASEY HODGSON</b>
<b>DIV 1 3RDS</b>	<i>vs Geelong</i> <b>GEOFFREY HOLLAND</b>
<b>DIV 1 3RDS</b>	<i>vs Sunshine</i> <b>GEOFFREY HOLLAND</b>
<b>DIV 2 STH MASTERS</b>	<i>vs Carrum Downs</i> <b>LANCE BLACKLEY</b>
<b>DIV 2 STH MASTERS</b>	<i>vs Carrum Downs</i> <b>JOHN NOSEDA</b>