

Winter season review 2012





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to start off by saying what a cold and wet Rustler winter season has passed us, but it heated up towards the end of the season with four out of our five senior teams in the grand final play offs. Our juniors were not to be out done with our two power house U 17's playing off for the flag. U 14's - one side finishing half a game from the four and the other taking it up to Dandenong in the final with our U12's - one side just missing out and other for the minor flag.

I took over as President fourteen years ago and have had a blast meeting many people and making new friends I've also seen many come and go. But it's time to step down and pass on the batten, time to sit back and watch my kids play before they venture on to their senior years. There are many many people to thank, but one guy has to really stand out and is the back bone of Cheltenham Baseball Club, TC hold your hand up high.

Also have to thank Clarko for his dedicated effort to the club coach position, what a huge effort.

I would also like to thank "The Committees" over the years for all their efforts, with Mika doing the equipment job over the same period as me.

Another person that must be thanked is Katrina who has held many rolls over the same period as me.

Again this year we were all slow in paying our fees and not supporting the club at functions, we must become more aware of these two matters to allow the club to grow as a viable club.

And in closing I would like to thank you all and remember to keep using the Club Sponsors.

Yours in Baseball

Dave Stenhouse - President 2012

Cheltenham Baseball Club

LIFE MEMBERS

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-	1934	L.E. Cheong *	1936	T. Greenwood *
•	1937	C. Boulton *	1939	J. Lowe *
•	1940	M. Simpson *	1940	H. Raphael *
•	1946	J. Middleton *	1947	J.W. Ferguson *
•	1948	R. Chapman	1949	J. Phillips *
•	1950	G. Tamblyn *	1951	L. Collins *
•	1951	C. Chapman *	1951	R. Grime *
•	1951	J. Coulson *	1954	M. Adams *
•	1954	L. Snare *	1955	J. Scott
•	1957	W. Anderson	1957	J. Wadsworth
•	1961	B. Bedwell	1961	C. Hyland
•	1961	W.C. Wale	1961	J.E. Beitzell *
•	1963	G. Lockhart	1966	P. Boulton
•	1967	H. Fowler *	1968	R. Skinner *
•	1970	G.B. Ainscough	1971	P.R. Finney

1972 – PRAHRAN & CHELTENHAM MERGED TO BECOME CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB

CHELTENHAM

1962	E.E. Knorr *	1963	J.R. Trevorah *
1964	Mrs. M. Knorr	1966	T.G. (Frank) Babidge Snr *
1968	J.E. Upfill *	1971	A.H. Burdett
1981	K.H. Roberts	1982	P.C. (Frank) Babidge Jnr *
1983	J.R. Ferguson	1984	S.J. Hogben *
1984	A.M. Tanner	1985	M.J.P. Trevorah
1986	P.A. Ferguson	1987	Mrs. B. (Joy) Roberts
1990	S. Jamieson	1992	P.A. Stanford
1992	S.T. Hogben	1992	L.J.P. Hall
1993	Mrs. M.E. Phillips	1994	K.K. Williams *
1996	C.J. Anderson	2000	C.T. Upfill
2001	S.J. Babidge	2002	B.A. Fitzgerald
2006	A.J. Bailey	2006	Mrs V.E. Bailey
2006	J.P. Carlile	2006	T.W. Clemens
2006	B.R. Lark	2006	D.A. Stenhouse
2009	L.R. Blackley	2009	P.A.Burdett
2009	C.S.Reece	2010	Mrs. R. Hogben
2010	M. Gourlay	2011	Mrs. C. M. Upfill

TOTAL: 66

Cheltenham Baseball Club

PAST & PRESENT: WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB was formed on Tuesday 24th March 1953 at the home of Mr Eric Knorr.

In attendance at our first meeting were the following -: Mr N. Hewitt, Mr E.Knorr, Mr L. Giles, Mr H. Steele, Mr K.Cowell, Mr T. Crutchfield, Mr C Loosemoore, Mr N. Hocking, Mrs E. Hewitt, Mrs M.Knorr.

Chairman elect was Mr Norm Hewitt

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	VICE PRESIDENTIS	SECRETARY/ASSIST	TREASURER/ASSIST	CLUB COACH
1953	Norm Hewitt		Eric Knorr / Molly Knorr	Kevin Cowell	J.(Ray) Trevorah
1954	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Eric Knorr / Molly Knorr	Kevin Cowell	J.(Ray) Trevorah
1955	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Eric Knorr / Molly Knorr	Jim Upfill	Jim Upfill
1956	J.(Ray) Trevorah	6	Eric Knorr / Molly Knorr	Laurie Myers	Jim Upfill
1957	J.(Ray) Trevorah	Y -	Eric Knorr / Molly Knorr	Ron Corney	Jim Upfill
1958	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Eric Knorr / Molly Knorr	Ron Corney	Jim Upfill
1959	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Allan Burdett	Kel Roberts	Jim Upfill
1960	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Allan Burdett	Kel Roberts	Jim Upfill
1961	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Allan Burdett	Frank Babidge Snr	Jim Upfill
1962	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Allan Burdett	Frank Babidge Snr	Jim Upfill
1963	J.(Ray) Trevorah		Allan Burdett	Ron Corney	Jim Upfill
1964	Frank Babidge Snr		Allan Burdett	John Longden	Jim Upfill
1965	Frank Babidge Snr		Kevin Knorr	Allan Burdett	Jim Upfill
1966	Frank Babidge Snr		Kevin Knorr	Allan Burdett	Allan Burdett
1967	Lance Purton	S. Hogben, J.Bridger, L. Anderson, F. Coombes, Dr Hudson, J. Riddle Snr	Kevin Knorr / K. Hewitt	Allan Burdett	Allan Burdett
1968	Allan Burdett	S. Hogben, J.Bridger, L. Anderson, F. Coombes, Dr Hudson, J. Riddle Snr	Kevin Knorr / D. Upfill	Frank O'Shea	Allan Burdett
1969	Allan Burdett	S. Hogben, M. Johanson Snr, G. Ingram, F. Coombes, J. Riddle Snr, R. Corney	John Longden / D. Upfill	Terry Anderson	Allan Burdett
1970	Leo Anderson	S. Hogben, M. Johanson Snr, G. Ingram, K. Roberts, J. Riddle Snr, R. Corney	Allan Burdett / J. Longdon	Terry Anderson	Allan Burdett
1971	Leo Anderson	S. Hogben, M. Johnson Snr, G. Ingram, K. Roberts, J. Riddle Snr, R. Harding	Colin Anderson / A. Burdett	Terry Anderson	G.(Charlie) Siddle
		Amalgamation with	Prahran Baseball Cl	ub 1972	
1972	Max Johanson Snr	S. Hogben, L. Anderson, L. Purton, R. Dunne & K. Roberts	C. Anderson / M. Johanson Jnr	Colin Upfill	Allan Burdett
1973	Leo Anderson	J. Upfill, L. Purton, G. Ingram, M. Johanson Snr, M. Trevorah, C. Anderson	A. Burdett / G. Ainscough	Gordon Dossor	Don Smythe
1974	Leo Anderson		A. Burdett / G. Ainscough	John Ferguson / G. Dossor	Fred Capper
1975	G. Ainscough		Allan Burdett	R.Bailey	
1976	Allan Burdett	G. Ainscough	J. Ferguson / C. Anderson	Sam Jamieson / John Landry	Kevin Knorr
1977	Harry Kalinski	G. Ainscough	J. Landry	Sam Jamieson	?????
1978	Kel Roberts	G. Ainscough	J. Landry	Chris Peacock	Steve Bott
1979	Kel Roberts	G. Ainscough	Steve Bott	Chris Peacock	Steve Bott
1980	Paul Stanford	G. Ainscough	Trevor Hogben	Sam Jamieson	Steve Bott

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	VICE PRESIDENT/s	SECRETARY/ASSIST	TREASURER/ASSIST	CLUB COACH
1981	Paul Stanford	G. Ainscough	Darryl Roulston	Sam Jamieson	Steve Bott
1982	Paul Stanford	G. Ainscough	Ross Ginns	Dirk Beven	Steve Bott
1983	Steve Bott	Mark Johnson	Trevor Hogben	R. Knevitt	Trevor Hogben
1984	Steve Bott	Kel Roberts	Trevor Hogben	Jenny Babidge	Dave Kettle
1985	Sam Jamieson	Dirk Beven	Simon Edgeworth	Jenny Babidge	Dave Kettle

PAST & PRESENT: WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY/ASSIST	TREASURER/ASSIST	CLUB COACH
1986	Sam Jamieson	Dirk Beven	Sam Jamieson	Mark Johnson	Trevor Hogben
1987	Sam Jamieson	Gina Peterson	Jenny Babidge	Mark Johnson	Trevor Hogben
1988	Dirk Beven	Greg Wheeler	Jenny Babidge	Mark Johnson	Garry Hicks
1989	Dirk Beven	Peter Burnett	J. Babidge / B. Holman	Russell Ingram	David Clarkson
1990	Dirk Beven	Olivia Reid	Barbara Holman	Russell Ingram	Dan McConnon
1991	Paul Stanford	Trevor Hogben	Kim Brooks	Russell Ingram	David Clarkson
1992	Russell Ingram	Trevor Hogben	Kim Brooks	Russell Ingram	?????
1993	Russell Ingram	THE	Kim Brooks	Simon Edgeworth	Terry Reid
1994	Brad Lark		Terri Clemens	Simon Edgeworth	Terry Reid
1995	Brad Lark	Olivia Reid	Trevor Clemens	Simon Edgeworth	Greg Brown
1996	Brad Lark	Bruce Fitzgerald	Trevor Clemens	Ben Rowlands	Greg Brown
1997	Bruce Fitzgerald		Trevor Clemens	Michael O'Shea	Tony Dinnie
1998	David Stenhouse	Trevor Hogben	Trevor Clemens	Brad Lark	Tony Dinnie
1999	David Stenhouse	Trevor Hogben	Trevor Clemens	Brad Lark	Tony Dinnie
2000	David Stenhouse	Jenny Babidge	Trevor Clemens	Brad Lark	Tony Dinnie
2001	David Stenhouse	Jenny Babidge	David Stenhouse	Brad Lark	John Wadsworth
2002	David Stenhouse	Simon Hill	Trevor Clemens	Russell Oborne	Myles Barnden
2003	Colin Upfill	Colin Basham	Trevor Clemens	Russell Oborne	David Clarkson
2004	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Steven Kavanagh	David Clarkson
2005	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Pauline Stenhouse	David Clarkson
2006	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Janette Holland	David Clarkson
2007	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Janette Holland	David Clarkson
2008	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Janette Holland	David Clarkson
2009	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Russell Ferguson	David Clarkson
2010	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Katrina Johnson	David Clarkson
2011	David Stenhouse	Mika Tossavainen	Trevor Clemens	Katrina Johnson	David Clarkson

<u>2012 David Stenhouse Patrick O'Neill Trevor Clemens Katrina Johnson David Clarkson Stuart Holding Mika Tossavainen</u>

Congratulations to -

Dave Stenhouse on his 14th year as President Mika Tossavainen on his 9th year as a Vice President Trevor Clemens on his 17th year as Secretary David Clarkson on his 10th year as Club Coach

Club Coach's Report

Editors note – congratulations Dave on completion of 10 years as Club Coach

What a fantastic, but cold winter season for Cheltenham Baseball Club this year. Premiers in A1, a gallant runner up in A2, with one of the youngest teams around, a premiership to the A3's and runner up to A4. Our B3's with a mixture of Fathers and Sons, made a late challenge during the middle of the season to play finals, but faltered at the last hurdle.

It is great to be involved at Cheltenham Baseball Club with the amount of young talent on hand. On the coldest of coldest nights at training, I had a group of 25-30 young and spritely individuals wanting to learn and work hard at their baseball. With this in mind, I see a very bright future for the club in years to come.

I would dearly like to thank all of the managers of the respective teams, Trevor Clemens, Patrick O'Neill, David Stenhouse and Rod Anderson for their help in looking after their sides on Saturdays and selection during the week.

TC also gets another mention as Chairman of Selectors. Trevor thanks for your time in emailing to everyone team sheets on Thursday nights so people knew where they were playing on the weekends.

A big thank you must go to Stuart Holding (BBQ) and Paul Barrett (Bar), for always being at our practise session in helping the kids with their recovery (BBQ snag and coke) after training. Also a big thank you must go to John Carlile for his help in setting up the net on the Main Diamond and also for his throwing of live batting practise in the batting cage.

To Barrack Obama himself, El Presidente David Stenhouse, this bloke has heart as big as Phar Lap. To see what he does for this club is unbelievable; I know that if it weren't for him being the boss you wouldn't have players committing to play winter baseball at Cheltenham. The success over the duration of my tenure, eight flags in ten years, has a lot to do with this big-hearted fella. So to David, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

It has been successful season, but there is a lot more work to be done, as again, we will be the hunted club next year.

I look forward to catching up with everyone at presentation night and also look forward to seeing all players develop over the coming summer season.

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Bring on Winter DBA 2013.	

Adios.

Regards,

David Clarkson Club Coach 2012

WINTER COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT David Stenhouse

VICE PRESIDENT'S

Patrick O'Neill

Stuart Holding
Mika Tossavainen

SECRETARY Trevor Clemens

TREASURER Katrina Johnson

COMMITTEE

Ordinary Members Paul Barrett
Anthony Bowley

David Johnson
Steve Kavanagh
lan Palmer
Pauline Stenhouse

Robyne Tuki-Jones Connie Upfill

BAR MANAGER Paul Barrett

CANTEEN Staffed by Committee members

CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS Trevor Clemens

CLUB COACH David Clarkson

EQUIPMENT MANAGER Mika Tossavainen

GROUNDS MANAGERS Peter Leslie & All team members

JUNIOR COORDINATOR Connie Upfill

SPONSORSHIP David Stenhouse

WEBSITE Steve Campitelli

TEAM COACH'S & SCORER'S

COACH'S

SCORER'S

<u>'A1' Grade</u> Dave Clarkson

Trevor Clemens (1st Base)

Steve Campitelli

Meg Clarkson

<u>'A2' Grade</u> Trevor Clemens

Steve Babidge – Assistant Coach

Katrina Johnson

<u>'A3' Grade</u> Pat O'Neill

'A4' Grade

Dan Ward-Bourton
Dave Stenhouse - Assistant Coach

Peter Leslie

<u>'B3' Grade</u> Rod Anderson

Linda Schragger

U17 White Ron Carothers

Sue Palmer Pauline Stenhouse Linda Schragger

U17 Blue Matthew Carlile

U15 White Dan Ward-Bourton

U15 Blue Dave Stenhouse

U13 White Pat O,Neill

Peter Leslie

Fiona Curry Tony Preston

Sarah Caruso

Michelle Ogilvie Nicole Croker

Linda Schragger

<u>U13 Blue</u> Dave Holland

<u>U11 Rookie Ball</u> Stuart Holding

David Johnson

WINTER PREMIERSHIPS

SENIOR'S

Comp Start / Finish

2008/ **'A1'** 2008, 09, 10, 11, **2012**

1932/2007 <u>'A' GRADE</u> 1958, 59, 60, 65, 67, 68, 71, 73, 87, 89, 2001, 02, 04, 05, 06

2008/ 'A2' 2009

1983/1987 1996/2007 'A' RESERVE 1987, 2000, 01, 02, 05, 07

2008/ **'A3'** 2008, 10, **2012**

1950/2007 'B' GRADE 1960, 61, 65, 71, 76, 78, 89, 93, 05, 06

2008/ **'A4'** 2009

1959/1979 1988/2007 <u>C' GRADE</u> 1975, 76, 90, 91, 92, 96, 97, 2001 1980/1984 <u>C' NORTH</u> 80, 82

1980/1984 <u>'C' NORTH</u> 80, 8 1980/1984 <u>'C' SOUTH</u> 1985/1987 'C' 1 87

1985/1987 (<u>C' 1</u> 8 1985/1987 (C' 2

2008/1988/2007 **B1'**'D' GRADE

1989, 99, 2000, 01, 03, 05

1988/2007 <u>'D' GRADE</u> 1989, 99, 2000, 01, 03, 05

E GRADE 1995, 99, 2000, 01, 02

2009/ **'B3**" 2010

1995/2006 <u>WOMEN'S</u> 1996, 98

JUNIOR'S

1989/1998 U 18'S 1990, 95, 97

1969/1969 1972/1988 **U 17'S** 1969, 73, 76, **2012**

2012/

1989/2011 U 16'S 1995,96,98,2000,01,03,04,05,09,11

1962/1988 2012/ **U 15'S** 1966

1989/2011 <u>U 14'S</u> Centre: 1992,93,94,95,99

Association: 1992,99,2004,07,09,11

1971/1988 2012/ **U 13'S** 1982, 88

1989/2011 <u>U 12'S</u> Centre: 1992,93,94,95,99

Association: 1992,94,2001,05,08,09

1990/1995 1997/2004 T-BALL 1990, 91, 92, 96, 97, 2000, 04

'A1' Report

PREMIERS

With four premierships under our belt, the A Grade team this year was strengthened by the additions of Paul Rutgers and JJ O'Connor. But it was young Yoshiki Campitelli that made the most difference this season.

Yoshiki started the first game of the season pitching for the A2's but impressed so much he was promoted next game to pitch for the A1's and stayed there all year. He ended up being 7 wins and one loss for the season, including three stellar finals appearances. Also there to support Yoshiki were the evergreen stall warts in Blake Cunningham, Adam Blackley, Matthew Blackmore and Russell Ferguson. Not a bad relief staff when you look at those names.

The catching spot was rotated between Brett Curnow, Kane Davidson, JJ O'Connor and Koji Campitelli. All four did a serviceable job behind the dish at this tough position.

Infielders Anthony Reinke, Brendon Horne, Russell Ferguson, JJ O'Connor, Matthew Blackmore, Paul Rutgers and Brett Curnow, mopped up everything that was hit to them all year. Brandon Stenhouse also pitched in and helped out during the season in the infield

Matt Carlile, Paul Rutgers, Ben Leslie, Adam Blackley, JJ O'Connor shared outfield duties with help from Zak Palmer along the way.

As you can see, players played numerous positions over the course of the season and adapted to the job at hand. This certainly helped when we lost Ben Leslie to the MLB Academy for 8 weeks and Matthew Blackmore to Europe for a fair stretch and JJ O'Connor to injury.

Overall, we lost just two games and drew one, along the way to picking up our fifth straight premiership in the DBA. The loss against Dingley in round 9 and with the loss to Frankston in round 10, behind a fantastic pitching performance by Mathew O'Brien, certainly opened our eyes. The Dandenong tied game was a disappointment as we had the game won but failed do the right things at the right time and hence the draw.

I guess one big highlight of the season was the three home run game from Matt Carlile against Frankston. Many people are now starting to say that his parent should go away more often as they weren't there to see his big day out. Congratulations on a great day out and also your work ethic at practice and also the year that you had.

In the finals we played some great baseball. We should never have lost the first final against Dingley, we had a tough start against a determined Dandenong in the Preliminary final and the came out all guns blazing in the final to blitz Dingley 10-1.

All players who played A Grade this year played hard baseball and I thank them very much.

To the young players, Brandon Stenhouse, Zak Palmer and Koji Campitelli, who helped us out in situations during the season, I also thank you too. It must have been tough playing juniors in the morning, straight to A2"s and then to sit on the A grade bench after that. I bet you boys slept well those nights!!!!!

I would also like to thank Trevor Clemens for his help during the year in coaching 1st base, its just another thing I don't need to worry about on game days.

To my scorer Meg Clarkson, I think this year marks her 100th year in the game as a scorer. She doesn't look to bad for being 125 years old. Only joking, but its great to have her there scoring and collating the stats and again it's a job that I don't have to worry about on game days. Thank you Mum.

To all of the players who played A1 this year, I thank you for your time and hope you learnt along the journey.

I look forward to catching up over the Summer and also the start of next Winter season when we work even harder to win 6 in a row.

Cheers and congratulations on a great year.

'A1' Premiership Coach/Manager **David Clarkson**.



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SHUT OUTS			ΙΪ																

'A1' Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	At Bats	<u>Hits</u>	Average
JJ O'Connor	13	47	14	0.298
Paul Rutgers	13	52	14	0.269
Adam Blackley	14	45	13	0.289
Ben Leslie	9	33	12	0.364
Matthew Blackmore	8	30	9	0.300
Brett Curnow	11	41	11	0.268
Russell Ferguson	13	59	16	0.271
Zak Palmer	3	1	1	1.000
Yoshi Campetelli	7	8	3	0.375
Anthony Reinke	11	43	12	0.279
Brendan Horne	7	26	8	0.308
Blake Cunningham	11	30	7	0.233
Brandon Stenhouse	4	5	1	0.200
Matt Carlile	10	32	9	0.281

Award recipient must have a minimum of 45 at bats or played 1 game more than half the season (9)

'A2' Report 2012

Grand Finalists

After participating in the role of assistant coach to the A2 side in 2011 I had some idea of what this side was capable off. So to take on the role of Coach for 2012 was exciting for me because I knew that the side had what it takes to win this grade.

The side started the season on a high defeating 2011 premiers Dandenong in our first game with the players much the same as 2011. Come week 2, at the selection table the club coach decides that its time for Yoshi to start pitching in the 1's and we also lost a couple of players from Rd 1 to other interests. It was at this stage we decided to run with a youth policy and bring up all juniors who were eligible to play (14 yrs old) and also capable of playing 2's. This gave us a very young side with juniors – Max Barrett, Koji Campitelli, Zak Palmer & Brandon Stenhouse coming into the side. The average age was only lifted with our Senior mentors – Steve Babidge, Stuart Holland (dutchy) & Mika Tossavainen and 2 Experienced Seniors who didn't play last year – Nick Fitgerald & Michael Rizzi.

The youth policy made it hard for me as coach because every Saturday I had to make decisions on my pitching & catching staff as to whom had done what in their junior game that morning. If I was unlucky and they had all pitched in the morning I still had great support on the hill by Steve, Riz, Nick & Dutchy.

Come Rd 3 I lost my primary catcher to work commitments and had Koji step up to fill the position which he handled with ease and continued to do so for the rest of the season with some help from Mitch Holding who joint the side in Rd 8.

Sam Michael joined the side in Rd 6 and added more depth to my pitching staff and outfield.

By Rd 9 the side had found all its permanent players until Jack Enciondo turned 14 and joined us in Rd 13 another high standard pitcher to add to the mix.

With the side having their mix of good wins against higher sides and losses to lower sides we needed our bats to start hitting in the last hand full of games. They did as asked and we defeat top side Dandenong sending them to 2nd spot and then the following week defeating top side Berwick sending them to 2nd spot. Coming down to the last two home and away and away games, Rd 17 against Frankston 5th needing to win to secure 4th spot we had a loss. The last game Rd 18 was against Dingley 1st and a must win to hold 4th as Frankston were playing Mornington 6th. What a fantastic game the boys played with a win 6-3 and 4th spot sewn up, **Finals here we come.**

Top three teams – Dandenong played 3 -1win-2 losses, Dingley 3-2-1, Berwick 2-1-1 so after the great win in Rd 18 I had a feeling that we could win this.

The big thank-you's go to -:

Steve (scoop) Campitelli for scoring all season, a comment from Steve after the Rd 18 win "that was the best game I've ever seen them play" and I knew then we could win this comp.

Steve (Bab's) Babidge for all his support not only as Assistant Coach but also on the hill doing what Bab's does best. If it wasn't for Bab's the side would not have had any guidance when I was working.

This leads me to also thank **lan Curnow** for managing the side when both Babs and I were unavailable.

Last but not least I would like to acknowledge all the **Parents of the junior players** in the A2 side (as you would have noticed they make up the majority (the juniors not the parents). It must be hard work getting them from junior game to senior game when sometimes they are worlds apart. Thank-you for having them their on time most of the time.

Final Series

All games a must win to stay alive

Semi Final v Berwick – tough game until the 5th innings when we went crazy with the bat to win 15-4

Preliminary Final v Dandenong – very challenging game and tight all game we came out on top with a 4-3 win. Grand Final here we come after finishing 4th on the ladder.

Grand Final v Dingley - This is the space I left to write "WE WON" but due to the most heart breaking of chink hits in the 12th innings I'm unable to do so.

To help you understand the A2 GF it was to be a 2hr game with a 5 minute rule and with that time frame rapidly closing in Dingley scored 1 run to tie the game up 4 all. Being a GF we needed to play extra innings to get a result unfortunately for us Dingley managed to score the winning run with a little chinka in the bottom of the 12th

GAME OVER

Disappointed, well Yes big time, but I must say that for the side to make the GF from 4th position and go that close to winning only shows that this A2 side got stronger and stronger as the season went on and has huge potential and will be ready to take the Flag in 2013.

To all the players of the A2 side of 2012, THANK YOU for what I see as one of the best ever seasons I've had as a Senior coach and I hope you will all be back in 2013 to win what could've been ours in 2012. I will be and I only hope you will be as well.

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Coach/Manager 'A2' 2012

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'A2' Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	Games	At Bats	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Steve Babidge	12	19	8	0.421
Max Barrett	13	28	13	0.464
Koji Campitelli	12	31	7	0.226
Yoshi Campitelli	4	6	4	0.667
David Clarkson	1	3	1	0.333
Trevor Clemens	2	3	0	0.000
Tom Davidson	3	5	1	0.200
Jack Enciondo	5	15	4	0.267
Nick Fitzgerald	14	44	10	0.227
Mitchell Holding	6	17	7	0.412
Stewart Holland	11	31	12	0.387
Sam Michael	11	23	5	0.217
Zak Palmer	14	33	10	0.303
Michael Rizzi	12	39	14	0.359
Brendon Stenhouse	13	38	22	0.579
Mika Tossavainen	12	35	5	0.143

Award recipient must have a minimum of 45 at bats or played 1 game more than half the season (9)

'A3' Report

PREMIERS

2012 Season at the Rustlers has passed and was full of excitement each and every week. This season, we had a mixture of players, with the return of Sean Gabb and Adam Leech, a few of the old veterans and a few new rookies who I hope have learnt a lot from the older players.

Unfortunately the A3 had a lot of injuries throughout the season and we wish the ones that are still injured recover quickly and will be available for A3 season 2013. Our Team had a great spirit, everyone enjoyed coming down and spending time with each other and it showed by the way we all stuck together and won the Premiership.

Big Thank- you's to all the people who helped score throughout the season, when Katrina was unavailable. (Thanks Mum for once again scoring yet another season)

Thanks Heaps to everyone who made the season a lot of fun and the Grand Final a memorable victory.

"Go Rustlers"

'A3' Premiership Coach/Managers
Pat O'Neill
Dave Johnson "Jonno"



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Mitch Holding			1				3		0	2		1							7
Sean Gabb									Ω						3	-		3	7
Brett Kavanagh		က							Н									2	5
David Olsen			3							1					1				5
Sam Trend-Beacom					1	1			M	3									5
Peter Burdett	3								A										3
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Jack Enciondo	2								I										2
Stephen Kavanagh				2					0										2
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COACH'S AWARD	Q	-	Sam 1	rend-l	Sam Trend-Beacom	u													
GRAND SLAMS			Pat O	Neill-	Pat O'Neill- Rd14, 28/7/12 vs Bonbeach	28/7/12	2 vs B	onbead	뜻										
SHUT OUTS			Casey	, Hodg	Casey Hodgson - Rd1		21/7/12	3, 21/7/12 vs Mornington 15-0	orning	ton 15	0-								

'A3' Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	At Bats	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Casey Hodgson	10	35	19	0.543
Nick Coy	6	13	7	0.538
David Johnson	15	53	23	0.434
Steven Kavanagh	9	35	15	0.429
Tom Davidson	4	12	5	0.417
Jack Enciondo	10	32	13	0.406
David Olsen	10	37	15	0.405
Brett Kavanagh	8	30	12	0.400
Adam Katz	2	5	2	0.400
Mitch Holding	10	37	14	0.378
Peter Burdett	9	36	13	0.361
Josh Lean	6	17	6	0.353
Adam Leech	17	71	25	0.352
Leigh Heinrichs	16	54	19	0.352
Sean Gabb	6	20	7	0.350
Sam Trend-Beacom	10	42	14	0.333
Pat O'Neill	13	29	9	0.310
Jordan Osborne	6	22	6	0.273

Award recipient must have a minimum of 45 at bats or played 1 game more than half the season (9)

'A4' Report

Grand Finalists

It says A4 up there, but this isn't a report for a senior team. It should say "Cheltenham's afternoon Under 16s"

I say that because if it weren't for Dave Stenhouse taking the field every week I'd estimate the average age of our team at around 15. Of course, when you include Stenny in the equation the average age jumps up to around 30. I'm just guestimating here but judging by his play, I assume he's 70 at least right? (Nah, just joshing Dave. NO ERRORS ALL SEASON! Very impressive for a 58 year old)

Jokes aside, this was an especially young squad. We started off the year with a handful of kids playing their first ever games of seniors and when those kids moved on and up we replaced them with another lot of kids playing their first season of seniors while managing to maintain our success. We quickly established ourselves as the no.2 side and stayed there comfortably the entire season clear of the rest of the pack, losing to only the top side (Dandenong) who had themselves a stacked veteran line up.

I'd be lying if I said I didn't miss having team mates old enough to share a beer with after the game, but if I had to choose between a young team that was winning and a pack of old booze hounds getting thrashed every week and drowning their sorrows in an ocean of VB...well...I'd choose the later, but I'm a drunken fool. The alternative was alright as well.

A particular stand out for us this year came in the form of Adam Katz. One of the best things that happened all year for the 4's was Katzy getting roughed up in an outing early on in the A3's and I don't say that just because I generally enjoy the misfortune of others. I say it because it meant he was open to dropping down a grade and helping us out. He chewed up the majority of innings on the hill and that meant plenty of rest for *ahem* other arms. So, for purely selfish reasons, I was glad to see him get shelled in the 3's. Adam also had a big year with the bat as well. The stick was never his best weapon, but with a bit of confidence he began lighting it up and became one of our major RBI men. We knew he'd be big for us on the mound, but his hitting was a revelation.

The other stand out for me this year was the play of young Mick Leslie. He was one of those kids getting his first taste of senior ball and acquitted himself admirably. He filled two really important roles as firstly our leadoff hitter where he hit .350+ with a great OBP and a tendency to have long at-bats. He was also our shortstop and played stellar defence all year long and believe it or not was a real leader out on the field. These contributions were especially significant because we literally did not have anyone else suitable to fill either of those roles, so for him to excel at both was a real bonus.

While they weren't the only guys who had great years, (Dec Chittenden and Michael Natoli probably deserve a mention) but they were the big surprise packets IMO. I'm not going to blabber on and tell you everyone that played well because 1) It would be a really long, crap report and 2) It would almost certainly dissolve into me big noting myself and I won't subject you to that in text form.

'A4' Report continued

Moving on, I should say some thank-you's to a few people I suppose. Let's start with Dave Stenhouse. I might have my name down as coach here, but in truth all I really did coach-

Wise was taking out my frustrations on some kids. Dave did all the actual coaching. So he deserves as much of any credit (and blame, all of the blame!) that anyone wants to throw about.

I wanted to also thank the guys from the 3rds who umpired our games, even though we were pretty naff at returning the favour. Young Jack Daniels did it for them a couple times and made me look a little less like a jerk for saying no. So thank you to him as well. My scorer Pete Leslie, who couldn't be more helpful, did a great job with it. Regular stat updates kept me feeling like the big fish in a little pond that I am.

Lastly I want to thank all the kids (and their folks) for paying their fines and supporting the team and club. I wouldn't normally fine juniors, but for whatever reason I felt comfortable ripping off this particular group of kids. For the record, all the money went back into club coffers at the \$1000 draw, so remember that if you're feeling down about not playing so great. You were doing your bit for the club by striking out. High Five!

Dan Ward-Bourton Coach/Manager 'A4' 2012



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GRAND SLAMS			Danie	l Ward	Daniel Ward-Bourton -		5/12 F	3d 4 V	12/5/12 Rd 4 Vs. Dingley Blue	yley Bl	ne								
SHUT OUTS			Danie	l Ward	Daniel Ward-Bourton -		'4/12 F	3d 2 V	28/4/12 Rd 2 Vs. Berwick 20-0	wick 20	0-C								
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'A4' Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	Games	At Bats	Hits	Average
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Glen Sanders	2	6	5	0.833
Sam Michael	3	10	7	0.700
Daniel Ward-burton	11	31	20	0.645
Josh Lean	7	15	9	0.600
Sam Trend-Beacon	3	12	6	0.500
Adam Katz	12	37	16	0.432
Yuta Sekino	7	21	9	0.429
Brad Lark	3	5	2	0.400
Michael Natoli	14	33	13	0.394
Declan Chitterdon	11	39	15	0.385
Michael Leslie	14	41	15	0.366
Ravi Patel	2	3	1	0.333
Nick Fitzgerald	1	3	1	0.333
James Van Der Beck	8	19	6	0.316
Noaki Lui	10	16	5	0.313
Logan Tuki-jones	11	20	6	0.300
Jack Daniels	12	34	10	0.294
David Stenhouse	11	18	5	0.278
Josh Goshnick	4	4	1	0.250
Max Barrett	1	4	1	0.250
Denton Schradder	2	6	0	0.000
Mathew Cameron	1	1	0	0.000
Chris Reese	1	2	0	0.000
Mathew Saward	1	1	0	0.000
Declan Boycde	2	3	0	0.000
Mitchell Holding	1	3	0	0.000

Award recipient must have a minimum of 45 at bats or played 1 game more than half the season (9)

'B3' Report

This year the B3 team was made up of a fairly even mix of returning seniors from last year and an influx of young guns from the junior ranks.

Results wise the team had an up and own season, dropping a number of games early, largely through inexperience before the team settled at the mid point of the season. At this stage we managed to string together five wins in a row and move into fourth spot on the ladder. A late season spate of injuries robbed our momentum however and the team faded to finish 7th.

A big factor in our improvement this season was having a settled pitcher / catcher team with first Yuta Sekino, then Josh Goshnick and Shun Adachi taking starting duties. Paul Cummings and Denton Schragger provided valuable service in relief with a couple of others providing some cameo appearances. Alex Marshall and James Cunningham handled most of the work behind the dish,, giving some of the ageing legs a break.

This more potent pitching was matched with a general improvement in the field and as a direct result the team got to swing the bat a lot more. A big positive for the team was the fact that we were able to score the second highest number of runs over the season. Paul Cummings, Russ Ashen and Alex Marshall also managed to hit home runs during the season.

It's a big plus for the club with the number of juniors coming through into the senior teams so well drilled in the game. In our case the juniors fitted seamlessly into our team where winning was important but getting out there and having fun was probably the prime objective.

Thanks to Linda Schragger who happily took on scoring duties and made my life far easier. Matt Cameron who gave up playing in a number of our home games to umpire and also to Paul Cummings who assisted me during the season and was always there to bounce ideas off.

Rod Anderson Coach/Manager 'B3' 2012



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Shun Adachi		3				2					3		3	3	3			17
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Rod Anderson								Α					_		-			2
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Matt Cameron								0										0
Declan Chittenden	2							Ω										2
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James Cunningham		1								1								2
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Alex Marshall		_	2						_						2	3	3	12
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Ravi Patel								Α										0
Joe Reilly								S										0
Matthew Saward								Ŧ										0
Denton Schragger			3	2	2			0										7
Yuta Sekino	3	3		က				Ω										6
Stewart Thatcher			1				3	F		2								9
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BATTING AVERAGE	Щ	Paul Cummings605 ave	nming	ls60	5 ave													
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GRAND SLAMS		Nil																
SHUT OUTS		Ξ																

B3' Batting Averages

<u>Players</u>	<u>Games</u>	At Bats	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Average</u>
Shun Adachi	15	39	19	0.487
Lucas Anderson	3	6	2	0.333
Rod Anderson	15	33	15	0.455
Russell Ashen	16	46	24	0.522
Henry Bevan	1	2	0	0.000
Declan Boyce	6	15	4	0.267
Matt Cameron	10	23	6	0.261
Declan Chittenden	1	5	2	0.400
Paul Cummings	13	38	23	0.605
James Cunningham	10	26	9	0.346
Graz DiGiovambattista	15	37	16	0.432
Josh Goschnick	8	19	7	0.368
Alex Marshall	11	32	18	0.563
Frank Mindum	2	4	2	0.500
Ravi Patel	4	6	1	0.167
Joe Reilly	3	8	1	0.125
Matthew Saward	3	4	0	0.000
Denton Schragger	13	38	12	0.316
Yuta Sekino	4	11	6	0.545
Stewart Thatcher	12	39	14	0.359
Peter Warren	14	40	16	0.400

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Club Person

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Nominations are -:

Matt Carlile:

- Senior Player
- Junior Coach

Matt has shown to be a great club person in that he is always around helping were he can and always at training helping with the U17's. Most of all Matt took on the role of U17s coach at the last minute when we were unable to get any other volunteers to do the job and as it turned out he brought home the U17 Flag. Well done Matt the CBC committee appreciates members with your dedication

Dave (Johno) Johnson:

- Committee Member
- General Gopher

Johno has been an outstanding member of the committee this season going above and beyond the call of duty. Johno seems to always be around fixing something, marking grounds or just holding up the bar. He also took on the role as Rookie ball coach and seems to have a fantastic report with the kids. Johno has to be congratulated for his dedication and passion for the Cheltenham Winter Baseball Club.

Katrina Johnson: Club Person 2012

- > Treasurer
- Canteen Specialist

Katrina the money lady has once again out performed her previous year's hard working performance. Katrina capably handles all the "money" matters of the club in her voluntary role as Treasurer. She also takes in her stride scoring duties for her son's team and if your have trouble finding her around the club just head to the canteen and she will be there hard at work. Katrina also spends lots of her time organizing social functions through-out the season. The committee appreciates your passion and dedication for all jobs you do around the club.

Patrick O'Neill:

- Vice President
- A3 Coach/Manager
- U13 White Coach/Manager

Pat always puts his hand up for any tasks that need to be done. He has been fantastic as a Senior & Junior Coach he has been a valuable contributor around the selection table. He was also on hand for this years social functions, doing whatever was required.

Paul Rutgers:

- A1 New Player
- Junior Mentor

Paul was a new A1 player to the club this year and was in attendance at all social functions. Most noticeable of all was Paul's attendance at junior training sessions and game days. The committee appreciates players of his calibre making his presents felt around the club.

Connie Upfill:

- Junior Coordinator
- Canteen Whiz

Connie again as junior coordinator has done a fantastic job if she was to leave this position it is one that the committee would have problems finding someone to do the job as well as Connie does it. Connie has also given up her Saturday mornings all season to work in and supervise in the canteen. She has cooked thousands of chips, dim sims and potato cakes etc, often staying much later than her normal "knock-off" time in order to make sure there was plenty of food for sale. Connie also worked hard as our resident MC at all social functions. Again a very helpful season from Connie well done.

Dan Ward-Bourton:

- A4 Coach/Manager
- U15 White Coach/Manager

Dan seems to always be around to help out at any time. He has been fantastic as a Senior & Junior Coach. He is also on hand when asked to jump in and help out. Well done Dan the CBC committee appreciates members with your dedication.

J.R. TREVORAH MEMORIAL TROPHY

'A1' Grade M.V.P

1986	Steve Babidge	1987	Terry Reid	1988	Terry Reid
1989	Terry Reid	1989	Steve Babidge	1990	Terry Reid
1991	Mika Tossavainen	1992	Steve Babidge	1993	Terry Reid
1994	Chris Reece	1995	Darren Smith	1996	Greg Brown
1996	Darren Smith	1997	Mika Tossavainen	1998	Anthony Smith
1999	Luke Parsons	2000	Darren Smith	2001	Darren Smith
2002	Darren Smith	2003	Anthony Reinke	2004	Dave Clarkson
2005	Ricky Wheeler	2006	Daryn Cassidy & Ricky Wheeler	2007	Blake Cunningham
2008	Daryn Cassidy	2009	Andrew Russell	2010	Blake Cunningham
2011	Matthew Blackmore & Blake Cunning	gham		1	\

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Yoshi Campitelli

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Highest Aggregate M.V.P. Votes

1992	Andrew Phillips	1992 David Stenhouse	1993	Terry Reid
1994	David Stenhouse	1995 Darren Smith	1996	Darren Brooks
1997	Peter Burnett	1998 Peter Burnett	1999	Laurie Hall
2000	Adam Blackley	2001 Craig Ballantyne	2002	Adam Blackley
2003	Colin Upfill	2004 Steve Gourlay		,

2005 Trophy name changed (see below)

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TROPHY

Club Coaches Most Improved

2005	Tom Ellis	2006	Blake Cunningham	2007 Dale Ravesi
2008	Kyle Brookes	2009	Brett Curnow	2010 Brett Curnow
2011	Jak Jowett			

2012 Mitch Holding

BOB BOYLE'S CLUB COACHES AWARD

Most Improved

1989	Darren Smith	1990 Peter Burnett	1994	Matthew Gourlay
1995	Lorne Dennis	1996 Ben Wardburton	1997	lan Nolan
1998	Travis Blackley	1999 Matthew Keen	2000	Brett Kavanagh
2001	Glenn Sanders	2002 Richie Lander	2003	Chris Hook
2004	Never awarded			

2005 Trophy now obsolete (see above)

FRANK BABIDGE JNR MEMORIAL

TROPHY

Club Person

1988	Olivia Reid	1989	Chris Reece	1990	Wendy Johnson
1991	Russell Ingram	1992	Trevor Hogben	1993	Brad Lark
1994	Brad Lark	1995	Simon Edgeworth	1996	Trevor Clemens
1997	Bev Blackley	1998	T.Clemens & B.Fitzgerald	1999	David Stenhouse
2000	S.Earle & S.Flanagan	2001	David Stenhouse	2002	Terri Landt
2003	David & Pauline Stenhouse	2004	David Stenhouse	2005	John Olsen
2006	Colin,Connie & James Upfill	2007	Janette Holland	2008	Brett Dickson
2009	Ian Curnow	2010	Tina Cooen	2011	Peter Leslie

2012 Katrina Johnson

DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Senior DBA Rep side

Congratulations to the following Cheltenham players who represented the DBA at the Queens B'Day VPBL Carnival for the 2012 Winter season held at Geelong 9th-11th June.

Kane Davidson

Blake Cunningham

Ben Leslie

The 2012 Winter Committee would like to congratulate the above players for representing Cheltenham Baseball Club at what we consider a very high level of competition. Well Done.

DBA Award Winners

DBA Most Valuable Player -

A4 - Dan Ward-Bourton

(O'Brian Medal)

DBA Most Victories -

Yoshi Campitelli 7 wins

DBA Home Run King -

Matthew Carlile 3 Home runs (all in 1 game v Frankston Rd3 5-05-12)

The 2012 Winter Committee would like to congratulate all the above CBC players who won a DBA award for their high achievements in the 2012 DBA season. Well Done

Good luck to everyone playing their chosen sport this Summer (hopefully baseball with Cheltenham!) and we look forward to seeing you again in Winter 2013.

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D.B.A. Most Valuable Players

			'A1' (ne	w grade 2008)			
	2008 Daryn Cas	ssidy					
1971 1989 1995	G. Siddel David Clarkson Darren Smith	1980 1990 2005	Lawrie Hall Terry Reid Ricky Wheeler	1981 1991	Lawrie Hall Steve Babidge	1986 1994	Terry Reid Terry Reid
	2009 – Tom Ellis			w grade 2008) Yoshi Can	npitelli		
1983	Terry Reid	2006	'A' RE Andrew Adams	<u>SERVE</u>		\	
	2008 Pat O'Nei		'A3' (ne 2009 – Geoff F	w grade 2008) Holland	2010 – Da	an Wardl	burton
1981 2004	Steve Babidge Ricky Wheeler	1997	' <u>B' G</u> Darren Brooks	1999	Steve Babidge 2	2003 Ric	ky Wheeler
	2009 – Steve Go	ourlay &		w grade 2008)			
1976 1997	Frank Babidge Jnr. Brad Lark	1981 2001	' <u>C' G</u> Frank Babidge Jnr. Ricky Wheeler	1987 2003	Peter Innes Mika Tossavainen	1996	Ueno Takashi
	2011 – Pat O'Ne	ill	<u>'B1' (ne</u>	w grade 2008)			
1989	Colin Upfill	1993	' <u>D' G</u> David Stenhouse	RADE			
			<u>'B2' (ne</u>	w grade 2008)			
1995	Stephen Williams		<u>'E' G</u>	RADE			
			'B3 ' (ne	w grade 2009)			
1996	Narelle Gosstray	2001	WOI Sue Kendrick	MEN'S			

Club Champions

1977, <u>1983</u>, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, <u>1993</u>, <u>1994</u>, <u>1995</u>, <u>1996</u>, <u>1997</u>, <u>1998</u>, <u>1999</u>, <u>2000</u>, <u>2001</u>, <u>2002</u>, <u>2003</u>, <u>2004</u>, <u>2005</u>, <u>2006</u>, <u>2007</u>, <u>2008</u>, <u>2009</u>, <u>2010</u>

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

The usual busy start to the season saw Cheltenham in a position to field two teams in each age group as well as a robust number of players for the U11 tournament.

As the season progressed we worked with the DBA's decision to split the U13 competition, to field major and minor league teams. Our understanding is that this will become common practice for all age groups in future years providing there are enough teams competing in the age group. This will create a similar competition to what we see in the Summer league with state and metro junior teams and may mean a review of team selection process next year.

Once again Cheltenham players were well represented in the Dandenong Baseball Association teams for the state winter championships. Congratulations to those who participated as listed below:

U12

Josh Ashen Yuki Fukusaku Dante Caruso
Thomas Ogilvie

Declan Croker Mitchell Shane

U14

Jake Pocock

<u>U16</u>

Max Barrett Koji Campitelli Matthew Stenhouse Mitchell Holding Sam Trend-Beacom Jack Enciondo

Declan Chittenden Lucas Anderson Josh Lean

Well done also to Dave Stenhouse for once again coaching the U16 DBA squad.

U18

Andrew Curry Nick Coy **Brandon Stenhouse**

Jordan Osbourne

Back to matters closer to home, we finished the year in a strong position with each age group represented in the finals; our U13 minor league team, our U15 White (runners up for the DBA competition) and of course our home town derby U17 grand final with U17 Blue coming out winners. Congratulations to both teams for a great season.

Now comes the thank you part of the report and as always there are many to thank so let's hope I don't leave anyone out.

In no particular order:

My thanks go to the committee for their tremendous support throughout the year. Many

have juggled parenting and playing commitments together with coaching and canteen duties; not to mention taxi services and ground maintenance. All have been very supportive of the junior section of our club.

This year we introduced age group coordinators and I have to say their help and input has been invaluable to me. Many thanks to Linda Barrett & Simone Holding (U17) and to Pauline Stenhouse & Robyne Tuki- Jones (U15); The girls did a great job and I am very lucky to have had such an organized team at my disposal. Thank you. Here's hoping there is a future Junior Coordinator lurking there somewhere!

The coaches need a very special mention. It was particularly difficult this year to recruit junior coaches so I am eternally grateful to those who willingly and/or reluctantly put their hands up to do the job. Each one of you has significantly contributed to the future of our club in coaching our juniors. Your influence on the kids has been fantastic. I hope you find your efforts with the juniors as rewarding as I do. Thanks for dedicating time in your busy lives to our future.

Ron Carothers: U17 - A seasoned professional

Matthew Carlile: U17 - A Cheltenham born and breed, dedicated young man

Dave Stenhouse: U15 – What can I say? But thanks again

Dan Ward Bourton: U15 – An innocent bystander who just got on with the job **Pat O'Neill: U13** – Another fantastic club man, born and breed Cheltenham **Dave Holland: U13** - New to coaching but I think has found his calling

Stu Holding: U11 – All the kids love you **Dave Johnson: U11** – And you too Jono!

My thanks must also go to all the "other" helpers who have in some way contributed to the success of the club. To all who scored throughout the year – thank you. To the many parents that helped set up diamonds on game day and who have helped out during the year in managing the kids at training and on game day - thank you. Finally thank you to all who have put up their hand and helped out to do the very thankless job of umpiring.

And what is a day at the baseball without a good hot dog and a drink? Many, many thanks to all who helped out in the canteen on a Saturday morning. A Special mention to young Emily Fitzgerald, who happily came down to give us a hand when we were light on for canteen staff. Thanks Em.

And of course I must not forget to thank to all the players who have come along to training and games every week – thank you for your willingness and enthusiasm to play this great sport and the club hopes to see you all again next year.

"May your bats be swift and your gloves safe."

Connie Upfill Junior Coordinator 2012

D.B.A Junior Rep Players

Cheltenham Junior Players who were selected to represent the

DBA in their VPBL Sate Championships during Winter 2012

U18 @ Mildura 7-8/07/12

Branden Stenhouse Nick Coy Jordan Osbourne Andrew Curry

U16@ Wangaratta 4-5/08/12

Jack Enciondo Mitchell Holding
Joshua Lean Samuel Trend-Beacom
Max Barrett Declan Chittenden
Koji Campitelli Lucus Anderson
Matt Stenhouse

U14 @ Sale 30/06-1/07/12

Jake Pocock

U12 @ Bendigo 7-8/07/12

Dante Caruso
Declan Crocker
Josh Ashen
Yuki Fukusaku
Thomas Ogilvie
Mitchell Shane

D.B.A Junior Awards

DBA Best Players - U18 – Brandon Stenhouse

U16 – Jack Enciondo

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'U17' White Report

The fairytale story of the Cheltenham White Team came to a crashing end last weekend by going down to a slick and more discipline Cheltenham Blue Team in the Grand Final by the score of 7-0. After advancing straight through to the Grand Final with an impressive win over Dingley in the Semi's, poor defense, nerves and a lack of offensive punch saw Cheltenham White self destruct in the first inning and never look like establishing any momentum for the rest of the game. Jack Enciondo, the work horse all season long, could not settle in to his normal rhythm and was relieved early in the game by Brandon Stenhouse.

Cheltenham White finished on top of the ladder on percentage at the end of the regular season with a 9-3 record.

Thank you guys for putting in a mighty effort during the season and for making the journey very exciting. I felt very proud for being your coach and I hope you have learned something to improve your game for the up -coming seasons.

Ron Carothers

Coach/Manager 'U17' White 2012

Team Members

Shun Adachi Stefan Taranto
Brandon Stenhouse Zak Palmer
Declan Chittenden James Van Der

Declan Chittenden James Van Der Beek Michael Natoli James Cunningham

Lachlan Madden Naoki Liu Matty Stenhouse Josh Lean Adam Love
Jack Enciondo
Denton Schragger
Jett Grahame
Ricky Preston

Assistant Coach - Graeme Chittenden

Scorers - Sue Palmer

Pauline Stenhouse Linda Schragger

Awards

MVP and Batting – Brandon Stenhouse - .615 Best Pitcher Award - Jack Enciondo 5 wins 1 loss

Coaches Award – Stefan Taranto – Courageous, Commitment, Dedication and outstanding achievement.

'U17' Blue Report

Where to start, the under 17 blue side had a fantastic season, finishing the home and away season 9 wins 3 losses and a draw to finish 3rd equal on points with the top two teams. Knowing we could beat any team on our day we went into the finals full of confidence and after beating Dandenong and Dingley in the semi and prelim, we came up against Ronnie and Chelt white in the grand final. The boys played a fantastic game and came away with the premiership, winning 7-0. Lead by pitchers Riki Preston and Yuta Sekino our defense was solid all day only allowing one hit, which against that lineup was an unbelievable effort. With our hitting we were able to hit the mistakes thrown and capitalize on the opportunities we had when runners were one base through clutch hitting from Sam Michael and Andrew curry and Yuta Sekino. I am very proud of the boys achievement and they should be too, they really came together as a team and put it all together in the game that mattered most.

Throughout the year we proved to be the best offense team scoring an impressive 119 runs over the 12 games we played, 10 more than the next best. What was so pleasing about our hitting was that everyone right through the order contributed and drove in runs when it was there turn to. Lead by Andrew Curry who hit a remarkable .57i, we had a number of hitters putting up numbers above 400 and another 2 in Max Barrett and Naoki Liu batting .500. Highlights with the bats were the 6 monster blasts hit during the season and finals, 2 by both Sam Michael and Mitch Holding and one each to Andrew and Yuta. Defensively we were strong with pitchers Riki, Josh, Sam Michael and Yuta consistently throwing strikes and keeping us in the ball game.

I would like to thank all the parents that came along and supported the boys, got them to training on a Thursday and helped out during the season setting up diamonds and doing other little jobs to help out, it is much appreciated and made my job as coach a lot easier. A special thanks to my two scorers Tony Preston and Fiona Curry.

Matt Carlile

Coach/Manager 'U17' Blue 2012

Team Members

Koji Campitelli Mitch Holding
Conner O'Neil Andrew Curry
Sam Michael Yuta Sekino
Rick Preston Josh Lean

Scorers - Fiona Curry Tony Preston

Awards

Best player in Finals - Yuta Sekino Batting Average - Andrew Curry Coach's award - Rick Preston Max Barrett

Sam Trend-Beacom

Ravi Patel Naoki Liu

'U15' White Report

Cheltenham's under 15's have a wealth of talent. Lots of big, elite, rep-side making type kids are roaming around at this level for our club. But the issue that struck me at the beginning of this season was that a number of those kids had made the decision to play up in the u17 age group rather than here. While that began as a source of frustration and made my job (of winning a flag) that much tougher, It became clear what a great opportunity this was going to be for the kids that remained who were now charged with stepping up and carrying a team and playing key roles and positions where they might otherwise have been playing minor roles.

Originally the idea was for Dave Stenhouse and I to coach this White side together, but when a coach for the Blue side was not forthcoming, Dave made the decision to look after Blue himself. I hope everyone involved realized the generosity he displayed there as this meant Dave was sacrificing the chance to watch his son Matt play juniors every Sunday. Though charged with separate teams, we endeavored to work together as much as possible by training both squads together on a Thursday night and leaving the option open to move players between the teams if necessary. This gave me a chance to work with Blue players and vice versa and made moving between teams a more comfortable experience for the players. In the end I believe all but one of the White players played at least one game for Blue and helped to share the load. It looked at one stage like this was going to pay off with both White and Blue in the top 4 down the stretch. But unfortunately, it was not to be with Blue really unlucky to miss out on finals by just one point. For our part, the White side solidified ourselves in the finals by finishing 3rd and carried great form through to the Grand Final. Going down to Dandenong 6-3 in a tremendous game.

During the season I made the decision to add another White training on Tuesdays and I believe these sessions really paid dividends late in the year. It allowed me to work in a more one on one capacity with my guys and gave the guys more of a chance to bond together as a team and of course get those crucial extra swings in.

Around the halfway point we really started clicking as a unit and getting on the same page about the type of ball we needed to play to be successful. This was especially evident at the plate where the quality of our at bats improved dramatically right throughout the line up over the course of the year.

As much of an import as I tend to place on just winning, in the end all you really need to do is to show improvement, which we certainly have. I feel an immense satisfaction with the growth we have shown as individuals and as a squad. I've seen Ando blossom into one of the best hitters in the team (including notching a couple of dingers). I've watched Ryno's boundless enthusiasm infect his team mates and Mick grow into a leadership role. I watched Dunny make some big adjustments and battle out of a slump to get back to the big hitting we expect in the finals and Jakey joining us halfway through the year and exemplifying the little ball that I was stressing for success and of course there was Jack Daniels just stroking the ball all year long. All of these revelations and many more unnamed due to time constraints are what I'll take away from the year as a source of

'U15' White Report continued

personal pride and my hope is that every player can find something similar to hang their hat on.

What set us apart was the outstanding work of our pitching staff. Lucas Anderson was our ace and he was more than ably backed up Matt Stenhouse, Michael Leslie and Jack Dunn who all sported ERA's under 3.50. Especially early in the year, the stellar work by these guys kept us in games while we waited for our bats to wake up.

Let me say, regardless of the result of the Grand final, what a fantastic effort it was to get there. As a group we exceeded expectations and I want to thank all the lads for their hard work and patience with your oft cranky coach. My mantra for the season was that you can't always play your best, but you can always play your hardest. So I was ecstatic to see these boys finish the year playing their hearts out.

I must also thank the entire parental group. At no point did I require help and not find it from the first person I asked, and more often than not, found it without asking at all. From the grounds crew to the emergency scorers and umpires to the pitch-count monitors and base coaches, never a job went undone and I never had to worry about any of it.

Special mentions to my scorer Pete Leslie whose regular stat updates really came in handy when contemplating my line-ups. Gavin Daniels who umpired basically every one of my home games from behind the plate and Rod Anderson who became my assistant of sorts late in the year and who I should have utilized more than I did. Thanks a lot guys.

Dan W-B

Coach/Manager 'U15' White 2012

Team Members

"Free-swinging" Jack Daniels,
"Fashionably late" Logan Tuki-Jones,
Jack "Daydream" Dunn,
Max "Is this a grand-final?" Thompson,
Matthew "why can't I do this during the game?" Cameron,
"The late season ringer" Jake Pocock.
"Home-run hero" Lucas Anderson,
Mathew "Stenny Jnr" Stenhouse,
"Captain Warm-Up" Michael Leslie,
"The rowdy rhino" Ryan Taranto

Scorer - Peter Leslie

<u>Awards</u>

MVP – Lucas Anderson
Batting – Jack Daniels (.633)
Coaches Award – Michael Leslie
Complete Game Shutout – Lucas Anderson (19/08/2012 v Berwick 6-0 Prelim Final)

'U15' Blue Report

With the season starting out – the thinking of the club was to have a development side and a side that would play in the finals and hopefully play off for the flag with rotation through the sides helping the development squad through the season. With players playing up in U/17 which mind you I don't think is a bad option, either this left a lot of 1st year players in the new grading system in U/15's. The winter season this yeas was on of the coldest and wettest that I have been involved in since I was 4 and that was a mighty long time ago! We had a few important washouts that the game could have gone our way and one of them being Boneo, which saw us in 7th place but only finishing half a game out of the four. Hopefully the kids listened and learnt what they could in training and in games played.

I would like to thank Sarah Caruso for scoring all season for me, Leigh Bailey for being our main home umpire and sometimes at away games, Stephen Pocock & Brett Octigan for helping marking out the grounds.

Congratulations to the trophy winners and I would like to taken mention to Jack Pocock who batted and fielded very well and ended up qualifying for the other U/15 side, Henry Bevan who is improving every season I see him, Angus Octigan for his 1st base fielding, as these kids mature through their baseball and more baseball they can get under belts they will become great ball players. Daniel Bailey, Matt McKenna, Gianni Caruso, Peter Voutcoufis and Toby Larter, Blake Cummins I encourage you all to train hard and show your enthusiasm in baseball and play like we did against Mornington, this was on game our attitude was second to none.

Thank you to all who rotated through our side and helped out!

Dave Stenhouse

Coach/Manager 'U15' Blue 2012

Team Members

Lucas Anderson Henry Bevan Preston Coombes Toby Larter Sam Michael Matty Stenhouse Daniel Bailey
Matthew Cameron
Blake Cummins
Michael Leslie
Angus Octigan
Logan Tuki-Jones

Max Barrett
Gianni Caruso
Jack Daniels
Matthew Mckenna
Jake Pocock
Peter Vacoutsis

Scorer - Sarah Caruso

Awards

MVP - Henry Beven Batting - Jake Pocock Coaches - Angus Octigan

'U13' White Report

This was a step back into the junior winter coaching ranks. Not only a return but the first time I have taken on the youngest team at the Rustlers.

There were lots of laughter, lots of frustration, lots of enjoyment and even a few tears and this was just the first game we played.

The side was made up of a few seasoned veterans (yes even at 12 some of these boys have had 4 years or more experience) a few natural sportsman and a few rookies. (You guys can work out which one suits you)

We started the season in a combined Under 13 competition but after playing more than half the season and playing all the top teams the DBA decided to split the grade into a major and minor league. We went into the minor league and ended the season second on the ladder. Unfortunately our year was ended in straight sets in the final.

<u>Sam Doree</u> was our leader of the team even though he didn't want the role. He stepped up many times and threw loads of innings throughout the season. He also hit a towering homerun at chelt which if it didn't hit the tree it would have gone through some ones window.

<u>Declan Croker</u> is proof that hard works pays off. This kid just loves the game. Being a big left handed kid I explained that he was destined to become a pitcher. He threw his best game of the year against Frankston keeping them scoreless. Keep working hard and smile and enjoy the game.

<u>Jackson Hoult</u> being one of the older kids in the team he played nearly all the positions on the field. We asked him to throw a lot of innings and he improved every time he took to the mound. Jacko's highlight of the year came in the final round when he entered the box bases loaded; he hit a hard line drive to centre left field and ran out a home run.

<u>Cruiz leech</u> a new comer this season he stepped up when asked. He threw a lot of innings early on for us and seemed to throw a lot of strikes until he started to think too much. He also hit the ball really hard all year.

<u>Thomas Ogilvie</u> a player that has being around for a few seasons. He started off as a pitching option and towards the end of the year as one of our catching options. With a little bit of hard work he could become a very handy catcher. He stole the most bases for the year not always the fastest in the team he used his baseball knowledge to gain an extra base.

<u>Ethan Alston</u> was a late starter in the team. He improved each week in the batters box looking a lot more confident each time he stepped in it. Towards the end of the season he collected a few hits but also collected some valuable walks to get on base.

'U13' White Report continued

<u>Jake Harrowell</u> a kid that is just happy playing baseball. Whether he was behind home plate covered in mud or running bases he always had a smile on his face. In one of the only starts on the mound I gave him he pitched a blinder against Frankston to collect the win.

<u>Luke Kinder</u> when around he proved to be a bit of a natural kid. His highlight for the year was against a very strong Dandenong team he was standing in centre when I told him he was pitching he turned to me and said I can't pitch. Well with a few quick tips he was left to his own and actually threw a lot of strikes.

<u>Jack Rice</u> a very shy kid he came out of his shell as the season went on. He would be the first kid to all trainings and willing to learn at all times. Jack is one of the lucky ones stepping up to bat in his first at bat and collecting a hit.

<u>Andrew Vacouftsis</u> one of the smallest in the team he was very competitive mostly to his close friend Brylie. Being short comes in handy in this grade as he was able to lead the team in walks. But he stepped up big time in a big game collecting a hit in the preliminary final being one of only a few hits.

<u>Brylie Wilshurst</u> like Andrew was a very competitive kid. She never wanted to be beaten in the batters box and was the first person to put her hand up to play anywhere on the diamond. She had a day out at sunny Boneo in the final round going 3 for 3. Also getting a hit in the preliminary final too.

Big thanks have to go Adam "Leechy" Leech for helping me out this year. He became a very handy batting practise thrower and we started winning when he threw to the kids. Also to Ant Harrowell who took the job on as the bench coach cheers for keeping them in order.

Now we can't go without thanking the scorers we actually can't play a game without them so a huge thanks to Michelle Ogilvie and Nicole Croker I know you both didn't wanted to do it most weeks but thanks.

See you all around and stay in touch I really enjoyed my time this winter

Go the rustlers.

Pat O'Neill

Coach/Manager 'U13 White' 2012

'U13' Blue Report

Major League

At the last moment I was asked to look after an Under 13 team for the winter and having agreed to it I can look back and say it was the most enjoyable season I have had in my short coaching career.

We ventured out to Berwick for round 1 and after introducing myself to many parents, and most of my team, we set about building an exciting and ever-improving group of kids into a strong baseball team. It began with a comfortable 10-4 victory over the usually strong Berwick side.

The loss to Dingley in round 2 is one I look back on and say "if only". It was a game against a weaker side and nothing seemed to click for us. We followed up with victories over Mornington Gold and Mornington White and a win in the home derby against Chelt White so we were knocking on the door of the top 4 and providing our spectators with some great baseball highlights. Dandenong Gold was another one that "got away" as the opposition refused to swing the bat and set about bunting everything. We weren't up to it and lost 4-9.

The week after we played a great game against Mornington Black going down 2-6 then we were told that the Under 13's were to be split into Major and Minor Leagues. To our credit we were to play in the Major League however several aspects of the draw had certainly favoured a couple of teams and disadvantaged others. Nevertheless we were a chance to play finals right up to the last game where we lost to a stacked up Dandenong Gold team with an injured and sick group on the day.

Team Members

Kaito Aono, Kaito had an excellent season with bat and ball. He loves the game and throws the ball hard. He finished second in the batting with .615 average and on the mound he threw 19 K's and a 4.83 ERA. Kaito took a brilliant running backhand catch at CF in our game against Dingley which brought the crowd to their feet! Very exciting talent and star of the future.

Josh Ashen, This "pocket rocket" eats drinks and sleeps baseball! And it shows. He's 9 years old and relieved for me just about every week and in all but one game was quite brilliant. Throws himself around in the field and with a bit more concentration will be a great bat as well. Josh was selected in the DBA representative side. Great season big guy!

Gabe Chivers, Gabe came to Cheltenham from Sandringham and has had a great season also. Gabe has a terrific swing and hits the ball hard. He also had successful stints on the mound and behind the plate. Gabe batted .429 with 2 triples and pitched in 3 games with 10 K's. Well done Gabe!

Dante Caruso, Dante is a natural. He can catch, pitch and hit exceptionally well and has a big future. The addition of Jacob to the team relieved Dante of catching duties and allowing him to pitch. Dante's 3 innings vs Morn Black was a highlight of the season. He starred with

'U13' Blue Report continued

the bat hitting at .478 including 2 home runs and 11 RBI's and was extremely reliable anywhere in defence. He is overseas at present and returns early in the new year. Another selected in the DBA side.

Ryan Crook, This was Ryan's first baseball season but plays cricket in the summer and was very quick to adjust to the round bat. Finished the season as my favoured lead-off hitter and had a .480 average

which is exceptional for a first year player. Easily the most improved player over the course of the season. Very reliable in the outfield also. Well done Ryan.

Yuki Fukusaku, Now this is a star in the making! This lad is an amazing talent on the mound and had Alan and I speechless some weeks as he threw strike after strike. As one umpire noted to me "he throws a filthy change-up"! We relied on Yuki to get us started defensively most weeks and he always came through with the goods. It would have been very hard to get the ball out of his hand anyway! Yuki also hit well and with some work will be a danger in the batters box for the opposition. Yuki was also selected in the rep side. Congratulations on a superb season.

Jackson Heyward, Jackson had a good season with the bat finishing with .312 average and 7 runs. Jackson has a good swing when executed and he simply needs to have confidence with his batting. Jackson could be called upon to play infield or outfield at any stage and always performed well. Well done mate.

Matt Holland, Matt had a wonderful season in the field as the leader of the infield at short stop, second or third. Always helping the younger kids and performing with excellence himself, pulling off 2 double plays and some amazing catches. Matt also needs to realise his own potential with the bat and swing harder and more often. Matt led base stealing and finished with a .333 average so a good season all round. Well done buddy!

Declan Hynes, Dec played just 7 games with sickness and other commitments interrupting his season. He is a wonderful lad to coach who can certainly swing the bat but just needs some strength and speed in order to connect more often. Reliable at 3rd base with 4 assists, and also LF, he will be looking forward to a full summer season coming up.

Michael Moore, The "Master Blaster" with the bat Michael dominated every week. He finished with a .636 average which included 2 HR's, 4 triples, 4 doubles and 19 RBI's. His slugging (1.455) and OPS (2.196) show just how dominant he was. Michael also held down 1st base errorless with 45 put outs. Just a brilliant season Michael!

Jacob Morris, Jacob joined us after round 4 and soon settled into the catchers gear with ease. Jacob was errorless behind the plate in 7 games and pulled off 3 caught-stealings. His ability as our catcher was a blessing for us as he had some tough times keeping wild pitches in front of him. Also a great bat Jacob finished with a .444 avge including a home run and 2 doubles. Tough competitor and a joy to have in the team.

Max Phillips, One of my favourites, Max had a good season as our preferred Centre fielder where he took a great catch against Mornington Black and pulled off a double play. He also

'U13' Blue Report continued

batted well with a .333 average including a double. Max is till very young and should look forward to a big Summer in the under 12's this year. Great to have you in the team Pepsi!

Bianca Schragger, Last but certainly not least is the lone girl in the team. Bianca is a wonderful girl and I loved having her in the team. Bianca is another who needs to believe in her ability and swing the bat with confidence and aggression. She has the swing as we all saw as the season drew on. She should also look forward to the summer with confidence.

A wonderful group of children who I have watched improve and enjoy their baseball each week. Along with that I am incredibly grateful to a sensational group of parents who have helped out and supported the team. Thanks especially to Terry Anderson, Michael Phillips, Russ Ashen and Ian Chivers for their help in setup and pack up each week. My sincere thanks goes to Alan Heyward who worked closely with me each week as assistant. A great bloke who has the baseball background and knowledge and I hope all the kids have learnt something from Alan over the season. Finally to Linda Schragger our scorer. What a professional with the scorebook! Thank you so much Linda for making a tough job look easy!

I would also like to thank Pat O'Neill for his assistance looking after Thursday training sessions and to Connie Upfill who has done a great job once again as our coordinator. Thanks to Dave Stenhouse and the committee for their wonderful support of the juniors throughout the season.

See you all in Summer!

David Holland

Awards:

Batting Award: Michael Moore
Most Improved: Ryan Crook
Golden Glove: Yuki Fukusaku
Coach's Award: Josh Ashen



'U11' Report

With great interest from kids and parents alike, winter Teeball has returned to Cheltenham. Some new faces joined the Rustlers crew to make a total of 18 keen young players.

At first it was Chelt v Chelt while we waited for interest to build at other clubs within the D.B.A. and I'd like to thank the players and parents for their patience during those first few weeks. A 9 round fixture was set with Pakenham and Dandenong fielding teams as well.

With the emphasis on fun and participation, no official scores were kept, but Johno and I felt like winners after every game with great skills being shown by the Rustlers as well as many home runs.

I'd like to thank the parents of all the kids for their encouragement and support over the winter and look forward to an even bigger season next year.

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