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LIFE MEMBERS

Reg Austin
Austin Grice
Richard Ogden

Ken Douglass
Graham Hay
Wendy Ogden

Brian Gowen
Barry Moore
Lance Orchard

PAST OFFICE BEARERS

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	ASSISTANT SECRETARY	TREASURER
1970	A. White	J. Yard		G. Horwood
1971	A. White	J. Yard		C. Watt
1972	F. Sherdon	H. Hedgcock	B. Moore	S. King
1973	J. Blow	H. Hedgcock	B. Moore	S. King
1974-75	C. Watson	B. Moore	P. Walker	G. Gorman
1975-76	C. Watson	B. Moore	P. Fedeles	B. Moore
1976-77	R. Austin	B. Moore	W. David	B. Barlow
1977-78	R. Austin	B. Moore	R. Ogden	B. Barlow
1978-79	R. Austin	B. Moore	R. Ogden	B. Barlow
1979-80	R. Austin	B. Moore	R. Ogden	B. Barlow
1980-81	R. Austin	B. Moore	R. Ogden	B. Barlow
1981-82	R. Austin	G. Hay	A. Morton	B. Barlow
1982-83	K. Douglass	G. Hay	S. Lewer	G. Barlow
1983-84	K. Douglass	G. Hay	S. Lewer	G. Barlow
1984-85	K. Douglass	G. Hay	S. Lewer	G. Barlow
1985-86	K. Douglass	A. Grice	S. Lewer	L. Orchard
1986-87	K. Douglass	A. Grice	S. Lewer	L. Orchard
1987-88	K. Douglass	A. Grice	S. Lewer	L. Orchard
1988-89	K. Douglass	A. Grice	S. Lewer	L. Orchard
1989-90	L. Orchard	A. Grice	D. Blain	R. Handel
1990-91	L. Orchard	A. Grice	A. Grice	R. Handel
1991-92	L. Orchard	A. Grice	A. Grice	B. Gowen
1992-93	G. Hay	B. Moore		B. Gowen
1993-94	G. Hay	B. Moore		B. Gowen
1994-95	B. Moore	G. Tighe	M. Fotheringham	G. Hassall
1995-96	B. Moore	K. Pongrac	G. Tighe	G. Hassall
1996-97	B. Moore	K. Pongrac		G. Tancred
1997-98	B. Moore	K. Pongrac	G. Tighe	G. Tancred
1998-99	B. Moore	G. Tighe		A. Smith

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1998-1999

President: Barry Moore
Senior Vice President: Graham Burnett
Vice President: Pam Hay
Secretary: Gail Tighe
Treasurer: Allen Smith
Assistant secretary:

General Committee: Matt Ardill
Trish Beat
Bruce Belmar
Wayne Finney
Steve Gorsuch
Bob Mare
Nigel Simmons
Jan Smith
David Taylor
Robert Wardle

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This season was one of great change for us.

- Our new constitution was implemented.
- The Bankstown Sporting Club bought the Baulkham Hills Sporting Club.
- New coaching team and players join the club.
- Fall off in team numbers within metro league

After a great deal of work a new constitution was written and accepted which was much more detailed and included the junior section of the club in the main body. This constitution was suitable for incorporation. Due to the changes with the licensed club, at this time we have not progressed to incorporation.

The Baulkham Hills Sporting club wound up in financial difficulty. After administrators were appointed several bodies were interested in taking over the debts of the club and in the final analysis, the Bankstown Sporting Club was successful. We believe that many new and exciting plans are in place for the Sporting Club in the near future.

Wayne Finney after many years of successfully coaching first grade and heading the coaching team decided to hang up the boots. Neil Barrowcliff joined the club bringing many years of experience with him. We also saw many player changes, especially within the lower grades and a new influx of eager young talent ready to take on the challenge of grade baseball. Neil along with a new team of coaches took on with vigour the challenge of coaching our very young club.

It was disturbing to see a fall off in playing numbers in our Metro League teams. I cannot remember the last time we did not enter a team in the "AA competition". Unfortunately we lost the bulk of our second team in the "AA competition which preclude us from entering the two teams required.

Plans are in place to rectify this situation next season.

We also did not enter an under nineteen team this season. It is so difficult to encourage boys leaving junior ranks who do not aspire to grade baseball. These boys can go on and play baseball at a level, which will give them great satisfaction.

Many thanks to both the Senior and Junior committees who gave their time freely and those who helped and did their bit in making our club one which we can be proud of.

Congratulations to players and coaches for a season you can be proud of.

Yours in Sport

Barry Moore
President

JUNIOR PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Club entered 14 teams in the Hills District competition for the 1998/99 season; this was down 3 teams from last season. Of this number we only had 1 team to earn a semi final, that was the 16 Magpies side coached by Pam Hay. After winning their semi final the Magpies qualified for the final only to be beaten by Winston Hills. My congratulations to Pam, Kaye Annersley and the boys for their efforts.

I believe that we have a strong base of players coming through the club, which is evident through the outstanding efforts of our Kooka and Magpie 8 year olds. The Kookas went through to be undefeated premiers something that I have never seen at any level of baseball, an outstanding effort and the Magpies finished in the four.

The last couple of seasons have been lean in relation to competition. Our focus has been on developing players for the future, I believe that next year will be Baulko's year in ALL age groups. On that note I would like to thank Ken Douglas, Kevin Johnson and Barry Moore (Yeah, we got Baz out of retirement to coach the 9 Kookas') for passing on their invaluable knowledge.

Financially we are secure. This season we were in disarray with all the happenings around us and the plus to this is, I believe it has bonded Juniors and Seniors back to a position where it should be, one club!

I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the Junior committee for their work during the season and acknowledge their contributions; we would not exist without this help.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank Chris Brown for ALL his efforts over the years. In this time Chris has performed the roles of Coach, Vice President and more recently Treasurer. Thanks and well done Brownny !!!!

In conclusion, the club is financially secure and with plans in place to join forces we have a viable future.

Thanking You

Don Beileiter
Junior President 1998/1999

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Congratulations to all players on their achievements this season. Whether it be just for the pure enjoyment of the game, having a beer and a laugh with you team mates after the game, being selected in a representative team or winning a premiership, baseball is a great sport to be involved in.

Unfortunately that great Baulko spirit seemed to be somewhat dimmed this season. Supporters were very low in numbers. Maybe it's a turning point in the history of the club, time for new players, committees and spectators. Lets rekindle that spirit and surge on to the next season looking forward to bigger and better things.

Consider being involved in the running of the Club. It only takes a little time each week. Encourage friends and relatives to come and support the game. Make them feel welcome and get them involved in the running of the Club too. It really can be great fun. Support and arrange social events with other Club members, renew that spirit.

To the coaches, assistant coaches, managers and scorers, thanks for all you time and effort this season, we hope to see you again in the coming season.

Thanks to all those hard working executive members, in particular Pam Hay who works tirelessly for the Club with little recognition. Next time you see her, tell her what an awesome job she does. She deserves it. Thanks also to those committee members (about 5 out of the 10) who worked hard through the season. You know who you are.

Baseball will be stepping into an exiting era in the new millennium. The Olympics will leave a legacy of first class baseball facilities, which can only benefit our sport. Help to encourage and develop junior players. Baseball needs more participants.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Baulko all the best for the coming season, may it be a successful and enjoyable one.

Gail Tighe
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following figures show * trading figures for the 1998/1999 baseball season.

The season started with funds frozen by the liquidators of the Baulkham Hills Sporting Club, which made it very difficult to plan and budget for the upcoming season.

Playing fees were not collected during registration day, and without the great efforts of Bob Wardle chasing players for their fees the baseball club would have struggled to stay afloat and survive.

It must also be mentioned the great work by Pam Hay in managing the canteen, another important means of raising funds for the club.

I thank all committee members for their assistance during the year and look forward to seeing new faces on the committee for the coming season.

Note: The presented figures have not been audited as at 12/4/99.

Alan Smith
Treasurer

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME

Bank Interest	11.16
Canteen Sale	21118.60
Gear Sales	460.40
Playing Fees	19960.09
Sundrys - Income	22188.48
	\$63738.73

SUNDRY INCOME

NSW Baseball	370.00
Hills Junior Baseball	497.00
Baulkham Hills Shire Council	696.00
Bankstown Sports Club	20045.48
NSW Baseball - Winners Cheque	250.00
Marrickville Baseball – Ground Hire	330.00
	\$22188.48

EXPENDITURE

Bank Fees	103.27
Canteen	13957.23
Playing Gear	7453.00
Ground Expenses	830.00
Telstra – Fax	73.66
Telstra – Phone	192.25
Coaching Fees	6500.00
Trophies	1872.00
Postage	45.00
Ground Hire	1062.00
Sundrys – Expenditure	7706.00
	\$39794.41

SUNDRY EXPENDITURE

North Rocks Indoor Cricket – N.Simmons	30.00
North Rocks Indoor Cricket – G.Burnett	50.00
Fee Refund – C.Mills	100.00
NSW Baseball Playing Fees	1200.00

NSW Baseball Playing Fees	1281.00
S.Gorsuch Lighting	800.00
NSW Baseball Umpires Fees	3786.00
Coaching /clinic Fees – Dave Rosser	80.00
Returned Cheque	300.00
End of Season Drinks Grade – G.Burnett	30.00
End of Season Drinks Grade – N.Simmons	49.00
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	\$7706.00

BALANCE

Deposits	\$63738.73
Withdrawals	\$39794.41
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Balance	\$23944.32 as at 12/04/99

WINTER CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Winter 1998 Report

The Winter 1998 season was slightly disappointing as we only had 6 teams and the weather meant that at least 3 games were washed out for most teams. Thanks to everyone who helped out in the canteen as this allowed us to make a considerable amount of money for the club.

Unfortunately due to the financial state of the Sports Club we were unable to obtain the trophies until the end of the summer season. Thanks to everyone for being patient.

A Grade

A five team competition resulted in 3 byes plus several wash outs so it was a very disrupted season for A grade. Made the semis with a 3 win 5 loss record but didn't get much farther.

Batting Award:	Brad Crinion	.500 Average
MVP Award:	David Crinion	
Scorer:	Jane Thorne	

D Grade

Unusual season which finished with a 5-4-3 record. First time I can recall anyone having 3 draws in one season. Needed to win the last game to make the semis and it was washed out.

Batting Award:	Bob Wardle	.500 Average
Rookie of the Year:	Chris Mills	
Scorer:	Merelyn Moore	

E Grade

E grade was the "hot" competition this year with several other clubs fielding teams that really should have been in higher grades. Unfortunately that meant that this team struggled during the year and just failed to make the semi finals although they had a record 5 wins 5 losses and one draw.

Batting Award:	Chris Brown	.438 Average
Coach's Award:	Greg Melrose	
Scorer:	Christine Brown	

F Grade

This team probably should have been graded higher as they completely dominated the F grade competition. Led by the pitching of Bruce Belmar, Catching of Simon Hassall and considerable batting strength this team went on to win the grand final 30 - 1 after only losing one game during the regular season.

Batting Award:	Simon Hassall	.615 Average
Coach's Award:	Dave Porter-Smith	
Scorer:	Helena Phillips	

G Grade Kookas

Finished with a 4 win 8 loss record and didn't make the semis. Sometimes struggled for players due to injuries and other commitments but generally has a fun season. Highlight was the Baulko vs Baulko clash on the main diamond at Northmead.

Batting Award:	Corie Stone	.533 Average
MVP Award:	Grant Jones	
Scorers:	June Murphy Lauren Mills	

G Grade Magpies

A combination of new and old players made up this team however although they had a fun season they didn't win any games (but did have one forfeit when the other team didn't show up).

Rookie of the Year:	Ivan Slavich
Coaches Award:	George Turnbull
Scorer:	Sue Hoad

Bob Wardle
Winter Co-Ordinator

REGISTRARS REPORT

The summer 1998/99 season saw the club lose several teams and therefore had the smallest number of players for many years. The AA, U/19 and H (Koala) teams either disbanded as players moved on to other grades/clubs or, in the case of H grade, moved completely to another club.

For the Major League competition we fielded the mandatory 1st, 2nd, 3rd and U/18 teams. For the Sydney Metro competition we had C grade (made up of many of the remaining players from AA and U/19), E grade and F grade.

The unfortunate state of the Sports Club finances caused us some difficulty at the start of Summer season as we could not collect fees, particularly cheques, at the initial registration days. It was then necessary to chase many players for payment of the fees and there are still several players who have NOT paid anything for last season. It was also disappointing that half of the 1st grade side did not pay the minimum \$50.00 that was requested of them.

To boost the number of teams in the Metro competition the club will be actively recruiting players for a new U/19 side. Hopefully we can use these players as the base for a return to the AA competition sometime in the future.

Bob Wardle
Registrar

BASEBALL IS THE ONLY THING BESIDES
THE PAPER CLIP THAT HASN'T CHANGED.

BILL VEECK
Indians Owner (1946 – 50)

YOU SPEND A GOOD PIECE OF YOUR LIFE
GRIPPING A BASEBALL AND IN THE END IT
TURNS OUT THAT IT WAS THE OTHER WAY
AROUND ALL THE TIME.

JIM BOUTON
Ball Four (1970)

I'M THROWING TWICE AS HARD AS I EVER
DID. IT'S JUST NOT GETTING THERE AS
FAST.

LEFTY GOMEZ
Yankees Pitcher(1930 – 43)

YOU GOTTA BE A MAN TO PLAY BASEBALL
FOR A LIVING, BUT YOU GOTTA HAVE A
LOT OF LITTLE BOY IN YOU.

ROY CAMPANELLA
Dodgers Catcher (1948 – 57)

REPRESENTATIVE HONOUR ROLL 1998-1999

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

AUSTRALIAN MERCURYS (Vs Japan, Homebush)

Craig Lewis

AUSTRALIAN AAA (Asian Championships, Japan)

Matthew Bennett

AUSTRALIAN AA (AA World Championship, USA)

Mark Barrowcliff
Steve Robinson

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS (International Friendship Series, Lismore)

Paul Bardetta
Mark Barrowcliff

USA PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS

Craig Lewis	New York Yankees
David Thorne	Montreal Expos

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

SYDNEY STORM (A.B.L. FAI Cup)

Anthony Brasher
Todd Le Grand
Craig Lewis
Lachlan Tancred
Robert Taylor

N.S.W. U/18's (Australian championship, Adelaide)

Matthew Bennett
Paul Brudder
Steve Robinson
Chris Stephens

N.S.W. COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS (School Sport Australia Championships, Perth)

Paul Bruder

STATE COMPETITIONS

METROPOTILAN WEST (C.H.S. Championship, Richmond)

Paul Bruder
Josh Bramley

PLAYER AWARDS

Stewart Bell	N.S.W. Major League Batting Award
Paul Bardetta	1998 Metroplitan Sporting Blue Award
Mark Barrowcliff	1998 Metroplitan Sporting Blue Award

COACHING / MANAGERIAL / ADMISTRATIONAL REPRESENTATION

Neil Barrowcliff	Australian Baseball Federation National Coaching Director
Ken Douglass	NSW Baseball League Commissioner Coach, NSW Womens Team
Wayne Finney	Coach, U/16 Hills
Nigel Simmons	School Sport Australia National Baseball Secretary Manager, Australian School Boys NSW Combined High Schools Baseball Convenor Metropolitan West Baseball Convenor

GRADE TEAM PHOTO 1998-1999

BAULKHAM HILLS BASEBALL CLUB 1998-1999 GRADE TEAM

N.S.W. Baseball Major League Competition
Club Championship
3rd 31059

N.S.W. Baseball League Night Series
2nd

Back row:	Neil Barrowcliff Joshua Balzke David Rosser Todd Le Grand	Nigel Simmons David Dallaway Shuen Choy	Wade Sawkins Peter Handle Stewart Bell	Robert Taylor Tim Keech Craig Lewis
Middle row:	Steve Robinson Paul Bardetta Paul Bruder	Craig Wark Jason Dormor Andrew Fotherngham	Trent Burnett Chris Stephens Craig Stoves	Mark Barrowcliff Lachlan Tancred
Front row:	Russell Hay Matthew Bennett	Gerard Walsh	Craig Meyer	Aaron Zammitt
Not in Photo:	David Thorne Josh Bramley Anthony Dalloway Dave Clarke	Gary Kirkland Ben Tuckwell Tim Davis Anthony Brasher	Wade Shipard Brett Brien Andrew Sutton Steve Wilson	Aaron Roberts Scott Sutton Paul Strickland Luke Harper

CLUB HONOUR ROLL 1998-1999

Graham Hay Award Most Valuable Player

Stewart Bell

Club Rookie of the Year

Steve Robinson

1st Grade

Batting Award
Players Player

Stewart Bell .457
Peter Handle

2nd Grade

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Players Player

Matt Bennett
Steve Robinson .574
Steve Robinson

3rd Grade

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Players Player

Scott Douglas
Anthony Dalloway .438
David Rosser

Under 18's

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Players Player

Shuen Choy
Craig Meyer & David Thorne .353
Josh Bramley

C Grade

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Players Player

Bruce George
Dave Osterlund .441
Adrian Osmond

E Grade

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Coach's Award

Greg Camseloise
Bruce Belmar .512
Glen Hetherington

F Grade

Most Valuable Player
Batting Award
Coach's Award

Jeremy Smith
Stan Robson .541
Gary Tuckwell

IN THE BEGINNING. THERE WAS NO
BASEBALL. BUT EVER SINCE THERE HAVE
BEEN FEW BEGINNINGS AS GOOD AS THE
START OF A NEW BASEBALL SEASON. IT IS
THE MOST SPLENDID TIME IN SPORT.

B. J. PHILLIPS
Time (1981)

IF A TIE IS LIKE KISSING YOUR SISTER,
LOSING IS LIKE KISSING YOUR
GRANDMOTHER WITH HER TEETH OUT.

GEORGE BRETT
Royals Infielder (1973 – 90)

MAN MAY PENETRATE THE OUTER
REACHES OF THE UNIVERSE, HE MAY
SOLVE THE VERY SECRETS OF ETERNITY
ITSELF BUT FOR ME, THE ULTIMATE
HUMAN EXPERIENCE IS TO WITNESS THE
FLAWLESS EXECUTION OF THE HIT-AND-
RUN.

BRANCH RICKEY
Dodgers General Manager (1943-50)

1ST GRADE REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
21	17	4	-	1	222	112	3rd

TEAM BAT AVE	FIELD AVE	ERA	RBI
.347	.951	4.52	193

M.V.P.	Stewart Bell
Batting Award	Stewart Bell .457
Players player	Peter Handle

Our team led the competition for 16 rounds, ended up finishing 2nd going into the play-offs, and was beaten in the Final in extra innings. We were also runners up in the mid-week competition.. For most, this would make for a successful season but the feelings I get are ones of disappointment and frustration. To go so close and not come away victorious is something that to this day is still “sticking in my craw.” Maybe these make for very high standards, but it is my strong belief that our Club should always be striving for such excellence and high expectations.

There were many positives in the season, with all members of the team contributing greatly at various times, but I would like to single out two individuals. Stewart Bell’s hitting was simply outstanding 41 RBIs in 21 games and a season average of .466 is awesome. The pitching of Peter Handel, particularly in the relieving role, was consistently the best in the competition, and I firmly believe that they both still have a lot to offer at an ABL level. How neither of these two received the League MVP is beyond me. It appears that you have to play in a team that gets little success in order for the “judges” to be able to recognise you.

I am convinced that we were the best team in the competition, and on the days when we put it all together we were unbeatable. Unfortunately, we put in an ordinary one in the Final. Good luck to Ryde who took their chances better than us, but it is a measure of our team’s ability that we did in fact not play up to scratch, yet were still only beaten in the 10th innings.

Personally, I learned a lot from the season from a coaching point of view, and have some definite ideas on how to prepare the team pre-season and how I would structure training sessions next year. Hard work brings its own rewards, and if the players can also keep in mind that empty, hollow feeling we all felt after we got beaten in the Final, then we will be well on the way to achieving ultimate success next year.

I am very appreciative to the Club for giving me the chance to coach in the summer competition there is no other Club in Sydney where I would rather be, and I am extremely proud to able to say to people that I coach 1st grade at Baulkham Hills. My players are a terrific bunch of fellas whose company I enjoy enormously and who are certainly not afraid of “putting in.”

From a baseball point of view, there was a great sense of unity to the Club as a whole, with all grades supporting each other both on and off the field. This is what makes for a successful and happy club, and Baulkham Hills is most definitely that.

I am also very proud of putting together what I believe is the youngest senior grade team I have seen in my 29 years of grade baseball. There were criticisms and concerns at the start of the year for the decision to make our 2nd grade team so young (even with Fot and Pete, the average age was still under 20!), but I believe that this was justified in trumps when they exceeded everybody's wildest expectations and ended up winning their competition. These guys are the future of the Club, and their ability will ensure that we remain successful for many years to come.

There are a few other people I would like to acknowledge:

The other grade coaches, Jason Dormor, Dave Rosser and Craig Wark, many thanks for your great support. You were always there for advice and assistance.

To Brooke, my scorer whatever I asked for you were able to provide. Your stats were fantastic and a great help in plotting many a team's downfall, as well as providing invaluable feedback for my own players.

The Committee who have been very supportive of everything I've done.

Lastly, to Nigel Simmons, my Manager. The time he puts in to club activities is simply unbelievable, and his worth to this Club is invaluable. If there has ever been a better club man then I have never seen him.

In conclusion, I would just like to say that the job is still undone roll on next season.

Neil Barrowcliff
Club Coach

BATTING STATISTICS

FIELDING STATISTICS

PITCHING STATISTICS

THE CLOCK DOESN'T MATTER IN
BASEBALL. TIME STANDS STILL OR MOVES
BACKWARDS. THEORETICALLY, ONE
GAME COULD GO ON FOREVER. SOME
SEEM TO.

HERB CAEN
San Francisco Chronicle (1979)

THE GREAT THING ABOUT BASEBALL IS
THAT THERE'S A CRISIS EVERY DAY.

GABE PAUL
Yankees President (1973 – 77)

I BELIEVE IN THE RIP VAN WINKLE
THEORY – THAT A MAN FROM 1910 MUST
BE ABLE TO WAKE UP AFTER BEING
ASLEEP FOR SEVENTY YEARS WALK INTO
A BALLPARK AND UNDERSTAND
BASEBALL PERFECTLY.

BOWIE KUHN
Commissioner of Baseball (1969 – 84)

2ND GRADE REPORT

*** PREMIERS ***

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
19	16	1	2	3	212	58	1st
TEAM BAT AVE		FIELD AVE		ERA	RBI		
.428		.937		2.98	177		

M.V.P.	Matt Bennett
Batting Award	Steve Robinson .574
Players player	Steve Robinson

The Year that was!

We did it!! Squeeze bunt in the bottom of the ninth, but we did it!!

Congratulations to all the players who gave it their all this season, which finally paid off in a Grand Final victory. With only 1 loss (in a rain-shortened 1 hour game) and 2 draws for the season, the team displayed their maturity for a team so young (except for Pete and Fot) finishing with a 24 - 1 Win-Loss Record.

Each and every player contributed to our success this season and each one deserves a special mention for this season:

Matt Bennett - Matty started all but a couple of games on the mound averaging around 6 digs a game. He worked hard on keeping the ball down all year, which showed in a fine display of pitching for the whole season.

Mark Barrowcliff - Mark had a great year with the bat (.400), and worked hard and improved with every outing behind the plate in his first full season as a catcher.

Pete Handel - Pete excelled with the bat (.556), being a regular in the line-up all year and having to back up for 1st Grade every week. Narrowly beaten as Players Player, Pete also showed his skills in the Grand Final on the mound shutting the Cronulla hitters down, allowing us to get back in the game to snatch victory.

Paul Bardetta - The unluckiest player of his age group, Paul showed the State selectors what they missed out on, with a fine display of hitting (.418) and defensive work at second base from the first game to the last.

Steve Robinson - For someone who had reservations in playing up in 2nd Grade this year instead of Under 18's, Robbo had an outstanding season, hitting an amazing .574, solid as a rock at third base, and throwing smoke in relief when required.

Josh Balzke - A hitter you could rely on at the plate (.392), Josh showed off his cannon of arm to make some exceptional plays at shortstop.

Paul Bruder - Paul's Bat was hot for the second half of the season, and came up with a game tying Home-Run in the Grand Final (after missing home plate!!). Faultless in the outfield with good speed and glove work.

Chris Stephens - Chris displayed all the tools which will no doubt take him a long way in the sport. With his speed in the outfield and the bases, and ability at the plate, Chris played a pivotal role in our success this season.

Andrew Fotheringham - Fot proved that starting the season in third Grade was only going to be temporary, and that the "young" blood weren't going to keep him out of a second grade position. Fot had the knack of getting clutch hits at times of need!

Luke Harper - MIA ! Luke unfortunately pulled out of the team mid way through the season due to work committments, but displayed good poise on the mound in the early stages of the season.

A special thanks to all the Under 18's and 3rd Graders that sat on the bench for us throughout the season especially the regular faces of Dave Rosser, Russell Hay, Aaron Zammitt, Gerard Walsh and Josh Bramley.

When Neil asked me to play for the club this season, I must admit I had my reservations. After playing for Auburn for 10 years in the times of the strong Auburn-Baulko rivalry, the last thing I expected to do was to don the Baulko colours. But when Neil also offered me the opportunity to coach the second grade side, that was all that was needed to convince me. From the first meeting with the committee, and the first training session with the players, everyone welcomed me, and I knew that I had made the right decision.

I have always been in a position to teach someone how to throw, hit and catch a baseball, being part of demonstration clinics from an early age, so coaching seemed the next progression. I always thought I knew a bit about reading a game, and other players - until this year! I have learned a hell of a lot this year, and made plenty of mistakes along the way, but with the class of players I had the privilege of coaching this year, they pulled through in many tight situations. I am sure that part of the success was also due to the comradery of the team, with all the guys putting in the hard work at training and in the games, but also enjoying the fun times we had on and off the field, which was reflected in their play.

To the committee, players and supporters, I would like to thank you for a most enjoyable season, and look forward to the opportunity of being part of the Baulkham Hills Baseball Club again next year!

Congratulations guys on a job well done and a premiership well deserved!

Jason Dormer
Coach.

BATTING STATISTICS

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PITCHING STATISTICS

BASEBALL GIVES YOU EVERY CHANCE TO BE GREAT. THEN IT PUTS PRESSURE ON YOU TO PROVE THAT YOU HAVEN'T GOT WHAT IT TAKES. IT NEVER TAKES AWAY THE CHANCE, AND IT NEVER EASES UP ON THE PRESSURE.

JOE GARAGIOLA
Baseball Is a Funny Game (1960)

GROWING UP IS A RITUAL – MORE DEADLY THAN RELIGION, MORE COMPLICATED THAN BASEBALL, FOR THERE SEEMED TO BE NO RULES. EVERYTHING IS EXPERIENCED FOR THE FIRST TIME. BUT BASEBALL CAN SOOTHE EVEN THOSE PAINS, FOR IT IS STABLE AND PERMANENT, STEADY AS A GRANDFATHER DOZING IN A WICKER CHAIR ON A VERANDAH.

W. P. KINSELLA
Shoeless Joe (1982)

BASEBALL IS A GAME WHERE A CURVE IS AN OPTICAL ILLUSION, A SCREWBALL CAN BE A PITCH OR A PERSON, STEALING IS LEGAL AND YOU CAN SPIT ANYWHERE YOU LIKE EXCEPT IN THE UMPIRE'S EYE OR ON THE BALL.

JIM MURRAY
Los Angeles Times (1962)

3RD GRADE REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
19	13	5	1	3	163	79	3rd

TEAM BAT AVE	FIELD AVE	ERA	RBI
.331	.924	4.76	140

M.V.P.	Scott Douglas
Batting Award	Anthony Dalloway .438
Players player	David Rosser

At the end of another season, we personally need to thank all the players who stuck with it and didn't give in after a tough start to the season. Up to round three we still only had seven regular players and to finish a fraction out of the Minor Premiership is a remarkable effort.

The addition of two former 1st graders added plenty of punch with the bat, and filled some holes for us in the infield. Special thanks to Slarty and Dougo for coming back and helping out as well as providing plenty of experience for the younger guys.

To Anthony Dalloway, we thank you for some quality starts at the important part of the year, and even some clutch hits as well!

Tim Davis came back after injury and filled in everywhere for us as well as getting hit after hit.

Russell Hay played a solid third base and hit better as the season went on.

Berger is, ... well the same old Berger whose post game poetry was a treat for everyone.

Scott Sutton in his first year in Grade had an excellent year. His quickness in the outfield was a bonus and his ability to keep getting hits each week is a great effort. Congratulations to him!

We especially need to thank our bench players for the year. To Aaron Zammitt, Josh Bramley, Wade Sawkins and Shuen Choy – thanks to you and the rest of the U18's for becoming part of third grade each week.

Special mention to Osto, Bruiser and Mumbo for their help also.

A team is never complete without a Manager and Scorer, so a special thanks to Paul and Nicky Strickland for giving up their Sunday morning each week, it was greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank the Committee for giving us the chance to coach this year, and thanks to Neil Barrowcliff for his assistance during some tough moments.

Thanks to all for a great season,

Craig Wark, David Rosser
Coaches.

P.S. Added thanks and special mention to:-

Harold Park Paceway
Young Chinese Girl in park
Star City Casino
Richmond Dogs (G-String Spectator, Nudie Run)
Gweido Hacksus
Castle Hill Tavern

BATTING STATISTICS

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PITCHING STATISTICS

EVERY DAY IS A NEW OPPORTUNITY. YOU CAN BUILD ON YESTERDAY'S SUCCESS OR PUT ITS FAILURES BEHIND AND START OVER AGAIN. THAT'S THE WAY LIFE IS, WITH A NEW GAME EVERY DAY, AND THAT'S THE WAY BASEBALL IS.

BOB FELLER
Indians Pitcher (1936 – 56)

BASEBALL IS LIKE A POKER GAME. NOBODY WANTS TO QUIT WHEN HE'S LOSING: NOBODY WANTS YOU TO QUIT WHEN YOU'RE AHEAD.

JACKIE ROBINSON
Dodgers Infielder (1947 – 56)

THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE ARE GOOD FRIENDS AND A STRONG BULLPEN.

BOB LEMON
Royals/White Sox/Yankees
Manager (1970 – 72, 1977 – 79, 1981 – 82)

U/18's REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
19	9	10	-	3	138	113	8th
TEAM BAT AVE		FIELD AVE		ERA	RBI		
.274		.898		4.88	91		

M.V.P. Shuen Choy
Batting Award Craig Meyer & David Thorne .353
Players Player Josh Bramley

The end of season 1998/99, and it doesn't seem that long ago when we were being frustrated by the weeks of rain that led up to this season. At times we were wondering whether the grounds would dry up so that we could get some preseason work in.

The start of this season certainly was interesting. We had a total of no less than 21 players from last year's Grade club decide not to go around again this summer, a huge hole to fill. If I could take this opportunity to thank many of the players (especially in 3rd Grade) who returned to help Baulko out, it may not be always said, but I can assure you that your help this year was very much appreciated.

Now for the 18's.

The positive side to all of those players going is that it meant opportunities opened up for many of our younger players. Last year's side had 13 players of which 9 were eligible to play 18's again. Of these 9, 3 took early retirement !!!, and another 3 got the call up to fill some of the gaps created in 2nd Grade.

This left us with 3, Aaron Roberts, Wade Shipard and David Thorne (lucky for us David worked on Sundays and so he could only play 18's), and virtually a whole new team to find. Blacktown decided to cut a few of the guys trialing for them and so over to Baulko they came, and Blacktown's loss was certainly our gain.

With our team selected we were ready to take on the competition. Now as we all know a vital ingredient to any team is a Coach and unfortunately this turned out to be the biggest problem of the season.

We started with Paul Addison, however after a couple of games Paul got a new job in Tamworth !! This meant we were only a few weeks into the season and without a Coach. A huge thank you must go to all of the guys who stepped in and helped coach on the Saturdays as well as the regular training sessions. Our Under 18's Coaches this year were:

- ◆ Paul Addison
- ◆ Neil Barrowcliff
- ◆ Stewart Bell
- ◆ Jason Dormor
- ◆ Dave Rosser
- ◆ Nigel Simmons
- ◆ Craig Stoves
- ◆ Brendon Wallace

As well as these guys, thanks to Todd Le Grand who also turned up some Saturdays and lent a hand with words of advice in the dugout. To Brendon Wallace, thank you for filling in at the end of the season, it's a shame the boys only had you for those last games, however I know the guys appreciated your help at the end of the season.

To Dave Rosser all I can say is thanks, because no words can describe the extra work Dave did for the 18's. He ended up training them on Tuesdays and Thursdays when they did not have a regular Coach, which was quite a few weeks, and if it wasn't for him the season would have been a disaster.

In a way, having so many different Coaches has meant that this year's 18's have got to know a lot more of the Grade players than they otherwise would. What I hope is that despite the frustration of the season, that you have learnt something from each of the Coaches you had this summer.

Every Coach has a different style and usually a slightly different way they approached the game, and this season you have experienced a wide variety of these approaches. If you can walk away from the season and say you have learnt something new about our great game then the season has been a success. What I hope you have learnt from me is that the reason this is called a sport is because we are meant to have fun. Yes, it is important to be competitive, but if you can't enjoy yourself while you are doing it, then you are probably wasting your time.

Competitive we certainly were, whilst the ladder says we finished 8th, our performances were among the best in the competition. When we won our average winning margin was 7.3 runs, yet when we lost it was only by an average margin of 4.7.

Against the higher placed teams of the competition our results prove that on our day we could beat any of the teams in the competition:

Vs Cronulla	(2nd after season games, Premiers)	lost 2 – 0 and won 14 – 11
Vs Wests	(3rd after season games, Runners Up)	won 8 – 7 and a washout
Vs Blacktown	(Minor Premiers)	lost 5 – 3 and 8 - 7

So against the top three teams our for and against was 32 – 33, this is something the team should be proud of, and if not for a few bounces of the ball, a couple of missed opportunities, we very easily could have been playing post season baseball. There is always next year.

To our award winners:

Shuen Choy (MVP), Shuen was the team's catcher and his work discipline behind the plate is fantastic, in fact to watch it is a delight. He is always careful to check our dugout, the opposition dugout, the coaches in fact anything that may have an effect on the game Shuen makes sure he is aware of it.

Shuen only allowed 2 passed balls all season, and made only 1 error. In fact that one error I am here to tell you can be put down to an umpire's error, it is true he actually came up to me at the end of the game and apologised saying (and excuse the language) "you're right I did f*** up that call".

During the season Shuen had a bit of a batting slump, however he got himself out of it. Was it great coaching that got him out of it? I hear you ask. No, Shuen went out and got himself a new *expensive* bat, and then came out and hit the cycle !!! Now I'm not recommending this way of getting out of a slump, but if it works, go with it.

Graig Meyer (Joint Batting Title) A couple of weeks before the season started during one of the few dead times in a maths lesson Craig asked me whether Baulko were looking for any pivots. You see Blacktown had decided to cut Craig (those fools), as it turned out we were and the rest, as they say, is history.

Craig quietly went about his job however you could rely on Craig in the clutch situation. With runners in scoring position he averaged 500 and this usually happened with some very intelligent hitting, keeping the ball behind the runner. Craig was the only player in the team who played in every single game this season. Now that Cal Ripken Jr's streak is over, there is a record ready to be broken !

David Thorne (Joint Batting Title) As already mentioned David had to work on Sunday's which meant we were able to have David in the 18's for a second year, and what a year.

Our number four hitter who showed why he was in that slot, because he can hit a long ball. The great thing about David's hitting was that once he got himself on base the team got behind him and he scored 50% of the time.

Whilst this is a bating title it would be remiss of me not to mention the other string to David's bow, his pitching. David was a class above the hitters in this competition, he averaged 2.2 strikeouts every innings he pitched. Next year David will be going to the US to try his hand at professional baseball and I am sure that everyone reading this would like to wish David all the best for his future.

Josh Bramley (Player's Player) Josh was our starting pitcher and it was he that was responsible for getting us off to our good starts. A solid strike percentage of 66% and ERA of 4.14, it is easy to see why Josh was such a valuable member of our team.

Josh is super competitive and this was infectious, there is no question that when Josh was missing from the lineup we were a different team. In fact there were only two games during the year we were well and truly beat, and Josh was away for both of them.

It is this competitiveness balanced with his sense of fair play that saw Josh continually appear in the votes.

Special mention must go to Ben Tuckwell for the vote of the year in the final game (it was typed), I would love to reproduce it here but we need to keep a G rating. His vote was only surpassed by Wade Sawkin's present to the team (explain that one to your mum Sawko !!!).

Finally I would like to thank our band of supporters, the parents. It's a tough job driving all over the countryside, and guys if you haven't thanked your parents for doing this for you this season, make sure you do it soon. A huge special thank you to Jane Thorne our Scorer, Jane takes great pride in her score book, and I learnt very quickly not to fill it in for her ! But seriously, thank you Jane for the huge amount of work you did this year.

I really enjoyed my season with the 18's this year and I look forward to seeing some, if not all of you back again next year.

Nigel Simmons

Manager and occasional Coach (did I tell you about North Shore, down 7 runs in the last innings with 2 out, WE WON !!).

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ONE OF THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS ABOUT
BASEBALL IS THAT EVERY ONCE IN A
WHILE YOU COME INTO A SITUATION
WHERE YOU WANT TO, AND WHERE YOU
HAVE TO, REACH DOWN AND PROVE
SOMETHING.

NOLAN RYAN
Mets/Angels/Astros
Rangers Pitcher (1966 – 94)

THE GREATEST THRILL IN THE WORLD IS
TO END THE GAME WITH A HOME RUN
AND WATCH EVERYBODY ELSE WALK OFF
THE FIELD WHILE YOU'RE RUNNING THE
BASES ON AIR.

AL ROSEN
Indians Third Baseman (1947 – 56)

BASEBALL IS THE ONLY FIELD OF
ENDEAVOR WHERE A MAN CAN SUCCEED
THREE TIMES OUT OF TEN AND BE
CONSIDERED A GOOD PERFORMER.

TED WILLIAMS
Red Sox Outfielder (1939 – 60)

C GRADE REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	BYE	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
16	11	4	1	2	128	84	3rd
TEAM BAT AVE		FIELD AVE		ERA	RBI		
.338		.909		8.48	122		

M.V.P.	Bruce George
Batting Award	Dave Osterlund .441
Players Player	Adrian Osmond

Although there were a few close calls, we managed to get the beer esky to every away game. On a lighter note, we made it to the final where we were beaten by Hawkesbury, the eventual premiers, the only team we failed to beat during the season.

The Team:

- ◆ Adrian “Ozzy/Yo Adrian (in your best Rocky accent)” Osmond had his first season of pitching, did very well and hopefully will do some more pitching in the future.
- ◆ Mark “Wiz” Phillips caught well and improved throughout the season to the extent that the opposition was hesitant to steal on his arm. Also, Mark was the self-appointed boss of the esky roster.
- ◆ Mark “Pusher” Busine had another consistent season as 1st base and lead-off batter. He also doubled as the team drug supplier to all the aging arms in the side. It was rumoured that Jason Tolhurst, who only played four games, disappeared after trying to muscle in on Mark’s drug market.
- ◆ Dave “Osto” Osterlund, who played solid 2nd base and catcher, can lay claim to the shortest pitching season in history – dragged after two pitches of his warm-up. He had a good year with the bat but would prefer to forget the comment “Thanks Dave for giving me the chance to find out how to score a K2” – Traci.
- ◆ Bruce “Bruiser” George had a great comeback year after a short break. He came back with a rejuvenated arm and blew the opposition away with his combo of curve and changeup until his finger was blown away against Moorebank in the semi.
- ◆ Ben “Have you gone up another shirt size” Camseloise. Even though he didn’t have the ability to wear the right coloured belt he showed plenty of ability making many fine plays at first base, in the outfield and in the batting box.
- ◆ James “wheels” Yoon improved steadily at lefffield as the season progressed. Young “Wheels” got to the ball when one bounce would be sufficient for most of us. James came up with some timely hits throughout the season which caught the opposition by surprise.

- ◆ John “Secret Weapon” Yoon played outfield and was our pressure situation hitter who many times delivered the crucial hit. Also, he was the most intimidating pitcher in the league because three games he was due to start on the pitching roster, the opposition must have got scared and didn’t even bother showing up.
- ◆ Jason “Mumbo” Mumberson played outfield and unsuccessfully launched his pitching career (“The zone was really tight” – Mumbo). However, Mumbo played a starring role as the jolly fat man in the red suit at the Christmas BBQ. Jason also played shortstop during the finals.
- ◆ Simon “Si” Hassall was picked up in the late draft and was the team utility player – outfield, pitcher, catcher, third and a handy batter. This guy can do it all.
- ◆ Paul “Waldo” Walsh returned as super coach, which isn’t easy in a team of back-seat coaches. He held down third base, played, coached, supervised the half-game roster, observed the off-field entertainment antics of his children and somehow put together a full team each week which is more than can be said for some teams in the competition.

Very Special thank to:

- ◆ Helena “I don’t know if I can score with this hangover” Phillips.
- ◆ Traci “Can I copy from your scorebook” Goyen.
- ◆ Pam Hay and canteen crew for catering for the thirsty and hungry hordes after home games. Also, Pam even helped out with umpiring.
- ◆ Bob Wardle and E grade for the two practice games which we managed to fit into our exhaustive schedule of 13 regular season games.
- ◆ Last, but not least, thanks to manager Wiz, assistant coach Mumbo, Osto, Brusier and Pusher for their help and timely advice throughout the season. To the whole team and our supporters, thanks for an enjoyable season even though it ended a week earlier than expected.

Paul Walsh
Coach

BATTING STATISTICS

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ANY TIME YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE
GAME CONQUERED, THE GAME WILL
TURN AROUND AND PUNCH YOU RIGHT IN
THE NOSE.

MIKE SCHMIDT
Phillies Third Baseman (1972 – 88)

YOU START CHASING A BALL AND YOUR
BRAIN IMMEDIATELY COMMANDS YOUR
BODY TO “RUN FORWARD! BEND! SCOOP
UP THE BALL! PEG IT TO THE INFIELD!”
THEN YOUR BODY SAYS “WHO ME?”

JOE DIMAGGIO
Yankees Outfielder (1936 – 51)

HOW HARD IS HITTING? YOU EVER WALK
INTO A PITCH-BLACK ROOM FULL OF
FURNITURE THAT YOU’VE NEVER BEEN IN
BEFORE AND TRY TO WALK THROUGH IT
WITHOUT BUMPING INTO ANYTHING?
WELL, IT’S HARDER THAN THAT.

TED KLUSZEWSKI
Reds First Baseman (1947 – 57)

E GRADE REPORT

*** MINOR PREMIERS ***

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
18	14	3	1	-	139	70	2nd
TEAM BAT AVE		FIELD AVE		ERA	RBI		
.388		.921		5.31	125		
S/FINAL	Lost to Chipping Norton 7 - 6						
FINAL	Defeated Falcons 11 - 0						
GRAND FINAL	Lost to Chipping Norton 6 - 4						
	MVP	Greg Camseloise					
	Batting Award	Bruce Belmar .512					
	Coach's Award	Glen Hetherington					

A great season for E Grade which finished with the disappointment of losing the grand final in a very close game. Unfortunately we just didn't play up to our potential on the day.

The team composition was significantly enhanced this season with the addition of several players coming out of the U/16s (Luke Smith, David Wardle), U/19s (Mal Bailie, Chris Mills), B Grade (Bruce Belmar, Simon Hassall), and the return of Glen Hetherington from overseas. Combined with the return of veterans Barry Moore, Joe Clark, John Spensley, Greg Camseloise and myself this proved to be a very strong side with a much improved infield and outfield and a solid batting lineup.

A feature of the season was several rare "trades" and late signings. This included Chris Mills (after round 1) to 3rd Grade for "future considerations" (what they are I have no idea) and Simon Hassall (who was batting .167 at the time) to C grade after round 4 in exchange for a case of beer and the acquisition of Gary Hassall after his overseas holiday. We did get Gary but we are still waiting for the case of beer. Ryan Alcock also joined the team after finishing his Year 12 commitments.

E grade challenged C grade to two "practice" games during the season narrowly losing the first by 1 run and the second by 2 runs. Great fun for everyone.

Bruce Belmar earned the batting award with a .512 average, 10 doubles, .805 slugging average and a team leading 20 RBIs. He hit the ball consistently for the entire season earning a promotion to 4th in the battling lineup.

Greg Camse-loise was the MVP. He batted 3rd most of the season, hitting .450 with 15 RBIs. Greg played almost every inning of every game as catcher and made great improvements in his ability to throw runners out at 2nd base.

The Coaches Award goes to *Glen Hetherington* who had a terrific season. Glen was promoted to lead off mid season and responded by hitting .500 and leading the team with 21 stolen bases and a .588 on base average. He also made several spectacular catches in the outfield.

Thanks to Marie Wardle and Merelyn Moore for scoring our games this season. They both did an excellent job preparing very readable scorebooks.

Season Summary

Game 1 - Lost 24-12 to Chipping Norton when the "bullpen" gave up 8 home runs on the back diamond in a "slugathon". Unfortunately I missed this game (the first one in at least 4 seasons) due to a wedding and the opposition "teed off" on *Barry Moore* (5 HRs) and *Bruce Belmar* (3 HRs). 2 hits each to *David Wardle*, *Barry Moore* and *John Spensley* (3 RBIs).

Game 2 - Won 16 - 0 vs Condell Park behind a 3 hit 9K performance by the pitchers (Bob Wardle 5 innings, Bruce Belmar 1 inning). 3 hits and 3 RBIs to *Greg Camse-loise*. Great performance against a team that wanted to play D grade.

Game 3 - Won on forfeit vs Carlingford (they were all at a wedding).

Game 4 - Drew 5-5 vs Falcons. Tough game where we didn't bat well and gave up 2 unearned runs on 1 error. The opposition scored the tying run on a squeeze bunt and then we finished the game with a double play with the winning run on 2nd base. Triple by *Luke Smith* and 2 runs with 3 stolen bases by *Joe Clark*.

Game 5 - Won on forfeit vs Hawkesbury as they failed to show up for the game.

Game 6 - Won 12-2 vs Kings Langley. 4 hits (double, triple) and 3 RBIs by *Bruce Belmar*, 2 hits and 3 RBIs by *Gary Hassall*. 10ks and 5 hits allowed in 6 innings by *Bob Wardle*.

Game 7 - Won 6-1 vs Colyton St Clair. 2 hits including a home run by *Luke Smith* and 3 hits by *Greg Camse-loise*.

Game 8 - Won 7-6 vs Chipping Norton. Played them on the main diamond this time and scored 5 runs in the first inning to put them on the back foot. Great defensive game with *Glen Hetherington* making 3 catches in left field.

Game 9 - Lost 11-5 to Condell Park. Cursed again by the short back diamond where they had 2 cheap home runs. *Mal Bailie* made his pitching debut and threw very well giving up

only 2 runs in 2 innings. Team just didn't get the hits with needed although *Luke Smith* had a towering home run to centre field and *Barry Moore* also hit a HR.

Game 10 - Won 9-3 vs Falcons. Great team performance including a 2 run HR by *Ryan Alcock* and great defence by *David Wardle* at SS. 2 doubles by *Bruce Belmar* and 7 put outs by *Joe Clark* at 1st base.

Game 11 - Won 13-1 vs Carlingford. A dominant batting performance against a team missing its pitcher. 3 hits by *Mal Bailie* and 2 each to *Gary Hassall*, *Bruce Belmar*, *Greg Camseloise* and *Bob Wardle*. Every player had at least one put out.

Game 12 - Lost 5-4 vs Kings Langley in another poor batting performance (5 hits) matched by an equally poor fielding effort (3 errors). Started behind after giving up 3 runs in the 1st inning and never really got on top any time during the game although Kings Langley scored the winning run in the bottom of the last inning.

Game 13 - Won 14-4 vs Hawkesbury. 2 hits each to *Luke Smith* (double, HR, 3 RBIs), *David Wardle* (2 RBIs) and *Glen Hetherington* (5 SBs). Great double play (*David Wardle* to *Bruce Belmar* to *Gary Hassall*) to end the game.

Game 14 - Won 7-3 vs Falcons. Great pitching (3 hits, 8Ks in 6 innings) by *Bob Wardle* and clutch hitting by *Glen Hetherington* and *Barry Moore* with 3 hits each and *Gary Hassall* with 2 hits.

Game 15 - Won on forfeit vs Colyton St Clair and they only had 6 players turn up.

Game 16 - Won 11-4 vs Chipping Norton. An excellent game with *Joe Clark* (double, 3 RBIs) and *Greg Camseloise* getting 2 hits each and Greg also throwing out 2 base runners attempting to steal 2nd base. Patience paid off at the plate as the opposition walked 9 and hit one batter while we only walked one.

Game 17 - Won 5-1 vs Condell Park. A marathon 7 inning game on a very hot day. Score was 1-0 to us though to the end of the 5th inning but then we put on 4 runs in the top of the 6th. 2 hits each to *John Spensley* (double, 2 RBIs), *Bruce Belmar* (double) and *Bob Wardle*. Great pitching and fielding by both teams.

Game 18 - Won 17-6 vs Carlingford. Sloppy 3 inning game where both sides had 8 hits but the opposition walked 15 as, they were again missing their pitcher. 2 hits to *Bruce Belmar* (double, 3 RBIs) and *Joe Clark* (5 RBIs).

Major Semi Final vs Chipping Norton at Murray Farm - Lost 7 - 6

Game was over 1 hour late starting and didn't finish until 7:15pm as the game before also started late and went 9 innings. Very ordinary day in the field (4 errors and 5 unearned runs) and base paths including bunting into a triple play to end the game with the tying run at 2nd

base. 2 hits each to *Glen Hetherington*, *Barry Moore* and *Gary Hassall*. The short distance behind the plate did not help us in this game as we were unable to capitalise on their wild pitches and left 10 runners stranded on the bases.

Final vs Falcons at Riverside Park - Won 11 - 0

Rain and an unplayable field washed out this game on the Saturday so we had to play on Sunday. Further rain also delayed the start of the game until 4:30 so we didn't finish until about 7pm.

We had thought this would be a very tough game however the Falcons main pitcher had not recovered from the previous week where he had pitched 9 innings. He only lasted 1 inning and their other pitchers tried hard but could not close down our batting. Great fielding by the whole team with great out at 2nd by *Bruce Belmar* on a ball he fielded on the right field foul line and threw to Gary Hassall for the force out. *Bob Wardle* allowed 2 hits with 6Ks in 6 innings. 3 hits to *Glen Hetherington*, 2 hits and 3 RBIs to *Gary Hassall* and a double by *Ryan Alcock*.

Grand Final vs Chipping Norton at Laybutt - Lost 6 - 4

Didn't bat well (only 4 hits). Didn't field well (5 errors and 3 unearned runs). Gave up 3 runs in top of the 1st inning but battled back to tie the game in the bottom of the 1st. Gave up one run in top of the 4th and 2 (on 2 errors) in the top of the 6th. Managed to get one back and had runners on 1st and 3rd with 2 out but had runner thrown out at home trying to score on a wild pitch to end the game. 6 assists (one in each inning and all 1 to 3 plays) by *Bob Wardle*. 2 hits by *Bruce Belmar* and one each to *Gary Hassall* and *Joe Clark*.

Thanks to Bruce Belmar for his assistance during the year. He helped many of the players make significant improvements in their skills.

For me this was a very special season as it is the first time I have had 2 shut outs in the one season and I threw my first 2 hitter. Both are very rare events in E grade. While the end result was disappointing I think everyone on the team had a great season.

Bob Wardle
Coach

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BASEBALL IS A GAME, YES. IT IS ALSO A BUSINESS. BUT WHAT IT MOST TRULY IS IS DISUISED COMBAT. FOR ALL ITS GENTILITY, ITS ALMOST LEISURELY PACE, BASEBALL IS VIOLENCE UNDER WRAPS.

WILLIE MAYS
Giants Outfielder (1951 – 73)

BASEBALL IS A LOT LIKE LIFE. THE LINE DRIVES ARE CAUGHT, THE SQUIBBERS GO FOR BASE HITS. IT'S AN UNFAIR GAME.

ROD KANEHL
Mets Infielder (1962 – 64)

IT'S NO FUN THROWING FASTBALLS TO GUYS WHO CAN'T HIT THEM. THE REAL CHALLENGE IS GETTING THEM OUT ON STUFF THEY CAN HIT.

SAM MCDOWELL
Indians Pitcher (1961 – 71)

F GRADE REPORT

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRW	W/O	RUNS FOR	AGAINST	POSITION
18	6	12	-	-			7th

TEAM BAT AVE	FIELD AVE	ERA	RBI
.380			

Most Valuable Player	Jeremy Smith
Batting Award	Stan Robson .541
Coach's Award	Gary Tuckwell

We had a reasonable season, finishing in a good position on the table, without making the semi-finals. A strong run of wins in the middle of the season put us in a good position, but we failed to capitalise on it towards the end. Still, we enjoyed ourselves, as always, and there were some performances of note.

Stan Robson snared the batting award, with an average of .541, while Jeremy Smith takes the Most Valuable Player, with an average of .520 that combined with his role as starting pitcher. Gary Tuckwell takes the Coach's Award, with an average of .410, a mean third base and relief pitcher on occasions. As usual, the bench scorers, Roland Boer and Chris Brown, made sure that everyone's stats were absolutely correct.

Other stats include the team batting average of .380, 69 runs, 1 home run (Les Smith) and 21 hit by pitched balls.

Roland Boer,
for Chris Brown, Manager

ACRONYM GLOSSARY

BATTING RECORD

PA	Plate Appearance: is every time a batter faces the pitcher, regardless of whether he gains first base or is retired.
AB	At Bat: Represents the total number of times a player batted for the game less Sacrifice Fly, Sacrifice Bunt, Base on Balls, Hit by Pitched Ball and Catchers Interference.
R	Runs: The number of occasions the player increased the team's score by crossing home plate.
H	Hits: Number of safe hits for the game. This number does not include obtaining base on a fielding Error, or if the player obtained base on the hit when another team member was out due to a Fielder's choice.
2B	Doubles: The number of times a player obtained second base on the hit. This number does not include fielding Errors or a Fielder's Choice allowing the player to gain the extra base.
3B	Triples: The number of times a player obtained Third base on the hit. This number does not include fielding Errors or a Fielder's Choice allowing the player to gain an extra base or bases.
HR	Home Runs: The number of times a player obtained Home plate on the hit. This number does not include fielding Errors allowing the player to gain an extra base or bases.
TB	Total Bases: Total number of bases obtained by hits. Where singles = 1, Doubles = 2, Triples = 3 and Home Runs = 4. Eg if 3 hits with 1 double and 1 triple then total bases = 6.
RBI	Runs Batted In: Total number of runs scored as a result of a hit by the player. This number does not include Runs scored as the direct result of an Error by the fielding team.
2O	2 Out RBI: Total number of Runs scored by the player from hits with two out in the innings. This number does not include runs scored as the direct result of an Error by the fielding team.
S/B	Sacrifice Bunt: Number of bunts where the intention is to move the runner or runners over to the next base with the batter intentionally making an out. Does not include bunts intended as safe hits. If a fielding Error occurs and the batter is safe at first, score the fielding side with error and the batter with sacrifice Bunt.
S/F	Sacrifice Fly: The number of outs made by the player where a runner scores from 3 rd base after the fly ball is caught in the outfield.
BB	Base on Balls: Number of times a player gains first base due to the pitcher throwing four Balls (four pitches not called Strike by the umpire). Also referred to as a Walk.
HPB	Hit by Pitched Ball: Number of times a player gains first base as a result of being hit by a pitch.
K2	Struck Out Swinging: The number of occasions the player struck out swinging and missing the strike three pitch.
KC	Struck Out Called: The number of occasions the player was struck out, where the umpire called strike three without the player swinging at the pitch.
SB, S	Stolen Base: The total number of bases stolen by the player. This number does not include gaining the base because of a Wild Pitch (pitcher error), Passed Ball (catcher error), Fielder's Choice or Fielders Indifference.
CS	Caught Stealing: The number of occasions where the player is tagged out when attempting a Stolen Base.

SOE	Safe on Error: This is the total number of times a player gains base safely, due to a fielding error or Dropped Third Strike (K, KPB and KWP).
OB	Obtained Base: The total number of times a player gains base safely, regardless of play. This number includes Home Runs, Fielder's Choice, Dropped Third Strike (K, KPB and KWP) and fielding Errors.
LOB	Left on Base: Number of occasions where a player is still on base at the end of an innings.
BAT	Batting Average: The calculation result of Hits divided by At Bats giving the player's batting average for the season.
SLUG	Slugging Average: The calculation result of Total Bases divided by At Bats giving the player's slugging average for the season.
TOB	Times on Base Average: The calculation result of Hits + Base on Balls + Hit by Pitched Ball divided by At Bats + Base on Balls + Hit by Pitched Ball + Sacrifice Fly's giving the player's Times on Base average for the season.

FIELDING RECORD

PO	Put Outs: A put out is the player who affects the actual out.
A	Assists: Assists are the player/players involved in gaining the Put Out.
E	Errors: A fielding error is when the player does not field or throw the ball cleanly, resulting in the batter or runner gaining a base that he would not have got if the play had been effected correctly.
F/AVE	Fielding Average: This represents the calculation of Put Outs + Assists divided by Put Outs + Assists + Errors, giving the average number of errors made per Put Outs and Assists.

CATCHERS RECORD

INN	Innings: The number of innings caught by the catcher. Each out is marked as 0.3 (one third of an innings).
PB	Passed Ball: A pass ball is where a ball that is not deemed a Wild Pitch, is dropped or missed by the catcher and allows a base runner to gain an additional base.
SBA	Stolen Bases Attained: The number of stolen bases gained against the catcher by the batting side. This number does not include what are deemed Pass Balls or Wild Pitches.
CS	Caught Stealing: The number of runners tagged out from a throw by the catcher while attempting a Stolen Base.
CS/AVE	Caught Stealing Average: The calculation of Caught Stealing divided by Caught Stealing + Stolen Bases Attained. This result is the average number of times a catcher manages to throw out a stealing runner per total number of runners who attempted to steal base against the catcher.

PITCHERS RECORD

INN	Innings: The number of innings pitched by the pitcher. Each out is marked as 0.3 (one third of an innings).
HITS	Hits: Number of Hits given up by the pitcher.
K2'S	StrikeOuts: Total number of batters struck outs by the pitcher. This includes batters who reached base on a dropped third strike. A Wild Pitch or Pass Ball that the batter swung at on strike three, or a Fielding Error.
BB	Base on Balls: Number of times the pitcher allows the batter to gain first base due to the pitcher throwing four Balls (four pitchers not called Strike by the umpire). Also referred to as a Walk.
HPB	Hit by Pitched Ball: Number of times the pitcher allows a batter to gain first base as a result of being hit by a pitch.
ER	Earned Run: Earned runs are any runners scoring who did not obtain base by a fielding Error or Dropped Third Strike (K, KPB and KWP). If the pitcher is replaced during an innings, this total also includes the Runs scored by batters who are on base at the time the pitcher was relieved. In addition, if the Errors and outs total three, then it is deemed that the innings should have ended on the third out, or error that would have been the third out. Therefore any Runs scored on or after the third out should have been completed, are scored as unearned runs. New pitchers do not benefit from any errors made in an inning prior to them taking the mound.
RUNS	Runs Scored: Total Runs scored off the pitcher. Includes both Earned Runs and Unearned Runs.
WP	Wild Pitches: A wild pitch is when a runner gains the next base due to a pitching error. The pitch thrown by the pitcher is out of reach of the catcher from his normal stance (not a Passed Ball), or hits the ground before the catcher allowing the runner to gain an extra base.
BLK	Balk: Called by the umpire against the pitcher for movement not allowed from the set position. Alternatively, what the umpire considers an act of deception.
APO	Attempt Pick Off: The number of times the pitcher throws to a base other than home when occupied by a runner.
BFP	Batters Faced Pitcher: The total number of batters to bat against the pitcher.
PITCH	Pitches: The total number of pitches both Strikes and Balls thrown by the pitcher during the game/season.
STRIKE	Strikes: The number of pitches called strike by the umpire or swung at by the batter. Hits and Foul Balls are counted as strikes.
BALLS	Balls: The number of balls are the pitches called ball by the umpire as not being in the strike zone. Also Hit by Pitched Ball and Catchers Interference are scored as balls.
STRIKE%	Strike Percentage: This represents the calculation, Strikes divided by Pitches giving a percentage result, the average number of strikes thrown per 100 pitches by the pitcher.
ERA	Earned Run Average: The calculation result of Earned Runs multiplied by 9, divided by the total innings pitched gives the average number of runs scored off the pitcher per nine innings pitched.

MISCELLANEOUS

BOB PO2	Batting Out of Box: When a batter is deemed out by the umpire for batting outside of the batting box when attempting to hit a pitch. The PO2 is for the Put Out by catcher.
BTS K2	Bunting Foul on Third Strike: The batter is given out when he attempts to bunt the strike three pitch and the ball goes foul. This is recorded in the club statistics as a strike out.
CI , INT 2	Catchers Interference: This number is when the batter has made contact with the catcher/catchers mitt with the bat in the process of swinging at the pitch.
FC, FC'n'	Fielder's Choice: This is where a fielder elects or attempts to Assist or Put Out a base runner instead of the batter who hit the ball. The 'n' denotes the fielding position of the player who made the Fielder's Choice. Alternatively, one of multiple base runners attempting to steal an extra base is Caught Stealing. The base runner that is safe is given a Fielders Choice instead of a Stolen Base.
FC, FI	Fielder's Indifference: Where the fielding team do not contest the Stolen Base. No attempt is made to stop (Caught Stealing) the runner from attaining the extra base.
F, X	Foul Ball: A foul ball is a hit by a batter that lands outside the field of play.
F'n'	Fly Ball: When a fielding player makes an out by catching a hit ball. The 'n' denotes the fielding position of the player who made to catch. Eg. A fly ball caught in centre field is scored as F8.
HBB	Hit by Batted Ball: This is when a base runner is hit by a ball, directly hit by the batter. When this occurs the runner is out and the ball is called dead. The batter is awarded 1 st base and scored as a Hit with the number of the nearest fielder used. Any runner that is not forced around by the batter must return to their base of origin.
IF'n'	Infield Fly: Called by the umpire when the ball is popped up in the infield with first and second bases occupied. The 'n' denotes the fielding position of the player who effects the catch or the player who is nearest to the position of the infield fly.
KPB	Dropped Third Strike - Pass Ball: This results when the pitcher throws what is deemed to be strike three by the umpire or the batter swings at the pitch, the catcher loses control of the ball (dropped third strike) and the runner makes safe at first.
KWP	Dropped Third Strike - Wild Pitch: This results when the pitcher throws what is deemed to be a wild pitch by the scorers and at which the batter swings at without contact for strike three but is able to make safe at first due to the wild pitch.
ROL	Running Off Line: This is scored when a base runner is called out by the umpire, for not running between the marked lines to first base or running outside the allowable area between bases.
Scored in Red	Unearned Runs: Unearned runs are any runners scoring who obtain base by a fielding Error. In addition, if the errors and outs total three then it is deemed that the innings should have ended on the third out, or error that would have been the third out. Therefore any Runs scored on or after the third out should have been completed, are scored as unearned runs.
WT'n'	Wild Throw: Occurs when a fielder makes a poor throw to the intended base and the runner is called safe due to the errant throw. The 'n' denotes the fielding position of the player who made the wild throw.

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RUN UPHILL.

BABE RUTH
Yankees Outfielder (1920 – 34)

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WES WESTRUM
Mets Manager (1965 – 67)

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VANCE LAW
Pirates / White Sox / Expos /
Cubs / A's Infielder (1980 – 92)

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RED SMITH (1905 – 1982)
Sportswriter