



The Bear Pause

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Letchford Helps A1s Get On Track In 8-4 Win Over Rangers

Saturday's matchup against the Rangers proved to be a 180 degree turnaround from the previous week's walloping by Macquarie University. This time it was the Bears who loaded on the runs, 8 in the first four innings while holding the Rangers to just one.

Leading the way was starting pitcher Simon Letchford, who gave the A1s three solid innings of work and went 2-3 at the plate. He was awarded the coveted Game Mug for his efforts. Other highlights included Brett Gordon, who singled, walked twice and gathered 3 stolen bases on the day. Doug Nolan who tripled to right center and came on to close out the game on the mound...

and Paul Cremin who delivered a towering RBI double in the first and was solid behind the plate. Throughout the game, the Bears were plagued by bad base running and errors in the field, but all in all, a good win. Final score: Bears 8, Rangers 4.

Next up is North Ryde RSL.

One thing has become obvious from this week's win: the A1 comp will have a huge disparity between the top and bottom teams. It's looking like Macquarie Uni and Castle Hill #1 will be the teams to beat, with teams like the Rangers spending the season as seller dwellers.



A1 catcher Paul Cremin delivers an RBI double in first inning action at Northmead.



Doug Nolan coasts across home plate for another Bears run.



Bears shortstop Jim Owen "gets funky" as he scores the Bears 8th run of the day.



A1 manager Kristian Cruz went 2 for 3 with 2 RBIs on the day.

Support The Bears In This Weekend's Games

A1 Bears v North Ryde RSL
Saturday at 2:45 pm—Flat Rock

A2 Bears v North Ryde RSL
Saturday at 12:30 pm—Flat Rock

B1 Bears v Kissing Point
Saturday at 2:45 pm—Golden Jubilee

B2 Bears v Castle Hill
Saturday at 12:30 pm—Castle Glen

E1 Bears v Baulkham Hills
Saturday at 2:45 pm—North Ryde RSL

F2 Bears v Five Dock
Sunday at 12:30 pm—North Ryde RSL



New Bears Supporters Caps!!

In order to ensure those in the stands are not left out, we have created new caps for our supporters!

The caps are six panel cotton with Velcro adjustable clip and come in pink and blue. Cost is \$16.

Please forward all enquiries to Doc via email to darrenandsam@bigpond.com or pick one up at training.

B1 Bullies Make Greenway Midgets Cry

The Greenway Midgets turned up for a baseball game, but ended up in a world of hurt when they visited The Rock for their Round 2 clash with the B1 Bears. The talking point during and after the game was the play at the plate in the early stages of the game that saw Scott "The Hitman" Kelso glowering over the crumpled and tear-stained kid at his feet, bringing the sides together for a sometimes heated exchange of ideas. Whilst the little fella composed himself and wished he'd read the anti-collision rules, ordered was restored and the game resumed. Kelso got the out, but the Midgets took the chocolates, in a 22-4 rout of the hit-shy Bears.

Once again the Bears gave up an early lead and were never in the contest. Doc, Takuro and Bruce pitched without luck against a well-drilled side, and the inability of the hitters to put pressure on the field was telling. It wasn't until Foca smashed a first pitch triple in the 4th inning that the Bears spirit was awoken for some late pride restoring runs.

Game MVP was Kelso for his hard work behind the plate as well as his intimidation of the 16 year old, 45kg opponents. Foca's inspirational triple and Gaz's flawless fielding also impressed the judges.



Sixty Seconds With...

Scott Kelso

Nickname: Kel

Position:
Pitcher/Catcher

Age: 32

Seasons with the Bears: 16

Scouting Report

(completed by Coach):

Solid groundball pitcher and defensive catcher...can get clutch hits when the game is on the line....good understanding of the game which he is more than willing to pass on to anyone who will listen

Value to the Bears

(completed by Coach):

Scott adds an element of intensity to the game that can be a challenge to control, but is always entertaining. Once stole home whilst the pitcher was in the set position - the poor bugger didn't know what to do, allowing the speedster to score the tying run



**SCOTT
KELSO**

NORTH SYDNEY BEARS

CATCHER



Most embarrassing moment in a Bears uniform:

I was catching and dropped the third strike when the bases were loaded. I wasn't thinking about the batter being out any way and I jumped up, threw the ball about two metres over first base's head and three runners came home.

Best Bears Moment:

My first game back after my ankle operation because I thought I might not be able to play again.

Favorite celebrity/athlete:

Clint Eastwood

Dream Car: BMW M3

Biggest Regret: So many I try not to think about it.



Bruce digs in against a Greenway pitch.



B1 manager Doc Llewellyn on the mound.



Takuro ducks under an errant pitch.

2006 Baseball Party In The Gold Coast

Guess what time it is gang?! It's Queensland baseball trip time (woohoo). This time round we are taking a group of 18-20 as it is a double bachelor party for Kristian 'KC' Cruz and Michael 'Big Papa' Hagarty. Everyone in the club knows these guys so come on up and help celebrate these last days of unmarried lives. Plans are to leave Wednesday 6th September evening time and back on Sunday 10th September mid afternoon time.

Friday is a baseball day with an inter-club game played in the afternoon and from this game a 'best of the best' team will be picked from our two bachelors to play against The University Of Queensland in the evening. The rest of us will be sitting in the stands with a can of KB in one hand and a snag in the other all the while heckling our own on the field.

I will be expecting a minimum of 18 people to be enjoying the surf, sand and sights of Surfers Paradise. As this is the case some people will have their own single beds but for the majority will be sharing a double bed with one of your teammates 'bonding'.

I have chosen The Towers of Chevron Renaissance as our choice of accommodation as I believe it will suit all of our needs if we are let back in. Feel free to look it up on the internet. www.chevronrenaissance.com.au

The hotel has full recreation facilities including a fully equipped gym, heated 25 m lap pool and health spa pavilion, poolside barbecue and entertainment area, private club and theatre rooms, saunas and spa.

Prices are as of Monday 27th February

Accommodation:	\$218.00
Flights:	\$168.00
Transport:	\$ 54.00
Field:	\$ 30.00
Total:	\$470.00

Get your names in now as these prices will not stay this low for long. Get back to me at cliffvillarroel@hotmail.com

Power Hitting Pushes E1 Bears Past Greenway

Punishment for winning in the first Round of the season in D1 was a trip down the ladder to E Grade. Maybe this move will prove a little unfair for the other E1 teams, but it definitely did spark our offense. After we encountered the quiet bat syndrome in Round 1 the Bears bats got angry and gave that little white ball with 108 red stitches a good beating in Round 2.

Everybody got amongst it, but the stars on the day were Steve, 3 for 3 with a triple and 6 rbi, big Jezza with two stand-up doubles and El Barto with two doubles, 3 rbi and a pulled Hamy. Stoney crushed a ball in his second at bat, but the whippet in centrefield got under it with some help from the wind. 'The Big Red Machine' broke from his slump with a double to left, the team is still wondering which "method" he used for his slump-buster. Ryan had another boring game with 2 walks and a HBP. Ryan now has two beans from two games and he hasn't even pitched yet.

The difference in the game was the Bears' tight fielding. Not much left the infield and the Bears were on top of everything. Yvette had a sharp game at second making outs with every ball that came her way. Hagsy gave Barto some relief in the top of the third, after the latter had a tough day on the R'y



One tired Bear. Pauly Baseball takes a break during action at North Ryde RSL



El Barto pitched 2 digs to go with his 2 doubles.

carpark mound, and pitched the fourth to pick up the Save.

Final score was 15 over 7 and it was a good beginning to the season in E Grade for the Bad News Bears. Next week we face our good buddies from last season, Baulkham Hills, at North Ryde R'y again and you know what that means...Bad news for the Baulko's.



The big switch. Adam "Barto" Barton gets the hook in favour of Michael Hagarty by player-manager Pauly Baseball.

B2s Finally Start Season, Lose Close One To Five Dock

With the exception of the two young guys in our squad the B2 Bears finally awoke from their summer hibernation to open their winter campaign at the Rock!

Most felt a little rusty and “sore arm” was heard from many of the conversations that were taking place in the warm up.

As I arrived around 11 o'clock for our 12.30 start I was surprised to see some of the opposition stretching and limbering up against the still locked dugout along the 3rd base line... Bloody Hell these blokes looked serious!!

The game was underway in ideal conditions and a even contest was played in good spirits with both sides having opportunities to score, but each time coming up short and leaving runners on At the end of 4 completed innings the score was locked at 0-0.

A special mention here for Michael Spencer who returned to the mound for the first time since last winter and threw those 4 shutout innings for us. A great job but he had thrown his quota and his day on the mound was done!

The Five Dock bats got going in the 5th and they managed to find some gaps in our field and they scored 3.

As we were getting our heads around scoring some runs in our last at bat, Danny (Heavy Hitter) Cain came out with a classic, much in same way as the famous Yogi Berra has. Danny's words were “I havn't been in too many wins where we didn't score a run!”... Most of us just nodded in agreement.

The ending of the game probably



B2 pitcher Michael Spencer was strong on the mound in his first pitching appearance this year.

summed up our day. We had runners on 3rd and 1st with one out, when Craig (Spud) Mcquillan hit what always looked like a Texas Leaguer, but their 2nd baseman running back somehow took a great catch and then got the double by getting the runner out at 1, who by this time was rounding 2nd on his way to 3rd...Time and Game.

At the end of the day we just didn't get enough bat on ball to do any damage, but as it was the first game of the season for the majority we can look forward to a few more hits as we get back into it. Our defence was good with the whole team performing well particularly Dan Agung who took 3 good catches out in centerfield in his first time in that position. A job well done Dan.

It was great to be back and we're looking forward to our next contest.

Go the B2s.



John Thompson was back behind the plate.



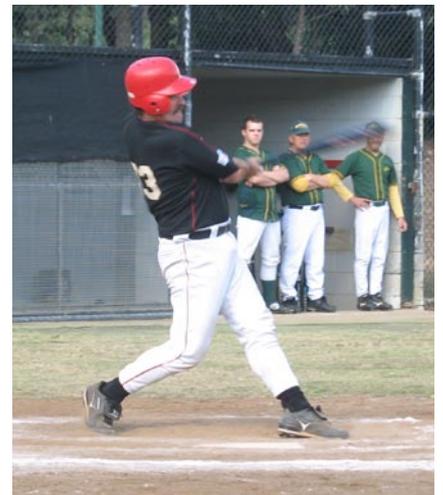
Spud spins off a curve during B1 action.



Now That's Taking One For The Team!

The Bears own Cliff Rock took it upon himself to shave his head for the Shave For A Cure Campaign—a great cause for kids with Leukaemia.

He raised \$400 by sporting the cueball look... Keep an eye out for the fourth stooge at a ballpark near you—the resemblance between him and Curly is uncanny! Nice work Cliffy.



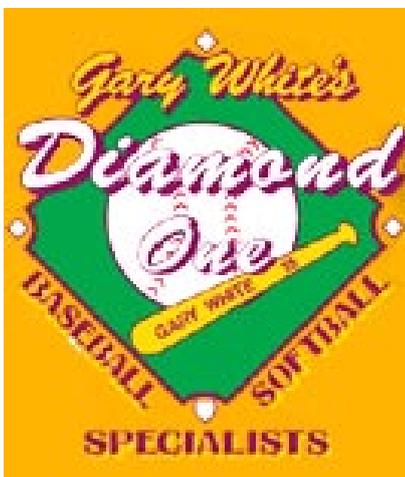
JT crushes a Five Dock pitch.



A2 Bears pitcher Steve Shirtliff in action against Baulkham Hills.



A2 first baseman Billy Patterson and second baseman Damien Treseder in action.



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2006 Winter Competition

A Firsts Grade					Rd 2								
TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave
1	1	Macquarie University	2	0	0	1.000	1	2	Macquarie University	2	0	0	1.000
2	3	Castle Hill (1)	1	0	0	1.000	2	6	Baulkham Hills	1	0	0	1.000
3	2	North Ryde RSL	1	0	1	.500	3	1	North Ryde RSL	0	1	0	.500
4	5	North Sydney Lgs	1	0	1	.500	4	4	Castle Hill (1)	0	1	0	.500
5	4	Castle Hill (3)	0	0	1	.000	5	3	Castle Hill (3)	0	0	1	.000
6	6	Rangers	0	0	2	.000	6	5	North Sydney Lgs	0	0	2	.000

A Seconds Grade					Rd 2								
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1	2	Macquarie University	2	0	0	1.000	1	2	Macquarie University	2	0	0	1.000
2	6	Baulkham Hills	1	0	0	1.000	2	6	Baulkham Hills	1	0	0	1.000
3	1	North Ryde RSL	0	1	0	.500	3	1	North Ryde RSL	0	1	0	.500
4	4	Castle Hill (1)	0	1	0	.500	4	4	Castle Hill (1)	0	1	0	.500
5	3	Castle Hill (3)	0	0	1	.000	5	3	Castle Hill (3)	0	0	1	.000
6	5	North Sydney Lgs	0	0	2	.000	6	5	North Sydney Lgs	0	0	2	.000

B Firsts Grade					Rd 2								
TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave
1	2	Castle Hill	2	0	0	1.000	1	2	Castle Hill	2	0	0	1.000
2	3	Kuringai Stealers	2	0	0	1.000	2	4	Five Dock Falcons	1	0	0	1.000
3	1	Hills Hawks	1	0	1	.500	3	1	Macquarie University	0	0	2	.000
4	6	Greenway	1	0	1	.500	4	3	North Sydney Lgs	0	0	1	.000
5	4	Kissing Point	0	0	2	.000							
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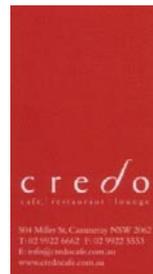
E Firsts Grade					Rd 2								
TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave
1	4	North Ryde RSL	1	0	0	1.000	1	3	Five Dock Falcons	2	0	0	1.000
2	2	North Sydney Lgs	1	0	0	1.000	2	1	Balmain	1	0	1	.500
3	3	Baulkham Hills	1	1	0	.750	3	2	Ryde Eastwood Lgs	1	0	1	.500
4	1	Greenway	1	0	1	.500	4	4	Epping Eastwood	1	0	1	.500
5	5	Kuringai Stealers	0	1	1	.250	5	5	Macquarie Saints	1	0	1	.500
6	6	Castle Hill	0	0	2	.000	6	6	North Sydney Lgs	0	0	2	.000

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1	3	Five Dock Falcons	2	0	0	1.000	1	3	Five Dock Falcons	2	0	0	1.000
2	1	Balmain	1	0	1	.500	2	1	Balmain	1	0	1	.500
3	2	Ryde Eastwood Lgs	1	0	1	.500	3	2	Ryde Eastwood Lgs	1	0	1	.500
4	4	Epping Eastwood	1	0	1	.500	4	4	Epping Eastwood	1	0	1	.500
5	5	Macquarie Saints	1	0	1	.500	5	5	Macquarie Saints	1	0	1	.500
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