



The Bear Pause

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Spring has sprung,
The grass is getting tall,
PACK YOUR KIT,
Dress the field ...



PLAY
BALL



HAGS IS BACK

It was a brilliant Sunday spring day and the G2 bears came together for the first time a mixture of youthful exuberance and aged cunning. Macquarie Saints lined up against us and we recognized faces we had seen before. The first inning was tight with Nick on the mound conceding just a single. It was game on and we came out batting smart as the Macquarie pitcher tried to find the zone but we too only managed an opening single. The next innings was hard on us and the Saints chalked up the maximum 7 throwing down the challenge. Out we came again but our bats fell short we only managed 5. Macquarie were on song and it was a long 3^d innings with a change of pitcher for us as Thomas came up to relieve Nick and we fought to get them out. Still no luck they batted on and so we



bought out the secret weapon the mighty Hagsgs from 3rd base duty. Alas, as is often the case at the beginning of the season, the bat was mightier than the ball and again Macquarie put 7 over home plate. Heads drooped a little and the G2 team knew we had a mountain to climb. Grit and determination saw our bats answer the call and 7 runs were posted for the first time. We were still 2 down and needed another pitcher. “Well said “Dan the man” as long as no one thinks we can win this I’ll have a throw. I have never pitched in a game before”. Brett came on to catch and up on mound went Dan. “Bang” the batter slogs the ball but to Dan - easy play one. The guy goes the same way and down. Then one batter gets to and the crowd holds it breath. more to get and Dan hurls it but wack the balls on a ride then out in the green fields of the centre Hagsgs takes a mighty catch ending the inning and the Saints go down scoreless. The G2s need



t h e
f i r s t
s t r a i g h t
n e x t
i t ’ s 2
f i r s t
O n e
h a r d

Bret	Lord
Thomas	Lord
Mark	Holman
Michael	Hagarty
Claude	Davidson
Francis	Spencer
Laurie	Nolan
Chris	Percival
Nicholas	Percival
Stephanie	Rowen
Lachlan	Kidd
Dan	Bergseng

three. The bottom of our lineup opens well scoring one and loading two of the bases. Then up steps Thomas and slogs the ball - a cracker - the Bears are home snatching victory from the jaws of defeat.



Alright WH 2 NS 3

A solid line-drive from Dan P helped the Bears get out to an early lead in the top of the first inning. Rick Special pitched well and kept the Hill's bats quiet, but eventually Winston Hills came back to snatch the lead. Solid hitting from the bears lower order, and great at-bats from Doyle_, Dan P and Doug _ saw the Bears come back late in the game and take the lead by a run. Bears closer Doyle_ entered the game and drew upon some strong bears defense to hold out their old rivals in the final dig.

Colin	Edwin
Gareth	Elston
Michael	Spencer
James	Menzies
Ben	Heinl
Rick	Speciale
Marcus	Levy
Richard	Davies
Andrew	Pogson
Dan	Pearson



WH 12 NS 2

Sebastian	Paulin
Alex	McDonald
Rodney	White
Craig	Eggleton
Peter	Robson
Doyle	Myles
Matt	Hill
David	Fathers
Trent	Myles
Gene	Kingi



NS 11 KP 3

Kristian	Cruz
Paul	Cremin
Christopher	Ahern
Steven	Foote
Michael	Bromley
Michael	Taylor
Jim	Owen
Jesse	Hoobler
Dan	Guenther
Joshua	Cuthbertson



The season opener saw the B2 Bears up against Rangers at Rofe. After a hit from lead off Dave, Doc commented "there's our season". Runs a plenty, from hits and aggressive base running in the early innings saw us take a good lead.

Hamish	Mason
Craig	Slater
Craig	McQuillen
Andreas	Mathis
Darren	Llewellyn
Paul	van der Westhuizen
Stuart	Pike
John	Thompson
Mitchell	Thompson
David	Gray
Dominic	Harris

Doc took up that familiar role on the mound, putting plenty in the zone.

Highlights included a earned run and a field flies, two with loaded. The old marised the batters.



single rare 3 in-the bases curve mes-younger

Dave starred with the bat with 2 singles, a double, 3 runs and 4 stolen bases. Jimmy -on loan from the Es - had a great triple to centre left and JT had the play of the day, taking off on what was a hit'n run, only to finally hear the blue call "foul" - after he'd gained 2 bags!

Good fitness work though.

A 12-9 win set us off well and with less Errors in the defensive we'll be a handfull.



D2 Report, no photos this week.

Arriving at the ground to see Mount Bicentennial rising from the centre of the diamond, most of the team were thankful they weren't pitching. Fortunately, Rowe brought his yak and faithful Sherpa, so was able to start off the pitching.

David	Rowe
James	Robertson
Clayton	Arnold
Gary	Graham
David	Forbes
Andrew	Stone
Phillip	Moffatt
Timothy	Holland
Jason	Pomfret
Hakon	By
Chris	Burnell

With a number of players new to the game, and many introductions before the game, it was never going to be an easy day as a team, but the guys set out to do their best.

Rowe took to the mound, firmly tethered his yak just behind the summit, and set to work. He threw with great speed, and surprising control considering the length of time since he last held a baseball, let alone threw one in anger at a batsman. A lot of strikes, along with strike outs dotted the score sheet, and looks promising for the rest of the season.

Surprisingly, the bats didn't fire for us today. The pitcher threw flat, easy pitches, but only a few hits resulted. One big thing we will take from this game is to never underestimate the old wily players. A couple of sly moves from the pitcher saw a few of our guys wandering back to the dugout.

In the last innings, Holland made his first appearance on the mound, and threw down an interesting mix of great pitches catching the edges of the plate, and some others that missed everything, including the batter, catcher and umpire. Perhaps he was

using the theory that if he doesn't know what is coming out, then neither will the batter. If so, it may be worth sticking to this plan, as two strike outs ensued, and showed us the makings of a good relief pitcher.

The result showed the way the game went. The bad guys had all the luck, and played as a team. We had nothing go our way, all day. We even completed a great double play that didn't matter, as the second out was the fourth of the innings, and this really typified the day for us. However, as always, winning isn't everything, there is always beer and food after the game. End result Saints 10 Bears 3.

NS 3 MS 10



NS 14 KS 5



NS 2 MS 5

Vicky	Benko
Paul	Nesbitt
Mark	Sawicki
Suzanne	Langdon
Kirsty	McLeod
Roger	Pye
cliff	villarroel
Matthew	Nesbitt
Chris	Burnell
Alan	Clinch

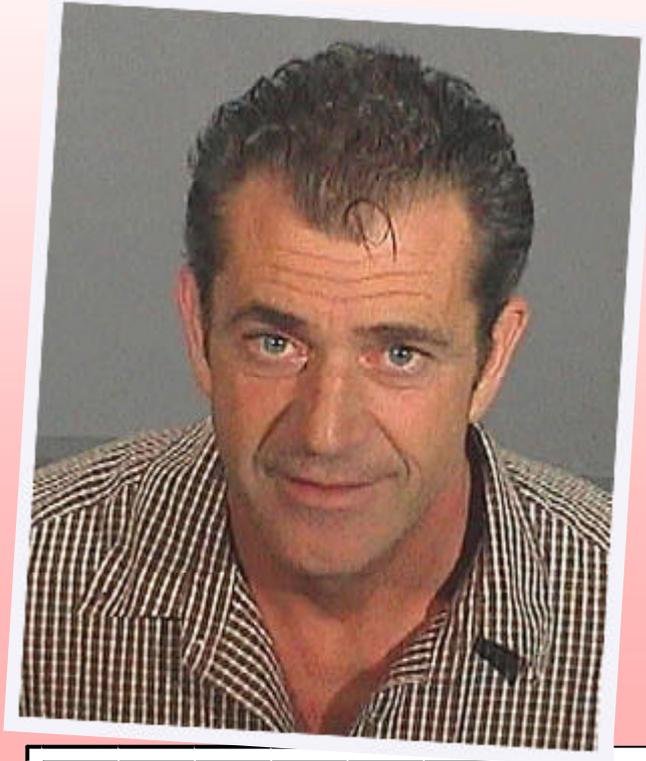
Alex	Carey
Liam	Dixon
Dave	Lambert
Anthony	Romeo
Kit	Lakin
Bruce	Alaimo
Alan	Clinch
Peter	Hawke
Alex	Offenstadt
Michael	Cudmore
Scott	Hinton



The Picture Page



Bret Lord coaching 1st base



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G2-Stephanie Rowen at bat

Got something
to say?



Want to submit something to
the Bear Pause?
Please submit all materials
before EOD Monday



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RA 9 NS 12



Chiang-Jen	Liu
CHANG YUN	CHIANG
Eric	Huang
KEN	LU
Gordon	Wu
Stephen	Lin
Ching-Chuan	Wu
PETER	CHAN
Wei-Ting	Ting
Jeremy	lin
John	Tsai
Charles	Ho

In the Next Issue:

Doc shuffles the teams for Round 2

Northmead Oval	A CD/BH NS
Magdala Park	B NR TI/NS1
Waterloo Park	B MS NS5
Greenway Park	D GR7 NS
Majors Bay Oval	F NS/CO SUNDAY
Flat Rock	G NS RA/TH



**Sixty
Seconds
With...**

MARCUS LEVY

**Grade A2
Number 54
Nickname CUSIAN**

**Position
PREFERABLY FIRST BASE**

**What team did you first play for?
LITTLE LEAGUE IN THE U.S**

**Where were you born?
BRISBANE AUS**

**Where did you grow up?
SAN FRANCISCO (AGED 7-17)**

**Seasons with The Bears
2 X SUMMER 2 X WINTER**

**Value to the Bears (completed by coach)
Hey every team needs a lefty. Marcus doesn't know when to quit. After breaking his left collarbone diving for a catch in right field at Bonnet Bay, he moved to 1st base to help us make the 3rd and final out of the game. Yes, we won.**

**Occupation
FREELANCE FILM CONTRACTOR**

**Wife and Kids?
NEITHER**

**Best Bears Memories
WINNING THE SLEDGING (BUT LOSING THE GAME) TO W/HILLS
IN SUMMER GRAND FINAL AT BLACKTOWN SUMMER '04**

**Other hobbies
FITNESS, CYCLING, RUNNING**

**Teams you support
YANKEES. GIANTS**

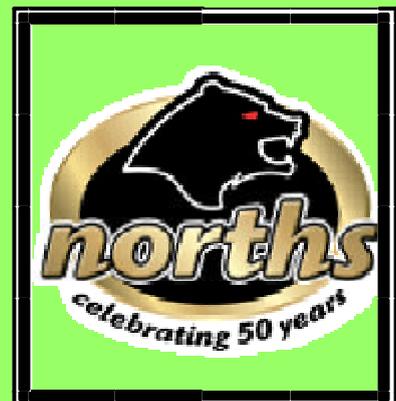
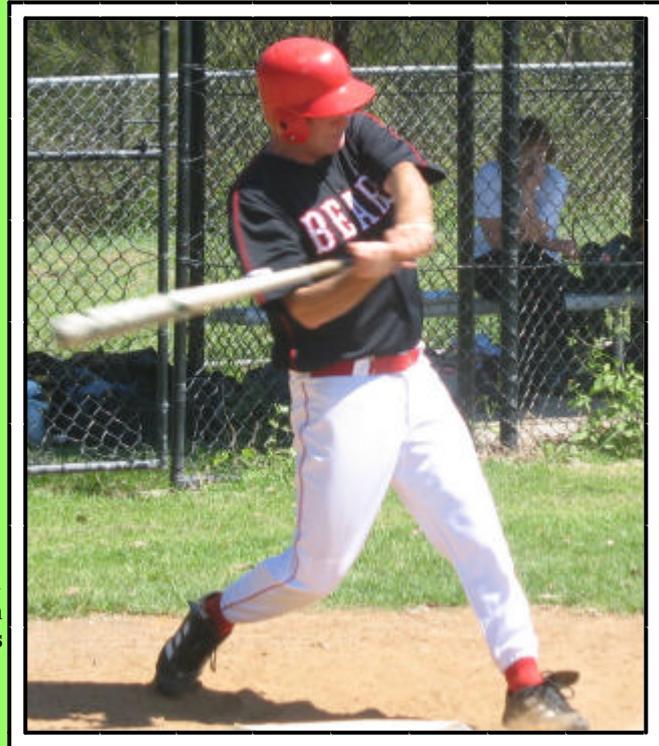
**What music did you last buy/download?
ASSORTED FROM FRIENDS**

**Favorite Album/CD
IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY**

**Favorite movie
CHINATOWN / CASABLANCA / DR STRANGELOVE**

**Favorite radio station
NONE**

**Favorite Restaurant
JAPANESE**





G for “Great” day – G1s take 16 to 5 victory on debut against Saints

A mixture of youth, experience and gender formed an interesting line up for the G1s who hit the paddock on a beautiful Sunday arvo at The Rock. With captain and El Presidente John Cornelius Dumay currently away in Red Sox territory, Mrs Doc (aka Sam) fired up the team which got off to a solid 5 run start in the first innings, with Dan Bunting putting in a solid performance to keep the Saints at 1.



John	Dumay
Scott Joseph	Dumay
Sean	Taylor
Fran	Cumming
Adrian	Quick
Daito	Tagami
Daniel	Bunting
Samantha	Llewellyn
Vaughan	Hain
John-Paul	Dimmers
Matt	Ingle

Youth kept the bat cracking with Scott “Babyface” Dumay and Sean Taylor leading off to secure solid starts and runs to the pile along with a 3 for 3 at bat performance by newcomer Matt Corcoran. JP, Dan and Vaughan also keep the runs piling up with 9 between them. We fielded strongly and continued to keep the Saints at bay whilst racking up another 5 in the second innings and 6 in the third. Saints got a few in but Sean Taylor stepped in to stop the flow with a strong performance on the plate in the 3rd innings.



Clouds stretched across the sky and as the evening fell, we continued to play until the opposition and Umpire decided it was too dark to continue (gee might be a good idea to approve those lights soon!) and gave us the victory 16 to 5. We dined and drank til it was dark and headed home a little sore (try some deep heat JP) but happy with our first win.



2007 W I N T E R G R A N D F I N A L

The A1 team had a very successful year and after dropping only one game throughout the entire season we managed to cap it all off by bringing home the premiership last weekend against North Ryde RSL. The whole team started the season hoping for a good level of competition across all the other teams but after the first few weeks we had all come to the conclusion that the season could turn out to be a walk over and may only be productive for some batting practice and a bit of fun.

Then came the big wake up call when in round six North Ryde put us to the sword. It was just the medicine we needed and you could only feel sorry for those teams that were unlucky enough to get in our way over the next three games as we racked up 47 runs and only gave up 4. This trend continued as we remained undefeated over the remainder of the season. The whole lineup contributed with the bat for the majority of the year while Dave Fathers and Doyle Myles kept opposition teams under control superbly from the mound. Special mention goes to Dave Thorne who took out the seasons MVP award for his reliable defence and productive hitting. The most pleasing aspect of our play was the lack of errors in the field where we managed to go many games without any errors to speak of.

We went straight through to the grand final after winning the minor premiership and met a very determined North Ryde RSL. After converting a lot of our scoring opportunities and with Dave Fathers dominating on the hill, we jumped out to a commanding 7-1 lead. However after a few errors in the 7th and our bats going quiet the score was getting too close for comfort as North Ryde pulled us back to 7-6. Doyle Myles managed to close out the last two without looking like giving up any runs and MVP Trent Myles hit powerfully to give us some insurance runs to deservedly take out the game 9-6. As a new team to the club, I have been told we held up Norths Baseball tradition admirably as celebrations over the night led to many sore heads and bleary eyes the next day.

I would like to thank North Sydney Baseball for all the work they have put into the club and the help getting our team up and running and I would especially like to thank the whole A1 team for a successful and hilarious year. We are looking forward to achieving the same over summer.

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		<u>A Grade Division 1</u>		<u>Rd 1</u>			
<u>TW</u>	<u>LW</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Ave</u>	<u>GB</u>
1	1	Winston Hills	1	0	0	1.000	
2	2	North Shore	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
3	3	Clydeales	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
4	4	Thornleigh	0	0	1	.000	1.0
5	5	North Sydney Leagues	0	0	1	.000	1.0
6	6	Kuringai Stealers - Japan	0	0	1	.000	1.0

		<u>A Grade Division 2</u>		<u>Rd 1</u>			
<u>TW</u>	<u>LW</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Ave</u>	<u>GB</u>
1	1	Baulkham Hills	1	0	0	1.000	
2	2	Kuringai Stealers	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
3	3	North Sydney Leagues	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
4	4	Castle Hill	0	0	1	.000	1.0
5	5	Thornleigh	0	0	1	.000	1.0
6	6	Winston Hills	0	0	1	.000	1.0

		<u>B Grade Division 1</u>		<u>Rd 1</u>			
<u>TW</u>	<u>LW</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Ave</u>	<u>GB</u>
1	1	Rangers	1	0	0	1.000	
2	2	North Sydney Leagues	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
3	3	North Ryde RSL	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
4	4	Macquarie Saints	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
5	5	Tigers	0	0	1	.000	1.0
6	6	Kissing Point	0	0	1	.000	1.0
7	7	Greenway	0	0	1	.000	1.0
8	8	Five Dock Falcons	0	0	1	.000	1.0

		<u>B Grade Division 2</u>		<u>Rd 1</u>			
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1	1	North Ryde RSL	1	0	0	1.000	
2	2	Kissing Point	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
3	3	Rangers	0	0	1	1.000	0.0
4	4	North Sydney Leagues (1)	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
5	5	Macquarie Saints	0	1	0	.500	0.5
6	6	Five Dock Falcons	0	1	0	.500	0.5
7	7	Greenway	0	0	1	.000	1.0
8	8	North Sydney Leagues (5)	0	0	1	.000	1.0

		<u>D Grade Division 1</u>		<u>Rd 1</u>			
<u>TW</u>	<u>LW</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Ave</u>	<u>GB</u>
1	1	West Boomers	1	0	0	1.000	
2	2	North Ryde RSL	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
3	3	Macquarie Saints	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
4	4	Concord Comets	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
5	5	Thornleigh	0	0	1	.000	1.0
6	6	Ryde Eastwood Leagues	0	0	1	.000	1.0
7	7	North Sydney Leagues	0	0	1	.000	1.0
8	8	Greenway	0	0	1	.000	1.0

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2	2	Greenway (8)	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
4	4	Greenway (7)	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
5	5	Concord Comets	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
5	5	West Boomers	0	0	1	.000	1.0
6	6	Thornleigh	0	0	1	.000	1.0
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8	8	North Sydney Leagues	0	0	1	.000	1.0

		<u>E Grade Division 1</u>		<u>Rd 1</u>			
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2	2	Greenway (7)	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
3	3	Greenway (8)	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
4	4	Thornleigh	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
5	5	Kuringai Stealers (2)	0	0	1	.000	1.0
6	6	Ryde Eastwood Leagues	0	0	1	.000	1.0
7	7	Kuringai Stealers (6)	0	0	1	.000	1.0
8	8	Kuringai Stealers (4)	0	0	1	.000	1.0

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2	2	Baulkham Hills	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
4	4	Tigers	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
5	5	Thornleigh	0	1	0	.500	0.5
3	3	Kuringai Stealers (6)	0	1	0	.500	0.5
4	4	Kuringai Stealers (2)	0	0	1	.000	1.0
5	5	Macquarie Saints	0	0	1	.000	1.0
6	6	Ryde Eastwood Leagues	0	0	1	.000	1.0

		<u>F Grade Division 1</u>		<u>Rd 1</u>			
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1	1	Kissing Point	1	0	0	1.000	
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3	3	North Sydney Leagues	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
4	4	West Boomers	0	0	1	.000	1.0
5	5	Kuringai Stealers	0	0	1	.000	1.0
6	6	North Ryde RSL	0	0	1	.000	1.0

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4	4	Kissing Point	0	0	1	.000	1.0
5	5	Macquarie Saints	0	0	1	.000	1.0
6	6	Concord Comets	0	0	1	.000	1.0

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2	2	Five Dock Falcons	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
3	3	North Sydney Leagues	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
4	4	Rangers	0	0	1	.000	1.0
5	5	Macquarie Saints	0	0	1	.000	1.0
6	6	Greenway	0	0	1	.000	1.0

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4	4	Macquarie Saints	0	0	1	.000	1.0
5	5	Thornleigh	0	0	1	.000	1.0
6	6	Concord Comets	0	0	1	.000	1.0