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The Bear Pause

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FRIENDS ROMANS COUNTRYMEN

The Marcus Levy Show

Slow start from A2 left us down 0-6 after 2 digs. We got 3 back with 2 out in one hit thanks to Marcus the Man... triple to 8.

We went into the last at-bat down 4-7. Rich hit a 2X down left field, Spesh 4-3 advance the runner, Gspot walk, and a lightening steal (green light), Dougie walked, Big Game Billy McColl single scored 2 RBIs(!). Marcus fly 8. Speedie Alex McDonald to 1st (tieing run), Jimmy hit single to 8. Alex and Jimmy steal. Pogo to the plate…

Thank you scorers

Ball, swing, foul, ball, foul, K2 (swinging)

GO BEARS !!!

Should have got the promised hit signed in blood.

Time and Game.

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NO RAIN BUT NO REIGN

Sunny skies at Magdala Park on Sunday for our clash with Rangers, but the grey area that is the B1 Bears offense remained. Only two hits for the day, combined with a sprinkling of walks and a veritable flood of strikeouts. The Bears never really looked like being able to serve it up to a top of the table Rangers side that hit hard and hit consistently.

MT was welcomed back to the side after a prolonged absence due to injury, and his two RBI double in the bottom of the first inning brought the Bears back to level terms. The highlights (and Bear runs) pretty much dried up after that though as Rangers pulled away with some fine hitting, helped by the Bears who missed several run down opportunities despite some fine attempted pick-off moves by Hoobs, who was solid on the mound.

Our fielding wasn't of the highest standard, but it wasn't anywhere near as disappointing as our batting. We threatened by twice loading the bases thanks to some patient at bats, but yet again the clutch hitting was noticeably absent.

So it'll be 'caged' B1 Bears this Thursday night as we prepare to hit out in next week's must win game against the Tigers.

Twilight training at Flat Rock

6:00pm to 7:00pm, with the opportunity to participate in structured drills facilitated by Bill McColl. Please note that these sessions will take priority over individual team usage of the diamond during these times.

Sessions will be held on 4 consecutive Thursday nights from 22nd November (next week) to 13th December. This will include infield, outfield and hitting components. All Bears players, regardless of experience are welcome, though the targeting will be at enabling newer players to increase their knowledge and skills of the game.

Please note that the sessions at Gore Hill from 7:00pm will continue for those who cannot make the earlier sessions at Flat Rock.

BLACK

The Black Bears returned to the diamond after the enforced layoff with the Mac Saints match up. This is a team that has frustrated the Bears over the past few seasons so it was important for us to recapture the form from the first rounds of the competition.

The message before the game was simple – be aggressive and put the Saints under pressure. With some key hits and base running, the Bears jumped out with 5 runs in the top of the first. This was followed by tight pitching from Mitchell to allow a single run – what would turn out to be the only earned run by the Bears pitchers. Another 2 runs added in the second and a run to the Saints saw the score at 7-2 after an hour.

A quiet third inning from the Bears followed by a pitching change as Doc replaced the young ace on the mound. The third was a strange inning with the Bears having to make 6 "outs" to finally end the inning – score to 7-4.

After this point the Bears shook themselves back into shape and added some late runs, while the defence shut down the Saints for a 13-4 result. Interesting stat is that of the 2 hits given up by Doc, both resulted in outs with Andreas involved with an 8-1-3 and 8-1-2.

Once again, Pauly V led the way with the bat, going 3-3. Mitchell claimed the win off the mound and went 3-4 with 4 runs, missing the cycle by a HR. Critical hits and defensive plays were shared amongst the team.

The team is sitting in second place with a 6-2 record, with the local derby against the fourth place Red Bears this coming Saturday at George Kendall. It should be an interesting match up after the Reds took the cash last time.

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D2

2007 TRIVIA NIGHT

Come and join all the action of the Bears Baseball tivia night and prove that you are smarter than the average bear.

When: Fri 23 November. Dinner from 6pm, Trivia from 7pm
Where: Gore Hill Clubhouse, Pacific Highway
St Leonards (near RNSH)
Cost: BBQ Dinner $10, Trivia $10, Drinks at insane prices.
RSVP: Send names of complete tables (up to 10 people)
to jamesrobertson4@bigpond.com by
16 November (indicate those having dinner).

NEW BEARS

Nathan Tucker

Brad Carter

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

RAFFLE

The Junior Bears are currently raising funds for much needed equipment. Tickets are still available for a raffle for an Easton kit bag (modeled by JT below) with all money raised going to the kids. Tickets are $2 each, or 3 for $5 or 7 for $10. See Doc or JT at training, or send an email to bearsbaseball@optusnet.com.au for more info.

CLIFF VILLARROEL

Grade: F-grade

Number: 43

Nickname: ROCK

Position: anything but catcher. I prefer 1st base.

What team did you first play for? (What year? How old?) always played for the mighty bears starting in g-grade. I can't remember what year

Where were you born? Sydney

Where did you grow up? Inner west side Croydon Park

Seasons with The Bears: i think its my 5th or 6th season

Occupation: Nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital specialising in gynaecology (not as glamorous as you might think boys), trauma orthopaedics, trauma plastic surgery,

Wife and Kids? Married to my job with no kids

Best Bears Memories: All of the end of season/ spring training trips to the Gold Coast. The first one stands out as the very first pub we walked into turned out to be a virgin blue air hostess party. oh the stories i could tell you, but i wont because what goes on tour stays on tour.

Most embarrassing bears moment: After tattooing a ball out to left field i calmly started to stroll to first base looking for the acknowledgment of my then coach Hags only to see him franticly screaming at me telling me to move my ass. To my bitter amazement i saw the left fielder pick the ball up and with a cannon for an arm threw me out by inches at first base. I still have nightmares.

Other hobbies: Watching sports, camping, fishing

Teams you support: The mighty Canterbury Bulldogs(go you doggies), Detroit Tigers.

What music did you last buy/download? LIVE, Throwing Copper.

Favourite Album/CD: Red Hot Chilli Peppers live at Slane Castle

Favourite movie: Memphis Belle.. Also "Gabriel" (soon to released) mainly because I'm an extra in it..

Favourite radio station: JJJ or 101.7 WS-FM (good times, great classic hits)

Favourite Restaurant: Hogs Breath Cafe

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CUB PAUSE

NS U8 Girl Power 21 - Mosman Big Hit - Sea Horses 14

With the U7 Monster bears unable to take up their bye week invitation to go to Mosman, girls from the U8 Sloths and Pandas headed to Middle head to fill the gap in the draw and show the Super Sea Horses how to play T-ball.

Thrown together on Saturday the team got its name from a bat used by the Warringah Mossies in their match vrs the Sloth Bears (27-30 to the Sloth Bears). Not only are there now pink mits available in the sport stores, but on Saturday a Warringah Mossie came out swinging a pink bat complete with the words “Girl Power” along the barrel

Mosman Baseball is going through a bit of a rebirth, with big changes to the way they run their operation.. They play Sundays and only at Mosman After two consecutive wash outs Middle head oval at 9am was a sea of blue with 4 Tball games and 2 Zooka matches under way. Only the red of the Girl power Bears providing any colour contrast. None of the teams are big (usually 7 or 8 Players). Parents are called on to man the outfield, intercepting the hits with their feet and kicking them back towards the diamond.

In an odd way it all seems to work, with smaller teams there is more action for each of the players. Mosman now charges more than most for a club registration, but the money goes towards hiring professional coaches for the weekday training sessions.

None of this of course makes up for the experience you get from playing against a team that knows what they are doing and the Girl Power team did teach the Sea Horses some new tricks. To be fair many of the Sea Horses were younger and few had played before this season.

At 10am the T-ball finishes, and it is then time for the “Golden hits” game. The Bears parents helped make up the numbers so that each team had 8 players on the field. The Resident Mosman Hired Gun and Coach took up position behind the batter as both catcher and umpire.

Despite a poor start a team made up mostly of Bears parents and their old rivals (Coaches from last years Saturday Mosman U7 Turtles and Dolphins teams) managed to level at 3 all at the top of the third completed innings. Some great cheering from the Girl Power team did a lot to lift our spirits.

It all ended in tragedy with a narrow win to the (mostly) Blue shits but none the less we all went home with smiles on our faces knowing that, after 80 years, baseball is still alive and well at Mosman and wondering where on earth it was going to go next.

In the Next Issue:

Read all about round 8

Flat Rock Reserve A WH NS

George Kendall Reserve B NS5 TI/NS1

Bicentenial Park D NS CO

Cliff Oval F KS NS/BYE

Bicentenial Park SUNDAY G NS MS

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A2	Bill McColl
B1 BLACK	DOC
D2	Liam
D2 LADIES	BYO Wine!
B1	Michael Taylor

	Rd.	10	17/11	
A1	CD	7	KSJ	8
	NH	0	WH	6
	NS	20	TH	1
A2	BH	10	KS	7
	CH	8	WH	8
	NS	6	TH	7
B1	MS	6	TI	3
	KP	12	GR	11
	NS	3	RA	10
	FD	4	NR	9
B2	MS	4	NS1	13
	KP	10	GR	6
	NS5	7	RA	9
	FD	11	NR	4
C1	BH	6	TI	10
	KS4	13	KP	17
	KS6	9	FD	4
	RA	3	RE	19
C2	TH	9	TI	8
	KS	10	KP	8
	CO	1	FD	18
	RA	13	MU	13
D1	RE	2	NS	12
	TH	12	WB	8
	CO	8	MS	12
	NR	31	GR	9
D2	RA	4	NS	10
	TH	2	WB	22
	CO	22	MS	6
	GR8	9	GR7	6
E1	TH	4	KS2	12
	TI	22	KS4	5
	KS6	12	RE	11
	GR7	9	GR8	3
E2	TH	15	KS2	2
	TI	11	MS	4
	KS6	17	RE	14
	GR	5	BH	16
F1	KS	6	MS	21
	NS	7	WB	16
	NR	13	KP	13
F2	KS	11	MS	7
	BYE	bye	WB	bye
	TI	16	KP	8
G1	MS	11	FD	22
	CO	6	RA	18
	NS	11	GR	16
G2	MS	6	FD	11
	CO	3	TH	8
	NS	13	GR	18

2007/2008 Summer Competition

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Round 10

NOTES:

PCBL Delegates Meeting on Wed 21 Nov @ KPSC, Ashton Road Turramurra @ 8 pm. All Player team lists MUST be final by Wednesday 17 October, all new player registrations must be accepted prior to playing.

DRAWS last modified date					
		B 24-Sep-07	D 19-Sep-07	F 21-Oct-07	
A 19-Sep-07		C 28-Oct-07	E 24-Sep-07	G 7-Oct-07	

A Grade Division 1 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	1	Winston Hills	8	0	0	1.000	
2	2	North Sydney Leagues	6	0	2	.750	2.0
3	3	North Shore	3	1	4	.438	4.5
4	5	Thornleigh	3	0	5	.375	5.0
5	4	Clyde Lakes	2	1	5	.313	5.5
6	6	Koringal Swakers - Japan	1	0	7	.125	7.0

A Grade Division 2 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	1	Baulkham Hills	6	0	2	.750	
2	2	North Sydney Leagues	5	0	3	.625	1.0
3	3	Thornleigh	5	0	3	.625	1.0
4	4	Koringal Swakers	4	0	4	.500	2.0
5	5	Castle Hill	2	1	5	.313	3.5
6	6	Winston Hills	1	1	6	.188	4.5

B Grade Division 1 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	1	Rangers	7	0	1	.875	
2	2	North Ryde RSL	7	0	1	.875	0.0
3	3	Kissing Point	4	1	3	.563	2.5
4	5	Macquarie Saints	4	0	4	.500	3.0
5	4	Tigers	3	1	4	.438	3.5
6	6	Five Dock Falcons	3	0	5	.375	4.0
7	7	North Sydney Leagues	2	0	6	.250	5.0
8	8	Greenway	1	0	7	.125	6.0

B Grade Division 2 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	1	Five Dock Falcons	7	1	0	.938	
2	2	North Sydney Leagues (1)	6	0	2	.750	1.5
3	3	Kissing Point	5	0	3	.625	2.0
4	4	North Sydney Leagues (5)	4	0	4	.500	3.0
5	5	North Ryde RSL	3	0	5	.375	4.0
6	6	Greenway	3	0	5	.375	4.0
7	8	Rangers	2	0	6	.250	5.5
8	7	Macquarie Saints	1	1	6	.188	6.0

C Grade Division 1 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	1	Kissing Point	6	0	2	.750	
2	3	Ryde Eastwood Leagues	6	0	2	.750	0.0
3	4	Koringal Swakers (6)	5	0	3	.625	1.0
4	2	Five Dock Falcons	5	0	3	.625	1.0
5	5	Tigers	4	0	4	.500	2.0
6	7	Koringal Swakers (4)	2	0	6	.250	4.0
7	6	Baulkham Hills	2	0	6	.250	4.0
8	8	Rangers	2	0	6	.250	4.0

C Grade Division 2 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	1	Five Dock Falcons	6	0	1	.857	
2	3	Rangers	4	1	2	.643	1.5
3	2	Kissing Point	4	0	3	.571	2.0
4	5	Thornleigh	3	0	4	.429	3.0
5	4	Tigers	3	0	4	.429	3.0
6	6	Macquarie University	2	1	4	.357	3.5
7	7	Koringal Swakers	2	0	5	.286	4.0
8	8	Concord Comets	0	0	1	.000	6.0

D Grade Division 1 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	1	Concord Comets	7	0	1	.875	
2	2	North Sydney Leagues	5	1	2	.688	1.5
3	3	North Ryde RSL	5	0	3	.625	2.0
4	5	Macquarie Saints	4	0	4	.500	3.0
5	4	Ryde Eastwood Leagues	4	0	4	.500	3.0
6	7	Thornleigh	3	0	5	.375	4.0
7	6	West Boomers	2	1	5	.313	4.5
8	8	Greenway	1	0	7	.125	6.0

D Grade Division 2 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	1	Concord Comets	8	0	0	1.000	
2	3	Greenway (8)	5	1	2	.688	2.5
3	2	West Boomers	5	1	2	.688	2.5
4	4	North Sydney Leagues	5	0	3	.625	3.0
5	5	Macquarie Saints	4	0	4	.500	4.0
6	6	Greenway (7)	2	1	5	.313	5.5
7	7	Rangers	1	1	6	.188	6.5
8	8	Thornleigh	0	0	8	.000	8.0

E Grade Division 1 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	3	Koringal Swakers (2)	6	0	2	.750	
2	1	Tigers	6	0	2	.750	0.0
3	4	Koringal Swakers (8)	5	1	2	.688	0.5
4	2	Ryde Eastwood Leagues	5	0	3	.625	1.0
5	5	Greenway (7)	4	1	3	.563	1.5
6	7	Koringal Swakers (4)	2	0	6	.250	4.0
7	6	Thornleigh	2	0	6	.250	4.0
8	8	Greenway (8)	1	0	7	.125	5.0

E Grade Division 2 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	2	Baulkham Hills	6	0	2	.750	
2	1	Koringal Swakers (2)	6	0	2	.750	0.0
3	3	Greenway	5	0	3	.625	1.0
4	4	Tigers	4	2	2	.625	1.0
5	5	Thornleigh	3	2	3	.500	2.0
6	6	Koringal Swakers (6)	3	2	3	.500	2.0
7	7	Ryde Eastwood Leagues	2	0	6	.250	4.0
8	8	Macquarie Saints	0	0	8	.000	6.0

F Grade Division 1 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	1	Kissing Point	6	1	1	.813	
2	2	West Boomers	6	0	2	.750	0.5
3	3	Macquarie Saints	6	0	2	.750	0.5
4	4	North Ryde RSL	2	1	5	.313	4.0
5	5	North Sydney Leagues	2	0	6	.250	4.5
6	6	Koringal Swakers	1	0	7	.125	5.5

F Grade Division 2 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	1	Koringal Swakers	5	0	1	.833	
2	2	Macquarie Saints	4	0	3	.571	1.6
3	4	Tigers	3	0	3	.500	2.0
4	3	West Boomers	3	0	3	.500	2.0
5	5	Kissing Point	1	0	6	.143	4.1
6	6	BYE	0	0	0	#####	#####

G Grade Division 1 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	1	Five Dock Falcons	6	1	1	.813	
2	2	Rangers	5	1	2	.688	1.0
3	3	North Sydney Leagues	4	1	3	.563	2.0
4	4	Concord Comets	3	2	3	.500	2.5
5	5	Greenway	3	1	4	.438	3.0
6	6	Macquarie Saints	0	0	8	.000	6.5

G Grade Division 2 — Rd 10

TW	LW	Team	W	D	L	Ave	GB
1	1	Five Dock Falcons	7	0	1	.875	
2	2	Greenway	6	1	1	.813	0.5
3	3	North Sydney Leagues	4	0	4	.500	3.0
4	4	Macquarie Saints	3	1	4	.438	3.5
5	5	Thornleigh	3	0	5	.375	4.0
6	6	Concord Comets	0	0	8	.000	7.0

Pauly V's fans are getting ready for the return of baseball...