



The Bear Pause

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AA1 Lose In A Thriller

North Sydney AA1 team turned up to play an almost unbeatable favourite in Winston Hills at Blacktown Olympic Park on 12/03/05. By all accords the North Sydney gave them an almighty scare as the Winston Hills took the title with an 8-6 win. Congratulations to Warren McLean and the rest of the A1 Team on making the Grand Final and giving them such a great battle.

Colin Edwin – Keeps On Hitting On

There aren't many within the club that have gone from Rookie of the Year to the A League Player of the Year in consecutive years. You only have to look at Colin's 1st career at bat to know he was going to be something special.

A cold night down at Major's Bay, loaded bases, Col watches the 1st pitch meander past, gives his head a nod, strike one. The next pitch comes fat and inside and then it was gone.

A moon shot through the brisk air. Grand Slam Home Run.

Col's posted impressive numbers this season with a .660 BA and 5 home runs including a screamer over the fence at Flat Rock in his last game of the season. He is definitely going to take some beating over the next year to get this award out of his grasp.



B Grade 'Minor Premiers' Caught Out On A Bad Day

The B2 Bears finished the regular season with a record of 11 wins, 2 draws and 5 losses claiming the minor premiership.

Due to the format of the finals series in 6 team comps the B2's week off gave them an opportunity to take on a mixed D Grade side who's teams had already seen the end of their respective seasons.

A great day was had by all, some big hits and some great pitching saw the day a great success and let the B Grade have a competitive hit out before the big day.

Grand Final day (12/03/05) bought great weather to the Flat Rock Diamond. There was a good feeling

in the air and the Flat Rock diamond had never had so few holes thanks to the Willoughby Council who had given the ground a top up.

A large crowd was amassing in anticipation of a great game. Grand Final day unfortunately bought an end to the stellar season for the B2 Bears.

The B2 Bears caught a red-hot Five Dock team who were letting nothing through their defences. Due to unforeseen circumstance the Bears were without 3 of their big name players on the day which hurt them dearly.

Congratulations go to the B2 team on a great season.



'Ranker Award' In Good Hands

The "Ranker Award" has a new home. After a year with the lovable Claude Davidson, the award has fallen into the hands of the ever-inspiring Kristian Cruz. Following a tightly fought interclub D2 game this summer Mr. Cruz refused to shake the hand of one of his Bears

opponents. It seems young Kristian was unhappy about a disputed call at 2nd base. When the player in question, who was clearly out, wouldn't own up to the tag, Kristian took offence to the situation—along with the loss in his pitching stats.



Farewell And Thank You To Thomas Day— President

Thomas Day has decided to step down from his position as President of the Club.

Over the years Thomas has given the baseball club more than could have ever been expected to make it what it is today. It is with great sadness that he has to step down from the position, but he has other things to attend to—namely, a beautiful newborn child.

Thomas has always been a very keen supporter of all the North Sydney teams and has turned up to shown his support for every Bears squad that's made the Grand Finals.

Thomas is a life member of the baseball club and rumour has it you may still see him in the black, red and white in Mark Holman's teams in the season to come.

From all of the past and present players, we would like to thank you for all of your assistance and look forward to seeing you around the diamond soon.

Training

Winter Season is just around the corner and training is in full swing.

From Thursday April 7th the Bears will be moving their training time slot back to 8pm.

Same venue – Gore Hill Oval, St Leonard's (adjacent to RNSH on Pacific Hwy)

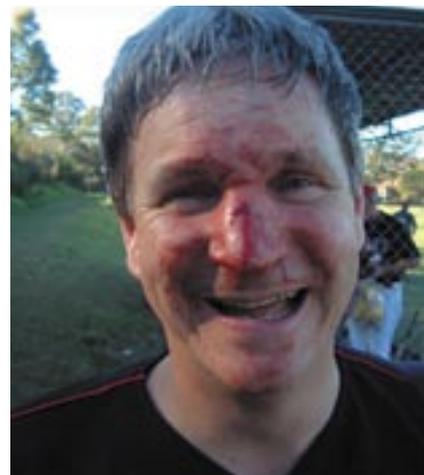
Player Profile Of The Week— Mark 'Home Run' Holman

Mark Holman has been an integral part of the NSLBC in recent years. He's held many roles within the club's executive committee and has been very active in the development of the club and its players.

Whenever it comes to deciding who's going to be in teams, even though Mark may have not been the manager of the side, there is always a steady stream of people requesting to be placed in Mark's team.

Mark has had the pleasure of winning quite a few competitions over recent years with his E Grade teams but with the step up to D Grade this year they found it a little more difficult.

The moniker Mark 'Homerun' Holman doesn't come from his legendary batting prowess, but rather to the 3 or 4 homers that got hit off him in 1 innings at the very short Tuckwell Park in North Ryde.



Another incident that Mr Holman is remembered for played out on a sunny afternoon at Gannan Park when Mark looked to have a ball well covered in centre field then decided to move his glove out of the way and take it in the face. The best falcon you have ever seen on a baseball field.

Mark is a testament to all players at the club as he always makes himself available to help out, be it by umpiring a game or building a mound at Bicentennial. We can't think of anyone better to be the inaugural Player of the Week for the Bear Pause.



What The Scouts Are Saying

The scouts have had their ears fairly close to the ground this off season and the formation of the joint Darren Llewellyn and Paul Van der Westhuizen teams looks to be the beginning of a formidable partnership. The formation of this joint squad brings experience, big time hitting potential and 4 quality pitcher/catcher combos. Beware the grade that these 2 teams are put in.

In The Next Issue:

Look for game summaries, player profiles, season stats and anything else you might want to suggest in the next issue of The Bear Pause.

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