



The Bear Pawse

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Prison Rules at Flat Rock v Baulkham Hills

It seems that the newest members to the Pacific Coast Baseball League have brought a few of their own rules across from the Western Suburbs League.

On a monster triple at Flat Rock last Sunday, Colin Edwin slid to avoid a tag at third. Both Colin and the base coach were unaware of where the ball was. As the Pitcher began to walk to the mound big Colin took his lead at third and the third baseman pulled the ball out of his back pocket.

He was called out, much to the disgust of Bears management, players and spectators. Ultimately, it worked against Baulkham Hills as the angry Bears rallied to take the game 11-7.



Winning pitcher Kristian Cruz takes a warm-up toss as shortstop Rich Jaimeson looks on.



Graham Liu scores during a 29-run Bear attack at Flat Rock. **Photos: Jim Strachan**



Bears third baseman Michael Hagarty gets mad against Baulkham Hills. **Photo: Steve Millar**

Slow Start Gives Way to Strong Hitting in Bears Home Opener

Sunday's first game got off to a slow start for the 2's with pitcher Kristian Cruz struggling to find his groove, allowing 7 runs in the top of the first.

Luckily, the Bears came out swinging in the bottom half of the inning and countered with 10 runs to take the lead. The Bears exploded with a further 19 runs in the third to take the game 29-8.

Full credit to Kristian for sticking it out

for the win, as well as contributing 6 RBI on 4 for 4 batting. Support came from Josh with 6 RBI from 2 triples (3 for 5), Jason with 4 RBI (3 for 4) and Spud and Ichiro going 4 for 5 each.

"We saw a lot of hitting and solid pitching and with some work on the fielding combinations, (we have) the makings of a 2 very competitive teams," enthused co-manager Doc Llewellyn.

F Troop Starts Season With Big Win

The F2's started the season in style, with a 28-10 pounding of Greenway.

The first innings ended with the Bears on 9 runs, Greenway on 5, pretty normal for F grade. However, a 19 run second innings dig bashed the nail through Greenway's coffin. The batting was ferocious as the scoreline suggests, but the best feature was the fielding, with only one error recorded.

Yvette Miller had a standout game at second base, snaffling all four chances

that came her way. Rookie Barry Czitan had a dream start, working the count on his first-ever at bat like a master to a 3-2 count and then chopping the ball through the infield. He followed up on defense with some great work from centrefield.

Both pitchers did well, with a shutout performance from Dan Pearson, who went winless last season, and some great fielding off his own pitching from John Dumay.



Results Round 1

A1 v Macquarie U	0-8 (equal 4 th)
A2 v Macquarie U	10-9 (equal 1 st)
B2 v Nrth Ryde RSL	6-15 (equal 5 th)
C1 v Blkhm Hills	11-7 (equal 1 st)
C2 v Blkhm Hills	29-8 (equal 1 st)
F2 v Greenway	28-10 (equal 1 st)



More action from Sunday's game one:
Bears first baseman Paul Van der Westhuizen holds a speedy Baulkham Hills runner on base.



Bears infielders Jason Smart and Rich Jaimeson anticipate the pitch.

Coaches and Managers Course

The Pacific Coast Baseball League requires all Coaches and Managers to be Level '0' accredited as of September 2004.

A Level '0' course will be run on Monday May 2nd or Monday May 16th at ELS Hall in North Ryde from 6:45pm – 10:30pm.

Could coaches and managers of teams who are not accredited please contact Michael on 0421 027 255 or mhagarty@optusnet.com.au

Baseball Trivia Corner

Question:

Batter hits a grounder to short. The shortstop throws high and the first baseman throws his glove and hits the ball. Place the baserunner:

- a) batter is awarded 1st
- b) batter is awarded 3rd
- c) batter is awarded 2nd

(Answer in next edition of the Bear Pause)



Bears pitcher Adam Barton brings the heat in Sunday's second game at the rejuvenated Flat Rock Field.



Michael Hagarty and Brett Gordon work on the Flat Rock infield as Doc Llewellyn "supervises".



Michael Hagarty smoothes the infield dirt while Doc Llewellyn leans on a rake.

Flat Rock Returning to the Good Old Days

No, Flat Rock is not going back to being a tip, it's returning to one of the premier grounds in the Pacific Coast Baseball league.

On Saturday 9th of April the C Grade squad plus a few extras turned up to rejuvenate Flat Rock to its past glory. After years of neglect by the council the C Grade squad took it upon themselves to fix up the diamond. The ground was looking better than it had in

years after a truckload of Dolerite was placed around the bases and baselines.

More work on the field is planned for this Sunday. For anyone wishing to help out, the C Grade squad will be down this Sunday 24th April at 11am. An inter-club game will follow the grounds keeping work.

So come out and help out for an hour or two, then stick around and have a hit. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

In The Next Bear Pause:

Got some great pictures and stories about your Bears team? Put 'em in The Bear Pause. Just drop us an email or give a call and we'll try to include them in the next issue. Please expect some editing to fit copy.

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