



The Bear Pause

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E2 Bears slugger Stephen Davidson looks to extend a 12 run 1st inning against Thornleigh.



Paul Nesbitt comes in for a bit of (Thornleigh) relief in Sunday's E2 game at Flat Rock.

E Grade Victories Make It An Opening Weekend Sweep For Entire Bears Club.

The E1 Bears had a lot to live up to at the start of the game at 3:45pm on Sunday afternoon. All four of the other Norths teams had a win and our victory would secure the perfect round.

Michael "Pops" Hagarty had a sensational start as Catcher gunning down the first Thornleigh base runner at second base and Richard Jamieson pitched a complete game for the win.

The E1 offense was hot to begin the season, but some of the defense left a little to be desired and I guess not having a training run prior to the game as a team didn't help.

The game went into extra time and although light was fading the Bears managed to tie it up and with a two out single Mike Hagarty knocked Richie in to win the game. Final score 9-8.

Big ups to the new members of our crew; Yvette, Ben, Dan G (the 'Big Red Machine') who all had standout games and to Dangerous Dan and Ryan for great outings with the E2s. Oh, and the E1s SS wanted to complain about the new grass and the bad hops he got all arvo long.

The E2 Squad took the early game in an 18-17 pitchers duel.

G Squad Hits The Spot As Untested Talent Shines

The G Bears got their season off to a flying start, with a 17-10 win over Stealers. It was a nervous time for all, as four players had never played before and manager Mark Holman had more than his usual confusion in working out a batting and fielding lineup.

He didn't have to worry. Rookie Dan Agung in his first at bat smacked a double to right field and ended up 1-1 on the day with two walks. He also proved to be a natural at shortstop, picking up some hard hit balls and capping it off with a superb out to first.

The hit of the day was an in the park homer from rookie James Robertson from his second at bat ever.

Interviewed after the game, James said "This is a great game. I turn up to training on Thursday, the lights are not working so we go to the pub. If you guys start advertise these training sessions, I am sure you will get another ten teams. I hit the ball twice on Saturday and now some Yank called Steinbrenner is calling asking if I would like a trip to New York. I can't wait to play next week."

Temporary Change To Training Place/Time

We are unable to use Gore Hill Oval for the next 3 weeks so Willoughby Park has been booked from 6:30pm-8:30pm for Thursday Night Trainings. We'll resume at Gore Hill Oval from 7pm-9pm from the 13th October. Willoughby Park is located at McClelland Street and Warrane Road, Willoughby (just off Eastern Valley Way).



G2 Bears teammates John and David Dumay

Newest Bear Roars Like A Veteran

You might not know it to look at him, but David Dumay is much more than your average Bear. His road to wearing the black and red was a hard one—including 3 major hip operations, long months in a wheelchair and a solid year on crutches.

But with his Bears debut on Saturday, David's hard work and determination paid off as he played an integral part in his side's 17-10 victory. His 3 stolen bases, 2 walks and 2 runs scored supported his dad John's cause, with the elder Dumay pitching a complete game win.

It's always special when father and son take the field together, but for John and David, Saturday's game held extra special meaning. Congratulations on a great game guys, let's hope it's the first of many more to come!



Why is this man whinging? Find out in the Gold Coast Spring Training story on the last page.

B1 Bears Smack North Ryde RSL 17-6 In Home Opener

On the mound Jimmy started the season with a red snake special. Rick the Spesh was catching with his new knee savers. Plenty of experience on 1st with Big Game Bill McColl scooping them up again.

We fell behind due to a few errors (very windy in left field) and some good hitting by the RSLs.

This year we actually have some youth in the team. Shinpai, Dave, Dougie, (&

Gareth). These boys put us back in the game with some intelligent batting.

Dougie stepped onto the mound and closed them down. Then we hit 8 in the dark in the last dig. Thanks to Doc for scoring. Scores rung in right after the game. Match report signed and posted. Total fines this year \$0. So a great start.

What can go wrong? Next week we have 8 guys away!

B2s On Cruz Control In 11-4 Win

The B2's season opener went about as smoothly as a first game can. We came out of the gate hitting on all cylinders—a coach couldn't ask for more than that. Kristian Cruz started the game with his fastball (if you can call it that) hitting the target and his breaking ball (and I use the term loosely) fooling some obviously drunk North Ryde hitters. A pair of sparkling defensive gems from Jimmy "The Kid" Owen kept the pressure on the North Ryde offense.

Meanwhile Michael Taylor led off our inaugural at bat with a blistering double to left center field. That was a sign of things to come both for MT (on offense anyway) and the rest of team. We quickly piled up 4 runs and we were off to a fast lead with the defense holding off any charges that were thrown at us... until...Michael Taylor forgot how to play baseball! Its true, somewhere in the off-season he apparently hung up his glove and by the time he got back on a field he had confused baseball with that sport where it's a good thing when you wave at a ball dropping into your lap and then let it go past you for a few hundred meters, what's that sport called again?

After the dust cleared we were back where we started with the score tied up at 4 a piece. This is where character is born! At 4-4 North Ryde became a tad cocky and were thinking that they had us where they wanted us. If looking down the wrong end of a gun barrel is where they wanted us they were 100% correct. Because instead of whinging about the incredibly awful (and I mean it was really really bad) play that MT phoned in, the team rallied.

Great offensive production from everyone meant that we were quickly restocking our lead and before you knew it we were in double digits and the cocky attitude in the third base side dugout faded fast.

In particular MT had another rocket shot to the fence, Josh Cuthbertson had a very important pinch-hit RBI (or was it two?), and Kristian "Won't you take me on a sea" Cruz helped his own cause with some good batting. In fact, I'm pretty sure that everyone on the team had at least one hit and after scoring 11 runs I'm thinking almost everyone had an RBI too.

All in all from a coaches perspective I can't fault the team for anything on opening day...but of course I can't let your heads get too big so here are some notable positives and a few, well let's call it room for improvement.

On the plus side: Michael Taylor - the ball must look like a basketball when you're hitting...well done! Now if it just didn't look like a pea when you were fielding!

Doc—Well done behind the plate and lived up to the cleanup spot in the order!

KC—What can I say...for a second baseman you're a helluva pitcher!

Room for Improvement: Michael "What is this leather thing on my left hand" Taylor—Mate, see the ball in the air....catch the ball. See the ball on the ground....catch the ball. Not too complicated! GO the Bears.



Dr. Bob, representin' the black and red at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

Former Bear Works Out At Busch Stadium

Dr. Bob Morley, having returned to his hometown of St. Louis, has realized a boyhood dream with a training session at Busch Stadium.

Dr. Bob, a key figure for the D1 Bears side last summer, is a lifelong Cardinals tragic. He had many of his team-mates shaking their heads as he took to the field with a glove that was signed by Bob Gibson, Lou Brock and Red Schoendienst (3 HOFers)—instead of sitting in a glass case it was scooping up grounders for the easy out at first.

This is the final year for the old Busch stadium, with the team moving to an all new Busch Stadium in 2006. Of course Bob is confident the Cards will send off the old stadium with a World Series win this year.



Al Clinch shows his bowling form and Brett Gordon strikes his baseball pose on Gold Coast.



Bears Baseball Club members joined the University of Queensland team for a quick photo after the game. Bears players left to right (front), Al Clinch, Jim Strachan, Kristian Cruz, Cliff Rock, (back) Paul Cremin, Brett Gordon, Adam Barton, Jason Smart, James Cahill (middle) and Jeremy Sowell.

Rag-Tag Team Of Bears Lose Trophy, Dignity On Gold Coast.

Mix 9 Bears, a team of baseball-loving Japanese exchange students, a lot of beer and not very much sleep and you get the Annual Interstate Baseball Friendly.

Last year the North Sydney Bears took the game with a last inning comeback, but this year the tables were turned as the University of Queensland won on a walk off single to take the game 17-16.

The Bears dominated the early going, jumping in front 12-6 after 4 innings. First baseman Jeremy Sowell led the way with 6 RBIs on 2 doubles in just his first two at bats. But the normally strong Bears pitching staff faltered after the removal of starter Kristian Cruz, walking most of the U of Q batting order until, after 2 pitching changes,

Kristian Cruz was put back on the mound. It put Cruz in the unique position to get both the win and the save. But the damage had been done and some clutch hitting by U of Q sealed the Bears' fate.

After the game, former Bears player and current University of Queensland player/manager James Cahill joined his old buddies for an evening (and morning) on the town! Other weekend highlights included an afternoon at the cricket cages. Everyone had a good laugh watching the Yanks attempting to apply their baseball skills against Jezza and Barto's superior bowling. Perhaps the highlight was watching Smarty get some much-deserved middle wicket action. He was given out BBW (...with no box!).

Important Changes:

There's a new email address for submissions to the Bear Pause. Please submit all materials before EOD Wednesday to this email address:

Submissions: bearpause@optusnet.com.au

