



Saints

NEWSLETTER NO. 1 – NOVEMBER 2006



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome one and all to Macquarie Saints Baseball Club's first newsletter for the 2006/07 Summer Season. Before I say anything further, I would like to pass on a huge thanks to all the volunteers who have made it possible for our kids to participate in a great sport - our coaches, managers, scorers, umpires, canteen helpers and others too numerous to mention.

Worthy of particular mention at this stage are the players who have achieved prominence in our sport. Congratulations to the following:



RYDE HAWKS REPS

Under 12 Sydney Junior Championships
Jun Kamiaraiso; Tom McCann;
Sean McCrohan

Under 12 Association Cup
Taylor Hollings, Sean O'Sullivan

Under 14 Sydney Junior Championships
Ben Cambourn, Jarrod Heal, Chris Nicoll,
Jake Wilkins (Jake has also been selected
in NSW Under 14 State Team), Jack
Young

Under 14 Association Cup
Ivan Chen, Jack Forbes, Jake
Mandarakas, Karl Stuart, Dale Williamson

Under 16 Youth League
Ollie Bromley, Ryan Falconer

Under 16 Association Cup
Matt Hollings, Beau Sorbello

A number of you will have seen our new junior shirt by now. The shirts provide our players with a new look and a new more comfortable fabric. The feedback to date has been terrific. We have given each Under 16 players one of the new shirts with their name on the back in recognition of having reached the final year(s) as a junior player.

Don't forget the following upcoming events for which we would appreciate your support. Details for all the events can be found on the MS website at

www.saints.asn.au

!!DON'T FORGET - DATES FOR DIARIES

- Parents T-Ball Gala Day on Sunday 19 November 2006
- Children's Christmas Party also on Sunday 19 November 2006
- Girls Baseball Gala Day on Sunday 26 November 2006.
- Macquarie Saints Dinner Dance – Details in Next Newsletter

Please note that Jonathan Burnett and Stirling have joined the MS Executive this year. A special thanks to Win Hollings and Peter Macfarlane for jumping in to fill the vacant Newsletter and Umpire Co-ordinator roles on short notice.

Enough from me for now.
Enjoy your baseball!!

Mark Harris



VICE PRESIDENT SENIORS REPORT

.Welcome back to all players for summer 06/07, especially the many new players that have registered for the first time this season. It is great to see that a lot more families are getting involved and enjoying the social benefits of playing Saturday or Sunday afternoon baseball. Macquarie Saints is proud to field a record number of senior teams this year- 3 x G-grade, 2 x F-grade, 1 x E-grade, 2 x D-grade and 2 x B-grade.

A significant factor contributing to our growth is the on-going success of the annual Parents T-ball Gala Day, held in November, which resurrects our childhood dreams of playing sport again. Of course it also gives the children a chance to see their parents show-off their skills or humiliate themselves as the case may be. Many of the coaches, umpires, scorers and managers of our junior teams play in the various grades each weekend and I am sure that support from their junior players when ever possible would be appreciated.

Tony Sorbello



TEAM REPORTS:

U7 Washington Nationals

Date: 16/9/06

Opposition Team: New York Yankees

Congratulations Washington Nationals on a wonderful first game. First time players Brendan, Dylan and Alison all scored a run and fielded well and Ben did very well to score 2 runs. Sam batted strongly and was a conscientious 2nd baseman. Lotus showed her experience as pitcher by keeping the play tight and Lachlan's home run was magic. Return player Ethan fielded very well and also added a run to the score.

Award: Sam Ferguson - All Round Play

Date: 23/9/06

Opposition Team: Tampa bay Rays

Brendan and Lotus made a great pitcher/1st base combination, managing to get a few players out. Lachlan's big hits helped to get lots of our player's home and Oscar and PJ both did very well in their first ever game. Dylan played brilliantly as catcher and Alison, Ben, Ethan and Sam all added 3 runs each. Well done team.

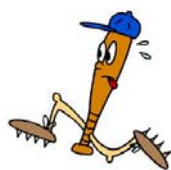
Award: Lotus Johnson Fisher – Fielding

Date: 14/10/06

Opposition Team: San Francisco Giants

We may have only had 6 players but we gave our spectators a show. Sam took a brilliant catch at short stop and Lachlan showed his style with his new bat. PJ did enough running for 3 players and Lotus did a fabulous job on 1st base. Brendan and Alison batted very strongly and added valuable runs.

**Awards: Lachlan Giulieri - All Round Play
PJ Zaouk - Fielding**



Date: 21/10/06

Opposition Team: New York Yankees

There was a lot of action on the field today for Brendan and PJ and Dylan's fielding was top notch. Well done Alison, Ben and Samuel for adding 3 runs each and to Lotus for managing to put her shoe back on and score a run at the same time.

Oscar showed great power with the bat and Lachlan helped us along by tagging a few players. Well done everyone, keep up the good work.

Award: Dylan Houldsworth – Fielding

Date: 28/10/06

Opposition Team: Tampa Bay Rays

We had a fun game and Oscar's batting and fielding really stood out. Brendan did some great running between bases and Sam put a lot of thought into his plays. Dylan was kept busy as pitcher and Lotus again showed us how reliable she is with the bat. PJ did well as catcher for the first time and Alison, Ben, Ethan and Lachlan all added 3 runs each. Well done.

**Awards: Dylan Oscar Dixon- Fielding
Brendan M^cCorquodale – All Round Play**

Date: 04/11/06

Opposition Team: San Francisco Giants

Game Report: It may have been drizzling but our spirits were not dampened. Alison was busy at Short Stop, as was Oscar. Brendan and Lachlan's fast running ensured that many runs were scored. Ethan did well to score a run and Sam, Ben, Dylan and Lotus all played very well. Well done.

**Award: Alison Rubie – Batting
Oscar Dixon - Batting**

U7 Tampa Bay Rays – No Report

U7 New York Yankees – No Report



Eastwood

U7 San Francisco Giants

Well after a disappointing wash out of the first game of the season, the Giants came ready to play in Round 2 against the Tampa Bay Rays. This was the first game of baseball for a number of rookie players, Tim, Inez, Kevin, Simon, Luke and Tayla. Each of these players displayed their particular skills of the game. Then we had the season veterans, Finn, Becky and Jake who provide support for the rookies.

In round 3 we faced the new team on the block, the NY Yankees. They came out a guns a blazing. However, the might of our defense and the strength of our batting kept us in the game.

In round 4 we came head to head against the Washington Nationals who are a strong team. The team were ready and produced some strong fielding plays and very strong batting.

After the break in round 5 we once again faced the Tampa Bay Rays. Once again it was a fierce battle both defensively and offensively but we came out the victor of this battle.

In round 6 the NY Yankees were one our radar screens. We showed the batting power of Simon, Tim and Tayla assisted with the smart base running of Luke and Inez. As we defended against the might of the Yankee's batters good defensive plays by Kevin, Becky and Jake kept us in the game.

U8 Xiao – No Report

U8 McAlister – No Report

U 8 Kilby

Date: 16/9/2007

MACQUARIE Vs NTH RYDE GOLD

Result : WIN : 40-12

It was a bright sunny day at Magdala Rd for our 1st game against Nth Ryde Gold and all the team were keen to play after being washed out last week.

We trained hard during the week with plenty of enthusiasm and that showed right from the start of the game.

Simon lead the way in the batting with some consistent big hitting that included 2 home runs. Harrison K, Nicholas & Max also did some big hitting. There was also some consistent reliable batting from Madison, Harrison W, Jack and Charlie.

In the field Simon took a fantastic catch and did some great fielding. Some great team work was also achieved in the field by Nicholas, Simon and Harrison W. Harrison K also managed a great 'tag'.

A final mention to Max and Harrison K for great efforts in attempting catches in the outfield.

GO THE SAINTS !

Date: 23/9/2006

MACQUARIE Vs STEALERS

Result : WIN: 28-21

Our 1st home game of the year was a hot September day at Pioneer against the Stealers.

In an exciting game our players fielded and batted well under pressure.

Kendall and Madison formed a good partnership at pitcher and 1st base as did Harrison K and Max. Charlie was magnificent in the field by putting his body on the line.

Batting was superb all-round with some big hits from Harrison K, Simon & Max. Our last batter, Nicholas brought the team home with some power hitting. Jack & Harrison W had solid all-round games.

Thanks to Adrian who did a great job in umpiring our game for the 1st time with our team and also thanks to the parents for their assistance with canteen and BBQ duties.

GO THE SAINTS !



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U 8 Kilby

Date: 14/10/2006

MACQUARIE Vs CONCORD

Result : WIN: 14-6

We just managed to turn up to Pioneer for a hot October day after a mix up with a revised draw (which we knew nothing about).

The team was switched on from the start. Some great batting from Jordan, Madison, Kendall, Nicholas & Jack, with some big hits from Max, Simon, Harrison W and a fantastic home run from Harrison K.

Welcome back to Jordan who took a beautiful catch and made it look easy. Harrison W also took a screamer of a catch diving forward at pitcher.

A fantastic team effort from everyone.
GO THE SAINTS !

Date: 21/10/2006

MACQUARIE Vs GLADESVILLE

Result : WIN: 35-14

It was a cold and overcast day for our game against Gladesville at Pioneer.

Our batting today was brilliant, which was also acknowledged by the Gladesville coach. Nicholas, Simon, Jordan and Jack all scored home runs!. Some big hits were also achieved by Charlie, Madison and Kendall.

In the field Max took a fantastic catch. Jack was unlucky in an attempt to take another in a great effort.

Harrison K, Jordan, & Max made good 'tags' in the field and Harrison W did some great fielding at 1st base.
GO THE SAINTS !

Date: 28/10/2006

MACQUARIE Vs TIGERS

Result : WIN: 31-12

A beautiful spring day greeted us at George Kendall for an important game against the Tigers.

The team trained very hard during the week and was switched on to play right from the start.

Kendall scored her 1st home run with a big hit and determined running. Harrison K also scored a home run with a great hit. Simon made a huge hit and was able to run 3 bases and he wasn't even last batter! Other powerful hits in the batting were made by Charlie, Jordan and Jack.

Superb fielding all-round with Madison & Kendall working well again together on pitcher and 1st base with good pick up and throws and catching as did Charlie and Jordan. Charlie also fielding well later in the game at right out with some great throws to 1st base.

Harrison W perfected a great 'tag' and Max did some smart work at 2nd base to get 2 runners out.

Nicholas also made a great effort to attempt a catch from a big hit from an opposition batter.

A great team effort in which the team maintained their focus from start to finish.
GO THE SAINTS !



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

We need a name for our Newsletter – Can you help?

Put your thinking caps on because we are holding a competition to select the best name for our Newsletter – The prize is a \$50 voucher for The Dugout.

Please send your entry to thehollings@aapt.net.au – Please include your name and phone number as well as the team you are with – also entries can be placed in the box in the canteen at Pioneer Park
The Competition will close on Saturday 9th December.

Winner will be announced in the next Newsletter which will carry their suggested name

U9 Gough

The Under 9C 6's came together as experienced T Ballers, now starting afresh with Zooka. This is proving to be challenging, but certainly not insurmountable! After 5 games, everyone has had a turn in the different positions and finding their strengths. The team has blended well with all the players continuing to learn the skills required and, most importantly, enjoying themselves. There has been fantastic support from many of the team's parents in ensuring that all our duties and responsibilities are met. Undeterred by a mix of results so far, the Under 9C6's are fired up and ready to take on all comers. Our awards so far have gone to: Tom Ferret for fielding, Patrick Gough and Ruby Grudzinskas for batting and Adam Walton and Finn Lloyd for great all round play.

U9 Nicoll – No Report

U9 Sieper – No Report

10A Sorbello

10A's V Nth Ryde
Round 2 - 16th September
5-2 Win

It is the players first season at live-ball and a great effort from all players to win against the Coasties Cup finalists. A great start to the first innings had us leading Nth Ryde 2-0 with the two runs belonging to Murdoch and Sam, after some intelligent batting. Zac pitched two great innings with 4 strike-outs and a put out to first-baseman Olly to keep Nth Ryde scoreless. Olly pitched the next two innings for another 4 strike-outs as Callum, Jackson and Brendan all got home with some great batting. Well done to all!

10A's V Concord
Round 3- 23rd September
6-6 Draw

Again, an excellent start to the game from Olly and Sam with David hitting a screamer to right field and scoring runners to lead Concord 3-1 after the first innings. Zac pitched well for us again and Nicole

threw a ball from centre-field to Sophia at 2nd for a great tag-out. Brianna hit a great pitch to right-field only to be caught. Callum had a great game as catcher, keeping the Concord base runners from stealing too often and Bianca did well at short-stop. Zac scored Sophia with a nice hit to left field and Sam pitched the next two innings striking two batters out as all players lifted to hold Concord from scoring in the last innings. Great game!

10A's V Stealers
Round 4- 14th October
4-3 Win

A high quality game against the more fancied Stealers saw us leading 1-0 after the first innings through great pitching from Zac to hold Stealers scoreless and Olly's smart batting had him at 3rd in time for Zac to score him. Sophia and Callum batted well to score runs as did Bree with another screamer to right-field scoring runners. Jackson had a great game at 2nd base, taking a catch and also batted well to score a run himself and Brendan had a great game as well. Sam closed out the game with some quality pitching again.

10A's v Greenway
Round 5- 21st October
6-6 Draw

A great game, with some excellent baseball from both teams. Zac pitched another great game for 5 strike-outs but it was the batting that stood out today as both Nicole and Olly hit 2-baggers through the home-run boundary. David's hit to centre-field was a beauty and his catching also kept the Greenway runners on their toes. Murdoch's first pitching assignment was great and Bianca, Sophia and Brendan all had good games as well.

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10A's v Rangers
Round 6- 28th October
13-5 win

A rather convincing win against Rangers, with Olly and Sophia having great games as pitchers. Some great batting by all the players left the opposition chasing baseballs all over the field, especially Sam and Nicole's home runs, the first of many we hope. Jackson had a great game as catcher, blocking wild pitches regularly and Murdoch batted well to get on base also. Bree took a "hit by pitched ball" for the team and the pain was worth getting on first base for, we think! Callum also had a good game when he took over as catcher, nearly picking off a runner at 3rd base. Well done team-great batting!!!



11BC Martin

Pioneer Park -- The North Ryde forecast is for the kind of rains that forced Noah to use non-union carpenters in building the Ark. What a way for the much anticipated 2006-2007 to begin. It is apparently the wet season in North Ryde. Game One of the Series was postponed due to incessant rains. The forecast for next week though is more promising. The 11b/cs are in their own World Series. So why do they feel like they're in Spring Training again?

With four days to kill before Game One of the Spring Classic, the Saints took the field again Thursday afternoon, though it was a different field than what they're used to (finally a return to Pioneer). With a steady rain canceling the first game of the season, a much anticipated start to a now truncated season awaits.

From a preparation standpoint, there's twice as much work, since they don't know their opponents.

"The only disadvantage we have right now is we're kind of preparing for nine teams," coaches Martin and Francis said. "That puts you at a little bit of a disadvantage. But the advantages, I think, outweigh the disadvantages. We can get some of our guys more prepared for the rigours of the season ahead. Georgie's going to be

ready. It looks like Sebastian is hungry for a great season. Kate, Conor, Brianna and all the guys have recovered well from the rigours of a busy off season and should be fit and healthy."

The players seemed to have accepted the rain delay, using the off-time to rest up and get away. Lauren and Naomi played golf and shopped. Others simply stayed home and relaxed.

The rain delay gone, and the Saints were fired up for a first up victory against long time rivals, Saints. In the first of the two local derbies, the team did not disappoint their fans. The anticipation gone, the off season a distant memory, the team took the diamond with the collective enthusiasm of ninety years. Strong performances on the mound by Georgie and Sam set the stage for the bats of Ross, Naomi, Sebastian, Lauren, Georgie and Kate to cement a first up win at home. A two run shot in the first and a solo effort next time around by Conor set a daunting tone for the season.

"All you had to do was look around and see the talent here," coaches Francis and Martin said. "You knew we just had to take that talent and use it on the field."

It's been that kind of hidden talent that has led to the amazing transformation of the Saints this season -- from the team's on/off season just last year to securing their first up win at their new ground.

Games Two and Three saw the team march from strength to strength. Determination in the box backed up by outstanding pitching and fielding, saw offers flow from scouts sitting on the sidelines. With all of the players heavily locked into contracts for the next two seasons, negotiations fell short of the scouts hopes. With some great hitting by Ross, Brianna, Sebastian, Lauren and Kate, it seemed a huge task for the opposition teams to find a weakness in our armour. The fielding is strengthening as the team mould into a single unit and with the likes of Sam, Naomi, Georgie, and Conor to protect the diamond, our defence is in pretty good shape.

MACQUARIE SAINTS TEAM PHOTOS

2006/2007

18TH & 25TH NOVEMBER

TEAM ONLY 8" X 12" PHOTO WITH

NAMES/LOGO ON PHOTO - \$17

TEAM & PORTRAIT – TEAM PLUS TWO 6" X

4" INDIVIDUAL PORTRAITS - \$20

11BC Martin

Never has that range of talent seemed more evident than over the next two games. A different set of players stepped up every game for the club. From the starting pitching performances that the Saints received to the various hitters who provided the spark over their two-game sweep, it was a combined group effort that led to the victories.

"That's what good teams do," starter Georgie said of the effort. "I think we had three All-Stars at break, and we felt we had even more than that. But the biggest thing for us, especially recently, was that we had cumulative All-Star performances."

With competition in full swing, negotiations were taking place on the sidelines, a little known, but extremely talented youngster Isaac had just come off a youth development program. With big wraps on the switch hitting powerhouse, contracts were signed and a seamless transition into the lineup was inevitable. Isaac impressed the crowds with a flamboyant display of hitting and fielding in his first appearance. "That'll bring the crowds back" manager Giulieri was heard to say after his debut game with his new team. And bring back the crowds it did. With post season tickets already selling fast, Ebay may be the only place you'll find them come Christmas.

While the children continue to take their unbelievable start to the season in their stride, the fans are bubbling with excitement as the anticipation of each week builds. With the All Star break (the parents gala day) fast approaching, talk in the dugout has turned to a challenge for the grail. The children believe they have what it takes to knock over the best of the parents. Look out mums and dads, there's a challenge there and judging by what the Saints have shown thus far, they look like major contenders.

11BC Fisher

U11B/C Fischer Vs Stealers

After a rushed start due to ground changes at the last minute. The kids were excited to play their first game. Forrest made 2 great double plays. Joshua great as catcher, Bronson with a great hit but

got caught out. Rhiannon 2 outs at first, Zachary & Kimberley took one for the team and got to first base. Great fielding by Zoe & Pedro, and our Coach's award went to Tom for his outstanding first go at pitching with 31 pitches in 3 innings. Unfortunately we were winning but Umpire called time and game and the score got reverted back. Score to be advised. Great game Team.

U11 B/C Fischer Vs Macquarie1 1 – 14

Game 2 playing against one of our other club's team. Team are playing well together just need a few more hits our way. Great out for Zoe on First, Tom great pick up and thrown to first for the out. Forrest with a great hit to right field. Joshua pitched well & scored our run for the day. Pedro, Bronson, Rhiannon and Kimberley great fielding due to the hits going their way and great catching by Zac. Coach's award went to Zoe for great fielding. Good work team.

U11 B/C Fischer Vs North Ryde 3 – 12

What a scorcher of a day 37 degrees felt like 45. Bronson pitched well and took one for the team. Jason great hit near shortstop, Kimberly also got hit by pitched ball and scored a run. Tom pitched well and Zoe getting 2 outs on first. Great fielding by our outfielders today Kimberley, Zac and Rhiannon as we only had 8 players, the three of them took turns in being the 2 outfielders. Great fielding by Ella on 3rd base. Great game played by all considering the heat.

U11 B/C Fischer Vs Tigers 1 – 11

What a scorcher last week to a freezing cold morning. Josh pitched well and Rhiannon doing a great job at catching. Kimberley got a good hit of the Tee. Pedro great out on first. Great hits by Zac, Jason and Forrest. Great fielding to Tom and Zac. Coach's award went to Ella for the great pickup at shortstop.

U11 B/C Fischer Vs Ravens 12 – 9

What a game 1st win, hooray. Forrest pitching great with Josh catching great team work with all talking to each other. Great to see Pedro, Tom, Zac, Zoe, Ella, Bronson and Kimberley hitting of the Tee. Coach's award went to Jason for 2 great hits. Basically everyone got on base. Well done Team.

11BC McCrohan

Great start to the year with Dean McCrohan behind the plate handling pitchers Natassia Chrysanthos, Harry Beauchamp, and Felix Dixon....Great pitching so far with Felix in his first year, where has this boy been??? James Cutcliffe has been anchoring the outfield and showing off his base running prowess. Lots of batting practice is showing with Zoe Peck, Erin Burnett-Blue and Kevin Chen, our newest player, reaching base in our last few games...Rhys Touhy is starting to swing like last year, when he terrified opposing teams...Josh Jeffery is switched on with 2 hits in his last game...We have Lauren Semken back from a crippling shoulder injury to take her place in the side, what a champion, we need her athleticism....Katie Beauchamp has been having a blinder in the field, took one in the neck and made the out, outstanding.....last of all credit goes to all coaches, Dave, Tony and Gary, who give much time to the kids, as well as the best parents in the comp, we are 3 and 4 deep in all areas of administration...It a pleasure knowing we have all scorers, umpires and coaches on board every week...were on the bubble for promotion or relegation, the next few weeks will tell the tale.....

12A Hollings

We have had a mixed start to the year with 4 wins and 2 losses (both of which were extremely close) to date. Our team is: Phil, Taylor, Tom J, Jun, Zac, Tom M, Sean M, Johnny, Sean O (Rookie), Harry. We have only had our full team present for one game due to an injury but every week we manage to take the field with 9 players and we are extremely competitive. Already this early in the season we have seen some huge home runs, a grand slam, double plays, and great strikeouts from our pitchers. Our coaches Matt, Ryan and Al have managed to rotate our pitchers and

catchers around their various restrictions - as we have five rep players - and still be able to have a competitive team. Last week our batting exploded with all players hitting well. As the season continues we will hopefully improve week by week and should prove a force to contend with come finals time.

12 BC Elliott – No Report

12 BC Mansfield – No Report

14 A Heal

After 5 completed rounds, the 14A's are travelling reasonably well, with 2 wins, a draw and 2 losses. Whilst everyone assumed we would blow the competition away, having 10 rep players in the side has its downside as well. Weekly restrictions and player rotation has made the task challenging for players as well as coaching staff, but so far everyone has coped rather well. With a few early injuries now put aside, we expect to improve as the season continues. All players have been making contributions at various stages in games thus far, so it all looks very promising for the finals in March providing we maintain commitment and intensity each week.

THANKS

To all coaches/managers who listened to me at the last meeting. The score sheets from the last few weeks were perfect and by the look of the email I received from Jim Morris (Ryde Hornsby Scoring Coordinator) ours is once again the only Club with all scoresheets correctly entered and recorded.

Congratulations – keep it up!

Jacquie Williams – Scoring Coordinator

14B Ironfield

Played 5 – Won 3 Lost 2

An interesting way to start the year with 3 straight wins seeing us leading the field before a couple of losses brought us back to the pack. Having only 3 “true” age players and the rest graduating from U12's, the competition and all the new U14 rules was always going to be a tough ask but so far the boys have met the challenge head on!! We are slowly coming to grips with leads, pickoffs and some large opposition players!!

14B Ironfield

Our bats have been on fire through the first 5 weeks scoring at least 8 runs in every game, with Latham and Jordan managing to not get out at all in the first 4 games. James, Christian and Mat have been crushing the ball around the field and our speedsters Johnny, Austin and Nick keep the other team on their toes every time they get on base!!

Our pitchers have done a good job all year, often dealing with some tight strike zones!! Geoff even made his first appearance on the mound against Five Dock and I think surprised himself:) Kieran has done a great job on the mound and has also taken done a great job roaming the outfield. Lachlan has also been fantastic behind the plate for us, keep runners at bay and encouraging every pitcher well.

Overall, not a bad start but we all agreed after the Thornleigh game that there was plenty to improve on. A bit more work on the training diamond and I'm sure we can give this competition a shake. We need to remember the old saying though, "what we do at training is what we do in the game".

14B Wells – No Report

14C Bell – No Report

16A Sims – No Report

16B Harris/Latham

**Macquarie (Harris/Latham) v's Balmain
Round 1, 9 September 2006
Washed Out.**

The first game of the Season and all the players were fired up ready to go ! Our Team this season consists of 6 players who played together last season, being Daniel (Butch) Bugeja, Dean (Deano) Butler, Daniel (DG) Goode, Daniel (Harvey) Holten, Alex (Lurch) Latham and Nathan (Lumby) Lumb. We welcomed back players we had played with a couple of season back, being Chris (The Civ) Civitella, Alex (Pants) Goode, Tim (Kluj) Klujin and Adam (Marshy) Marsh. We were bolstered with some new players to our ranks, being Lachlan

(Lachy) Gordon, and Andrew (Bugsy) Harris. In all, The Dirty Dozen. We also welcomed aboard our new Coach, Mark (The Preso) Harris and welcomed back our assistant Coach, Chris (Tex) Latham. Alas our fire had to be doused, for this week at least, by the wet weather.

Macquarie (Harris/Latham) v's Macquarie (Taylor/Collins) Round 2, 16 September 2006 Win 19 – 4

Still fired up and still raring to go. Local derbies are never easy games and we didn't expect any less today. In the field and all ready to start. Lurch was on the pitcher's mound and Kluj donned the catchers mask. Good pitching by Lurch and a good run down by Kluj and Lumby saw us dismiss the opposition without them scoring. A good start. At bat and Lurch was firing with a big hit to score a Homer. Then Butch hit well (RBI) as did Lumby (RBI) and a few walks and we closed with 6 runs on the board. Confidence was rising.

In the 2nd Innings Lurch again pitched and Kluj still caught for him. Again good pitching and good support from our fielders saw us limit them to one run. Up to bat and Deano bunted well to be safe at 1st with RBI, followed by Marshy who hit safely (RBI). Then Butch hit well for a 2 bagger, The Civ hit safely (2 RBI) followed with safe hits by Lumby, and Pants. Another 6 runs on the board. Lurch stayed on the mound and Lumby took over the catching duties in the 3rd. Solid pitching again by Lurch and again strong support in the field, partic. Butch with a good tag and we kept the opposition scoreless. The opposition struck back and despite another safe bunt from Deano and a good hit by Lurch (2 RBI) they limited us to 2 runs.

The Civ took the ball in the 4th and Lumby caught for him. Solid pitching and safe fielding and we restricted them to 2 runs. At bat Lachy (2 RBI) and Lurch (2 RBI) batted the best and we closed with another 5 runs.

A very solid team performance for our 1st game.

**Macquarie (Harris/Latham) v's
Greenway
Round 3, 23 September 2006
Win 15 – 2**

At home to Greenway at Meadowbank, a diamond unfamiliar to most of us. Could we continue our good performance from last week ?

Lurch led off as pitcher and Lumby caught for him. Lurch pitched strongly and was well supported in the field. Lumby threw accurately to DG at 2nd for him to tag the runner and Lachy took the ball cleanly and threw well to 1st to get the next batter out. We restricted them to 1 run. Their pitcher was also strong and despite Marshy hitting well (RBI) and Deano cleverly sneaking home we were limited to 2 runs. Lurch again pitched in the 2nd and Lumby was still behind the mask. Lurch produced another solid effort, as did our fielders, to keep Greenway scoreless. What could we do at bat ? Lumby led off with a great hit for a Homer ! Had this set the scene ? Pants hit very well and it took a good catch to get him out. Despite a couple of hits, Kluj RBI, and walks we could only put 2 runs on the board.

For the 3rd Lurch was right on the money and sent them back to the dugout without scoring. We needed runs and runs we got. Lurch led the way with a very big hit, but out of bounds restricted him to a 2 bagger. Butch had good eyes for a walk. Marshy hit well (RBI) as did The Civ with a great big hit, though restricted (2 RBI). So too did Lumby but was also restricted (RBI). Pants hit well (RBI), so too did Bugsy (RBI) as we scored the maximum 6 runs. That was better.

The Civ come on to pitch and Kluj caught for him. Between them and our fielders Greenway didn't score. Lachy had good eyes for a walk and later snuck home. Some more walks saw us with runners on bases and Marshy hit safely to bring one of them home. Butch hit a good one (2 RBI) and The Civ hit well (RBI). Another 5 runs and Time and Game. Another very solid Team performance.

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**Macquarie (Harris/Latham) v's Stealers
Round 4, 14 October 2006
Win 8 - 4**

Things are really setting well under our two Coaches, and the players are starting to gel well as a team and enjoy their baseball. Skills and ability are improving all the time.

We had 2 wins on the trot but what had the 2 weeks break done to our momentum ?

A very, very hot day and we played on top of the hill at Golden Jubilee and at 11 am. This would test everyone's stamina.



We battered 1st of course but were not off to a good start as we didn't score a run. Lurch was lead off pitcher again today and Lumby donned the catchers gear. Accurate pitching by Lurch and we dismissed them without a run being scored. Drinks Break. The first of many throughout this game.

A series of five walks and we had 2 runs on the board but that was all in the 2nd Innings.

We didn't allow them a run with 3 up and 3 down.

In the 3rd another series of walks as well as hits by The Civ (RBI) and Deano (RBI) and we posted 6 runs to lead 8 – 0.

Harvey came to the mound and Tim caught. By now it was extremely hot. Harvey dismissed 2 batters and then The Civ had a pitch to dismiss the 3rd. They scored 4 runs but never really threatened us.

The end of a long and drawn out game. A bit frustrating too. Time to get out of the sun and head for home.



**Macquarie (Harris/Latham) v's Concord
Round 5, 21 October 2006
Win 7 - 6**

Up against the only other undefeated team to-date at Meadowbank. Could we continue our winning streak ?

Lurch led off the pitching duties with Lumby at catcher. Lurch was on line and the fielders on the ball and we dismissed the opposition without them scoring. Deano and Butch had good eyes to secure walks and Lurch hit safely. Then up came The Civ with a screamer deep into the outfield. He was off like a jack rabbit around the bases and finished with our first Grand Slam. Well done Civ ! We couldn't capitalize on that and had to settle with 4 runs.

Our Fielders were alert and did very well to hold Concord scoreless again. Their pitcher was pitching well in the 2nd and held us scoreless. Still anyone's game.



Lurch stayed on as pitcher in the 3rd as did Lumby who was catching well. Between Lurch and the good support in the field we limited them to 1 run. Deano hit very well and made it to 2nd base. Pants slogged one for a 2 bagger and RBI. Harvey hit safely (RBI). Lumby scampered to be safe at 1st from a dropped 3rd strike but we couldn't add to the 3 runs. Ahead 7 – 1 but not safe.



Lurch came to the mound again in the 4th and the every durable Lumby caught for him again. They are a good combination. Lurch dismissed their first batter then The Civ came on and efficiently cleaned up another 2 batters. Their pitcher was on the mark and alas we had 3 up and 3 down. The Civ tried valiantly to hold their batters at bay but after 2 outs he handed the ball to DG who cleaned up the 3rd. Concord however had scored 5 runs.

We didn't need to bat again as we were in front so Time & Game was called. Another good win.



**Macquarie (Harris/Latham) v's Balmain
Round 6, 28 October 2006
Win 26 - 7**

Up against Balmain who we didn't play in the first Round as it was washed out. Into the field we went determined to win as we wanted a clean sweep of wins against all teams if we could.

Harvey was a lead off pitcher today and Lachy caught for him. First batter struck out and Harvey beamed with confidence. Our fielders chimed in, particularly Marshy who made a good pick up of a very fast ball and finished with a good throw to first. Batter out. Their last batter also didn't make it to 1st. 3 up and 3 down.

A few walks, a safe hit from Lurch (RBI), a good hit from Pants (RBI) then Buggy came up to the plate. He hit very well and long and was off around the bases to score a Homer with RBI. Well done Buggy. Want to see more of that. We finished the 1st dig with 5 runs.

Harvey and Lachy stayed on for the 2nd Innings and the fielders yet again did their bit to keep Balmain scoreless.

At bat and our players were hungry for more runs. The Civ hit well and got to 2nd base on an overthrow and Lachy got home. Loaded bases as Lurch came to the plate.

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A really great hit along the ground well into the outfield and Lurch secured a Grand Slam. Lumby whacked the next one high and long and Harvey got home on an overthrow. 6 runs scored and we were looking good.

Harvey and Lachy paired up again for the 3rd Innings. A couple of Balmain's batters hit well and they posted 2 runs. We secured a couple of walks then DG hit safely (RBI). Lachy hit well (RBI), as did Marshy (RBI and Lurch (2 RBI) and we left with another 6 runs. They were flowing now.

Harvey and Lachy stayed together for the 4th. A fielding lapse let a runner in, Balmain batters hit a couple and despite a great catch by Buggy and great throw by Lachy to Lumby on 3rd for a good tag they put 3 runs on the board.

We were after yet more runs and a few walks got our batters on bases then Butch hit a safe one (RBI), a couple were walked home and Kluj (RBI) and The Civ (RBI) and Time and Game was called before we could finish. We had added 3 more runs to our tally. We finished the game convincing winners 26 – 7.

How good was that ?
Every player today played to his potential. Everyone played well and played well as a Team.
Well done everyone !

16B Collins/Taylor – No Report

16C Luczynski

Firstly, let me thank all the players who have and will help us out during the season as we only have 7 in our team

Team v's Concord
Round 1 Date (9 September)
Result Score Washed out

Team v's Hornsby Rangers
Round 2 Date (16 September)
Result Score Loss 11 - 8

The game started well even though we only had eight players. We kept the runs low with good pitching and fielding and were leading 8 – 5 at the top of the last innings but unfortunately they managed to get a grand slam in the bottom and win the

game. A good start to the season with everyone playing well.

Team v's North Ryde
Round 3 Date (23 September)
Result Score Win 11 - 10

A long game that went into overtime. We were neck and neck all the way until the bottom of the last when a good hit managed to get Louise home resulting in time and game and a win to us. Of course we still had runners on base so they could have got more but were happy with the win

Team v's Epping Tigers
Round 3 Date (14 October)
Result Score Loss 9 - 6

A really hot day at George Kendall, no breeze. A bit of dust kicked up by fielders warming up... people huddling like cows under any bit of shade they could find.... it didn't look good. We started off batting but didn't have much luck at hitting the ball. Their pitcher was fast. We did manage to hit some, we managed to catch some. Considering the temperature they did a good job. Good batting by Daniel , Harry, Jacquie and Connor. Good pitching by Andrew and Daniel and a good job of catching by Connor and Anthony, sweating through it all.

Team v's Thornleigh
Round 3 Date (21 October)
Result Score Loss 18 - 7

Everyone seemed to be wary of Thornleigh, top of the table. It was true, they started off getting six home in the first inning. We came up to bat ...three up, three down. It wasn't looking good. Same thing the next inning. Finally in the third our loan player Kieran got home, turning the tide. In the fourth we managed to get six home side away but unfortunately our comeback ran out of time. Good playing by all and a big thanks to Harry for offering to try pitching for the first time.



Team v's Concord

Round 3 Date (21 October)

Result Score Loss 15 –7

This team seemed to worry us also. Again they seemed apprehensive but Andrew started pitching and together with good fielding, managed to keep them to one run. We started batting and managed to get Daniel, Jacquie, Connor, Sim and Andrew home. A good start that lifted spirits. We kept going but due to an injury to Daniel, he couldn't pitch a full round so up to the plate stepped Harry who in his second only time at pitching baffled them with slow balls and lobs. Unfortunately they still managed to win but we gave them a real scare. Good catching by Connor and Jacquie and a nice 2 RBI by Louise

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*A fun-filled, not-to-be-missed special opportunity
 for all MS children & their families!*

When: Sunday 19 November 2006

Where: Pioneer Park Marsfield

Time: 3:30pm - 7:00pm

Cost: \$10 per child up to 12years

Includes organized games, free sausage sizzle, drink, ice block and small treat from Santa. Parents and elder children pay-as-you-go for BBQ, drinks etc..

(N.B. This is not a fundraising event: \$10 covers costs only)



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Parents - for those children 0-12years attending the Macquarie Saints Christmas Party please fill in the details below:



Parent(s) name: _____ Tel: _____

"Santa arrives at 4pm"

"Please print carefully"

Child's name	Boy /Girl	Date of birth	Age as of 19/11/06	Cost per child \$10	
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					Cash/Cheque/Online

Please make cheque out to: Macquarie Saints Baseball Club or visit www.saints.asn.au to pay online via credit card.

Please return this form to your team manager or place into the RED Santa Box at Waterloo Park & Pioneer Park Canteen ASAP but no later than 12midday 18/11/06!

Please act now – only 2 weeks to go!

Please note: To assist with catering and Santa's treat, children participating in the Christmas Party must be registered for this event no later than 12 midday Sat 18 Nov, as no registrations will be accepted on the day.



MACQUARIE SAINTS TBALL GALA DAY 2006

Don't miss out on this highly contested annual social event - no previous experience required, but loads of laughs and good times guaranteed! Includes a free Bar-B-Q lunch, and fantastic prizes.

Date: ***Sunday 19 November 2006***

Time: ***9.30 am for a 10.00 am prompt start!***

Place: ***Pioneer Park, Marsfield***

Registration: ***\$10 per position (2 people can share a registration, but only 1 is allowed to play at any one time)***

- **Minimum of 9, maximum of 12 players per team**
- **Teams must have minimum 4 women fielding at any one time**
- **Registrations can be individual, group or whole teams.**

Macquarie Saints Parents' T-Ball Gala Day

Rules:

- **Minimum of 9, maximum of 12 players per team**
- **T-ball stand and bat used**
- **30 min games**
- **4 runs, or 3 out = side away**
- **1 strike and player is out; foul counts as a strike**
- **Teams must have minimum 4 women fielding at any one time**
- **No sliding: penalty is an automatic out**
- **Ball hit over the cones on the full is a Home Run**
- **Gala Day committee reserves the right to mix teams to spread experience**



THE HOLY GRAIL

✂ Macquarie Saints Parents' T-Ball Gala Day 19 November 2006

Names: *Please use BLOCK LETTERS*

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Team Contact Name:

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NB. Registration will only be accepted if accompanied by registration fee.

Please return names and registration fees in an envelope to the results sheet slot at

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