



Macquarie-Saints Baseball Club



The Pitch

July 2009

Saints win RHBL 2008/09 "Junior Club Championship"

Saints celebrated a successful 2008/2009 junior season by being named Ryde Hornsby Baseball League "Junior Club Champions".

The Club Championship win follows on from winning "Club of the Year" in the 2007/08 season.

All our junior players and their teams contributed to the Club's success last season.

Eight of the Saints junior teams made their grand finals last season. The 16A & B, 10A and 9 year old teams went on to win their

Grand Finals. The 14 A & C, 9 and 8 year old teams were grand final runners up.

The Club's 10A team was undefeated throughout its season.

Saints juniors heading overseas

Saints will be following with interest the fortunes of some of its junior players heading to overseas competitions in coming weeks. There will also be keen interest in its local representative level players.

Gabby Ferriera will be heading off to Japan as a member of a team representing Australia in the World Children's Baseball

Fair tournament later this month. Teams from Canada, Taiwan, Germany and Cameroon and local teams from Tokyo Japan compete in the tournament.

Meanwhile, Sam Giulieri, Murdoch Powell and Zac Martin are looking forward to the opportunity of playing in the Cal Ripken Tournament in South Carolina, USA, in coming weeks.

Sam, Murdoch and Zac all played in last season's Saints 12A team.

Saints President Mark Harris said "We're delighted that kids from our club have these opportunities open to them. It is a great chance to play at a higher level. They will learn a lot more about the game, and themselves, from these opportunities".



Gabby Ferriera

Junior registration, Try Baseball and grading day

Preparations are well under way for the 2009/10 summer season.

Registration is now open for junior and senior players.

Grading for U10 to U16 teams will be held on Sunday 16 August 2009 from 1.00pm at Pioneer Park, Balaclava Road, Marsfield.

Registration for those who have not registered online will be from 12.00pm.

Another Try Baseball session will be held from 11.30.

All players wishing to be graded must be registered by 16 August.

Closing date for registrations will be 23 August, but

players registered after 16 August will not be graded.

Players selected in RHBL Representative teams do not need to attend grading but will be selected in A Grade teams.

The summer season commences on 11 September 2009.

Umpire Co-ordinator wanted

Saints is looking for someone to take on the essential role of Umpire Co-ordinator for the junior summer season. If interested please contact Mark Harris



Jack Butcher pitches in the U12s at "Coasties"



Sarah Nicoll catches in the U12s at "Coasties"



Carlín Williamson bats in the U12s at "Coasties"

Saints juniors in RHBL Representative teams

Saints had further success with a number of players being selected in the RHBL representative teams.

Jack Butcher and Zac Martin have been selected in the U12 Sydney Junior Championship team.

Hayden Staats has been selected for the U16 Sydney Junior Championship team .

Sisters Sarah and Rachael Nicoll along with Sebastian McAlister have been selected for the U12 RHBL Development League team.

Sean O'Sullivan, Sam Giul-

ieri and Murdoch Powell have been selected for the U14 RHBL Development League team.

Jun Kamiaraiso and Zac McAlister have been selected for the U16 RHBL Development League team, for which Liam Burnett-Blue and Taylor Hollings are also in the training squad.

"Last year was one of our most successful seasons with a number of players going on to local and overseas representative teams. We're looking to build on that success this season" said Club

President Mark Harris.

Many of these players participated in the Ryde Hornsby Hawks representative team at the recent "Coasties" tournament at Gosford. Gabbie Ferriera played for the NSW girls team at the tournament.

The club is again aiming to field A grade teams in the U10, U12, U14 and U16 year age groups this summer. An U19 team may also be formed.

Saints host NSW — Qld U12 Girls challenge

Saints hosted a very wet NSW vs Queensland U12 Girls Challenge in May.

Gabby Ferriera represented Saints in the NSW team.

Unfortunately, the weekend was effected by rain and bad weather forcing a makeshift diamond to be

used for the matches, but it didn't impact upon the enthusiasm of the girls.

"It's great to be able to provide the girls with support and expand the reach of girl's baseball." said Saints Junior's Vice President Dave Rubie.

"It's even better when the

Club is also represented as part of the NSW team" he said.

Saints was proud to be able to host the interstate competition and looks forward to the opportunity to host next year's challenge.

Seniors Winter Update

Saints have fielded 5 teams in the Pacific Coast Winter competition. Whilst 10 rounds should have been "played" to date, many have been washed out.

The B2 (Nicoll) team has had a mixed season and is currently placed 4th in its Division with a season average of .563.

3 Saints teams are competing in the E Grade Competi-

tion. The E1 (Lee) team is currently equal 3rd with a season average of 0.688.

The E1 (Lawrence) team is having fun but languishing with a season average of 0.143. The team enjoyed its first win of the season on the 4th of July.

Meanwhile in E2 the Harris team is enjoying sitting at the top of the table with an undefeated season average

of 1.000.

The G1 (Mansfield) team is sitting 5th in its Division with a season average of 0.333.

The winter competition is an ideal opportunity to maintain skills between the main seasons. It is also an opportunity for those who don't want to play in the heat of the summer season.

Seniors summer registration now open

Registration for senior teams for the 2009/10 summer season is now open.

The senior season commences on Saturday 12

September. Players must be registered by 23 August 2009 to enable the Club to submit teams to Pacific Coast Baseball League.

Online registration is available at www.saints.asn.au.

For information contact Bill Elliott on 0409 043 599.

Thank you !

The Club would like to express its thanks to the following people:

Bob Mansfield for the donation of a T Ball kit to the Club

Dave Rubie for the organisation of the recent Try Baseball days.

Sylvia Giulieri and Kerry Sieper for organizing the canteen for the NSW—Qld U12 Girls Challenge and the Try Baseball days and tak-

ing on the role of canteen co-ordinators for the summer season.

Support the canteen !

Liz Lawrence for marketing the Try Baseball days to local schools and pre-schools.

Andrew Hill for the loan of a speedgun for the Try Baseball days.

All the parents, players and friends who helped out on

the Try Baseball days.

Saints aims to be a family oriented club providing a supportive and fun sporting experience for boys and girls, men and women of all ages from 6 to 65.

The support of parents, players and friends helps the club provide a fun experience for all involved.

Be involved !

‘How to score’ courses

The NSW Baseball Scorers Association will be running courses in how to score games.

Intermediate: Tuesday August 25th

Advanced: Thursday September 3rd

Beginner Live Ball: Tuesday September 8th

Beginner T-Ball: Thursday September 17th

Courses will be held at Blacktown Olympic Park from 6:30pm for 7pm until 9pm

For details contact Janine Hunt (jhunt252@bigpond.com.au)

“Try Baseball” days a success

Two sessions of Try Baseball have been held in anticipation of the 2009 season.

The second session was particularly successful and it looks like there will be plenty of young players about to discover the enjoyment of throwing, catching,

hitting and running!

Special thanks must go to Dave Rubie for doing such a great job in organising this year's Try Baseball. The widespread belief is that they were amongst the best run and most organised sessions the Club has had.

The club will be inviting all those who attended to join the fun of the summer season.



Nick Lawrence pitches in the U12s at “Coasties”



Rachael Nicoll hits to right field in the U12s at “Coasties”



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Saints Summer Baseball

Macquarie Saints Baseball - 2008/09 Ryde Hornsby Junior Club Champions

Juniors and Seniors

All ages, mixed teams, 6yrs onwards

Play for a family oriented club

Beginners of all ages welcome

Try Baseball 11.30am. Junior grading 12.30pm. Sunday 16 August, Pioneer Park, Balaclava Rd, Marsfield

Register online now @ www.saints.asn.au

Try Baseball - Bring a friend
11.30am Saturday 16 August
Followed by junior grading

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