

Mixed bag greets November

Just as Philadelphia and New York slug it out on the World Series stage, this last weekend saw the Eagles in some exciting tension filled games that produced a licorice all-sorts set of results. Excitingly, I can report that now every Eagle team has experienced the sweet taste of success with Ronnie Paulus' baby Eagles recording their first win for the season on Sunday morning against the Tribe. With our youngest player Ethan D'Angelo at just 8, this team is full of learners, but obviously Ronnie is teaching them the right way, because after just three games, they're on the winners list. Well done to all involved.

Other firsts included two drawn games and a couple of previously undefeated teams that came up short to record their first reversals for the season. As the old maxim goes, 'sometimes you learn more from your defeats than your victories' and if that is the case then hopefully we learned something useful to build on from these.

Congratulations to all the winners this week, commiserations if you didn't win, but that's life. Work harder next time to make sure you are a better player, listen to your coaches and maybe it will turn around.

Check out the website: <http://www.wtbc.org.au> for the match reports from the coaching staff

The club scoreboard reads as follows

WT			Opponent		Season	Ladder
Division 1	4	defeated	East Torrens	1	2 - 2	(6 th)
Division 2	4	drew with	East Torrens	4	2 - 1 - 1	(5 th)
Division 3	1	lost to	Golden Grove	5	3 - 1	(3 rd)
Division 4		???	Adelaide	8	3 - 0	(1 st)
Division 5	6	lost to	Adelaide	14	3 - 1	(3 rd)
Division 6	13	defeated	East Torrens	8	3 - 0 - 1	(3 rd)
Under 18	5	lost to	East Torrens	7	3 - 1	(4 th)
Under 16	18	defeated	Henley & Grange	3	3 - 0	(1 st)
Under 14 (1)	16	defeated	Southern Districts	3	2 - 0	(1 st)
Under 14 (2)	8	defeated	Gawler	6	2 - 1	(4 th)
LL Major	9	drew with	Sturt	9	2 - 0 - 1	(2 nd)
LL Minor	8	defeated	Goodwood	6	1 - 2	(4 th)

November 8 our games are as follows:

Little League Minor: Coach: **Robert Baker (in Ron's absence)**
Kensington away on the Junior Diamond. Newlands reserve, Hallett Road, Erindale
Starting at **10.00am** (report 9.00am)

Little League Major: Coaches: **Jamie Boyden and Tim Mead**
Adelaide at home on the Junior Diamond
Starting at **10.00am** (report 9.00am)

Under 14 (2): Coach: **Rob Dineen**
Southern Districts, away, Peregrine Park, Peregrine Crescent Christie Downs
Starting at **10.00am** (report at 9.00am)

Under 14 (1): Coach: **David Green**
Port Adelaide at home on the Junior Diamond
Starting at **12.30pm** (report 11.30am)

Under 16: Coach: **Rick Mead**
Sturt at home, on the Main Diamond
Starting at **10.00am** (report at 9.00am)

Under 18: Coach: **Brett Ettridge**
Adelaide away Weigall Oval n the Main Diamond, Urrbrae Avenue, Plympton
Starting at **10.00am** (report at 9.00am)

Halloween Hijinks

A huge thank you to Bernadette Donaldson and Karen Scheer for the work they did in preparing the clubrooms for last Friday nights Halloween shenanigans. It was great to see so many people stick around for a yiros and share the fun with their club associates. It was also great to see some faces return for the first time in 2009/10 including Grant Puckett and recently retired Andrew Scott. We look forward to sharing more time with you and everybody that wants to be part of the fun times we have.

Canteen

Thanks also to the now many parents (mum's and dads) that have taken their turn helping out on a Friday evening with the meals and also on a Sunday in the Canteen. The Canteen is a genuine revenue raiser for the club and so every minute you spend in there helping out is a donation to your club that ultimately benefits you and your child directly as all funds are directed back into club facilities and equipment.

Baseball returns to Norwood Oval

It is indeed an exciting time for Baseball in this state as for the first time in over a decade, Interstate Baseball returns to its spiritual home in South Australia, Norwood Oval. Over the next two months the South Australian Claxton Shield team will play its matches against the other states under lights at Norwood on Friday nights and Saturday nights. What a marvelous opportunity to see our club players represent the State at the very highest level in the country. Over the next few years who will we see rise to these ranks from our exciting crop of young baseballers as the Adelaide Giants return to the National stage as part of the newly revamped and MLB Bankrolled Australian Baseball League. On Wednesday 4 November at 7pm the SABL have a season launch at Norwood Oval to which everyone is invited. There will be give aways and Claxton Shield players in attendance, so why not slip down there after training tomorrow night?

Coming soon to Norwood Oval will be the 'Baseball with the Pros'. A great opportunity to have a clinic with the SA Claxton shield team and pick up some MLB giveaways. Details coming soon.

Umpires

Andrew Bell is the State Coordinator of Umpires in South Australia and he is looking for any youth Baseballers from Under 16 or 18 level that may be interested in adding some Umpiring time to their resume and some dollars to their pockets by learning how to umpire games and then help out your club by doing some Little League games as paid match officials. If this interests you, then please let me know and I'll happily put you in touch with Andrew.

Clubroom issues still a concern

Folks, I spoke at length in my last communication about how we need to leave the rooms and the equipment provided. I realise that the incidents of damage and abuse are caused by a few, but the effect is on everyone, so I appeal to you all again to reinforce the need to look after the club rooms and the equipment. We shouldn't find food scraps littering the floor, seed pods all over the carpet, rubber stripped from the table tennis bats and thrown on the floor, crushed table tennis balls, broken table tennis bats, empty cans, empty wrappers. Please educate your children that waste goes in the bins provided and it would be extremely considerate of you to check the area as you leave to make sure that it wasn't your kids that left the room in a messy state. The amenities are for us all to use and enjoy, please make your contribution to their maintenance.

Remember, WE have to clean up the mess. Nobody gets paid to do it. If we all help, there isn't a problem.

Reminder of Sunday Tasks

To be put out by the early game and put away by the late game

Junior Diamond Infrastructure:

- Shade for opposition, home team and scorers
- Scorers' table
- Scorers' chairs
- Little League backstop
- Home run cones
- Opposition benches
- Home team benches

See you at the ballpark!

Yours in Baseball

Mark McGarry
Junior Chairman
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