

THE RAMPAGE



Taco Night 2012



Muchas gracias amigo's to everyone who came down for the taco night a few weeks ago. It was great to see so many people around the club both young and old. Well done to everyone who put their bodies as it was Man Vs Food in the taco eating contest. All contestants began with 10 taco which got a few of us a little nervous, but there weren't many wasted as most of us managed to finish our entire tray of 10. In the end however, we put the Taco chefs back to work as it took a total of 14 to satisfy the hunger of our joint winners Tony Hickey and Adam Friend. Thanks to everyone who helped organise the night, a big thanks goes out to all of our sponsors who donated the supplies for the tacos and the great prizes and thanks to everyone for coming and helped us have a great night.



Trivia Night 30th June - Important Update

Important update on the Trivia Night for 2012 30th June 2012. Due to size restraints at our clubrooms, the venue has changed and the night will now be held at Croydon Swimming Club hall, Springfield Ave, Croydon (behind the Croydon outdoor pools). There's plenty of parking available on the Springfield Ave car park. Cost is \$20 per head which includes 2 free beers for the guys or a free margarita or champagne for the ladies, meal, snacks & trivia night entry fee all included. If required kids can eat for \$5. Commencing 7:30pm est finish 11pm. Trivia teams - Teams of max 6 or less per table. Questions based on popular movies, Music and TV Shows from the 80's to present. Great prizes on offer for the winners. Drinks available from the bar at reduced function prices. So come on down and try test out you trivia skills, it should be a great night.

Reminder about white uniform tops

The heritage round is fast approaching and we're still on the look out for any White playing tops you might have lying around. Throwback uniform game is on the 21st July.

Reminder about Fees

Get out the broken record. Yet another reminder about paying fees. If you haven't made arrangements, please do so ASAP.



RamFunpage

On This Day 23rd June

1946 - At the Polo Grounds, Eddie Waitkus and Marv Rickert hit back-to-back inside-the-park home runs in the fourth inning. The Cubs, however, still lose to the Giants, 15-10.



1963 - After taking Dallas Green deep, Jimmy Piersall runs around the bases in the correct order, but backward, to celebrate his 100th career home run. The Mets' outfielder, who thought of the stunt after being disappointed by the lack of attention



1971 - In addition to hitting two home runs and driving in three runs, Rick Wise throws only 95 pitches to 28 batters to no-hit the Reds, 4-0. The Phillies' hurler will again hit two home runs in the same game this season against San Francisco in August.



1973 - For the 4th consecutive game that he pitches during the month of June, Phillies' hurler Ken Brett hits a home run. The right-hander will end his 14-year career with ten homers, 307 less than his brother George.

1984 - In a 12-11, 11-inning Chicago victory, second baseman Ryne Sandberg hits a lead-off solo home run in the ninth off Cardinal reliever Bruce Sutter tying the score 9-9 then hits a two-run, two-out homer in the 10th to knot the game, 11-11.



1986 - The Braves strand 18 runners on base establishing a National League record. Enough Atlanta players do score to give the team a 6-5 victory over L.A. at Dodger Stadium.


1993 - Jay Buhner becomes the first player in Mariners history to hit for the cycle. To complete the task, the right fielder triples and will score the winning run in the 14th inning of a 8-7 victory over the A's at the Kingdome.



2003 - Stealing second base at Pacific Bell Park in the 11th inning, Barry Bonds becomes the first player to hit 500 homers and steal 500 bases in his career. The Giants' left fielder may not only be the charter member of the 500-500 club, many believe, including him, he will most likely be the only member to reach this plateau.

2008 - In an inter-league contest against the Mets at Shea Stadium, Mariners' right-hander Felix Hernandez becomes the first pitcher in the 31-year history of the franchise to hit a home run. The round-tripper, which comes off fellow Venezuela ace Johan Santana, is also the first grand slam hit by an American League pitcher since Steve Dunning of the Indians homered in 1971.





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Famous Quotes



"When I was in baseball and you went into the clubhouse, you didn't see ball players with curling irons." Red Barber

"I never want to quit playing ball. They'll have to cut this uniform off of me to get me out of it." – Roy Campanella



"When I came over here (the National League), I always heard it was a stronger league, with amphetamines and steroids all over the clubhouse, but all I found in our clubhouse was Beer." - Dan Quisenberry



Rampage Trivia

With Michael Dale hitting a rare inside the park homerun last weekend, I thought it was appropriate to base this question on the inside the park home run.

Who is the only player in Major League History to hit an Inside The Park Homerun in an Allstar Game?

a) Barry Bonds

e) Rickey Henderson

b) Joe Dimmaggio

d) Roberto Alomar

c) Ichiro Suzuki



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Game Results Round 5 – 02/06/12

Croydon 1st's defeated Greensborough 6 - 5

Greensborough was a team we needed to beat to get back on a roll after our close but unlucky previous games. Benny G has been a standout so far and again was called on to hold them down. Our bats were live and a neck and neck game followed with us in the lead, then them, then us. But with our defence and pitching solid, it came down to which team wanted it more and the last inning summed up the game.... Down by 1 in the last the rams dug deep, lead by great plate discipline, runners on second and third Benny Gs game saving hit scored 2 and the lead to make the drinks and taco night taste better!!!! Well done RAMS we knew we could play like that keep it up!!!! Daryn Cassidy

Other Games

Greensborough	5
Croydon	6

North Balwyn	1
Melbourne Uni	3

Research	12
Watsonia	3

Heathmont	4
Knox	5

GMBC	3
Ringwood	5

Croydon 2nd's drew with Greensborough 6 - 6

We got off to a great start everyone hit the ball and we were up 5-0 after 2 innings. Then we hit the wall in the form of a 6 run inning for the bad guys. We didn't do anything too bad in the field so credit to them, they just started to hit the ball. Wardy came on threw plenty of strikes and they didnt manage any more runs for the game. Thankfully we were able to conjure a run in the 4th to level the game via a steal and a pass ball, we then had loaded bases with no outs (probably should have bunted) and matty hit into a double play. No runs in the last and we had a 6 all draw, a bit of a shame given we were on the attack for most of the game, but still much better than a loss! Tony Hickey

Other Games

Greensborough	6
Croydon	6

North Balwyn	5
Melbourne Uni	2

Research	3
Watsonia	6

Heathmont	9
Knox	10

GMBC	6
Ringwood	6

Croydon 3rd's lost to Westgarth 9 - 1

Our first encounter with Westgarth first game of the season was a disappointing loss 15-1. So we were keen to do a lot better than that, but knew we had a good game on our hands. Westgarth had an old bull on the mound and knew just where to pitch it to baffle our batters. 5 k's for the day didn't help. They also had some good strong hitters on the day and we ended up losing 9-1. There were a few good plays for the day and a couple of hits. Daniel, Rowan, Gary and Adam with a hit each. One or two errors, but our bats couldn't compete, once again. After all that it was a blur, Taco Fever had kicked in... Adam Friend

Other Games

Westgarth	9
Croydon	1

Forest Hill	8
Mitchell Majors	2

Monash Uni	5
Upwey FTG	22

Doncaster	16
Knox	2

Bundoora	8
Research	7

Croydon 4th's defeated Westgarth 15 - 4

We had our best hitting game so far this season with fifteen runs scored and everyone getting safe hits and scoring runs. Andy did a superb job on the mound. He was relieved in the last innings by Ryan who threw two pitches to get three out (ask him how he did that). Sonya had a good day out with two solid hits to left field and a difficult fly ball taken. However our best batting on the day was Steph who went four for four – 2 Doubles – 2 Singles. Mick Ward

Other Games

Westgarth	4
Croydon	15

Forest Hill	23
Mitchell Majors	10

Glen Iris	7
Upwey	7

Doncaster	14
Knox	0

Bundoora	11
Research	14

c) Ichiro Suzuki - Hit the only inside the park'er in 2007 at San Francisco as a line drive took and a rebound off the brick wall at centre right to allow him to circle the bases.

Trivia Answer							
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Game Results Round 8 – 16/06/12

Croydon 1st's lost to Research 8 - 5

The break was well received by all. Adrian Berka and Sean Pascoe represented Croydon in the victorious Ringwood District side that played in Geelong over the long weekend, well done guys. We were up against the league leaders Research this week and were ready for a challenge. Missing from the team was Daryn Cassidy due to other commitments and Sean Pascoe through injury. Ben Garland started again for us and did a fantastic job. The batters in the Research line up consisted of a recently delisted pro player and a couple of U.S College players so their hitting line up was formidable. We started off with a bang, getting a couple of base runners on then back to back hits from Adrian and Chris Cassidy enabled us to open the scoring. Ben Garland managed to keep the Research bats quiet for a couple more innings. We got into the 4th innings with a lead off hit from Garth Veltnam, the bunt play was called however the pitcher struggled to throw a strike. With 2 balls on the hitter we opted to hit away and a ground ball was issued for an easy out at 2nd but the hitter managed to be safe at second. With a runner on 1st base Sam Mather came up and launched a huge shot over the centre field trees, pushing the score out to the 3 – 0. Research came out quickly the next innings and scored one run. Our next few hitting innings were quite. Research then piled on a few more runs to make it 3-4 their way. Benny came out in the fifth inning and started well to get the lead off out. As he looked like he was tiring he managed to deliver a ground ball to the infield for a possible second out however we did not execute the play. That was the end of Benny's day, he threw outstanding to keep us in the game still only 3-4 down. We made a change on the mound and our plan was to get a double play and get out of the innings. Unfortunately that did not occur, a home run and a few scattered hits later we were behind 8-3. We managed to get out the innings with around 45 minutes of play left. Again our bats were quiet and did not make any impact on the score board. Adrian took the ball on the mound and worked quickly to get us three quick outs. It was the last roll of the dice for us and in true Croydon fashion we had a pretty good crack at it. Research made a change to bring a left handed closer that really struggled to hit the zone. We managed to get a few scattered hits and walks and scored 2 runs with hits again from Adrian and Dennis Ward. We ended up having the tying run up at the plate and anything could have happened but the score ended up 8-5 Research's way. I thought we battled hard. 7 hits to Researches 11. We gave up 2 walks to Researches 2 walks and 2 HBP. We were caught advancing bases after safe hits three times (good aggression). As a team we are starting to gel and compete at a level that will see further success. I think individuals will analyse their contribution in that game and realise they can match it with the best which will give more confidants going forward. Sammy Mather

Other Games

North Balwyn	1
GMBC	7

Watsonia	2
Heathmont	6

Croydon	5
Research	8

Ringwood	1
Greensborough	12

Melbourne Uni	7
Knox	7

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Research	8	6	1	1	13	53	29	646
2	Heathmont	8	5	2	1	11	49	31	613
3	Knox	8	3	2	3	9	28	29	491
4	Ringwood	8	4	3	1	9	32	39	451
5	GMBC	8	3	3	2	8	29	14	674
6	Greensborough	8	3	4	1	7	42	39	519
7	Croydon	8	3	4	1	7	33	35	485
8	Watsonia	8	2	4	2	6	25	40	385
9	North Balwyn	8	2	5	1	5	24	38	387
10	Melbourne University	8	2	5	1	5	28	49	364

Croydon 2nd's defeated Research 8 - 3

Another good hitting day for the Rammers we scored 2 runs in the first when I put one over the fence trying to hit a sac fly, then 4 or 5 in the second when a lot of guys hit the ball then Sam Batten came up with a 2 out hit with loaded bases. I think everyone got a hit on the day a really good batting effort from us. Rhys pitched the whole game and did a great job, he shook me off twice for two home runs one of them over left field at Research (that is a big big hit) A good all round performance by us hitting, pitching and fielding we came away with a 8-3 win, which has us in 4th spot on the ladder, with a really big game today vs Heathmont who are equal on points with us so go Rammers!! Tony Hickey

Other Games

North Balwyn	8
GMBC	10

Watsonia	6
Heathmont	5

Croydon	8
Research	3

Ringwood	5
Greensborough	1

Melbourne Uni	4
Knox	22

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Knox	8	7	1	0	14	80	34	702
2	Watsonia	8	6	1	1	13	61	33	649
3	Ringwood	8	5	2	1	11	55	44	556
4	Croydon	8	4	2	2	10	51	36	586
5	Heathmont	8	5	3	0	10	71	66	518
6	GMBC	8	4	3	1	9	59	59	500
7	Greensborough	8	2	5	1	5	38	52	422
8	North Balwyn	8	2	6	0	4	41	62	398
9	Melbourne University	8	1	7	0	2	38	76	333
10	Research	8	1	7	0	2	28	60	318

Upcoming Games For the 1st's and 2nd's

TODAY – Croydon Vs Heathymont (HOME)

30/06/12 – Croydon vs Knox (HOME)

07/07/12 – Croydon Vs Watsonia (AWAY)

14/07/2012 – Croydon Vs Melbourne Uni (AWAY)

Croydon 3rd's lost to Forest Hill 16 - 9

With a nice long break, we were all keen to upset the ladder leaders Forrest Hill. Forrest Hill came out strong, hitting the ball all over the park, and Phu, even though was pitching well, needed a rest to bring on Rowan, with instant success. So with a confidence boost, we went into the third looking for some runs and we found them. Julian, Lana, Joel and Adam with two hits. Gary, Daniel and Phu with one. Still 3 runs down we tried to get in front but Forrest Hill started up their bats again, eventually going down 16-9. It might have been a disappointing scoreline, but people stepped up. Joel Erickson had a great day with a nice fly and some good hitting. Julian and Lana also found some good form to be good performers on the day. Rowan had a good time on the mound. It's something to take away with us knowing that we can compete and look forward to the next round, hoping to carry some of this new found enthusiasm into the rest of the year. Adam Friend

Other Games

Mitchell Majors	5
Doncaster	12

Research	27
Knox	3

Upwey FTG	17
Westgarth	2

Croydon	9
Forest Hill	16

Bundoora	18
Monash Uni	1

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Forest Hill	8	7	1	0	14	87.5	74	53
2	Upwey FTG	8	6	1	1	13	81.3	105	34
3	Doncaster	7	5	2	0	10	71.4	88	30
4	Westgarth	8	4	2	2	10	62.5	62	51
5	Bundoora	8	3	3	2	8	50	52	47
6	Research	8	3	4	1	7	43.8	77	71
7	Knox	7	2	4	1	5	35.7	38	73
8	Mitchell Majors	8	2	5	1	5	31.3	61	74
9	Monash University	8	2	6	0	4	25	62	130
10	Croydon	8	1	7	0	2	12.5	44	100

Upcoming Games For the 3rd's

TODAY – Croydon Vs Doncaster (HOME)

30/06/12 – Croydon vs Knox (AWAY)

07/07/12 – NO GAMES FOR 3's and 4's

14/07/2012 – Croydon Vs Research (AWAY)

Croydon 4th's lost to Forest Hill 7 - 2

Our last game was the best we have batted this season, well, this game was the worst with only 5 safe hits. Our pitching was solid and fielding was good, but our batting let us down. The highlight of the game was spectacular catch at centre field by John Hansen, he turned to his left then turned to his right, back peddled a metre or so, stuck his glove in the air and took a great fly ball. We don't know how he did it and I don't think he knows either but I think it was the play of the day. Mick Ward

Other Games

Mitchell Majors	6
Doncaster	16

Bundoora	1
Glen Iris	21

Upwey	19
Westgarth	9

Croydon	2
Forest Hill	7

Research	7
Knox	16

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Doncaster	7	6	0	1	13	93	39	705
2	Upwey	8	5	0	3	13	102	61	626
3	Research	8	5	2	1	11	102	66	607
4	Glen Iris	7	4	2	1	9	82	45	646
5	Knox	7	4	3	0	8	80	49	620
6	Croydon	8	3	4	1	7	40	58	408
7	Westgarth	8	2	4	2	6	62	75	453
8	Bundoora	8	3	5	0	6	59	113	343
9	Forest Hill	8	2	6	0	4	69	117	371
10	Mitchell Majors	8	0	7	1	1	49	117	295

Upcoming Games For the 4th's

TODAY – Croydon Vs Doncaster (HOME)

30/06/12 – Croydon vs Knox (AWAY)

07/07/12 – NO GAMES FOR 3's and 4's

14/07/2012 – Croydon Vs Research (AWAY)

Junior Game Results

2nd June - Croydon U15's lost to Knox 18 - 0

Deffinitely not ideal conditions for Baseball but we faced the eliments to take on Knox a few weeks ago. Last time we played Knox we had a great game going down 4-6 but this game was a lot different as the took control and shut us out while putting up 18 runs of their own. Seemed we were too focused on how cold it was instead of thinking about the game and it showed as we didn't make easy plays in the field, walked too many batters and found it hard to put the ball in play with the bats. Put all that together and it was going to be a tough day in the office. Dennis Ward

Other Games

North Balwyn	0
(bye)	0

Knox	18
Croydon	0

Ringwood	5
Forest Hill	15

16th June - Croydon U15's lost to North Balwyn 14 - 1

Anopther tough game for the U15's saw us head to North Balwyn last week. The are a tough team with a couple of big guys and some players who have obviously been playing for a while. We tightened up the defense this week making some good outs in the field with Keegan leading the way making some great plays at shortstop. Our pitching has been better as we walked a few instead of making them earn their runs. but ultimately as it has been the last few games it was our batting that let us down, managing to score only 1 run. Once we can get our bats going and start throwing more strikes I think we will see much better games coming our way. Dennis Ward

Other Games

(bye)	0
Forest Hill	0

Croydon	1
North Balwyn	14

Knox	6
Ringwood	9

	Team	P	W	L	D	Bye	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	North Balwyn	7	4	2	1	1	64.3	61	68	473
2	Ringwood	7	4	3	0	1	57.1	78	61	561
3	Knox	7	4	3	0	1	57.1	45	44	506
4	Forest Hill	6	3	2	1	2	58.3	70	34	673
5	Heathmont	2	2	0	0	0	100	38	2	950
6	Croydon	7	0	7	0	1	0	34	117	225

Upcoming Games For the U15's

TODAY – Croydon Vs Forest Hill (HOME)

NO FURTHER FIXTURE AVAILABLE

2nd June - Croydon U13's Major lost to North Balwyn Wasps 7 - 2, &**16th June - Croydon U13's Major lost to Ringwood 2 - 1**

The last couple of weeks have not been our best with the bat only being able to score a couple of runs. Out hit by NTH BALWYN losing 7-2, and down in a close game to RINGWOOD losing 2-1. The defence however has been strong and our pitchers are throwing plenty of strikes. We are still training hard (thanks to the senior guys who helping out) and i feel it will only be a short term lull. I have been getting some very positive feed back from our opposition about how well our boys handle themselves on game day and the way they play. There is always a short term down before the results of major changes such as the ones put in place this year, but once over the dip we will be at a new level and very hard to beat. Keep up the good work guys. Andy Balkin

Other Games 2nd June

North Balwyn Wasps	7
Croydon	2

Ringwood	15
North Balwyn Hornets	1

Other Games 16th June

North Balwyn Hornets	7
North Balwyn Wasps	8

Croydon	1
Ringwood	2

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%	W%
1	Ringwood	7	6	1	0	12	102	40	718	85.7
2	Croydon	7	5	2	0	10	68	50	576	71.4
3	North Balwyn Wasps	6	1	4	1	3	47	69	405	25
4	North Balwyn Hornets	7	1	5	1	3	49	100	329	21.4
5	Heathmont	1	0	1	0	0	9	16	360	0

Upcoming Games For the U13's

TODAY – Croydon Vs North Balwyn Hornets (HOME)

NO FURTHER FIXTURE AVAILABLE