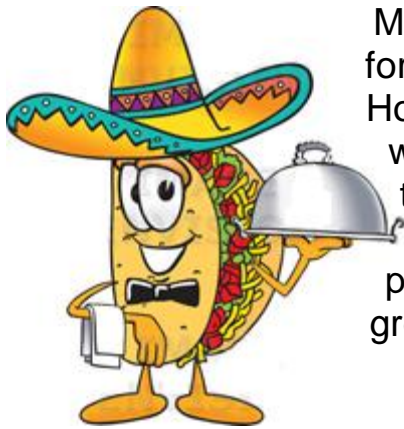


THE RAMPAGE

Taco Night 2nd of June 2012



Mark your calendars for the first social function for the season. At the club following the round 7 Home games for a 7pm start. \$2 Tacos all night with a great prize for the most taco's eaten in the taco eating contest. Drinks at reduced prices all night and Ladies 1st drink free. Keep an eye out for the contest entry posters and odds on who will win the taco contest. Should be a great night so come down for dinner and have a laugh as we find out who is the biggest hombre at Croydon Baseball Club.



What's Goin' On

Ground Improvements

A few more improvements have been completed around the place. The Main dugout is complete and the score box on the second diamond has been built. Thanks to Julian, Daryn and Adam Friend for toughing it out in rain to get these jobs finished as they have been sitting on the shelf for far too long.

Fees for 2012

There are still a lot of outstanding fees for this season so please organise your payments asap. You don't have to pay it all at once but please make an effort to at least make a payment plan with Stephan or Julian.

Social Functions for 2012

You already know about the Taco Night coming up, but the dates are now set for the other social function for the season. Mark the dates in your calendars and keep an eye out for more information on them closer to the event.

Taco Night

- **2nd June** – CBC Clubrooms
- 7pm Start
- \$2 Tacos all night
- Taco eating contest
- Great prizes
- Reduced drink prices all night
- Ladies 1st drink free!!!

Trivia Night

- **30th June** – CBC Clubrooms
- 7pm Start
- Groups of 10 max
- Questions from Movies, Music & TV
- Price includes meal & trivia entry
- Great prizes
- Reduced drink prices all night
- Ladies 1st drink free!!!

Life Members / Sponsors Day & Heritage Round

- **21st July** – CBC Clubrooms
- 1st's playing in heritage uniforms v Ringwood
- Spit roast meal following the game
- A chance to thank our life members and sponsors

Ambrose Golf Day

- **5th August** – Venue TBA
- Get your team of 4 ready and see Julian
- As always, a great day on the course followed by a BBQ and prizes.

2012 Senior Vote Count Night

- **25th August** – CBC Clubrooms
- Come down for dinner and see who the champions are for 2012.

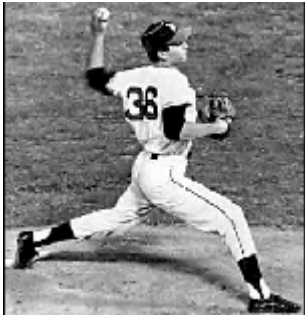
RamFunpage

On This Day 19th May

1904 - Cy Young tosses the first perfect game in American League history defeating Rube Waddell and the Philadelphia A's, 3-0. The Red Sox right-hander's gem is the first perfect game thrown in the majors since the pitching distance was changed from 45 feet to 60 feet, six inches in 1893.



1955 - Dodger rookie hurler Tommy Lasorda, making his first major league appearance, ties a record by throwing three wild pitches in the first inning of a 4-3 victory over the Cardinals. The future Dodgers' Hall of Fame skipper, who will compile a lifetime record of 0-4, will not get a decision in his debut which will also include being spiked by Redbird Wally Moon covering a play at home plate.



1962 - In just his fourth big league start, Bo Belinsky throws the first hitless game in the Angels history and the first one ever tossed at Dodger Stadium, beating the Orioles, 2-0. The 25-year old southpaw is only the tenth rookie to throw a no-hitter.

1978 - At Riverfront Stadium, Pete Rose became the 13th player in major league history to collect his 3000th hit, a single to left field off Montreal right-hander Steve Rogers. The Reds' legend reaches the milestone in his 16th major league season, quicker than any of the other dozen players who have accomplished the feat.



1980 - For pushing his glove in the face of umpire Gerry Crawford, Pirates' infielder Bill Madlock is suspended for 15 days and fined \$5,000 by National League president Chub Feeney.



1999 - Beating the Cubs, 13-6, the Rockies become only the third team in the 1900's to score a run in every inning. The Cardinals also accomplished the feat against the Cubs in 1964 and Giants scored in every frame against the Phillies in 1923.

2000 - Cardinals' first baseman Mark McGwire hits the longest home run in the 30-year history of Riverfront Stadium/Cinergy Field, but the 473-foot shot isn't enough as Ken Griffey Jr.'s homer leads the Reds past St. Louis, 3-2.



2004 - With his 352nd round tripper as a catcher, Mike Piazza of the Mets passes Carlton Fisk for most home runs hit by a catcher

2004 - With his strike out of Raul Mondesi swinging in the fifth inning, Roger Clemens moves ahead of Steve Carlton (4,136) into second place on the career strikeouts list. Nolan Ryan is the all-time K King with 5,714 whiffs.

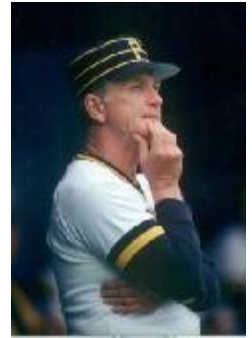


Famous Quotes



"You can't compare me to my father (Yogi Berra). Our similarities are different." – Dale Berra

"What you have to remember is that baseball isn't a week or a month but a season, and a season is a long time." – Chuck Tanner



"The fastball is the best pitch in baseball. It's like having five pitches, if you move it around." – Luis Tiant

Rampage Trivia

Grounding into Double Plays (GIDP) might be considered a "new" stat (officially recorded since 1933 in the National League and 1940 in the American League), but on 31/3/2011, who became the first player in history to ever ground into three double plays in an first game of the season?



a) Alex Rodriguez

b) Albert Pujols



c) Jorge Posada



d) Bengie Molina

e) Ryan Howard



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Fine Dining

Welcome to
OUR RESTAURANT

Game Results Round 2 – 28/04/12

Croydon 1st's defeated Watsonia 8 - 7



Rams played great gusty baseball against a determined Watsonia, with 2 runs down the Rams fought back and put 6 on the board with 2 home runs (Cass & Adrian Berka) starting the barrage. Jay Berka had a day out with 3 hits and Benny Garland and Wardie combined to hold them to just the 7 runs. Defence was good but we need to be better all in all the Rams 1st are looking good, and took the game 8-7 in the last inning. Well done!!! Daryn Cassidy

Other Games

Watsonia	7
Croydon	8

Greensborough	9
Melbourne Uni	2

Knox	10
Ringwood	1

Research	4
GMBC	3

Heathmont	3
North Balwyn	2

Croydon 2nd's drew with Watsonia 4 - 4

We got the bats going early and Dennis hit a home run with two on, then we put on another run. Rhys was pitching really well against the runners up from last year holding them to two runs for most of the game. The score was 4-2 with 25 mins to go then we had a bit of a shocking inning making 2 errors on the infield and a walk with the bases loaded. Rhys managed to get us out from there only giving up two runs which levelled the score. With only a couple of mins to go we need a run to win. Matty G got a 2 out double to give us some hope and Michael Dale hit a ball pretty well down the right field line but was caught and the game was over. An opportunity missed to be sure we left a lot of people on the bases throughout the game and a couple of untimely errors but still a good result against a decent team. Tony Hickey



Other Games

Watsonia	4
Croydon	4

Greensborough	6
Melbourne Uni	4

Knox	13
Ringwood	3

Research	4
GMBC	6

Heathmont	10
North Balwyn	8

Croydon 3rd's defeated Mitchell Majors 10 - 6

Well for me is the start of a new season as coach in D grade, and what a way to start with a great win against the Mitchell Majors on the weekend. A new look team compared to what we had last year, but all still with good skills and enthusiasm for the game. We had a slow start in the field, with Steve on the mound, giving away 1 run. But our bats were on starting to heat up. Every innings the hitting became better by everyone, and we all trusted each other to push us forward. As our batting was strong, we were confident, and so our fielding and pitching also improved, giving ourselves a buffer each dig. Nearly all of us got a hit this weekend. We all were good in the field. Maybe one or two errors, but not enough to hurt us in the game. We walked away with a very satisfying 10 – 6 win. Stand outs for the day, Steve on the mound, Jules at first with some nice hitting. Also Gary, Pom, Sam and Lana had a nice day with the bat. Adam Friend

Other Games

Doncaster	20
Bundoora	5

Upwey FTG	20
Knox	10

Westgarth	8
Research	8

Mitchell Majors	6
Croydon	10

Forest Hill	13
Monash Uni	12

Croydon 4th's defeated Mitchell Majors 6 - 5

A team effort was behind our first win of the season. A good hit from Ryan to centre field enabled Steve Balkin to slide home for the winning run. No, it is not a typo, Steve did play in the 4ths, it gave him an opportunity to Pitch to Andy (first time, I think) and to play in the same team as Thomas. He pitched the whole game and notched up 14 K's. Not only was our pitching Great!! but our bats were on fire also with some great hits including a home run by Andy. Thanks again to Sam Batten for umpiring and Phu for scoring. Mick Ward

Other Games

Doncaster	12
Bundoora	4

Forest Hill	9
Glen Iris	18

Westgarth	10
Research	11

Mitchell Majors	5
Croydon	6

Upwey	9
Knox	8

Junior Game Results 28/04/12

Croydon U15's lost to Knox 4 – 6

A bit of a different game than last week. Last week a combined total of 36 runs were scored for the game but this week the combined total was only 10 so runs were valuable. Welcome back to Cooper and Keegan who played their first game for the U15's this season and both did a great job pitching. Knox were a tough team and they came out swinging but our pitchers made them earn their runs which is always good to see. Knox also had a couple of good pitchers who threw pretty hard with plenty of strikes so we were going to have our work cut out for us. We stepped up to the challenge however as the guys at the top of the order did a good job of getting on base for the big guys



Jonah and Dylan who got a couple of hits to drive in our 4 runs. Unfortunately we fell just short going down 6-4. We were also a bit unlucky with a couple of line drives going straight at fielders and a double play late in the game which may have been the difference. So let's keep up the good work, get down to training and let's bring it on against North Balwyn this week. Dennis Ward

Other Games

Croydon	4
Knox	6

Heathmont	21
North Balwyn	2

Forest Hill	6
Ringwood	9

Croydon Blue U13's lost to Ringwood 8 - 5

Our first game in major league div 2 was a close encounter but Ringwood's starting pitcher was a bit too strong and they ran out winners 8-5. We did however have some very good results as far as player improvement goes. Tim played the best game I've seen him play in all the years he's been playing, Shaun caught very well and the defensive efforts of the whole team were outstanding. Batting started slow but finished strongly and with both Bailey and Jordan playing 1st and 2nd games respectively I'm sure we will only get better as the season moves forward. Thanks to the people who set up the diamond, that made life a lot easier and Sam did a great job umpiring. ps it was great to see the name Karlsen on the team sheet well done Daniel. Andy Balkin

Other Games

Ringwood	8
Croydon	5

North Balwyn Hornets	8
North Balwyn Wasps	8

Game Results Round 3 – 05/05/12

Croydon 1st's lost to Melbourne Uni 1 - 9

The game looked to be rained out, but held long enough to get on the field. We seemed to be asleep for most of the day and only 1 run was scored for the Rams. The team needs to be more disciplined at the plate, making the opposition pitches easy to hit, and work on throwing lots of strikes. We can only learn from our losses and come back next week hard and strong. It's only the 3rd game and the coaching staff and team are ready to set things right. Chins up and show everyone what we can really do next week!!!! Daryn Cassidy

Other Games

Melbourne Uni	9
Croydon	1

North Balwyn	0
Knox	0

Ringwood	3
Watsonia	3

GMBC	0
Heathmont	0

Greensborough	3
Research	8

Croydon 2nd's defeated Melbourne Uni 10 - 7

We made a shocking start Rhys walked a couple and they hit the ball well and we were down 4-0 after the first inning. But then we turned it around really well, Rhys got over his poor start and settled into work nicely not allowing any runs for the next 4 innings and we started to get the better of a tricky pitcher (a big tall lefty throwing a fair bit of junk, but then able to hit a pretty good spot with his straight one) . We clawed our way back into it and then took the lead when they had a shocker of an inning where they booted a double play opportunity and how does the saying go 'adding insult to injury' well it was probably the other way around when their left fielder dropped a flyball onto his teeth, ouch!!! A really good hitting day for the rams led by Rhys with a couple of clutch hits to score runs, I dont have the book with me as I write this but I think everyone contributed. Rhys came out to close it but ran out of gas so Jordy came to the mound and threw really well to extinguish their late charge. A good win that sees us on top of the ladder be nice to stay there for a while!! Tony Hickey

Other Games

Melbourne Universi	7
Croydon	10

North Balwyn	1
Knox	4

Ringwood	1
Watsonia	5

GMBC	5
Heathmont	14

Greensborough	8
Research	1

Croydon 3rd's lost to Research 7 - 13

On a cold, wet and rain interrupted game we were out there again. With a relatively strong team we didn't do too badly with the bats but we weren't as good as last week. We had a few left on base most digs, which in the end hurt us. Jake Robb starred this week with 3 from 3. Matty G had 2, Adam and Phu had one. Our fielding let us down though. Sam batten fumbled one over the line, home run. That hurt. Steve struggled a bit on the mound so Phu came in to help out. He did well but toward the end his arm was tired and walked a few over. It was maybe one that got away from us but with our team changing every week it's hard to get some rhythm going. We ended up going down 7-13. Adam Friend

Other Games

Research	13
Croydon	7

Westgarth	6
Forest Hill	14

Upwey FTG	17
Mitchell Majors	7

Monash Uni	2
Doncaster	21

Bundoora	0
Knox	0

Croydon 4th's lost to Research 4 - 16

With Research making nine runs in the first innings it was not the start to the game we had planned. Considering we only had eight players we didn't let that get to us and made four runs for the game. When Andy went to the mound in the second innings the Research bats weren't so lively and the field backed him up with some good defence. As this was our third game for the season, we now have an idea of our opposition's standard. Improvement will come with practice and experience gained as the season progresses. Mick Ward

Other Games

Research	16
Croydon	4

Westgarth	9
Forest Hill	6

Upwey	15
Mitchell Majors	14

Glen Iris	8
Doncaster	9

Bundoora	1
Knox	13

Junior Game Results 05/05/12

Croydon U15's lost to North Balwyn 9 – 14

Must've been something good on tv the night beofre the game cos everyone seemed to be asleep for the first half of the game. We made simple mistakes in the field and watched too many good pitches which we haven't been doing for the last couple of weeks. Towards the end of the game we picked it up a little bit and got a few walks and hits to put 9 runs on the board but we left our run too late going down 14 to 9. Let's try to be ready right from the first pitch and see if we can put our first win in the board. Dennis Ward

Other Games

Forest Hill	0
(bye)	0

North Balwyn	14
Croydon	9

Ringwood	7
Knox	3

Croydon Blue U13's defeated Nth Balwyn Hornets 12 - 10

A great morning for baseball and the kids turned up eager to play. Tim started the pitching and did a great job for his three innings and Cael finished them off. Our hitting was really good and the catch cry of the day was "hit like nick" who produced his best ever on the day. Nick not only hit well for us but as the Hornets were short on players he produced runs for them as well. Daniel K took his 1st out field fly while helping them out, a great effort all round and pleasing to see the boys taking turns helping out North Balwyn and doing their best while doing so. The game was always in our control even though the score doesn't show that. Andy Balkin

Other Games

Croydon	12
North Balwyn Hornets	10

North Balwyn Wasps	5
Ringwood	17

Game Results Round 4 – 12/05/12

Croydon 1st's lost to Ringwood 1 – 2

With last weeks game behind us the Rams went about playing fundamental ball, hitting cut offs and getting bunts down put us ahead in the last half of the game. Ardrian Berka pitched outstanding and held them to the wire but they got 2 runs in the final minutes to take the game. The Rams didn't look like the team of last week and although we went down we are improving each game. Remember it's not over until the ump calls game. Daryn Cassidy

Other Games

Knox	2
GMBC	1

Research	5
Melbourne Uni	3

Croydon	1
Ringwood	2

Heathmont	8
Greensborough	4

Watsonia	7
North Balwyn	4

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Research	4	4	0	0	8	29	16	644
2	Watsonia	4	2	1	1	5	20	17	541
3	Knox	4	2	1	1	5	12	11	522
4	Ringwood	4	2	1	1	5	18	19	487
5	Heathmont	4	2	1	1	5	16	18	471
6	Croydon	4	2	2	0	4	19	18	514
7	GMBC	4	1	2	1	3	14	8	636
8	Melbourne University	4	1	3	0	2	16	18	471
9	Greensborough	4	1	3	0	2	18	28	391
10	North Balwyn	4	0	3	1	1	13	22	371

Trivia Answer - b) Albert Pujols

Croydon 2nd's lost to Ringwood 6 - 7

We had a pretty ordinary start giving up 2 runs in the first and then 4 in the second with some good hitting on their behalf but also some sloppy fielding on ours. Colly is swinging the bat really well at the moment and hit a 2-run homer to get us going. From there we shut them down pretty well giving up just one run for the rest of the game and we got ourselves right back into it with lots of guys on base. Unfortunately we just didn't convert our opportunities and fell short by 1 run. While it was a good effort to get back in the game, it was a shame we had the slow start to come back from and then didn't get the big 2-out hit to take the lead. Would have been nice to sneak away with a win and stay on top of the table. Tony Hickey

Other Games

Knox	11
GMBC	6

Research	4
Melbourne Uni	6

Croydon	6
Ringwood	7

Heathmont	9
Greensborough	6

Watsonia	18
North Balwyn	4

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Watsonia	4	3	0	1	7	38	14	731
2	Knox	4	3	1	0	6	28	19	596
3	Heathmont	4	3	1	0	6	39	37	513
4	Croydon	4	2	1	1	5	29	18	617
5	Ringwood	4	2	2	0	4	29	30	492
6	GMBC	4	2	2	0	4	33	35	485
7	Greensborough	4	2	2	0	4	26	30	464
8	Melbourne University	4	1	3	0	2	22	31	415
9	Research	4	1	3	0	2	16	24	400
10	North Balwyn	4	0	4	0	0	17	39	304

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

TODAY – Croydon Vs North Balwyn (HOME)

26/05/12 – Croydon Vs GMBC (AWAY)

02/06/2012 – Croydon Vs Greensborough (HOME)

Croydon 3rd's lost to Upwey 2 - 17

We knew this week was going to be hard due to a strong FTG team who were all good hitters. We started well getting a run on the board in the first innings but they were few and far between for us. Phu started on the mound but he struggled early, and a quick change was made to the pitching to rookie Jake Robb. A few pitches and he was away, doing just what his coach asked him. But FTG were strong in the box and some good hitting emerged. Our fielding was good though, they found the gaps unfortunately. Joel Erickson had a few good flies in the outfield and a good play at short stop. But our bats weren't working again this week. We still had Jake, Pommy and Phu getting 2 hits, Sam, Adam, Gary and Lana getting one. But we just couldn't convert. Again too many left on base. Lana tried her best with some great stolen bases, much to the dislike of FTG.

Gary ended up finishing off the day, but by then it was well out of our reach going down 2 – 17. Even though it was a big difference in the score line we still had a good game. Oh, and by the way Sam Batten still can't catch a ball. Adam Friend

Other Games

Mitchell Majors	10
Bundoora	9

Forest Hill	8
Research	6

Doncaster	5
Westgarth	8

Knox	13
Monash Uni	9

Croydon	2
Upwey FTG	17

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Forest Hill	4	4	0	0	100	8	42	27
2	Knox	3	2	0	1	83.3	5	22	9
3	Upwey FTG	4	3	1	0	75	6	55	23
4	Doncaster	3	2	1	0	66.7	4	46	15
5	Westgarth	4	2	1	1	62.5	5	37	28
6	Mitchell Majors	4	2	2	0	50	4	44	41
7	Research	4	1	2	1	37.5	3	32	44
8	Croydon	4	1	3	0	25	2	20	51
9	Bundoora	4	0	3	1	12.5	1	17	37
10	Monash University	4	0	4	0	0	0	28	68

Upcoming Games For the 3rd's

TODAY – Croydon Vs Bundoora (HOME)

26/05/12 – Croydon Vs Monash Uni (AWAY)

02/06/12 – Croydon Vs Westgarth (HOME)

Croydon 4th's drew with Upwey 3 - 3

A draw! What a completely different game from last week. Very few errors and a solid batting game, with most if not all getting on base. Daniel Nash had a great day with the bat. Poor Andy was hit pitch ball twice, but pitched a solid game, which was well caught by Stephan. Thomas impressed with his fielding as well. Our first run was scored by a flying dive over home plate by Ryan, which I think was the first time he has slid but definitely not the last. Thank you to Andrew Haigh for filling in and Kira for scoring. Mick Ward

Other Games

Mitchell Majors	4
Bundoora	17

Forest Hill	1
Research	16

Doncaster	10
Westgarth	10

Knox	7
Glen Iris	9

Croydon	3
Upwey	3

	Team	P	W	L	D	Win	Pts	For	Ag	Pct
1	Research	4	4	0	0	8	67	19	779	100
2	Upwey	4	3	0	1	7	33	33	500	87.5
3	Doncaster	3	2	0	1	5	31	22	585	83.3
4	Glen Iris	3	2	1	0	4	35	25	583	66.7
5	Westgarth	4	2	1	1	5	45	28	616	62.5
6	Bundoora	4	2	2	0	4	40	41	494	50
7	Croydon	4	1	2	1	3	14	40	259	37.5
8	Knox	3	1	2	0	2	28	19	596	33.3
9	Ringwood	1	0	1	0	0	8	6	571	0
10	Forest Hill	4	0	4	0	0	28	61	315	0

Upcoming Games For the 4th's

TODAY – Croydon Vs Bundoora (HOME)

26/05/12 – Croydon Vs Glen Iris (AWAY)

02/06/12 – Croydon Vs Westgarth (HOME)

Junior Game Results 12/05/12

Croydon U15's lost to Forest Hill 1 – 21

The Croydon U15's were simply outmatched against a much more experienced Forest Hill team last weekend. They're starting pitcher is probably the best in the league and he didn't go easy on us as he brought his best stuff against us. Cooper and Marcus did a good job of making the batters swing but in the end their hitters were too strong consistently putting the ball in play and running the bases hard. Like last week, we were a little flat in the field which is something we'll need to work on. We have to start thinking about what we're going to do if the ball is hit to us before the pitcher has even thrown it. That way we're mentally prepared for anything that should happen. We were a little more aggressive in the batting box but still looked at a few 3rd strikes which we will improve on as we gain some confidence. This season is going to be a developing year as most of us are first year U15's and a lot of guys are playing their first season ever, so keep your heads up and keep improving as the season continues. Dennis Ward

Other Games

Croydon	1
Forest Hill	21

Knox	0
North Balwyn	0

(bye)	0
Ringwood	0

	Team	P	W	L	D	Bye	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Ringwood	3	3	0	0	1	100	6	39	22
2	Heathmont	2	2	0	0	0	100	4	38	2
3	Forest Hill	3	2	1	0	1	66.7	4	44	17
4	North Balwyn	3	1	2	0	0	33.3	2	23	47
5	Knox	3	1	2	0	0	33.3	2	9	28
6	Croydon	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	27	64

Upcoming Games For the U15's

TODAY – Croydon has a bye

26/05/12 – Croydon Vs Ringwood (AWAY)

2/06/12 – Croydon Vs Knox (HOME)

Croydon U13's Major defeated North Balwyn Wasps 14 - 5

Time was right today to mix up the pitching rotation and Cael only needed 22 pitches to clean up the first 2 digs. Their pitching was not that strong and the boys made the most of it scoring runs in every inning. Cameron came in to close out the last inning and did a great job. Today's defensive efforts were great as all the boys seem to be taking on board the lessons taught at training and backing each other up. Again another personel best with Shaun hitting a stand up double through the cones (he must get that from his uncle). Again thanks to those involved in setting up the diamond and to Sean for umpiring. Andy Balkin

Other Games

North Balwyn Wasps	5
Croydon	14

North Balwyn Hornets	11
Ringwood	15

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%	Win
1	Ringwood	3	3	0	0	6	51	11	823	100
2	Croydon	3	2	1	0	4	33	27	550	66.7
3	North Balwyn Wasps	2	0	1	1	1	13	25	342	25
4	North Balwyn Hornets	3	0	2	1	1	19	46	292	16.7
5	Heathmont	1	0	1	0	0	9	16	360	0

Upcoming Games For the U13's

19/05/12 – Croydon Vs Ringwood (AWAY)

26/05/12 – Croydon Vs North Balwyn Hornets (HOME)