

THE RAMPAGE

Ambrose Golf Day 2012

A reminder about the Ambrose Golf Day for 2012. We're booked in for Sunday the 12th August at Morack Golf Course. Meet at 10am at the course. Groups of 4 for Ambrose or teams can be arranged for odd numbers. Team lists are up in the clubrooms so please fill out ASAP with names. As always there are prizes for overall winners, closest to pins and longest drive with a BBQ supplied following the game. \$40 each player includes 18 holes and BBQ, drinks available on the day.



Other Functions


Remember that Vote Count Night is after the last round and also Presentation night will follow after the season. Further details will come shortly on these two events so keep an eye and ear out for more information.

Past and Present Players Day – Heritage Round

We had a blast from the past a few weeks ago as we rewind the clock to take the field in our old white uniforms. Unfortunately, it wasn't our day and Ringwood beat us in the 1's and 2's but it was still good to see the old whites once again.

Poker game – Wednesday 9th August

We used to play a game of poker each Wednesday but with everyone's ever changing lifestyles, the weekly poker game got put on the shelf. So we thought as we haven't played a in a while so we'd have a game next Wednesday after training.



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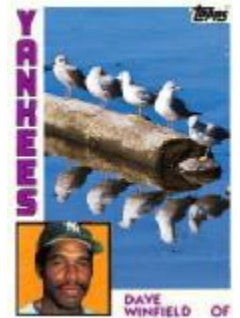
1963 - In his first at-bat in two months after breaking his left foot, Mickey Mantle slams a pinch-hit home run in the ninth inning to beat the Orioles, 11-10.

1982 - After driving in the winning run in the Mets' 7-4 victory over the Cubs, Joel Youngblood, is traded to the Expos during the game, flies to Philadelphia and singles for Montreal that night to become the first player to have a hit for two different teams on the same day in different cities.

1983 - Dave Winfield kills a seagull at Exhibition Stadium with a warmup throw prior to the home fifth inning. After the 3-1 victory over the Blue Jays, the Yankees outfielder is arrested by the Ontario police and charged with animal cruelty.



1985 - At Yankee Stadium, White Sox Tom Seaver becomes the 17th player in major league history to record his 300th victory when he six-hits the Bronx Bombers, 4-1. All of the Yankees' hits are singles.



1985 - Rod Carew of the Angels singles off of Twin Frank Viola in the third inning to become the 16th major leaguer to amass 3000 hits.



1993 - After being hit by a Ryan Express fastball, Robin Ventura charges the mound to get at the 46-year old pitcher. Nolan Ryan responds by putting the White Sox third baseman in a headlock and punches him six times, much to the pleasure of the Rangers fans at Arlington Stadium.

1998 - Darryl Strawberry hits a game-tying pinch-hit grand slam highlighting a nine-run ninth inning in the Yankees' 10-5 come-from-behind victory over Oakland. The 'Straw' is the first player in the American League to hit two pinch-hit grand slams in one season.



1999 - In an effort to break out of a team slump (15 losses in 19 games), all nine Angel batters use Jim Edmonds' bat the first time through the order. The center fielder's lumber yields dramatic results when the Halos go 4-for-8 with one walk in the first inning, including Bengie Molina's first career hit and RBI, in LA's 4-3 win over Kansas City.

2000 - Joining 7 others in MLB history, Dave Martinez ties a major league record as he appears for his fourth team during the same season. In the past four months the veteran outfielder/first baseman has played for the Devil Rays, Cubs, Rangers and now the Blue Jays.



2007 - Needing only 14 seasons to accomplish the feat, Alex Rodriguez becomes the 22nd and youngest player to hit 500 career home runs.

2007 - In front of a sellout crowd of 42,497 fans, Barry Bonds drives a Clay Hensley fastball over the left-field wall for his 755th home run tying Hank Aaron's 33-year-old career home run record. The opposite-field drive, ironically off a pitcher who failed a steroid test as a minor leaguer in 2005, is met with mix reactions as a few patrons hold up asterisk signs and the crowd responds with a mixture of cheers and jeers.



Famous Quotes



"When a pitcher's throwing a spitball, don't worry and don't complain, just hit the dry side like I do." – Stan Musial

"You start chasing a ball and your brain immediately commands your body to 'Run forward, bend, scoop up the ball, peg it to the infield,' then your body says, 'Who me?'" – Joe DiMaggio



"Losing feels worse than winning feels good." – Vin Scully



Rampage Trivia

Earlier this year in May, which team became the first team in American League History to begin a game with 3 consecutive home runs?

a) Detroit Tigers

e) Boston Red Sox

b) Baltimore Orioles

d) New York Yankees

c) Chicago White Sox



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Game Results Round 11 – 21/07/12

Croydon 1st's lost to Ringwood 17 - 3

The Rams 1's need to dig deep in the next few games!!!! Our performance on the heritage game day was a little lack luster. We as a team need to realize that we have the ability and the talent to win games but with out heart and ball we will be an average team. Dont try to just do the minimum, try to be above everyone else and that way if you come up short you will still be better than most! Stay positive 5 games left lets play hard for the rest of the year. Daryn Cassidy

Other Games

Ringwood	17
Croydon	3

GMBC	12
Knox	9

North Balwyn	3
Watsonia	2

Greensborough	9
Heathmont	10

Melbourne Uni	0
Research	5

Croydon 2nd's lost to Ringwood 10 - 2

We were totally outplayed, just one of those times when their pitcher was better than us on the day. We didn't help ourselves by making a few errors to increase their lead. When they swapt pitcher we looked a bit more likely to score but it didn't happen until the the bottom of the last inning. Down 10-0, BJ smashed one out then we got a couple more hits and scored another run losing 10-2 in the end. Tony Hickey

Other Games

Ringwood	10
Croydon	2

GMBC	9
Knox	6

North Balwyn	1
Watsonia	10

Greensborough	6
Heathmont	5

Melbourne Uni	6
Research	5

Croydon 3rd's lost to Upwey FTG 28 - 4

With FTG on top of the ladder and knowing they had some great hitters, we knew we were in for a tough day. Our pitching wasn't all that great and they hit us around. On the other hand, they had some average pitching which was very hittable, but we just couldn't convert with the bats. Our fielding was quite good at times and not a lot got past, but FTG were too strong. That's until Lana Holien decided to baffle them on the mound. With a good mixture of off speed and very off speed, she managed to strike most of the team out and did a fantastic job. But by then the damage was done and we ended getting served 28-4.

Adam Friend

Other Games

Upwey FTG	28
Croydon	4

Research	10
Forest Hill	1

Bundoora	1
Mitchell Majors	8

Westgarth	1
Doncaster	9

Monash Uni	10
Knox	11

Croydon 4th's defeated Upwey FTG 7 - 4

This was a great game of Baseball to be involved in with the lead changing every innings. We were fortunate enough to have Steve Balkin in our team, who pitched a solid five innings. He was backed up by some good fielding, including a great fly ball by Sonya. Our batting against good opposition pitching was right up there with hits to Steve, Andy & Mick. With the score 7 to 5 our way after 5 innings, Andy took to the mound and made sure Upwey did not score any more runs by striking out the next 5 batters with Cam Webb taking a good fly ball at centre field getting the last out for the game. Thanks to Phu for again umpiring our game, he never lets us down, and Thomas although on the injured list still came down to support his team and ended up scoring. Mick Ward

Other Games

Upwey FTG	5
Croydon	7

Research	15
Forest Hill	6

Bundoora	17
Mitchell Majors	12

Westgarth	1
Doncaster	5

Glen Iris	24
Knox	6

Junior Game Results 21st July 2012

Croydon U15's lost to Knox 14 - 2

A disappointing finish to what started off a great game for us, probably the best we've looked all season. Keegan took the mound again for us this week and again threw heaps of strikes and made Knox put the ball in play. The field backed him up and we got them out quickly in the few few innings and put up 2 runs to take an early lead. The wheels started to fall off after that as we lost the strike zone to walk a few batters and Knox's bats came alive with plenty of hits to break the game open. And at the same time, our bats were quiet and a couple of baserunning outs made it hard for us to come back. Each week we are slowly getting some experience and although baseball is a tough game with heaps to learn (I've been playing 20 years and I'm still learning) if we keep at it we will start to see a turn around in the next few seasons. Dennis Ward

Other Games

Croydon	2
Knox	14

(bye)	0
North Balwyn	0

Forest Hill	13
Ringwood	0

Croydon U13's Major defeated North Balwyn Hornets 7 - 3

NO REPORT

Other Games

North Balwyn Hornets	3
Croydon	7

Ringwood	10
North Balwyn Wasps	13

Trivia Answer
b) Baltimore Orioles
Ryan Flaherty, J.J. Hardy and Nick Markakis all homered from the start of a game.

Game Results Round 14 – 28/07/12

Croydon 1st's lost to North Balwyn 4 - 2

Well with the rain falling so were our players. First Adrian rolled his ankle and we lost our starting pitcher. Then rook with his quad. We hope they both have a speedy recovery. Our bats came alive and we were playing hard for the first 4 innings but we have to kick the opposition team while they are down and not let them back in. Errors and hitting killed us again and we gave them the game. Learn from this boys, we will make some changes and work hard at training!!!

Get ready for next weeks game, 4 games left dont let the season finish and we look back and say "what if, we should have, maybe I could of". Leave it all on the field each week. VICTORIOUS!!!!!!

GO RAMS clean slate start our season from now. ITS go time.

Daryn Cassidy

Other Games

Watsonia	0
GMBC	0

Croydon	2
North Balwyn	4

Melbourne Uni	0
Ringwood	11

Knox	3
Greensborough	3

Heathmont	5
Research	15

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Research	14	11	2	1	23	100	49	671
2	Heathmont	14	9	3	2	20	96	75	561
3	Ringwood	14	8	4	2	18	85	62	578
4	Knox	14	5	4	5	15	54	55	495
5	GMBC	14	5	5	4	14	83	53	610
6	Watsonia	14	4	5	5	13	38	48	442
7	Greensborough	14	4	7	3	11	86	84	506
8	Croydon	14	4	8	2	10	50	76	397
9	North Balwyn	14	4	9	1	9	36	66	353
10	Melbourne University	14	3	10	1	7	43	103	295

Croydon 2nd's lost to North Balwyn 10 - 7

We got off to an amazing start thanks mostly to an error from their centerfielder, then good two out hits from Dennis, Michael, Sam and Julian. From there, we went into hibernation, not scoring any more runs until our last inning. In the meantime a there were a few costly errors and some good batting by them and they just kept tacking on runs to take a 7-4 lead into the last inning. We then woke up again and started smashing the ball around with a lot of hits scoring three runs to level the score but then a double play ended the run. They came out and scored a run to win. Was a good game but one we probably should have done a bit better in, twice now we have lost them the bottom team. Tony Hickey

Other Games

Watsonia	0
GMBC	0

Croydon	7
North Balwyn	10

Melbourne Uni	2
Ringwood	8

Knox	4
Greensborough	5

Heathmont	8
Research	4

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Knox	14	9	4	1	19	115	57	669
2	Ringwood	14	9	4	1	19	93	72	564
3	GMBC	14	8	4	2	18	104	84	553
4	Watsonia	14	7	4	3	17	82	58	586
5	Heathmont	14	8	6	0	16	110	103	516
6	Greensborough	14	7	6	1	15	79	71	527
7	Croydon	14	5	7	2	12	96	97	497
8	Melbourne University	14	5	9	0	10	63	113	358
9	North Balwyn	14	4	10	0	8	61	106	365
10	Research	14	3	11	0	6	67	109	381

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

TODAY – Croydon vs GMBC (HOME)

11/08/2012 – Croydon vs Greensborough (AWAY)

18/08/2012 – Croydon vs Research (HOME)

25/08/12 – Croydon vs Heathmont (AWAY)

Croydon 3rd's lost to Bundoora 8 - 2

On a very wet and soaking ground at Bundoora we had a good chance to be very competitive, and having another new pitcher on the ground we tried something new, Matti G. He came out all guns blazing and put up a very tidy fight. But today, our fielding was the thing that let us down and had way too many easy errors. Our bats weren't doing too badly and we managed to get on base but once again struggled to convert into runs. Then the heavens opened and play ceased for over an hour. Bundoora were ahead at this stage and really put in the effort to mop up a tardy infield. As play resumed, it was just dark and nasty out there, then some sun, then dark again. We decided to call it quits and go home with a disappointing loss 8-2. Adam Friend

Other Games

Croydon	2
Bundoora	8

Mitchell Majors	19
Monash Uni	7

Knox	2
Westgarth	12

Doncaster	4
Forest Hill	4

Research	0
Upwey FTG	0

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Upwey FTG	13	9	1	3	21	80.8	161	42
2	Doncaster	12	8	3	1	17	70.8	135	50
3	Research	13	7	4	2	16	61.5	119	85
4	Westgarth	13	7	4	2	16	61.5	125	95
5	Bundoora	13	7	4	2	16	61.5	85	71
6	Forest Hill	13	7	5	1	15	57.7	86	110
7	Mitchell Majors	13	5	6	2	12	46.2	110	98
8	Knox	12	3	8	1	7	29.2	61	135
9	Croydon	13	2	11	0	4	15.4	77	156
10	Monash University	13	2	11	0	4	15.4	96	213

Upcoming Games For the 3rd's

TODAY – Croydon vs Monash Uni (HOME)

11/08/2012 – Croydon vs Westgarth (AWAY)

18/08/2012 – Croydon vs Forest Hill (HOME)

25/08/12 – Croydon vs Doncaster (AWAY)

Croydon 4th's lost to Bundoora 15 - 4

What a drama filled game this was. It started in the first inning when Steve had shoulder problems and could no longer pitch. With Andy away we gave the ball to Ryan and told him to get on the mound and strike out as many batters as he could. He must have thought I said knock out as many batters as he could because there was a few batters with HPB next to their name in the scorebook. All jokes aside he did a great job considering he had the most demanding and not so easy position on the diamond, and had not really pitched before. Going into the bottom of the third inning, running to first base on a dropped third strike, a Bundoora player collapsed and was taken to hospital in an ambulance. We hope everything is alright. Our batting was not the best this game with too many 3 up, 3 down innings. Some players hit well with 2 base hits to Stephan, Ryan, Mick, Cameron and 1 base hits to Stephan, Ryan, Chops, Steve & Sonya. Our defence was good with James and Cameron taking some good fly balls and our infield getting some good outs including the last 2 outs of the game by Cam at second base. Also thanks to John Hansen for scoring. Mick Ward

Other Games

Croydon	4
Bundoora	15

Mitchell Majors	6
Glen Iris	22

Knox	11
Westgarth	4

Doncaster	9
Forest Hill	8

Research	0
Upwey	0

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Doncaster	12	11	0	1	23	132	70	654
2	Research	13	9	2	2	20	154	81	655
3	Upwey	13	6	2	5	17	120	81	597
4	Knox	12	8	4	0	16	129	84	606
5	Glen Iris	12	7	4	1	15	158	80	664
6	Westgarth	13	4	7	2	10	91	112	448
7	Bundoora	13	5	8	0	10	97	169	365
8	Croydon	13	4	8	1	9	60	98	380
9	Forest Hill	13	3	10	0	6	113	161	412
10	Mitchell Majors	13	0	11	2	2	76	196	279

Upcoming Games For the 4th's

TODAY – Croydon vs Glen Iris (HOME)

11/08/2012 – Croydon vs Westgarth (AWAY)

18/08/2012 – Croydon vs Forest Hill (HOME)

25/08/12 – Croydon vs Doncaster (AWAY)

Junior Game Results 28th July 2012

Croydon U15's lost to North Balwyn 10 - 4

Although not reflected by the final score, it was actually a very close game. It was tied at 4 heading into the last inning until North Balwyn broke free and took the game 10 to 4. Cooper returned from the DL to take the mound and did a great job of limiting them to just 4. The field was pretty good and we managed to come from behind to score 4 and tie it up. In the end they were just too strong for us and we could stop them scoring in the last inning. The last game for year in this week against one of the toughest teams in the comp Forest Hill so lets give it everything we've got and give them a run for their money. Dennis Ward

Other Games

North Balwyn	10
Croydon	4

(bye)	0
Forest Hill	0

Ringwood	0
Knox	0

	Team	P	W	L	D	Bye	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	North Balwyn	11	7	3	1	2	15	97	86	530
2	Forest Hill	10	6	2	2	3	14	99	44	692
3	Knox	11	5	5	1	2	11	65	62	512
4	Ringwood	11	5	5	1	2	11	99	97	505
5	Heathmont	2	2	0	0	0	4	38	2	950
6	Croydon	11	0	10	1	2	1	52	159	246

Upcoming Games For the U15's

TODAY – Croydon vs Forest Hill (AWAY)

11/08/2012 – Croydon - bye

Croydon U13's Major lost to North Balwyn Wasps 11 - 4

NO REPORT

Other Games

Croydon	4
North Balwyn Wasps	11

North Balwyn Hornets	5
Ringwood	10

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%	Win
1	Ringwood	12	10	2	0	20	140	69	670	83.3
2	Croydon	12	6	6	0	12	88	86	506	50
3	North Balwyn Wasps	11	5	5	1	11	100	105	488	50
4	North Balwyn Hornets	12	2	9	1	5	81	142	363	20.8
5	Heathmont	1	0	1	0	0	9	16	360	0

Upcoming Games For the U13's

TODAY – Croydon vs Ringwood (AWAY)

11/08/2012 – Croydon vs North Balwyn Hornets (AWAY)