



THE PITCH

Carlingford Baseball Club Newsletter

Important Dates

7th Mar. – Liveball finals commence

22nd Mar. –

Legends vs All-Stars game

Coaches vs Committee

Committee Opportunity

Results Recorder:

Lyndal, our fantastic results recorder has given us notice this will be her last season as she steps aside to let someone else get involved in your committee.

This is an important role that can help share the workload of the Committee but does not take up a lot of time.

Lyndal is keen to help ease the transition and show someone new the ropes.

Interested? Please contact results@carlingfordbaseball.com.au



President's Welcome

This year, the Legends vs All-Stars game will be held on Sunday 22nd March at 2pm at Murray Farm Reserve. This annual event gives our Legends the chance to pit their skills against the best of our current players (our All-Stars). A Legend is someone who no longer plays at the club, due to retirement, or has moved on to play elsewhere.

The concept of the Legends vs All Stars Game is to bring back or maintain contact with people who have left the club. We also invite retired committee to come back and enjoy the afternoon with old friends.

This game will be preceded by the annual Coaches vs Committee game. So put the date in your diary and come along with your friends and enjoy the last afternoon of the season with your club.

C'mon parents, we must have someone that can spare 15 mins per week to help out your club as our Results Recorder. Lyndal is retiring but will help show you the ropes etc. Please consider your involvement with the club and see if you can spare us a little bit of your time to share the load.

Here's hoping the weather is kind, looks like a hot one on Saturday, so bring lots of water.

Cheers
Mark

CANTEEN DUTY

This week's teams are:

7.45am – 10.00am: **14/3 team**

10.00am – 12.30pm: **17's team**

Two people are required from each team,

1 for BBQ and 1 for Canteen



WHO IS PLAYING THIS WEEK? - Juniors

Hills Junior Baseball Association - Summer 2019/20
Saturday 1st February 2020

U17 Brian Cashmore South League
Carlingford v Rouse Hill @ MURRAY FARM 1 - 10:30 am

14U Graham Hay League
Carlo/Baulko v Rouse Hill @ NORTHMEAD 6 - 8:30 am

14U Peter Street League
Carlingford v CH Crusaders @ MURRAY FARM 1 - 8:30 am

13U Jeff Catt Intermediate West League
Carlo/Baulko v WH Warriors @ SUTTON 3 - 8:30 am

12U Phil Leonard Minor League
Carlingford v RH Jaguars @ CADDIES CREEK 5 - 10:30 am

10U Jim Bergan League West
Carlingford v CH Cavaliers @ CASTLE GLEN 3 - 8:30 am

9U Don Petroff - Mod Ball
Carlingford v CH Crusaders @ CASTLE GLEN 2 - 8:30 am

8U Wendy Vigenser League North
Carlingford v QH Ship M @ CORBIN 3 - 10:30 am



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Results 25/01/2020

16U	Brian Cashmore South	Carlingford		Schofields		
14U	Graham Hay League	Carlingford	14	Quakers Hill	3	Win
14U	Peter Street League	Carlingford		No game		
13U	Jeff Catt Intermediate West	Carlingford	7	Rouse Hill	2	Win
12U	Phil Leonard Minor League	Carlingford		No game		
10U	Jim Bergan League	Carlingford		CH Crusaders		
9U	Don Petroff ModBall	Carlingford	3	Castle Hill	27	Loss
8U	Wendy Vigenser League	Carlingford	24	Castle Hill	23	Win

WHO IS PLAYING THIS WEEK? – Seniors

Seniors games
Saturday 1 February 2020

G2 - Carlingford v Holroyd @ FORAY ST - 1:30 pm
 G3 - Carlo Coils v RH Old Cats @ CADDIES RES - 3:45 pm
 G3 - Carlo Cubs v Kings Langley @ ASH BROWN - 1:30 pm
 G3 - Carlo Red v Schofields @ PEEL RESERVE - 1:30 pm
 H - Carlingford v Plum Lakhota @ ALROY - 1:30 pm

PCBL B Grade
 Carlingford v Macquarie Saints @ MURRAY FARM - 1:30 pm




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Uniform & Merchandise prices

Velcro Club Cap - \$20

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Club Socks - \$12

Junior Playing Shirts (*Loaned to players as part of registration. Must be returned at end of season*)

Seniors Sublimated Playing Shirts - \$70 (*\$5 premium for late orders*)

Key Rings - \$12

Drink Coolers - \$8 each or two for \$12

Training T-Shirts (Kids) - \$15 sizes 8-14

Training T-Shirts (Senior) - \$20 sizes S-5XL

Supporters Shirt - \$30

Club Supporters Jacket - \$70

Junior Uniform Combo Packs (*suited for ages up to 12*) - \$50

(Uniform Manager to submit orders – these packs are NOT available in store)

- Pants (white, grey or black)
- Socks (black, red)
- Belt (to match socks)
- Pant Product basics:
 - Youth Baseball Pant
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- Youth Inseams: XS (18"), S (20"), M (22"), L (23")
- Available in sizes XS (4), S (6), M (8), L (10), XL (12)

These items are generally available at the Murray Farm Canteen on Saturday mornings during the summer season. Otherwise, simply email our Treasurer at treasurer@carlingfordbaseball.com.au advising which item you would like to purchase. You will receive an email with a link to pay the invoice shortly thereafter.

Uniform pick-ups can be arranged with our uniform officer at uniforms@carlingfordbaseball.com.au



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MATCH REPORTS

**8U Wendy Vigenser League
Carlingford Braves vs Castle Hill Cavaliers
Result: Win 24-23 (25/1/2020)**

Player of the match: Charlee

The Carlingford team came back from the holiday break light on training, but switched on and ready to go!

Carlingford managed to get 3 outs in the 4th and 6th innings to restrict the Castle Hill hitters from racking up a big score. There was some great fielding by the whole team with a great catch by Thomas at pitcher one of the highlights. Even when the ball didn't quite stick in the glove there was great commitment from the everyone. The whole team made a great contribution to the batting effort. The team had to be especially mindful of the fielding into home base when our runners were on 3rd. After a couple of outs, everyone had to pick up the pace and slide into home to ensure the runs counted. A special mention to some great hits by Leo into the outfield.

It was a great effort by the everyone and the spectators really appreciated seeing the improved skills in the team as the season progresses. We look forward to watching next weeks game.

**9U Don Petroff Modball
Carlingford vs Schofields
Result: Win 17-1 (14/12/19)**

Solomon got player of the match with his great home run and catching duties.

With three wins in a row, Carlingford are on a roll. Shame it's the last game for the year.

What an amazing game played by the whole team. The training has really paid off with big improvements to batting, fielding and throwing.

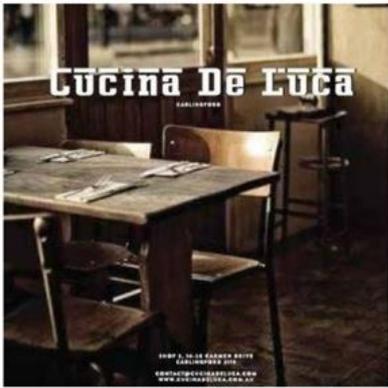
The team started well with two home runs recorded in the very first innings and the team continued to play well right until the very end.

Was everyone trying to hit Borgy out of the park? Everyone got bat on ball and the fantastic home runs by Solomon, Marcus P and Tamati in the 4th innings, was enjoyed by all.

Well done Carlingford!!! Lets continue this form into the New Year.

**9U Don Petroff Modball
Carlingford vs Castle Hill Cavaliers
Result: Loss 3-27 (25/1/2020)**

The recent string of wins for the boys was brought to a halt in the new year with a 27-3 loss to the Castle Hill Cavaliers.



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Both teams got off to a slow start with the first 3 batters failing to get safely on base in the first inning.

In what turned into a 7 inning marathon on a very hot morning the Cavaliers then scored between 4 to 6 runs in each of their next 6 innings.

Carlingford's best inning was the third where Solomon, Xavier M, Ben, Luke, Connor, and Marcus L all hit to get on base bringing in the teams 3 runs for the game

There were some excellent fielding play from our boys, in particular our player of the match Luke, who made 2 outs throwing to first from pitcher, and another from short stop. He also took a great catch in the outfield, as did Solomon and Xavier M.

Not our best day with the bat, but some good signs of improvement in the field. All the boys are looking forward to bouncing back next week.

10U Jim Bergan League Carlingford vs Baulkham Hills Result: Win 5-4 (14/12/19)

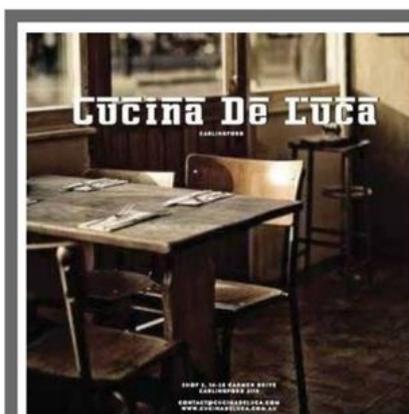
What an exciting end to our 2019 matches and a great send off to our beloved coach Ben and superstar player Connor, who stepped up as first batter to fly to first. Eugene and Ryan made great batting contacts but Ryan's high ball was caught. Alex made a sterling effort to reach first

but was caught short to finish our batting line up. Ryan opened as pitcher with Lachlan stepping up as catcher; fast work was made of the Balko line up with a gift hit to the catcher to end the first innings.

Top of the second saw lots of pitches from Balko forcing a great head dive from Lachlan; Hayden and Finn showed some great swinging power but were unfortunate, going down with Lachlan on third. Balko's first batter made home bottom of the second opening the scoring but fast pitching stopped all others progressing.

Mel stepped up for the third smashed the ball on her second pitch and made first base. Andrew and Connor both made their first pitches but were caught before they were safe. Eugene calm reserve assisted Mel in making third but again we were unfortunate to do go down again. Zac stepped in as pitcher bottom of the third. Fielding by Hayden and Ryan almost claimed the first batter and we thought we had a double when Zac claimed the next batter and the fielders launched at the first base; but as a non-forced run meant the player was safe. Quick pitching finished the Balko batting line-up.

Top of the third Alex produced a super hit but was caught on first. Zac made first with steals to second and third assisted by Lachlan's super shot testing the Balko fielders. Zac finished with a slide home to get our first score. Hayden's blaster produced a double and resulted in



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Lachlan sliding home. Finn held the field, Hayden slid home. Balko came back fighting with progression around the field to get three home. The fielders stepped in to end the innings quickly.

Top of the fifth we were 3:4 down - we need two home to win – a quick pep talk by the coaches refocused the team. Mel made a great effort but was caught. Andrew followed to make first; Connor’s hit allowed Andrew to steal to third. Eugene’s calm nerve held the pitcher to get Andrew to home. Connor followed closely to cheers from the bench – we did it! Quick fielding by Alex and Ryan finished the first batter and Zac finished the innings by claiming two more Balko players.

Great game and a fight spirit saw us win through complete with clay encrusted pants!



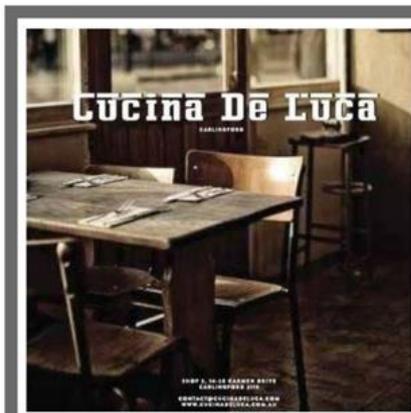
**13U Intermediate Jeff Catt
Baulko/Carlo v Castle Hill Cavaliers
Result: Loss 4-10 (14/12/19)**

We managed to get our game in today before the smoke haze settled over the ground. Fielding errors continue to haunt us and allow extra runs to be scored, one hit which saw multiple fielding errors allowed the batter to get home, when really it should have only been a single.... Castle Hill took it easy on us in the last 2 innings and we managed to score a few runs including a 2 RBI hit to Liam who scored Kobe and Harry. Our pitchers put in a solid performance with a few strikeouts between them and a successful pick off. The rest of our outs were mostly coming from plays to 1st from either Ryan at SS or from the pitcher. We need to be more aware of the plays and where we need to be on the field to win games.....don't forget to get some practice in during the holiday's team and have a safe and happy Christmas & New Year!

**13U Intermediate Jeff Catt
Baulko/Carlo vs Rouse Hill
Result: Won 7-2 (25/1/2020)**

A great game today which was our first win for the season!!!

Our pitchers were in the zone today with a very strong performance, Rory striking out 5 and Kobe striking out 2 with no batters walked.



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Hits to Ryan, Harry, Rory & Leo. Some very aggressive base stealing saw us put the pressure on Rouse Hill. Some patient batting by Oscar and Arthur earning themselves 2 walks each.

Our fielding was tight with ZERO errors! A great morale boost for this team who are playing in a very tough comp. Thanks to Andre for filling in as we were short a few players today.

Congratulations Team!

**14U Graham Hay League
Baulko/Carlingford Cardinals vs Castle Hill
Result: NO RESULT (14/12/19)**

GAME ABANDONED DUE TO POOR AIR QUALITY

Air quality worsened as the morning progressed at Northmead and by game time @ 10:30AM the air quality rating was way above the acceptable standard as per the new Hills policy. Disappointing as we were ripping ready to go with a good chance against Castle Hill in the last game before the holiday break.

Good chance to reflect on our progress this season. Five wins and eight losses is probably not a true reflection of the teams performance. Most of the loses have been due to one poor innings which is something we can address. What is good is we go into the break with two wins from our last two games with momentum and confidence.

Looking forward to the break and coming back really focused for the back end of the season. We know we can be competitive and give this league a real shake at the pointy end in the post season.

From the Hay League Cardinals Happy Christmas to all.

**Baulko/Carlingford vs.Quakers Hill 16
Div 3
Result: Win 14-3 (25/1/2020)**

Back to baseball after the long Christmas break. Chance for players to use their Christmas gifts and get back into the swing of things, knowing only six rounds to go before the playoffs. Players were given the opportunity to play on the main Diamond at Northmead, which was a treat for the players.

We played a strong consistent game. Hitting was a highlight with two max innings of seven over the plate in the 14-3 win. Seven hits with a two doubles to Harry, a double to Eve and singles to Jude, Bailey, Nathan and Harrington. We had zero strike outs and all of our batters got on base, with eight batters scoring at least one run. That sort of consistent batting right down the order, is what we will need to bring to the plate, when we get to the pointy end of the season.

Pitching was also strong. Bailey, Eve and Jacob pitched one inning each with each pitcher going for less than 30 pitches. Our pitching depth is a real



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plus. The coaches have plenty they can go to from the bullpen, which will hold us in good stead in the playoffs.

Seasons now rolls on with Rouse Hill next weekend and Castle Hill mid-week after that. Aim is to win those two games and make a statement going into the second half of the season.

14U Peter Street League Carlingford vs Blacktown Result: Loss 2-9 (14/12/19)

"It was an early morning start against Blacktown out behind the Worker's Club.

The first innings saw two of our batters out in quick succession and an automatic out finished our batting spell.

Blacktown first at bat managed to get 4 runs in despite Jason really coming to life on the pitcher's mound. A couple of throws from Kieran and Daniel to Josh at 1st base saw the first 2 outs and Will chased a ball down in left field to hold a big hitter at 2nd base! Jason's fine pitching left the 3rd out where he was standing to finish off the bottom of the dig.

James W. managed a walk in the 2nd innings to get on base but sadly we had 3 strikeouts and James was unable to get home. Their starting pitcher was fast and gave our batting line-up a really hard time.

Blacktown saw holes in our fielding and succeeded in scoring 3 more runs when Jason struck out 2 and Kieran finished the innings with a throw to Josh at 1st base.

Daniel was hit by a pitch at the top of the 3rd and got onto base but was run out attempting a brave steal to 2nd. Kieran was up next who was walked to 1st and with a good eye and fast base running managed to eventually steal his way home for our first run of the day. Two more strikeouts saw the end of our third at bat.

Josh took over the pitching duties and after a shaky start tidied up the bottom of the third with 2 strikeouts and a throw to Jason at 1st to limit Blacktown to only 1 run home.

Top of the fourth and James M watched some tired pitching and was walked to first followed by Darcy in the same way. A lapse in fielding saw James steal home for our final home run for the day. Strikeouts ended our fourth dig.

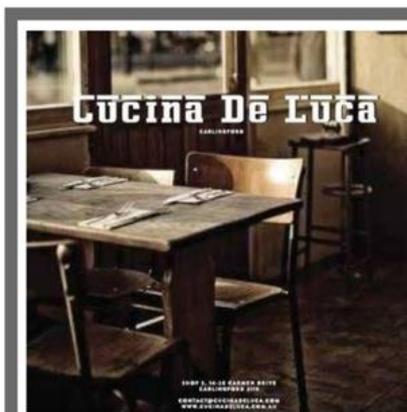
The bottom of the fourth introduced Kieran to the mound and again we only allowed 1 run across the plate. Josh fielded the first out, followed by a strikeout and then a fielded hit from Kieran to Josh to finish the game.

Pitching - Jason, Josh, Kieran
Catching - Connor, James W.

Final Score - Blacktown 9 Carlingford 2

Although a few calls didn't seem to go our way, our batting let us down on the day and we need to improve in this area.

Our fielding for the first half was mostly good but unfortunately a fumble here and



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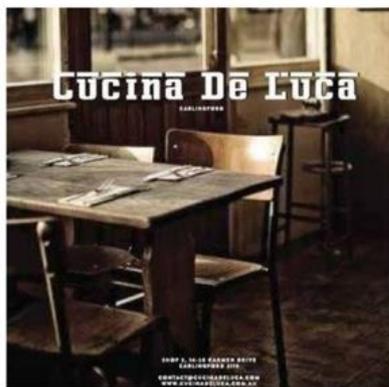
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there allowed Blacktown to dominate the scoreboard with lots of base stealing. With a lot of practice I am sure this team will come into their own in the new year.

We would all like to wish James W. and his family all the best with their move up north! It has been a pleasure having you as part of our baseball family.

Merry Christmas!"



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