



THE PITCH

Carlingford Baseball Club Newsletter

Important Dates

Sunday 28th March 2021

– End of Season Gala Day,
Coaches vs Committee game
followed by
Legends vs All-Stars game

Sunday 18th April 2021

- Junior Presentation

Committee Opportunity

We always have opportunities for parents who may be interested in learning how we prepare our grounds and to help out our Grounds Crew.



President's Welcome

Special thanks to Grounds Manager Jason who came down Friday as normal but made an extra trip early on Saturday to check the ground had held up. His last minute repairs to the batting box on D4 saved that game from being cancelled.

Congrats to Jen Barclay for umpiring her first liveball game from behind the plate in full armour. Her mentors Duncan & Jan both agreed she had a good game. It certainly is great to now have two female umpires to join our female coaches Jo Henderson (12s) and Sarah Farrell (8s) as great role models for our young girl players (and for any mum's out there thinking of joining in).

Congrats to the following players selected in Hills representative teams to compete at the NSW state titles: LL Minors (10/11) Isaac Cusbert, Luke Bolwell. LL Majors (12s) Ryan Shannahan. Intermediates (13s) Leo Turco, Kobe Cusbert coached by Craig Cusbert & Brett Elsley.

Thanks to Frank Tallaridi (14s coach) for donating a new USA bat that his son has grown out of.

Cheers
Mark Highfield

CANTEEN DUTY

This week's teams are:

7.45am – 10.30am: 7U

10.30am – 12.45pm: closed

Please note the extended times because the late game is now 11am so there is 1 hour between games to reduce people mingling.



Two people are required from each team, 1 for BBQ and 1 for Canteen

Due to COVID please discourage multiple people sharing a shift.

Results for 20/2/21

16U/1	Barry Shipley Youth League	Baulko/Carlo JV	8	Castle Hill Crusaders	0	Win
16U/3	Brian Cashmore South	Carlingford	5	Quakers Hill Red	4	Win
14U	Peter Street League	Carlingford	19	Schofields	0	Win
13U	Jeff Catt Intermediate	Baulko/Carlo JV		BYE		
12U	Ken Douglas League	Baulko/Carlo JV	5	Quakers Hill	8	Loss
12U	Phil Leonard League South	Carlingford	4	Oakville	12	Loss
10U	Jim Bergan League North	Carlingford Braves	2	Winston Hills	12	Loss
10U	Jim Bergan League North	Carlingford Cubs	2	Quakers Hill	11	Loss
9U	Col Daisley League TBall	Carlingford	12	Castle Hill Jesters	0	Win
8U	Wendy Vigenser League North TBall	Carlingford	25	Winston Hills	26	Loss
7U	Akers League North TBall	Carlingford	23	Quakers Hill Sea Pups	35	Loss
Make Ups						
9U	Col Daisley League TBall	Carlingford	2	Baulkham Hills	0	Win
10U	Jim Bergan League North	Carlingford Braves	3	Castle Hill Jesters	19	Loss
14U	Peter Street League	Carlingford	6	Rouse Hill	7	Loss



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WHO IS PLAYING THIS WEEK- Sat 27/2/2021

Juniors

16U/1	Baulko/Carlo Div 1 JV vs CH Crusaders	Semi Final -Knights	Friday Night 7.15pm
16U/3	Carlingford vs Blacktown	Semi Final – Laybutt 1	10.30am
14U	Carlingford vs Oakville	Semi Final – Colbee 2	10.30am
13U	Baulko/Carlo Div 1 JV vs CH/QH	Semi Final – Castle Glen 1	10.30am
12U	Baulko/Carlo Div 1 JV vs Quakers Hill	Semi Final – Northmead 4	8.30am
12U	Carlingford vs Oakville	Semi Final – Murray Farm 2	8.30am
9U	Carlingford vs Quakers Hill	Murray Farm 4	8.30am
8U	Carlingford vs CH Crusaders	Murray Farm 3	8.30am
7U	Carlingford vs CH Squires	Murray Farm 5	8.30am

Seniors

G1	Carlingford vs QH Seawolves	Murray Farm	3.45pm
G2	Carlingford Redsox vs Rouse Hill	Murray Farm	1.30pm
	Carlingford Cubs vs CH Dukes	Knights	1.30pm
G3	Carlingford Coils vs CH Archers	Castle Glen	1.30pm
	Carlingford Black vs RH Bobcats	Caddies Res	1.30pm



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GET TO KNOW YOUR CARLO COMMITTEE



introducing

JAYE RUST

Nickname?

Christo

Current role on the committee?

Sponsorship Coordinator

How long have you been in that position?

2 months

Any other committee roles you've carried out?

No

How did you get involved in Carlingford Baseball Club?

I grew up watching my dad and brother play summer and winter comps and always wanted my boys to play. Carlingford's Friday night Tball was recommended and the rest is history.

How many games have you played for Carlo?

Half a parents V's kids end of season game – does that count?

How many games in total?

.5

What do you love about baseball?

Everything!

If you could change one rule in baseball, what would it be?

None that I can think of

Favourite MLB team?

Toronto Blue Jays

Favourite baseball movie?

Bull Durham, A league of their own, Major League

Favourite Carlo baseball memory?

Watching my boys get their first hit and crossing home plate.

If you could have a walk-up song, what would it be?

Nothing but a good time – Poison or Start me up – Rolling Stones

One word to describe our club?

Awesome

What would you tell a club member who is considering joining the committee/getting involved?

Definitely do it – the more members we have the more we can do to help the club grow.



Hours Mon-Fri 7-6:30pm & Sat 7-2pm

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Uniform & Merchandise prices

Velcro Club Cap - \$20

Premium Flexifit Club Cap - \$25

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
 - 100% Double Knit 12 Oz. Polyester
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- 2 ½" Elastic Waistband
- 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

**7U Akers League North
Carlingford vs QH Sea Pups
Result: Loss 23-35**

Well done to player of the week Nathan.

It was a fun morning at Murray Farm! The team spirit was alive and all team players had a great game.

Some great hits from many of the players, the team has really come together.



**8U Wendy Vigenser League North TBall
Carlingford vs Winston Hills
Result: Loss 25-26**

Player of the match - Ryan

Carlos and Winston Hills matched up in an exciting back-and-forth game that last inning decided its winner.

Carlo started with some great batting and quick running between bases to get 5 home in the 1st innings. Solid start for Carlo.

Winston Hills started the match with three quick outs – 2 pop up flies brilliantly caught by Ryan & Daniel.

In the 2nd innings, our batters were managed to hit 4 straight hits to score another run. But Winston Hills' batting improved from 2nd innings to score 6 runs with couple of doubles

The next three innings showed some great work by our boys with good batting and fielding. Both Carlo & Winston Hills were managed lots of hits and runs.

At 6th innings, Juno was injured by throw at first base but came back with great catch from centre fielder at the bottom of 6th.

Going into the last innings, we had to defend a 4 run lead, but Winston Hills has showed good batting and finally secure their victory.

Our batting has improved with us getting lots of hits and runs. also, our infielders have showed us impressive field plays as well.

It was a great game, Excellent effort by the boys.



**9U Col Daisley League
Carlingford vs Baulkham Hills
Make Up Game
Result: Win 2-0**

Player of the Week – Thomas



What a cracker of a game! Our first afternoon/night game in weather that couldn't make its mind if it wanted to rain or not. Thankfully we were able to get on with the game!

1st Innings

BH were first to bat and the first batter was taken out by a smashing catch from Thomas at Pitcher.

The 2nd out was from a great pick up from to Thomas who threw the runner out at 1st base by Daniel.

BH's 3rd batter got a runner on base but Carlo quickly ended the dig with the 4th batter struck out at the plate.

Our turn to bat and Olivia steps up to the plate, she connects with a powerful swing but each one is called a foul and is unfortunately struck out. Our next 2 batters Jack and Shelby both gave it their all with some gusto swings but are also struck out.

2nd Innings

Another quick turnaround with BH's first 2 batters struck out at the plate, the 3rd batter has a safe hit to centerfield. 4th batter is up and connects but like Deja Vue a throw from Thomas to Daniel on 1st base has the 3rd out for the innings.

Excitedly our team are ready to bat and first up is Thomas who has a great hit to short stop but is too quick for BH and he easily crosses first base. Lexi's up next and although she had the bat swinging unfortunately strikes out.

Justin steps up and hits an awesome line drive straight up past 3rd base easily advancing him to 2nd base and sending Thomas to 3rd. Adam steps up and after some great swings is also struck out.

Daniel steps up and hits straight up passed 3rd base batting home Thomas and safe on first base.

Olivia is up next and has a great hit batting Justin home, advancing Daniel to 2nd and called safe at 1st. Jackson steps up and gives it his all but is also struck out at the plate.



3rd Innings

It was 3 up 3 down for the top of the 3rd with BH going down with 2 K2's and then a catch by Thomas taking the 3rd out.

Our kids are excited and ready to bat!! With 2 hits from Thomas and Justin we close out the 3rd innings with no runs scored. We had some awesome swings by our batters but unfortunately no runs.

4th Innings

Another 3 up 3 down for our fielders keeping BH still scoreless – go team!!

Daniels up and has a huge flyball to 2nd base but unlucky the 2 base man takes the catch for our 1st out. Olivia is up next and has a hit to 2nd base and is safe on 1st. Next up was Jackson who has a powerful swing and almost takes out Grady at 1st base coach with a fabulous hit that goes foul. Jackson's good eye had him at full count but unluckily strikes out. Shelby is up next and also gets to full count but with an almighty last swing is stuck out also.

5th Innings

In what seems to be Deja Vue its another 3 up 3 down scenarios for our kids – well done guys!

Thomas is first at bat and has a safe hit to the pitcher but crosses first base safe! Lexi steps up to the play with confidence and with great looking gets to full count and is

struck out at the plate but boy did she give it her all with 3 almighty swings!

Justin steps up and has 6 foul hits!!!! 1 almost taking out Lisa as 3rd base coach-great ducking reflexes Lisa!! He then smashes a ball to left field and advances Thomas to 2nd and is called safe on 1st. Adams up and has an amazing hit that only just goes foul but is stuck out at the plate. Daniel has a hit to the pitcher but is run out at 1st base.

6th Innings

Great fielding by our team kept BH scoreless for the last innings – GO CARLO!!

Olivia steps up for Carlo with a safe hit to short stop, Jackson then has a great hit to pitcher and outruns the ball to be safe on 1st and advancing Olivia to 2nd. Shelby and Thomas both step up with determination but are struck out. Lexi again with her good looking got to full count and with an almighty last swing is called out at the plate. Another great win from the team.





**10U Jim Bergan League North
Carlingford Braves vs Castle Hill
Jesters
Make Up Game
Result: Loss 3-19**

Player of the Match: Jayden

Saturday morning was raining, Murray Farm oval closed.. Coach Brett organised the game against Castle Hill Jesters for Thursday 18th February, on Diamond 2 Murray Farm oval.

Our boys fielded first, with Luke pitching & Solomon catching.. Luke’s pitches got the first 2 batters out, the team’s fielding was good, Solo & Chris were ready for anything that would come their way. Castle Hills’ 3rd batter hit a ball straight to Eugene’s mitt for a catch.

This was the Second last game, all the batting practice was showing. The boys produced some beautiful hits. Ethan’s hit lovely even though it was caught, Eugene’s hit was strong but the ball beat him to 1st,

Solo’s hit got him to 1st base thanks to a fumbled field, Josh’s hit off the tee got him to 1st & Solomon home and Chris’ hit off the tee, beat him to 1st, unfortunately.

Luke & Solomon teamed up for this fielding innings, Luke’s strike balls were being hit at, with the 3rd batter hitting the ball to Marcus’ mitt, caught it. Being aware of the pitchers only allowed to throw 49 balls today, Brett swopped Luke with Ethan during this innings, at the end this inning Castle hill had 7 home.

It was time to hit a ball, Luke wanted to hit but couldn't chose the right, Marcus got to 1st from hitting a ball of the tee, so did Jayden but his ball beat him to 1st, in the mean time Marcus tried to get home but got tagged coming home.

It was time to field, Ethan was the pitcher producing some great strike balls for Castle Hill. Our team was trying to help him get 3 batters out with their fielding, but a high ball got dropped & a bit of “cat & mouse” was played with the batters on bases.

It was Joie & Emmanuel time to hit, they both hit a great ball off the tee, Joie getting himself to first & Emmanuel’s ball beat him to 1st. James couldn’t choose a ball to hit, Ethan got to hit off the tee & run to 2nd, Eugene slogged his 1st pitched ball getting himself to 2nd. Solomon struggled to find the right ball to stick too & got out.



Back on the field, Jayden was the brave catcher to be at the other end of Eugene's strong, fast balls, I think Castle Hill was scared. Eugene got the 1st batter out, 2nd batter hit the ball, got the 1st, the 3rd batter unfortunately hit the ball to Eugene & caught it. The 4th batter was the victim of Eugene & Ethan's great fielding getting out on 1st.

It was Josh's turn in the batters box, he was able to get a hit off the tee but the ball beat him to 1st. Chris couldn't pick the ball to hit & got struck out. Luke produced a great hit & got chased to 1st by his ball sliding into 1st. Marcus got to the batters box for a stick before Luke got tagged on 3rd.

Eugene had the ball again to pitcher with Jayden Catching. The batters wanted to hit Eugene's great pitched balls, 1 ball aiming for Marcus, & attempted to catch it, another hit ball got thrown to 1st missing Joie's mitt getting his face. Another hit, Solo threw a great ball to Joie with a delightful catch. 7 home, side away

The final innings Marcus got to finish his bat, hitting the ball of the tee & getting himself to 1st. Jayden produced a great hit from a live ball but got beaten to 1st, Marcus had an attempt to run home but was tagged. Joie was able to get a hit off the tee & get to 1st. During Emmanuel's bat Joie got out trying to run to 3rd. oh Baseball is a hard game.

A big congratulations to the man of the match- Jayden for producing some great hits, good fielding and working hard at the catcher.

Today we also witnessed some great sportsmanship by our team, helping Castle Hill Jester field. Thank you Emmanuel, Eugene, Christopher, James, Jayden, Josh, Luke, Marcus & Solomon.

**10U Jim Bergan League North
Carlingford Braves vs Winston Hills
Result: Loss 2-12**

Men of the Match: Everyone

Highlights:

It was good to see the sun shining at Col Sutton Reserve. The Braves were all set for their final game of the season. The support crew were ready to cheer them on and the boys were looking sharp in red and black.

In the 1st innings Eugene did a great clean hit but was caught by their pitcher. It was an impressive take by Winston Hills. With side away, Eugene opened as pitcher and made some great throws to Ethan at 1st base to get two out. We had a tough couple of dropped catches in the outfield, making us more determined to watch that ball.

In our second innings there were good swings by Chris, Luke and Marcus. Both



did clean hits but got run out by some excellent fielding by the opposition. Ethan was up for pitching and got their player out on 1st with some good hustling by Eugene. Luke threw some excellent balls from the centre field to 1st base, perfectly caught by Eugene to get two out. Josh made an excellent attempt to catch a fast ball to the outfield. Just missed!

The 3rd innings was underway and Jayden did an excellent hit to the outfield and ran to 2nd. Soon he was on 3rd and in a tough call, Joseph was out on 1st but it was by millimetres. The boys kept smiling though and hanging in to the end. Some good strikes by Ethan in as pitcher and we were back to the 4th batting innings. Ethan hit off the tee and made it to 2nd base and Josh did a strong hit to be safe at 1st. Ethan's slide into home was our first run. Hooray! Nice to see some mud on the pants to end the season! James tried his best off the tee and there was some great sneaking by Josh to get to 3rd but he was unlucky to get out before getting to home base. We were back to pitching and Jayden was in as catcher. Luke made some good strikes and an awesome catch.

The 5th innings was a quick change over and Marcus and Jayden had wonderful attempts and got Luke home from his clean hit. Joseph did a great job to get to 1st base and Emmanuel made an amazing clean hit with the bat. A great way for these new players to end the season.

Sadly we lost but lots of impressive improvements for these boys throughout the whole season. New friendships have been made and the Braves would like to thank the parents for helping with all the duties and the coaches, Brett and John, for teaching them so many new skills.



**10U Jim Bergan League North
Carlingford Cubs vs Winston Hills
Make Up Game
Result: Loss 6-11**

Player of the week – Tim Kim



Our boys did great today backing up from Saturday with a Tuesday night make up game against Winston Hills. The boy's improvement in both batting and fielding were clearly evident given our last encounter with WH's score was 11-1.

1st Innings CC 5 – WH - 3

Top of the 1st Jaden starts the game with a fabulous strike out of their first batter. Jaden was putting them down the line but unfortunately the next 3 batters got a hold of them advancing batters around the diamond and across the plate. Great team spirit from the team talking it up and encouraging each other. The 5th batter was struck out at the plate and the 6th was caught out by Jaden.

Our turn to bat and bat we did!

Bottom of the 1st First up we had Jaden hitting a 2 bagger off the tee and steals to 3rd but unfortunately in a super tight call was tagged out running home. Aaron's up next and has a great hit off the tee and is safe at 1st. Next up is Dan who takes one for the team getting hit by a pitch and takes a walk to 1st. Jackson steps up to the plate, Dan steals to 2nd and then Jackson is also hit by a pitch and advanced to first. With loaded bases the team and supporters are going wild cheering on the Cubs. TamaTime steps up to the plate (no pressure lol) he's good eye seeing him take a double bag hit off the tee advancing Aaron, Dan and Jackson home. Next up was Mitch, he's good eye getting him to full count but unfortunately after a tough call strikes out. Next up is Connor who has a great hit to left field getting him safe on 1st, Connor then steals around the diamond and crosses home plate. Tim's up next and after some good swings is struck out.

2nd Innings CC 0 – WH – 1

A quick top of the 2nd with Jaden and Jackson taking 2 K2's. Some good hits from their batters #8 and #1 saw Winston Hills score their first run. The dig ending with Jaden and Jackson combo striking out another batter.

Bottom of the 2nd and WH has a new pitcher on the mound (where did he come from)??? He was FAST! Jaden has a hit off the tee to the pitcher who throws him out at first. The new pitcher then shows us how fast he can pitch and unfortunately strikes out Aaron and Dan.



3rd Innings CC-0 WH-2

Top of the 3rd saw WH's first batter hitting a 2-bag hit off the tee, Jaden and Jackson strike out the 2nd batter. Jaden comes close to his pitch count so Dan comes in to pitch. His first batter has a huge hit to centre field and manages to steal his way around the bases scoring a run for WH. Dan has a great closing out the innings with 8 strikes and only 3 balls.

Bottom of the 3rd was equally as quick with WH's new pitcher on the mound. We saw Jackson caught out at centre field, TamaTime caught out at 1st and with some SUPER fast pitches Mitch is struck out. Great effort boys!

4th Innings CC-0 WH -4

Top of the 4th has Dan throwing some amazing pitches that unfortunately the first 4 batters were able to grab a hold of and advanced each other around the bases to cross home plate with 4 runs.

TamaTime comes in to pitch and Strikes out the last 2 batters.

Bottom of the 4th and WH's still has their super-fast pitcher at the mound. Connor had some great swings but is struck out. Tim comes in and has a huge hit off the tee to right field. Jaden steps in and has a smashing hit to centre field advancing Tim to 2nd base and is safe on 1st. Unfortunately, Aaron and Dan both strike out against the very experienced WH's pitcher.

5th Innings CC-1 WH-1

Top of the 5th TamaTime and Jackson start the dig with a strikeout. Our fielders were on fire after batters 1, 2 and 3 all get safe hits on base but only 1 crosses home plate. Our Cubs finished the dig with a strikeout Bottom of the 5th and WH's puts in another new pitcher who Strikes out Jackson who had some great swings. TamaTime has a safe hit to 1st and steals his way around the bases to cross the plate for our 6th Run. Both Mitch and Connor have great swings but unfortunately strike out.

Another great game from our Cubs who continually grow in their skills and confidence, we can't wait to see what the next 2 games bring!

Big shout out to Borgy for umpiring our game!

10U Jim Bergan League North Carlingford Cubs vs Quakers Hill Result: Loss 2-11

Player of the week – BENJAMIN RUST



We always love waking up on a Saturday morning to sunshine when the forecast was showers all day so we can play ball.

Today we played the team leading our comp and true to form our boys gave it everything they had especially playing a player down. The score certainly didn't reflect how well our boys played.

1st Innings CC 0 – QH 3

The talking and fielding from our boys had QH at side away with QH scoring 3 runs.

Jaden leading off the team at bat had a standing 2 base hit, Aaron steps up and has a hit but the pitcher picks it up and unfortunately throws him out at 1st- but advances Jaden to 3rd.

Jacksons up next and after some seriously amazing swings and a call that didn't quite go his way is unfortunately struck out at the plate. Up steps Tama who's good eye had him hitting off the tee and it's a cracker fly ball but unfortunately the pitcher makes the catch.

2nd Innings CC 0 – QH 1

Another awesome fielding effort from our boys, Aaron threw out the first batter to Tama at first base getting the boys talking and ready for the next batter. The next batter got a hold of a perfect pitch from Jaden and hits to the hole in centre field. Next batter hits a fly ball giving Jaden a chance to show his catching skills and out another batter goes. Next up the batter gets a huge hit to right field where Timothy

takes a blinder of a catch to give us our 3rd out!

QH's pitcher was on fire during our at bat and unfortunately struck out our next 3 batters.

3rd Innings CC 1 – QH 3

With superb pitching from Jaden throwing 17 strikes to 7 balls had QH out for 3 runs. Jaden was our first batter up with another 2 bag standing hit. Aaron gets another hit advancing Jaden home giving us our 1st run but is unfortunately thrown out at first.

4th Innings CC 0 – QH 3

Tama comes in to pitch and between Jackson and himself strikes out 3 batters and also takes an awesome flyball catch. Our fielders were all on their game but QH seemed to have picked up their pace and were too fast scoring 3 runs.

Tama is our first batter and has a hit to short stop and out runs the ball to be safe on first but is unlucky and caught trying to steal 2nd base. Again, the QH pitcher is on fire and strikes out our next 3 batters.

5th Innings CC 1 – QH 1

Our boys take to the field like it's the first innings – heads up, smiling and raring to go. 1st batter is taken out by Tama with awesome reflexes and takes a great catch. The next 2 batters get a hit off the tee to the outfield gap where we're down a player. Timothy takes the 2nd out with another catch and Tama and Jaden taking



out the last keeping QH to just 1 run in the last.

Benji is first up to bat for the cubs and has his eyes on the ball knowing when to leave them but unfortunately the call on the last pitch didn't go his way and is struck out. Benjamin Rust is next to bat and his good eye gets him a hit off the tee and is safe at first. Jaden is up next and has a hit advancing Benjamin to 2nd but is unfortunately caught out at first. Aaron is up next and also gets a hit advancing Benjamin home (to a very supportive, excited team) for the Cubs 2nd run but again the quick fielding from QH runs throws him out at first.

Well done boys, your tenacity and drive to give it your all every week and your team comradery is to be applauded.

**14U Peter Street League
Carlingford vs Rouse Hill
Make Up game
Result: Loss 6-7**

This week we played the second placed Wildcats in a washout makeup game instead of training. We are getting to the pointy end of the season and still in the mix for the playoffs. So, in another enthralling spectacle, the cardiac kids lived up to their name.

Out to the field we went with the first innings being part one of another

Shakespeare drama. We walked the first batter and he quickly stole around the bases and before we knew it he got home. That was a whirlwind. The next batter got on base and stole around too. We kept them at bay with Jason making a play from short stop to run out at first base. Kieran then tagged the 3rd base trying to steal home and Jason completed the innings with a nice catch.

Our turn to bat, with a single to first. James got walked and both he and Kieran got to 2nd and 3rd respectively. Gabriel was up next, and he got a RBI single for Kieran home but James didn't make it to 3rd base. Josh T got out running to first and Ishan struck out, to leave the score 1-1 after 1.

Their second innings was a close affair. We quickly had 2 out before we let the next few get on base and make their way home. Still with 2 out we got suckered into trying to get a runner out at 2nd while letting the runner at 3rd steal home. We finally got the third out with a third strike and Kieran completing the play with a throw to Josh T at first.

Our next at bat was too quick for our liking with Josh B caught out, Samuel and Dom getting walked, but Jason and Victoria striking out. Down 5-1 after 2!

Time to make up ground. We changed pitcher from Dom to Gabriel and got instant results (sorry Dom, you did pitch well, we've just come to expect it). Two catches



to Josh T before a fantastic left field catch to James. Cool and calm under pressure he smoothly gloved the ball the complete the innings.

Our third at bat, Matthew and Rex got walked. Kieran then got Matthew home on an RBI single. Gabriel then got Rex home on another RBI single. Josh T continued the momentum getting Kieran home on an RBI double. Gabriel then got caught short trying to steal home before Ishan got out at first base. Still, we clawed back to be 5-4 after three.

Their 4th innings at bat, saw the first two batters out to catches. We then let 1 hit to first and a second batter get him home with another hit to left field. That batter then stole home, before we struck out the 5th batter for the side away and the damage limit to 2 runs.

Our last at bat, with time nearing the end, some light rain falling, and we needed 3 to tie and 4 to win. So the scene was set. Josh B walked to first. Samuel then got Josh home with an RBI single but unfortunately got out trying to steal second. Dom got a hit to first base and stole hi way around. He then easily beat the catcher to steal home. Jason was the tying run and got walked. He then stole his way to 3rd. Waiting for an opportunity to steal home. Victoria struck out swinging. Matthew got hit by a pitch and walked to first. It was getting tense. Up stepped Rex and swung cleanly. Jason charged home, however with Rex's legs

pumping he was short of first by ½ a step and our third out. That's the tightness and difference things are. A game of inches as they say. We went down by 1 run. We went down swinging and competing. We came back well, and the players should be proud for being part of an exciting game.

We are still in the hunt for the playoffs and hope the weather gods let us get them played.

14U Peter Street League Carlingford vs Schofields Result: Win 19-0

In what was supposed to be the final regular game of the season, we were against Schofields Scorpions in a must win match. Fortunately for us, the job was made a bit easier with the Scorpions main pitcher out injured.

Out to the field we went with Jason taking the mound. He quickly struck out the first batter. The next 2 got hits to be on base. He then calmly struck out the next 2 batters to leave those 2 stranded on base. A very good start.

Our turn to bat start well with both Kieran and James getting hits and onto base. Gabriel then got an RBI hit for Kieran home, but was short of his ground at 1st. Ishan next got a hit to bring James home. Josh B was next and continue the fine start to complete an RBI single for Ishan home. Samuel walked to base. Dom proceeded to



send a big hit to centrefield for a 2 RBI triple,. A great hit. Jason got walked after being hit by a pitch and the same for Rex. This brought Dom home for side away with 7 runs.

Their second at bat was another couple of good plays and good reward from the practise we do at training. The first batter was walked. With the second batter at the plate, Jason picked off the batter at first with the good support from Dom. The second and third batters were walked before the play of the game had the crowd giving a standing applause. A big big hit by the 4th batter, saw Ishan make the catch at deep centrefield. He then threw to Gabriel at second, to tag another runner out, then he completed a triple play to throw out the returning runner back to first. What a great team play. Side away with no runs scored again.

Our second at bat was a continuation of our first innings, Matthew and Victoria were walked. Kieran got Matthew home on an RBI single. James missed out this time for our first out. Gabriel got another RBI with a safe hit to first and Victoria home. Ishan's turn for an RBI getting Kieran home. Josh B's fine batting form continue with another 2 RBIs. Rex walked to first as did Samuel. Dom got another hit and we walked in more runs to complete another 7.

We switched pitchers in their third innings to Dom and he didn't waste time with 3 strike outs from 4 batters.

Our third innings at bat was a bit flat as the tiring Scorpions pitcher just couldn't quite get into his groove. We got more walked home than from hits and the game petered out after we got 5 more runs.

We completed what we needed to do and gained to some confidence with our batting. No match ball was awarded but it's fair to say everyone had their moments in this game. Rex was very pleased with his performance as he wasn't satisfied with his effort in the mid-week make up game. Just goes to show that the team is lifting the expectation on themselves as they improve each game.

Onwards to our now final make up game on Tuesday at Kellyville. Making the playoffs is in our hands with a win needed.

