



THE PITCH

Carlingford Baseball Club Newsletter

Important Dates

2nd Mar – Last round tball/mod

17th Mar – Legends vs All-Stars

7th Apr – Junior Presentation Day

1st May - AGM

4th May – Senior Presentation Night

Position Vacant

Groundsman to replace Scott Butler who is retiring from the role at the end of the season



President's Welcome

Congratulations to Adam's 14/3s who finished the regular season as Minor Premiers. Simon's 14s also qualified first for the 14/2 grand final after the combined Div 1&2 competition was split for the finals series. Congrats also to Craig's 11s for coming second.

I am seeking nominations for perpetual awards for Coach, Manager and Team of the year. We may also issue Senior Clubman of the year and Junior Club Member of the Year for service above and beyond expectations (by mums, dads, carers, any other helpers, boys and girls). Please include a few thoughts to support your nomination and email your confidential nominations to me at President@carlingfordbaseball.com.au

Aussie T-ball had their final run last Friday and it was great to hear most parents are keen to return. Thanks to Grady, Ben & Rohan for their help and of course to Borgy & Jo. Thanks also to Kim, Mika and Luke for the canteen and BBQ.

The senior H grade Grand Final is on at Murray Farm at 1.30pm on Saturday with Borgy's team playing against Brett's Coil's who are playing again this season in honour of their departed mate, life member and club stalwart, Dave Aiston. Come along and cheer, you are guaranteed a Carlo victory.

Cheers
Mark Highfield

SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT - 4TH MAY 2019

Put this date in your calendar - more Information to follow

SCOREBOARD

Saturday Scoreboard – 16.2.19

17/2	Brian Cashmore West	Carlingford 6 vs Winston Hills 10
14/1	Graham Hay	Carlo/Baulko 6 vs Castle Hill 7
14/3	Peter Street South	Carlingford 10 vs Hawkesbury 8
11/1	Jim Bergan	Carlingford 14 vs Winston Hills 6
10/2	Col Daisley North	Carlingford 15 vs Castle Hill 4
9	Wendy Vigenser League	Carlingford 14 vs Castle Hill 26
8	Peter Schmidt North	Carlingford 32 vs Baulkham Hills 25

CANTEEN DUTY

This week's teams are:

7.45am – 10.00am: **8 Braves**

10.00am – 12.30pm: **Closed**

**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 2018/19
Draw for Saturday 23rd February 2019

U14 Hay Street - West League
Carlo/Baulko - BYE

U14 Peter Street - South League
Carlingford v Rouse Hill @ MURRAY FARM 1 – 8:30am

U11 Jim Bergan League
Castle Hill v Carlingford @ CASTLE GLEN 3 – 8:30am

U10 Col Daisley – North League Mod Ball
Winston Hills v Carlo Black Sox @ SUTTON 1 - 8:30am

U9 Wendy Vigers League
Baulkham Hills v Carlo Red Sox @ NORTHMEAD 2 – 8:30am

U8 Peter Schmidt Super T Ball – North League
Carlingford v Castle Hill Squires @ MURRAY FARM 5 – 8:30am

Seniors

SYDNEY METROPOLITAN BASEBALL LEAGUE
SUMMER SEASON 2018-19
23rd FEBRUARY 2019



G3 SOUTH CONFERENCE - GRAND FINAL
Holroyd v Carlo Red @ Foray Street - 1:00pm

H GRADE CONFERENCE - GRAND FINAL
Carlo Red v Carlo Coils @ Murray Farm - 1:30pm

PACIFIC COAST BASEBALL LEAGUE
SUMMER SEASON 2018-19
SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2019



A GRADE DIVISION 2
Carlingford Cougars
v
Greenway Giants
@ Rofe Park #1 - 1:30pm



MASTERS Autumn 2019 Season
MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2019

C GRADE

Carlingford Baseball
v
Ryde Eastwood Chalanes
@ ELS Hall Park - 8:45pm



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Altis Consulting have jumped onboard as a Silver Sponsor for our Club.
Altis Consulting specialise in Data Analytics and Management
and are based in Sydney, NSW.

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CLUB MERCHANDISE

Velcro Club Cap - \$20

Premium Flexifit Club Cap - \$25

Club Socks - \$12

Red Belt - \$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*)

Uniform Packs from Red Stitches Thornleigh

- **T-Ball/Mod-Ball \$50** (*includes black pants, belt, protector and socks*)

- **Liveball \$85** (*includes black pants, belt, protector and socks*)

Training T Shirts

- Kids/Junior sizes 10-16 \$15

- Senior sizes S-5XL \$20

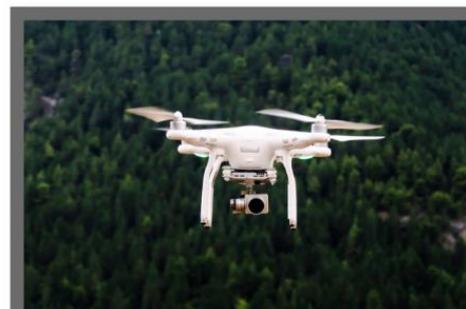
Supporters Shirt - \$30

Club Supporters Jacket - \$70

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

EFTPOS facilities are being finalised and will be introduced in the near future.



Thank you Kamran from Aerial Surfer for donating images of Murray Farm Reserve obtained from Drone Photography. Aerial Surfer have joined our Sponsorship family for the 2018/19 Season.



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

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Thank you to Steve from Steve's Fine Meats for returning as a Sponsor for this Season. You can find Steve's Fine Meats at Shop 8/1Carmen Drive Carlingford.



MATCH REPORTS

Under 8 Braves

Carlingford vs Baulkham Hills

Result: Win 32-25

Congratulations Thomas for being awarded most valuable player and Carlingford for winning the game!



It was a bright sunny Saturday morning at Northmead Reserve.

Our team was playing against Baulkham Hills.

We had a solid batting lineup with Valentina and Ben outshining with strong hits.

At our turn for fielding Ethan made a great attempt to promptly deliver to Ben at first base. Dante and Ryan were doing so well passing back the long hits from the outfield.

It was our turn to bat again and Zack gave a good smooth hit. Ryan enjoyed sliding into fourth base. Daniel made it comfortably to first base with a long hit.

At fielding Yijia gave us good fielding support as hits were regularly coming to outfield. Great dismissal from Dante at second base.

At batting time there was a good hit from Zack taking him straight to second base. Thomas gave us a sensational first home run. Great hit followed by superb running Thomas.

Our players fielding was being tested as the sun pierced throughout the morning.

Daniel was key to dismissing a player at second base.

At batting our players were being faced with improved fielding by Baulkham Hills.

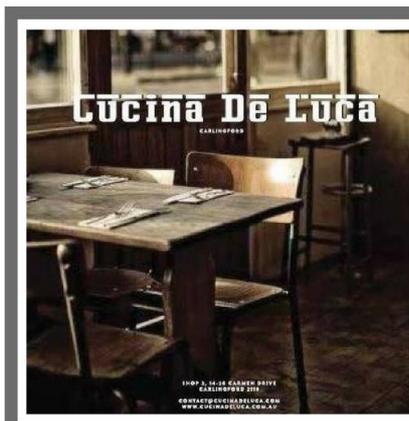
Valentina, Ethan and Dante reciprocated with good fielding and dismissing at first base.

For bat Ben delivered so well he made it easily to third base.

Praise for Ryan for persisting to play.

Thank you Leo for coming to watch the game, we wish you a speedy recovery.

All our players contributed to a great team effort and were heavily supported by Brett.



A very warm welcome to the team at Cucina De Luca, a local cafe in Carlingford! They signed up to be a sponsor for our club this season and did we mention we love their coffee?



www.cucinadeluca.com

Shop 2, 14-20 Carmen Drive, Carlingford

Many thanks Brett for your continual motivation and light humour enjoyed by all.

Also much appreciation for Rachelle and Kimmy for keeping our players organised and ready for play. Elke was kindly motivating our players at third base. Lisa was helping to keep score. The lovely parents and grandparents were cheering along.

U9

Carlingford Red Sox v Castle Hill

Result: Loss 14-26

Congratulations to Connor, our player of the week, for great catches in the field and a double play in the 5th innings.

Our home game at the beautifully manicured Murray Farm got off to a strong start, particularly in the field, taking a quick three outs and keeping Castle Hill scoreless in the 1st innings. We saw some fantastic fielding and teamwork, particularly quick throwing and catching at first and second bases.

Our batting got off to a steady start with much improved fast running to 1st base and our batting highlight in the 3rd innings with some good strong hits to the outfield and five safely home.

Unfortunately we couldn't keep the momentum going with Castle Hill very strong in batting throughout the 2nd to 4th innings. We gave good chase in the field and backed up our players throwing in from the outfield. We also showed good teamwork throughout the match and a growing game sense from all players.

U 10/2

Carlingford Black Socks vs CH Jesters

Result: Win 15-2

Player of the match: Hayden

A sunny morning greeted us as we took the field which had been beautifully prepared by the volunteers. The skills gained at the recent gala day were evident with great contact made by all players and not a stand in sight! Unfortunately Keiren was on the bench with an injury but like a true Black Sock trooper came to support his team.

Bottom of the first witnessed an immense first contact by Hayden which had CH running to the fence line while Zac was on blasting form throughout the match.

Andrew and Gabriel didn't waste time with second base, bypassing it in the third romping on to third. Top of the fourth saw CH all out with loaded bases. Eugene struck up the cheer song from the dugout as Gabriel stepped up; he obviously decided the canteen needed a wakeup call with a direct hit to the roof, his second contact cleared straight down the field. Andrew and Finn kept up the pressure to get Gabriel and Zac home.

A quick turnaround in the fourth thanks to a superb throw by Mel to the first base while Josh threw a whopper from third to first – great arm Josh!

The fifth innings required team work from the fielders which was led by Finn, followed with a great strike by Aleks through the CH fielders.

The Jesters gave a final push in the sixth but great fielding action by Eugene and Luke ended this pretty soon. Mel almost followed Jo's advice to aim for Grady a little too well with a fabulous shot passing the pitcher in the sixth.

Aleks, Hayden and Gabriel showed great concentration as catcher, with several catches into the mitt. It was a great opportunity to show a quick reaction to deal with live shorts balls. Well done Carlo!

Under 11/1

Carlingford vs Winston Hills

Result: Win 14-6

Carlo opened the batting with a hit to 3rd base by Leo followed by a line drive to short stop by Paddy. Lukas hit a massive fly ball which was caught by the short stop but managed to advance the runners. Kobe hit an absolutely brilliant hit to right field for a home run. Jackson got to 1st off a hit to 3rd and some solid base running. The pitcher struck Liam out and then Connor got to first on a fumble by the pitcher. Austin scored a two base hit into left field followed by Lachlan with a hit to centre field. Alex sent a fly ball high into the sky and the pitcher took a magnificent catch to make the third out.

Kobe drew the batters into swinging and sent 2 batters back to the dugout with strike outs. Leo was tremendous as catcher not allowing the ball to get past him at all. The third out was made by Alex at 2nd base. Carlo 5 - Winston Hills 0.

The 2nd batting dig was over quickly with Oscar, Leo and Paddy all getting out on the throw from pitcher to 1st. Time to field again and Kobe showed great pitching skills striking out 2 batters. A wild throw allowed 1 run in for Winston Hills. Kobe collected a ball hit from the tee and with a targeted throw to Liam at first base they ended the dig. Carlo 5 - Winston Hills 1.

Lukas opened the batting with a hit to short stop followed by a 3 base hit from Kobe to centre field. Liam made it safely to first and earned an RBI. Connor motored to first and Coach Scott asked Austin to follow the same

play book as last time. Austin protected the plate valiantly and landed another 2 base hit to left field earning 2 RBIs. Lachlan hit a huge fly ball straight up in the air to become the 2nd out. Alex got a hit to centre field scoring Austin. Oscar's hit off the tee brought Alex home. Leo was hit by a pitch bringing Paddy to the plate who was out on a throw to 1st base.

Lukas, at pitcher, got the first batter out with a throw to Paddy at first. The same play was repeated for the 2nd out and Lukas got the third out with 3 beautiful strikes. Carlo 11 Winston Hills 3.

Some impressive hitting saw Carlo add another 3 runs and the Winston Hills boys tried hard to close the gap.

Another great game for the spectators with Carlo winning 14 to Winston Hills 6.

14U/3

Carlingford vs Hawkesbury

Result: Win 1-8

James W was named player of the match for his consistent display of lethal batting and fielding.

Nick was runner-up for his awesome pitching.

“We are off to a good start people.”

It was the booming voice of catcher and unofficial cheerleader, Max, that echoed across the pastures surrounding Benson's Lane, awakening the nearby cows and exciting the sensitive natures of the horses enjoying their agistment.

Exaggeration it was not.

Murray Farm was off to a blistering start, notching up 7 runs in their first innings. Adam set the scene with a huge first hit and the rest of the team followed suit. Tyler blasted the

ball like Barry Bonds on steroids. Make that Barry Bonds on a double-dose of steroids. James R channelled Hussein Bolt's running between bases and Darcy kept her cool despite a full count, finally claiming a walk that helped her team mates add to their glorious tally.

The feeling of jubilation within the top-ranked team was palpable. But was the notorious Hawkesbury Hawks noose yet to tighten around their fragile, naive necks?

Not yet.

Excellent pitching by Sam ensured the Hawks left the plate disgraced and scoreless.

The score was 7 - 0 and even the wafting aroma of cow dung seemed to signal the smell of victory. But was that the creaking of a hangman's rope that could be heard tightening in the distance?

Perhaps yes.

The Hawks rebounded with a new pitcher and stymied the Cardinals' marauding intentions, keeping the team to a 3-run innings.

The home team then hit back at the plate, amassing 5 runs and looking more dangerous as time progressed.

The Cardinals looked set to self-sabotage their 7-run lead with an appalling 0-run collapse.

There was now only 2 slender runs between victory and a shameful draw.

Nick strolled up to the mound with a massive weight on his shoulders. But the bespectacled pitcher showed no signs of pressure, instead putting the heat back on the Hawks and singeing their feathers in the process.

Nick struck out one player, then fielded a ball to James W on first to claim another scalp.

The first baseman was firing on all cylinders as he deftly took another throw from catcher Max to ensure the call of "time" from the umpire.

If the distinctive Carlingford team mascot really is named after its red-robed Catholic cardinal counterpart, it would seem the team preached an important sermon today - don't get too cocky too early. Except instead of preaching to the masses, they were preaching to themselves. And hopefully listening too.

14U/1 Cardinals

Carlo / Baulko vs Castle Hill

Result: Loss 6-7

Perfect conditions at Murray Farm to close out the home and away season, with a game against the top team in the 14/1 division of the split competition. After last week's gutsy draw against Rouse Hill, it would be a great test for the team heading into finals to match it with the best.

Ben's was back up as the starting pitcher for the Cardinals. This season Castle Hill's power hitting has been a feature, and the bats were swinging again in this innings keeping Eve at 3rd, Tom at left field and Aiden at centre field on their toes. Curiously all 3 outs came courtesy of dropped 3rd strikes, with Jayden recovering each time and throwing to Nathan at 1st to make the outs. It may have been a sneaky plan to practice this play before finals, but it was not doing the nerves of coaches and spectators any good whatsoever. 2 runs to the visitors.

Tom returned to the top of the line-up and earned a walk to 1st. Great running and sliding saw him eventually steal home on a passed ball. Eve and Jack also walked, before Ben slammed a single to left field. All 3 eventually came home and the Cardinals were looking good with 4 runs scored. Nathan was unlucky to hole out to 2nd, before Jayden hit a hopper

to 3rd and was safe. Oli struck out and Aiden walked before Jackson also went down swinging to close the innings.

Top of the second and Ben continue in fine form. Yet another dropped third strike earned the first out (well we know this play works now), before Jack fielded a slowly hit ball and fired a perfect throw to 1st. A couple of walks and a safe hit to left field loaded up the bases, but Ben hit back with some great pitching, sitting the last batter down with a perfect breaking ball to end the innings.

The Cardinals next at bat was over in the blink of an eye, as River grounded the first pitch to 2nd, and Tom and Eve both struck out. Cardinals still up 4-2 after two innings each.

Jack took over on the mound just as Castle Hill started to mount a fightback. A couple of walks, errors, safe hits and a hit by pitch saw the visitors put runners on base and runs in the book. The Cardinals fought back with a couple of good infield plays and a strikeout, but with 5 runs scored the challenge had been set entering into the final innings of the match. And didn't we come close.

Jack was up and showed great discipline to earn a 4 pitch walk. Ben then connected strongly with a hit to centre field and was unlucky to find the fielder, before Nathan continued his good form with a double to right field. Jayden was next in and determined not to go down lightly, fouling a couple off before earning a base on balls. Oli showed similar determination and took it to a full count before unluckily striking out. Aiden and Jackson followed up with patient batting to earn walks, which saw Nathan come home and Jayden, the tying run, move to 3rd. Next up was River and with bases loaded, a walk or a safe hit would be enough to at least secure a draw. But Castle Hill were having none of that and found a saviour in their bullpen, who

promptly blasted 3 straight strikes into the catcher's mitt to end proceedings.

A good, testing hit out for the team which saw the focus and determination that has characterised the latter part of the season continue. A week off now while the team's grand final opponent is determined, no doubt coaches Simon and Tom will be doing everything to keep things razor sharp as the season reaches its climax.

U17/2

Carlingford vs Quakers Hill (Midweek game)

Result : Loss 4-11

Playing at our home ground for a catch up game.

The two teams have met before, with Quakers Hill winning on previous occasion.

Carlingford needed their "A" game if they were to be competitive. Unfortunately Carlo fell 4-11 to opposition in four innings.

At the end of the game, whilst Carlingford didn't win, everyone put in a great effort and it's always nice to see the team support each other no matter what the outcome.

Congrats to Pirates, good job Carlo!