



# THE PITCH

Carlingford Baseball Club Newsletter

## Important Dates

**16th Mar** – PCBL Grand Final  
Murray Farm 1.30pm

**17th Mar** – Legends vs All-Stars

**7th Apr** – Junior Presentation  
Day

**1st May** - AGM

**4th May** – Senior Presentation  
Night – Carlingford Sports &  
Recreation Club

## Position Vacant

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



## President's Welcome

Good luck to Simon's 14/2s and Adam's 14/3s for their grand finals this weekend. Both games are on the same diamond at Bensons Lane so come along with your red and black colours to cheer Adam's team at 9am and Simon's at 11am.

To all those families whose seasons have already ended, many thanks for being part of our Club and I hope to see you all next season! (I cannot make it to Presentation Day as I will be travelling, but Simon will take care of the ceremonies).

I am still seeking nominations for perpetual awards for Coach, Manager and Team of the year. We may also issue Senior Clubperson 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 lines to support your nomination and email your confidential nominations to me at [president@carlingfordbaseball.com.au](mailto:president@carlingfordbaseball.com.au)

**Cheers**  
**Mark Highfield**

# SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT - 4TH MAY 2019



**344 PENNANT HILLS ROAD  
CARLINGFORD**

**6.30PM - LATE**

**\$45 PER HEAD**

**PLAYERS, FORMER PLAYERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS – ALL  
WELCOME**

**LET'S CELEBRATE OUR 2018-19 SEASON,  
AND WHAT A SEASON IT WAS!!!**

**TO BOOK A TABLE CLICK HERE  
OR  
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## **SCOREBOARD**

### **Saturday Scoreboard – 2.3.19**

14/1	Graham Hay	Carlo/Baulko 9 vs Quakers Hill 0
14/3	Peter Street South	Carlingford – no game
11/1	Jim Bergan	Carlingford 2 vs Winston Hills 3
10/2	Col Daisley North	Carlingford 5 vs Castle Hill Archers 1
9	Wendy Vigenser League	Carlingford 34 vs Blacktown 14
8	Peter Schmidt North	Carlingford 18 vs Castle Hill Bowman 29

## WHO IS PLAYING THIS WEEK?

### Juniors



Hills Junior Baseball Association  
Summer 2018/19  
Draw for Saturday 9th March 2019

U14 Street - South League  
**Grand Final**  
Carlingford v Rouse Hill @ BENSONS 2 - 9:00am

U14 Street - West League  
2nd of best of 3 **Grand Final**  
Carlo/Baulko v Quakers Hill @ BENSONS 2 - 11:00am

### Seniors

PACIFIC COAST BASEBALL LEAGUE  
SUMMER SEASON 2018-19  
SATURDAY 9th MARCH 2019



A GRADE DIVISION 2  
Carlingford Cougars - BYE  
**(Grand final Saturday 16th March)**



MASTERS Autumn 2019 Season  
MONDAY 11th MARCH 2019  
C GRADE  
Carlingford Baseball  
v  
North Sydney Leagues  
@ ELS Hall Park - 7:10pm



*Coaches vs Committee*  
*All Stars vs Legends*  
Sunday 17 March @ Murray Farm Reserve  
from 12:00pm

## CLUB MERCHANDISE



**altis**

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.

[www.altis.com.au](http://www.altis.com.au) 

**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](mailto: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](mailto:uniforms@carlingfordbaseball.com.au)

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



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 Castle Hill Knights

Result: Loss 18-29

#### Congratulations Zack for receiving most valuable player of the week!

It was a beautiful morning and we were ready to play our last game of the season.

1st innings kicked off by Ryan batting. Ryan, Dante and Ethan gave us good smooth hits to third base and ran well to first base. Thomas and Ben presented fierce hits helping our players reach home base with Ryan sliding home.

Castle Hill Knights presented challenging hits to the outer field with Thomas comfortably dismissing them early on at second base. Good fielding also shown by Dante at first base promptly dismissing another player.

2nd innings started with good strong hits from Omar, Valentina and Yijia. Great big shots by Thomas and Ben helped our players to run through the bases. We were faced with good tagging from Castle Hill Knights dismissing one of our players at third base.

Brett helped with soft reminders to our players during fielding, gently encouraging concentration and focus. Daniel and Valentina showing skill with good throws in.

3rd innings batting was well lead by Zack, Omar and Valentina. Good running by Dante, Ethan and Yijia with a couple of unfortunate dismissals at third base.

Great dismissal from Ben with a quick field at first base. Good pitching from Yijia and good manning of third base by Daniel. Dante also gave us good throws in from second base.

#### Fourth innings

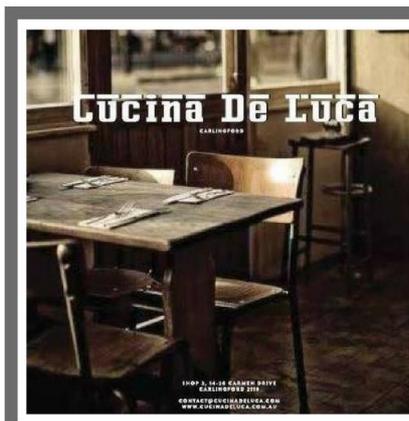
Batting was led by a good outfield hit by Thomas. Ben also gave a high hit to left field. Great mentoring by Justin at third base giving our players friendly encouragement to promptly run through the bases. Yijia, Ryan, Dante and Valentina all ran well.

A beautiful catch by Dante at second base followed by an excellent throw in. Good pairing by Yijia at pitcher and Ben at first base working well together. Thomas also showing great support in the field.

Fifth innings started with Ethan batting. Ethan made it comfortably to first base with a good smooth hit to left field.

Zack gave us a shining dismissal as pitcher by running to first base with the ball.

Last innings was led by Omar, Valentina and Yijia batting. Followed on by good hits from Ryan, Dante and Ethan.



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](http://www.cucinadeluca.com)

Shop 2, 14-20 Carmen Drive, Carlingford

Well done Yijia, Daniel and Valentina for working well together at second base to dismiss the Knights.

The innings came to a close and the players enjoyed their last cheers.

Thank you Lisa for scoring, Rebecca and Rachelle for managing dug out, Justin for supporting our players and all the lovely parents.

It has undoubtedly been an enjoyable, fun and informative season that has been successful due to Brett's leadership, mentoring, humour and discipline. Our players have all heavily benefited by his patience, determination and motivation to assist in their growth and development.

Thank you Brett for all you have done for our Braves family. Our season has completed with smiles all round.

## **U 10/2**

### **Carlingford Black Sox vs CH Archers**

#### **Result: Win 5-1**

The last match of season didn't see any less enthusiasm from the players as Hayden stepped up as catcher for the first innings. Finn's throw to first base had CH at two out at within minutes. Great fielding by Josh and Mel finished CH hopes on loaded bases. CH sought revenge with Carlo taking a while to warm up; Gabriel struck a high ball which advanced the bases but unfortunately was caught for an out.

CH were quickly demolished top of the second innings allowing Carlo to step-up to bat. A great smash by Aleks let him race to second with Josh making a sliding tackle to third; unfortunately he had to retire with an ankle injury. Finn stepped up as catcher in the third; again a quick turnaround saw Carlo step back in to batt. Gabriel hit an immense shot

to get Eugene home opening up the scoring. Andrew hit out to first to get Gabriel home. As Josh returned to the field Zac and Eugene fired up encouragement.

The fourth inning saw no score for CH; Eugene's first contact was a super hit as he advanced to first despite the fielding efforts of CH. Mel, Aleks and Hayden made super batting efforts but were unlucky with the pitching.

The game warmed up in the fifth as Andrew took over as catcher. CH batted a huge hit but were controlled in advancement by great field work by Finn and Hayden. Eugene ended the CH hopes with loaded based again. Gabriel was on fire as he plugged a big hit to get a home run and was met with screams and high-fives from the dug-out! Mel showed steely concentration as she held her nerve to hit a flat shot down the middle getting Andrew home. Zac followed up with a smasher to get Josh home. Aleks was unlucky with the pitch but showed great effort.

Top of the sixth demonstrated text book fielding skills with Mel and Zac throwing a coordinated gentle pitch to first to get the CH batter out. Eugene called the "second out" for the pitcher with Mel and Gabriel finishing the job. Bottom of the sixth with cheers and jubilation Carlo finally beat the CH Archers – demonstrating the skills learned, hard-work and team effort developed throughout the tournament.

The post-match thanks and farewells followed as we acknowledged the contribution of Jo, Grady and Nicole in making this a wonderful season.

A special thanks also to Grady's mum Lindell, who throughout the season has cheered our kids when we were too nervous, offered advice and explained the rules for us newbies! Well done Carlo!

**14U/2****Carlingford vs Quakers Hill****Result: Win 9-1**

It's one of the great debates in footy - whether the week off helps or hinders a team playing finals. This was the question on coach Simon's mind as the Cardinals shaped up for the first game in a best of 3 final series against the Quakers Hill Pirates. The side had come back better than ever after the Christmas break, and two tough encounters against Div 1 teams had really sharpened them up. The week off gave pitchers a chance to rest their precious arms, and everyone else a chance to freshen up - but would the team come out firing or flat?

A great crowd had assembled at Murray Farm to cheer on the brightly clad home team (the yellow *is* starting to grow on you) in near perfect conditions.

The Quakers lead-off has a good eye and likes to hit, and promptly flat batted the first pitch of the match to right field. Good defence from Oli and Eve kept it to to 2 bases. Ben went to work on the next batter and eventually claimed a strike out. The Cardinals quickly had 2 in the book after the lead off, having drawn an overthrow at 3rd while stealing, tried his luck and headed for home - only to be tagged at the plate courtesy of a great throw from Tom backing up at left field. A hit and a couple of walks soon had the bases loaded, but Ben fought back and gloved a skied infield hit to close things out with no runs conceded. Gutsy comeback by the Cardinals.

The Pirates' usual pitcher was unfortunately (for them) out of action, and the home team capitalised. Eve, Jack and Ben all walked and came home after determined base running. Nathan grounded out to shorty, before Jackson connected with a nice line drive through 3rd to score some runs. Jayden and

Tom both walked, with Tom unlucky to be tagged out at 3rd after looking to steal home. Aiden went down swinging to close the innings with 5 runs scored.

Into the second dig and Ben was working hard to find his range. But it was not his day, and a couple of walks brought Jack to the mound. He responded brilliantly, starting with a couple of strikeouts. They say you can't keep a good man down, and Ben was soon back in action for the third out, fielding cleanly and calmly firing a perfect throw to Jackson at 1st.

Oli led off for the home team and earned a base on balls. He eventually stole home to score an important run. River looked determined in the box, and cracked a hard hit foul wide of 1st before striking out. The Cardinals were desperate to keep the pressure on as the Pirates struggled to find a solid pitcher/catcher combination. Eve and Jack again were patient and earned walks, before Ben lit things up with a strong hit to right field. Eve came home, but Jack was unfortunately out at the plate. 2 down but the home team continued to press home their advantage. Nathan and Jackson both walked to 1st after facing full counts, with Nathan stealing all the way home. Jayden put up a colossal fight, fouling off no less than 5 pitches before finally succumbing. 4 more runs had the home team up 9-0 after two.

Jack continued on despite showing a little discomfort from a sore back. He shook that off to cleanly take a swirling infield fly to start things off. Not to be outdone, Aiden took one of the catches of the year, moving back to get under a huge, high hit to centre field - this time his glove showed no signs of indigestion and the catch was cleanly swallowed. A couple of walks before a brilliant throw by Nathan at catcher surprised the runner trying to steal 2nd, and found him short of his ground. Another non scoring innings, and with less than 15 minutes left to play, the

game was well in the Cardinals' keeping. Tom, Aiden and Oli got some practice in the batting box with Tom just failing to beat a throw to 1st. But the game was done, and the final 9-0 score line a fair reflection of the Cardinals' dominance.

Off to Bensons Lane next week to try and wrap up the finals series. A third match, while it would be exciting, is not what anyone wants - and it's doubtful Simon would survive the strain. So here's hoping for the form to continue for at least one more week.