

Upwey Ferntree Gully

Baseball Club

48th Annual Report



2010/2011

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President's Report

Some may think that the season for 2010-2011 was not all that successful for the Club. We didn't win a premiership in any grade and we only had 3 of our 11 teams in Finals with none making it to a Grand Final.

Well, I say it was a fantastic year.

- ✓ We put 5 Senior Men's teams on the park each week.
- ✓ We fielded our Women's team despite a struggle for numbers.
- ✓ We continued to play Master's on a Monday.
- ✓ We had a junior team in each of U/18's, U/16's, U/14's plus 2 teams in U/12's.
- ✓ We also had over 25 kids involved in our Saturday morning TeeBall program.
- ✓ We had the best ground in the competition thanks to Marcus.
- ✓ We had several people volunteer to assist in our canteen.
- ✓ We had Sharon & AJ providing meals every Thursday night after training.
- ✓ We had volunteers helping at every game with tasks such as scoring, marking diamonds, setting up and packing up before & after games.
- ✓ We had volunteers, both players and dads, coaching teams.
- ✓ We always had great attendances at training nights.
- ✓ We had a great coaching staff who worked exceptionally hard to raise the level of skill and general baseball knowledge throughout the Club.
- ✓ We had a very hard working committee who keep the place ticking smoothly.
- ✓ We had enthusiastic members like Richard Kiel (Junior Clubman) who with his Pa, were always at the Club helping out.
- ✓ We had Working Bee volunteers who gave freely of their time to tidy up & repair bits and pieces around the Club.

There are probably a vast number of things I have overlooked here, but.....

Again, I say we had a FANTASTIC year.

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I have already mentioned a few people above but I want to formally say thanks to:

- Sharon Findlay & Andrew Jenkins (Joint Senior Clubman Award winners) for their work in the canteen and around the Club generally
- Richard Kiel (Junior Clubman) for his dedication and enthusiasm
- Marcus Philipsen, groundsman extraordinaire, thanks for the many years of loyal service
- Club Coach Mitch Ayres who is standing down after 3 years
- Coaching Staff – Chris Harman, Lucas Unland, Gary Johnstone (Jnr), Steve Thomson, Glenn Keech, Andrew Jenkins, Michael Yung, Luke Farrelly, Ewan John, Wayne Taylor, Lawrie Hurley, Peter Williams, Geoff Williams, Mitch Dalzotto & James Philipsen
- Finally to Denis Dalzotto, for his tireless efforts which do not go un-noticed. This man puts in a lot of hours keeping this place running smoothly.

Congratulations to all of our award winners. It is always good to be recognised for your efforts and the Club really does appreciate the efforts of everyone both on and off the field.

The 3 positions vacant on the Board at this Annual General Meeting are Treasurer, Director of Facilities and Director of Communications. During the season both Rowan and Jo stood down for work and personal reasons and now Marcus is stepping back to let someone else have a go after something like 10 years. We need your support in these 3 very important roles. To all three I say thanks for your time and energy. We look forward to your presence around the Club.

An area of the Club that does need to improve is the Social side and there are already people discussing and organising activities for next season. Support at some of our functions wasn't as good as we hoped so we are looking to change that around. The canteen and social functions are the major source of income for the Club. If income levels drop the unfortunate consequence is the increase in fees and nobody wants that. I therefore encourage you all to support all our social activities, get together and have fun and raise the well needed cash to keep the place running.

It's your Club. Come and have fun and enjoy yourself. There's nobody to blame but you if you don't.

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Along with the appointment of a new Club Coach, the area of development and recruitment of juniors is to be the focus for the coming season. We hope to set up a group of people dedicated to the recruitment of TeeBall and Junior aged players to the Club. If you are interested please contact myself or any Board member.

As with most things in life, challenges confront us all the time. Once you set the bar at a certain height, the challenge is to raise the bar in the next year. So I challenge every player, coach, member, supporter and friend of the Club to contribute to the growth and success of this Club, our fantastic **Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club – Go Tigers .**

Yours in baseball

Bob Ayres

Registrations	2010-2011		2009-2010		2008-2009		2007-2008	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
TeeBall -U/8	17	3	17	3	20	3	15	
TeeBall -U/10	4	1	8	1	18	2	25	1
Little league	21	1	20	2	16	2	18	2
Under 14	12		12		18	1	24	
Under 16	10		14		13		8	
Under 16 Playing Seniors	5	3	7	1	4		7	
Under 18	3		2		2		1	
Under 18 Playing Seniors	9		8		9		14	
Seniors	46	13	41	15	36	8	49	16
Masters	13		11		8		4	
	140	21	140	22	144	16	165	19
Totals	161		162		160		184	

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Player Management Report

After being associated with the club for over 20 years this year I volunteered my services to the club as director of player management which accepted with open arms.

My first task this year was to set up a leadership group which consisted not only of first players but also junior players this group were as follows

Kieran Lewis
Sean O'Halloran
Phillip Yule
Geoff Williams
James Philipson
Sharon Findlay

I wish to thank all of these people for their input throughout the year as this made my job a lot easier.

The major task was to find umpires for our junior games when we played at home needing to cover 73 games this year we covered all but 4 games I would like to thank all those players who gave up their Sunday mornings. To Mitch and his staff congratulations on your efforts throughout the year. This year we had 3 rookie coaches Lawrie Hurley U12 Gold, Wayne Taylor U12 Black and Ewan John U14 two of which played off in finals not a bad effort.

We started training the U12 & U14 teams on a Friday night late in the season with Chris Harman & Geoff Williams which was enjoyed by most as it was a good learning experience to kids as well as the two coaches hopefully we will start early in season next year as it will be a benefit to all. Tee ball this year saw us struggle a little with numbers to start with but by the year's end we had 27 little up coming baseballers. To Geoff Williams, Peter Williams, James Philipson and Mitch Dalzotto thank you for your time on Saturday mornings.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners this year and finally I would like to thank the board for their assistance throughout the year and I look forward to next season being bigger and better

AJ

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Facilities Management Report

As usual first contact with the club for this season was by way of the preseason working bees. We had 3 working bees prior to the commencement of the regular season. These working bees were well attended with the focus on the sand surfaces of diamonds 1 and 2 and the batting cages. At this stage little did we know of the battle with the weather we would have this season.

After many (10+) years of drought when we knew that after Christmas the ground would be rock hard, the grass would be brown and cutting would require minimal input, we had a fabulous 2009-10 when the amount of precipitation was a ground keeper's dream. This past season of 2010-11 saw the drought break and at least 4 times during the season we received 1 month's rainfall in a day. It showed that baseball diamonds are flat and don't have the grades to effectively disperse the rain water.

The wet conditions affected access to the diamonds on training nights and game days. All diamonds were flooded at least three times during the season and the infield on diamond one was regularly not available for training prior to Christmas to allow the ground to recover for the next games. Unfortunately some local primary schools don't consider others when using the grounds and damaged the fields twice during the season. An attendee to a nearby party one Friday night decided to try his luck by attempting some "donuts" on the diamond 5 outfield. The vehicle became bogged after half a revolution. The details of this event were brought to the attention of the police (thanks Arnie Walters) and Knox council to deal with the matter. The big wet never got the better of us and it was pleasing to see the great attendance to the impromptu working bees called to repair damaged playing fields and the change rooms after another flooding rain.

Notable changes and improvements undertaken in the past year are as follows:

Diamond 1 field

Filling and leveling of the granitic sand between infield and outfield grass that had washed away during the many rain storms.

Pre-season and mid-season work on the batter's circle and pitcher's mound to repair the wear and tear of play and maintain the levels and shape.

Diamond 1 home dugout

The drinking fountain and seating in the dugout were relocated to provide a safer space with improved access. A new wall was constructed between the dugout and the spectator area. This wall provides greater privacy for the players and also supports the helmet / glove shelves and the scoreboard. The loose weight system in the weights room was replaced by a safer fixed weights system.

Batting Cages

The batting cages and the adjacent training apron re-laid with new granitic sand. The batters, positions received synthetic grass mats. The protective screens had all the existing fencing and netting removed and replaced by conveyor belt rubber for

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better protection. The frame of the mobile batting cage was straightened and braced and the netting fixed.

Social Area

Between seasons the old television was replaced by a wall mounted Plasma screen and a PVR to allow for replays of Major League Baseball games to be displayed as well as live games of other sporting codes.

Kitchen

The kitchen received a minor makeover to create a better workspace. The stove was removed to allow the drinks fridge to be placed against a wall. New kitchen appliances include: a microwave oven, a larger bain-marie and 2 food steamers for hotdogs and dim-sims.

Game Day setup

Time was spent with the Under 12 teams to assist and instruct parents with setting up of the field on game day. This includes critical dimensions as well and some peculiarities to do with diamonds 5 and 6. This allows the coaches to coach and maximise their time with the team.

While spending time out on the field pre-game I was often approached by visiting club members who enquired about the affects of the weather on the fields. Given what we have had to deal with they were always complimentary of the game day conditions and the diamonds looked fantastic with the lush grass coverage even though at times they were a bit soft underfoot.

The social area was well patronized during training nights and the senior players enjoyed the surroundings with the television on, the smell of hot food from the kitchen and a vigorous game of table tennis (the local version known as Sting-Pong) being played.

Special mention and thanks to the following club members for your time, organisation of events and/or construction achievements:

Bob Dick – Relocation work in the dugout, installation of the television

Bob Ayres – Mowing services

Rob Findlay – Repair of the mobile batting cage

Glenn Archer and Lawrie Hurley – Improvements to the protective screens in the batting cages

Leon Rice – Dugout wall construction

Mitch Ayres and Chris Harman- for rallying the players for working bees

Thank you to all that volunteered, provided support and helped us during the season. Without your services the players would not have a game to play.

Cheers,

Marcus Philipson

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Club & 1st Nine Report

THE ONES

The second year in division one after a successful 2009/2010 season was one full of excitement. The ones group kicked off early again with training sessions 2 months ahead of season start and we implemented new techniques to help improve skill development. Pre season was taken to a new high with the level of participating increasing, adding in technology and a weights program. We retained all bar one of last years side, picked up a few fresh faces as well and things looked positive for the start of the year.

We were put up against it with the draw we were given, facing the top four sides from last year in the first five weeks which would prove a tough ask to start the new year, but our boys handled the challenge well going down in some tough games.

Also early on in the year we celebrated the life of a team mate and friend in 'Hoppy' who tragically passed away in April of last year by playing a game against local rival and also a team that 'Hoppy' played with in Blackburn. The two teams play for what is now known as the **Brendan Hopcraft Memorial Trophy**. It was a fitting tribute to the man that Hoppy was with the two teams fighting out to the end with Blackburn coming out ahead on the day, but to see the amount of people watching the game and helping the Hopcraft family and friends celebrate the life that was, you could not have asked for a better day.

November proved to be the tigers toughest month, with the boys not putting any points on the board. It was not easy and things looked troubling early on and the break over December seemed to be so far away. However the boys must have been on Santa 'Nice List' because after the break it was a whole new outfit. The tigers came out of the blocks firing and taking a few big scalps along the way and out of the first eleven games we had come away with eight wins and we were no longer hunting but being hunted with teams at the top end not taking us lightly.

We found ourselves being placed in the middle of the pack toward the end of the season and set a goal to finish on top of the lower half of the ladder, it was not to be falling at the final hurdle finishing in the same place as last year, all in all a very productive season.

We had twenty seven different players take the field this year in the ones which just goes to show the depth that the club now has. Our pitching again was outstanding with Ricey, Vanders, Bryce, Molly and Lucas all holding their own throughout the year and again the youngsters of the

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club stepping up when called upon in Josh and Nic. Our defense again was right up with the best in the league even though we had a few guys in different positions then they were used to but they adapted quite well.

The bats however took a little bit longer to warm up and after Christmas they came alive with the likes of Jordy, Will, Baz, Nicco and Pete all turning around their slow starts to put up impressive numbers by the end of the season.

Although we did not make the finals series I believe we had an extremely successful year. The ones now have a big task ahead of them in season 11/12 with teams now understanding the capabilities of the playing group and the playing group now knowing what needs to be done to have an even more successful season.

THE CLUB

Over the past three seasons the club has made huge head waves in development and restructure and benefited from it immensely. We have seen the club grow to what is now 5 senior men's, women's, master's, six junior sides and an ever growing T-ball program.

We had three teams make finals this year but none were fortunate enough to take home any silver wear. None the less, the year overall was a very successful one. Training sessions again were played out with high intensity and it was good to see that it was paying off on the park over the weekends play.

Our coaching staff again did an outstanding job this year, with number of teams increasing it is always hard to find coaching staff but to those who put their hands up or were given a helping hand in taking on a role I thank you very much for the time and effort that each and everyone of you put in throughout the season it does not go unnoticed.

Over the duration of the season you could not help but hear the compliments and comments about how good our park looked and to Marcus and Bob it is a credit to the two of you and your helpers for making our park one that is up there with the best in the league.

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To AJ and Sharon for your efforts though out the year in organizing all of the things behind the scenes, your efforts were second to none and the club is extremely lucky to have help like the two of you who do so much for Upwey.

To the committee again for your support and for helping me out and making life a little easier thank you to you all for your time and efforts.

As you may all be aware I have stepped down as club coach of Upwey after three seasons. Over the past three years we have been through many highs and lows. When I took on the role the club was in division two and had fallen at the post in two consecutive season whilst trying to break back into division one but we jumped that hurdle and have never looked back since. It has been an honor and privilege to take the reigns of one of the most successful clubs in Australian baseball.

To the playing group that has been with me through out it all I thank you for your time, patients and open mindedness when it came to my philosophies and coaching techniques.

To my right hand man Chris Harman, your time and passion throughout the past three season is indescribable. You have been there every step of the way and are a big reason why the club is where it is now and it is credit to you and your hard work that has helped me to guide the club in the direction it has taken.

Finally thank you to all the members of the club, players, supporters and parents for the last three seasons. Without you there would be no club and the support base and playing staff that the club has and will continue to endure will only make the club stronger.

Upwey has a very bright future ahead of it, I hope that the club can continue to grow and develop and once again become as successful as it has been in the past. I hope that the journey that we have been on only leads to bigger and better things and that you have all enjoyed your time with me at the helm.

For the last time as Club Coach

Mitch Ayres

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1sts Batting Stats

Name	G	PA	AB	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAB	SAF	BB	HPB	SO	SB	CS	LOB	OBP	AVG
Ayres, Mitchell	29	124	105	16	35	27	6	0	2	21	0	1	13	2	23	3	0	27	.413	.333
Schroeders, Peter	27	115	95	19	30	25	4	1	0	5	3	1	15	1	11	8	1	26	.400	.316
Barrett, Matthew	25	94	83	16	24	13	11	0	0	10	0	0	11	0	22	3	1	17	.372	.289
Keys, William	28	115	105	17	30	29	0	0	1	8	3	0	6	1	21	4	5	21	.322	.286
Van Der Meer, Michael	21	25	21	2	6	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	5	0	0	5	.400	.286
Chinn, Stuart	26	97	81	10	22	16	6	0	0	12	0	0	11	5	8	0	0	22	.392	.272
Elliott, Jordan	30	122	99	13	24	16	8	0	0	14	2	0	18	2	16	2	0	31	.364	.242
Unland, Nicolaas	26	110	93	10	22	19	2	0	1	11	4	1	12	0	11	4	2	18	.309	.237
Swanton, Justin	24	102	87	15	20	19	1	0	0	12	1	1	10	2	19	6	1	19	.317	.230
Johnstone, Rowan	2	9	9	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.222	.222
Lewis, Kieran	27	108	96	11	19	17	2	0	0	12	2	0	6	6	19	3	0	22	.282	.198
John, Ewan	11	28	28	3	5	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	4	.179	.179
Rice, Leon	8	19	17	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	4	.222	.176
Farrelly, Luke	11	34	31	3	4	4	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	2	10	0	0	6	.194	.129
Cheesman, Brendan	8	14	12	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	2	.214	.083
Fitton, Travis	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
McDermott, Michael	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.000	.000
Rice, Nicholas	6	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	2	.300	.000
Yung, Joshua	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000
Summary	370	1129	971	137	247	199	43	1	4	117	17	4	111	24	180	35	11	230	.339	.254

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2nds - Season Report

Another successful season for the two's going 9W - 5L - 2D and into finals. We got over the line against Blackburn in the semi final but came up against Geelong who had been who had been embarrassed by Essendon and showed they were knocking us over by the mercy rule in 7.

Again we had over twenty players go through the two's and settled nearing the finals. Through the course of the season players stood out like, Billy Findlay, Ewan John and Matt Minchin and helped by Willo, Cheesy, Macka, Fitto, Leon with Nic, Jack and Josh the youngster in a team that just got it done.

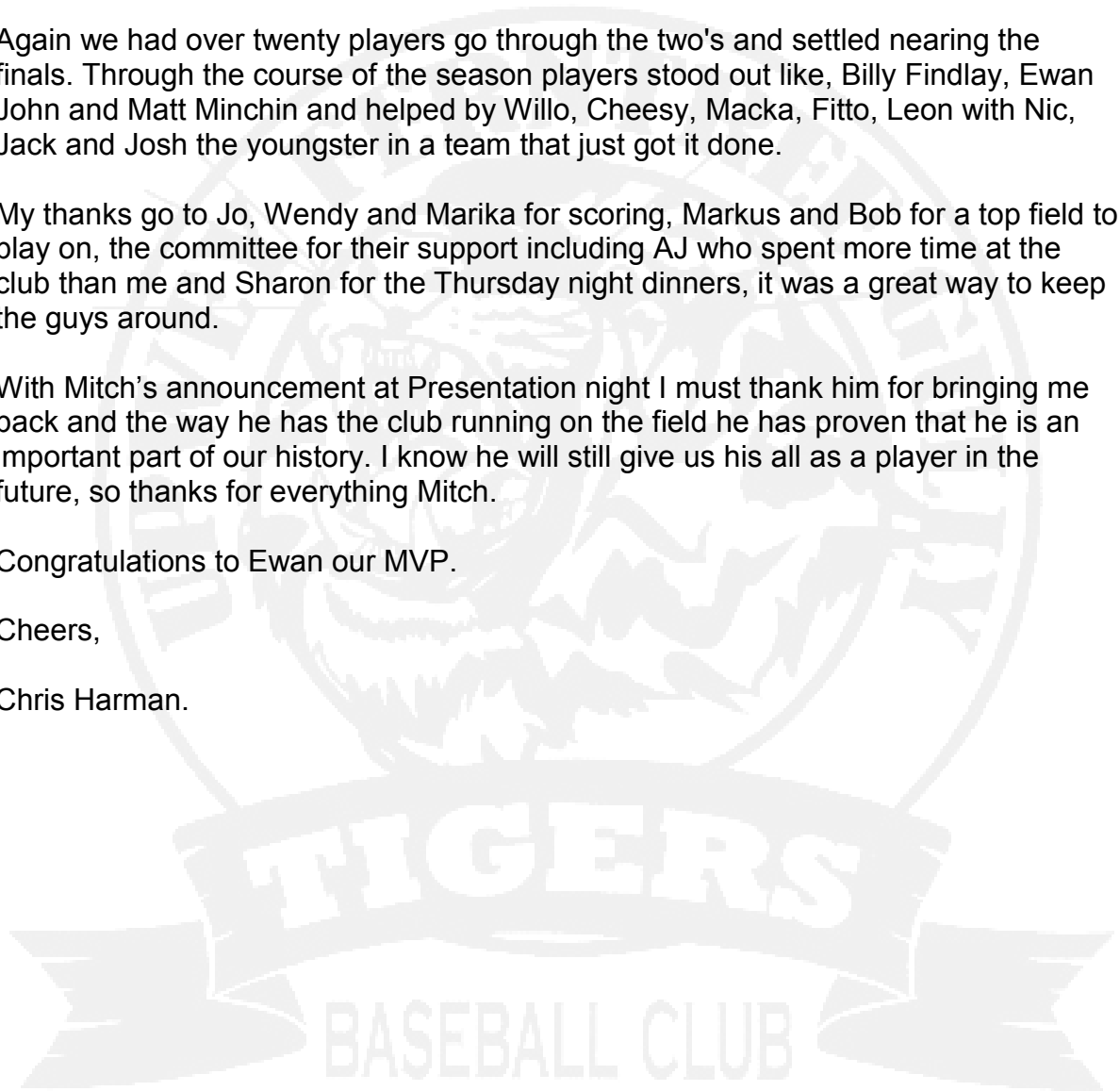
My thanks go to Jo, Wendy and Marika for scoring, Markus and Bob for a top field to play on, the committee for their support including AJ who spent more time at the club than me and Sharon for the Thursday night dinners, it was a great way to keep the guys around.

With Mitch's announcement at Presentation night I must thank him for bringing me back and the way he has the club running on the field he has proven that he is an important part of our history. I know he will still give us his all as a player in the future, so thanks for everything Mitch.

Congratulations to Ewan our MVP.

Cheers,

Chris Harman.



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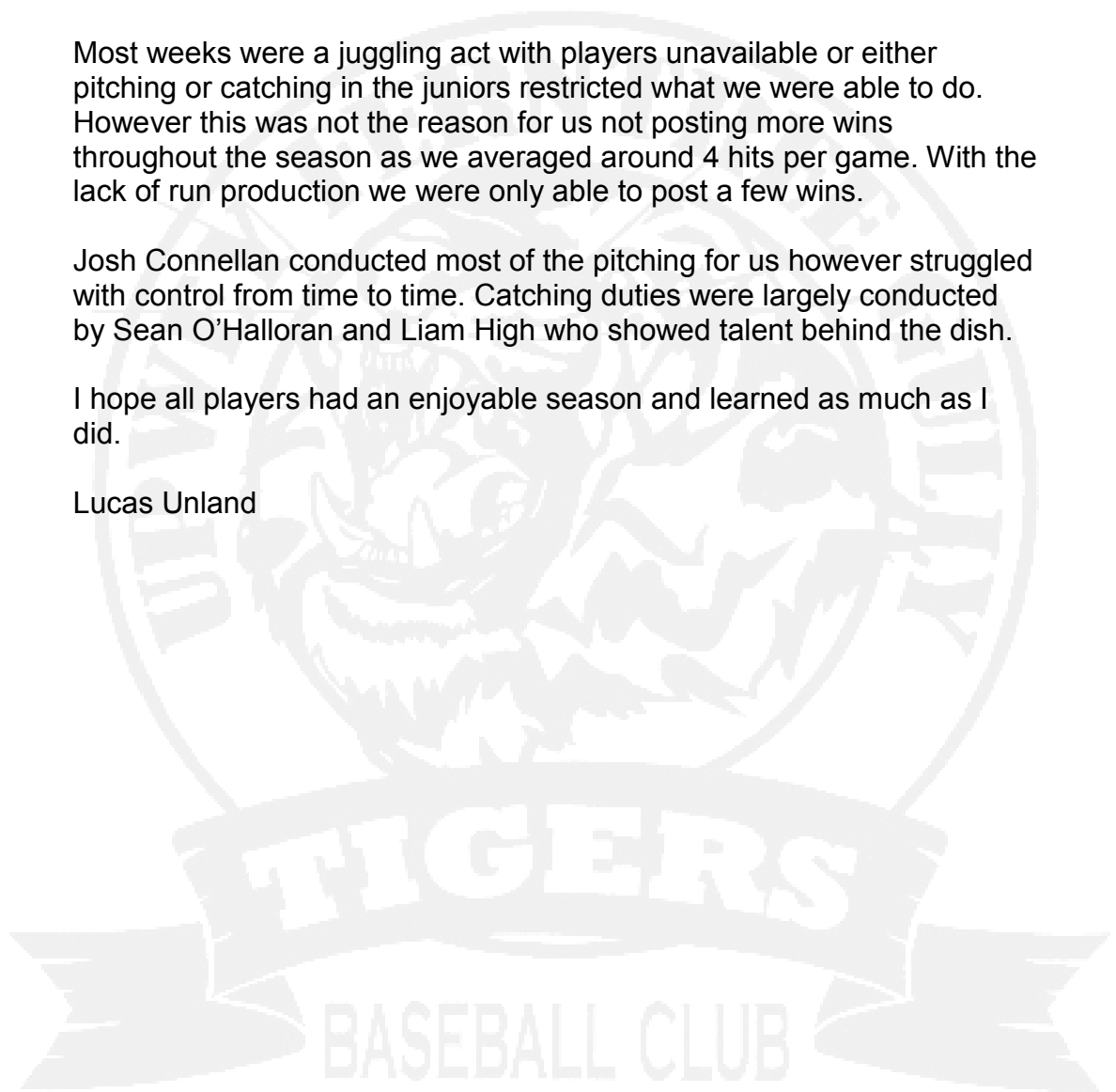
The 2010-2011 Season was a challenging year for the thirds. With lots of movement of players between teams and the majority being under the age of 19 the main objective was to see improvement of our players.

Most weeks were a juggling act with players unavailable or either pitching or catching in the juniors restricted what we were able to do. However this was not the reason for us not posting more wins throughout the season as we averaged around 4 hits per game. With the lack of run production we were only able to post a few wins.

Josh Connellan conducted most of the pitching for us however struggled with control from time to time. Catching duties were largely conducted by Sean O'Halloran and Liam High who showed talent behind the dish.

I hope all players had an enjoyable season and learned as much as I did.

Lucas Unland



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4ths - Season Report

The 4ths started the season with some pretty big losses and a large number of players churning through the roster. Without having a settled team, it was hard to get wins on the board but the guys were competitive and pulled in a couple of strong wins and close games.

By mid-December we had settled down to a pretty steady line-up, although we had lost Gaz after being hit in the eye when warming up with his team mates! December through to early February we scored some strong wins. We held Werribee off to win 8-7 and managed to hold off a late charge from Malvern to win 8-7 again. We also managed to come back from 2-5 down to against Essendon to win 10-6. Unfortunately we didn't manage to win against the teams close to us on the ladder and missed out on the finals, but we ended the season with a spirited performance against the league leaders Fitzroy going down 4-9.

It is great to see several U16 players in the line-up and making strong contributions; Mitchell Dalzotto, Declan High, Alex Oldriks and Mitchell Thomson all played key roles through the season. Mitch D, Alex and Declan earned games in the 3rds and it was great to see Mitch T have an injury free season. The older guys all contributed greatly as well, notably Bobby Simonton who continues to earn a role in the starting line-up after 51 years of baseball.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the behind the scenes tasks of getting the team on the ground every week, in particular Catherine High for scoring the majority of our games.

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4ths Batting Stats

Player	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	BB	SO	SB	RBI	OBP	Slg	BA
Lucas Unland	1	3	2	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1.000	1.000	1.000
Roger Cheeseman	1	3	2	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	.667	1.000	.667
Kutay Dal	2	6	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	.500	.500	.500
Tim Annett	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	.667	.500	.500
Geoff Williams	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	.500	.500	.500
Michael Rice	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.500	.500	.500
Rowan Johnstone	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.500	.500	.500
Sean O'Halloran	3	7	2	3	1	0	0	4	1	0	1	4	.500	.571	.429
Gary Johnstone	4	10	3	4	1	0	1	8	1	6	1	4	.455	.800	.400
Bob Simonton	14	33	15	12	1	0	0	13	13	0	4	4	.543	.394	.364
Michael Yung	6	12	3	4	1	0	0	5	4	1	1	4	.500	.417	.333
Liam High	3	6	4	2	1	0	0	3	5	0	2	0	.636	.500	.333
Tristan Mealey	2	6	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	.429	.333	.333
Glen Archer	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	.600	.333	.333
David Hair	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	.333	.667	.333
Doug Moore	15	44	11	14	3	1	0	19	2	8	4	11	.348	.432	.318
Damien Sharp	13	32	14	10	0	0	0	10	7	1	12	3	.463	.313	.313
Scott Dean	11	27	10	8	1	0	0	9	4	3	10	6	.424	.333	.296
Stephen Thomson	4	7	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	.375	.286	.286
Mitchell Dalzotto	13	36	5	10	3	0	0	13	1	6	3	6	.297	.361	.278
Alex Oldriks	9	22	5	6	1	0	0	7	3	5	1	3	.360	.318	.273
Duncan McAlister	8	21	3	5	1	0	0	6	0	2	5	2	.304	.286	.238
Declan High	10	26	4	6	1	1	0	9	2	4	6	3	.310	.346	.231
Leigh Dillion	3	10	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	3	0	1	.273	.300	.200
Mitchell Thomson	10	23	2	3	0	0	0	3	2	8	2	0	.200	.130	.130
James Philipson	3	8	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	.300	.125	.125
Mick Gilbert	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.400	.000	.000
Dylan Archer	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Jarryd Cowan	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	.250	.000	.000
Josh Connellan	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Dave Elliott	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
TOTALS	16	370	100	108	18	2	1	133	57	55	57	63	.396	.359	.292

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4ths Pitching Stats

Player	G	IP	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	HB	SO	WP	W	L	SV	ERA
Sean O'Halloran	1	1.1	4	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0.00
Jarryd Cowan	1	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.00
Lucas Unland	2	12	5	2	6	2	0	0	1	0	23	0	0	0	0	1.50
Declan High	6	13.2	6	4	16	0	0	0	10	1	10	0	0	0	0	2.63
Tristan Mealey	2	6	6	6	3	0	0	0	3	0	8	5	0	0	0	9.00
Doug Moore	10	25.2	47	39	33	10	1	0	40	6	15	18	0	0	0	13.68
Josh Connellan	1	3	7	6	8	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	18.00
Alex Oldriks	3	5	19	11	10	3	0	1	6	2	3	8	0	0	0	19.80
Mitchell Thomson	5	8.1	24	20	13	2	0	0	19	3	4	6	0	0	0	21.60
Tim Annett	2	3.1	11	10	7	0	0	0	7	1	3	3	0	0	0	27.00
Duncan McAlister	1	0.2	4	2	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	27.00
Michael Yung	1	1	5	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	45.00
TOTALS	16	80.2	138	105	102	19	1	1	96	15	74	41	0	1	0	11.71

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5ths - Season Report

This season saw the introduction of a fifths team playing in Division three alongside teams from Cheltenham (2), Doncaster (2), Blackburn, St Kilda, Fitzroy, Essendon and Preston (until they forfeited the remainder of the season in the final games prior to the Christmas break.)

The team for the most part was made up by a collection of new players to the club: Josh Melton, Kutay Dal, Damien Wallace and Leigh Dillon, with Glen and Darren Keech returning to UFTG for the first time since their junior days, some ten years earlier. The remainder of the team was for the most part made up by Glenn and Dylan Archer, Michael Gilbert and cameos from Chris Harman, Sharon Findlay and some handy juniors along the way. But early on in the season player numbers were the main issue for the side, and pitching stocks were limited for the most part, Darren Keech taking a lot of that burden and a heavy reliance on 14 year old Dylan Archer as the season wore on, who battled manfully given his young age.

The first month brought the side its only two wins for the season, an epic 16-15 win over Doncaster B and a solid (11-5) victory over the struggling Preston. There were some helpful contributions from higher-grade players during this time, notably pitchers Harman and Alex Oldriks as well as Scott Dean, Bob Simonton, Damien Sharp, Geoff Williams and Duncan McAlister.

As the season wore on the gap between top and bottom seemed to widen, the last points gained on the table were those from a 12-12 draw with Cheltenham TK on the 7th November, a long way from the season's end. Games where the UFTG side was competitive first time around produced one-sided results later in the season. There was a general consensus from the group however - that despite the scoreboard – there had been some real individual improvements, and that the team *itself* had really developed as a group and were in fact performing many of the simple baseball principles better than they had been at the start of the season. ¹There was probably a case for the side to have been registered in Division Four given the general inexperience of the group given the end result of last place (removing Preston's non finish to the season). In the last five games of the season the side gave up 99 runs to the opposition, whilst only managing 12 off their own bats. ²Spirits did remain incredibly upbeat despite the win drought, and the group were as eager and optimistic for round 18 as they were for round one. They were confident of an upset all the way to the final out of the season.

Glen Archer was named a deserving MVP for the team.

Fitzroy beat Essendon in the Grand Final 7-5.

	Team	P	W	L	D	Bye	Win pct
1	Essendon	15	12	2	1	1	83
2	Cheltenham KK	16	11	4	1	1	72
3	Fitzroy	17	11	4	2	1	71
4	Doncaster A	15	8	6	1	1	57
5	St. Kilda A	16	8	6	2	1	56
6	Cheltenham TK	16	8	7	1	1	53
7	Blackburn	16	6	10		1	38
8	Doncaster B	14	3	10	1	1	25
9	Upwey FTG	15	2	12	1	1	17
10	Preston	8	0	8			0

¹ As a side note: team members Glen Archer, Dylan Archer, Josh Melton, Kutay Dal and Leigh Dillon are all now teammates in the Knox E1 side for the winter season

² UFTG played all finalists in the last four games of the season, finishing with eventual premiers, Fitzroy (who used a former state junior in their side as a pitcher, whom they were trying to qualify for finalists) and runners-up, Essendon in the last two games.

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Masters - Season Report

It's fair to say that this year just wasn't our year in terms of win-loss record. We finished with only two wins from 14 games to share the wooden spoon with Carrum Downs. The heartbreaking part was the four games we dropped along the way when we were leading going into the last innings. If we'd been able to hold on in those situations, we would have had a very satisfactory middle of the table finish. That's not bad when you consider that the Melbourne side who won our Division were a very large chunk of the 2010 over-50s Pan Pac Champions and the second-place Wheelers Hill side had, by their own admission, four players who were playing Division 1 first grade only a few seasons back (I hope they're all investing in new wooden bats for their promotion to Div 1 Masters next season!).

As always however, we did have a lot of fun. Particularly pleasing to see was the number of new players "blooded" this past season - Michael (Faz) Farrington, Mick (Kenny G) Gilbert, Rod (Just Rod) Searle, and Wayne (Tails) Taylor. We also saw the return of two "legends" in Dave Elliott and Greg Rice. Unfortunately we did have to make a sad farewell to one of our original founding team members mid-way through the season. Toshi Tsukaguchi made the long trip over to Perth to take up a new job offer and we wish him all the best in the West.

At this point I'd also like to make a correction to the official record. Wayne Taylor did, despite what's written in the scorebook, knock in our solitary home-run for the season over at Sandringham. Despite the fact that everyone south of Sydney saw the ball clearly over the cones, the Sandy centre-fielder decided "it just dropped in by six inches", which was an interesting call considering the ball was hit so far over his head, we were almost closer to it sitting in the dugout. So belated congratulations to Tails. Congratulations also to Micky Gilbert who took out the MVP award in his first season with us. The way he hits the ball it probably won't be the last time.

As always there are many people to thank (and my apologies if I forget anyone - I'm old).

First and foremost our thanks to AJ for setting up, cooking the BBQ, cleaning up, locking up (and everything else in between) at all our home games. Sharon was also there on a number of occasions lending a hand. Given that Billy's a bit young for masters yet, we do appreciate the special effort Sharon made to lend her support. Fleur Farrington also pitched in despite having her arm in a sling for much of the time. My thanks as always to the rest of the Yung clan - Lucy, Maddie and Josh for scoring, umpiring, serving and dish washing throughout the season.

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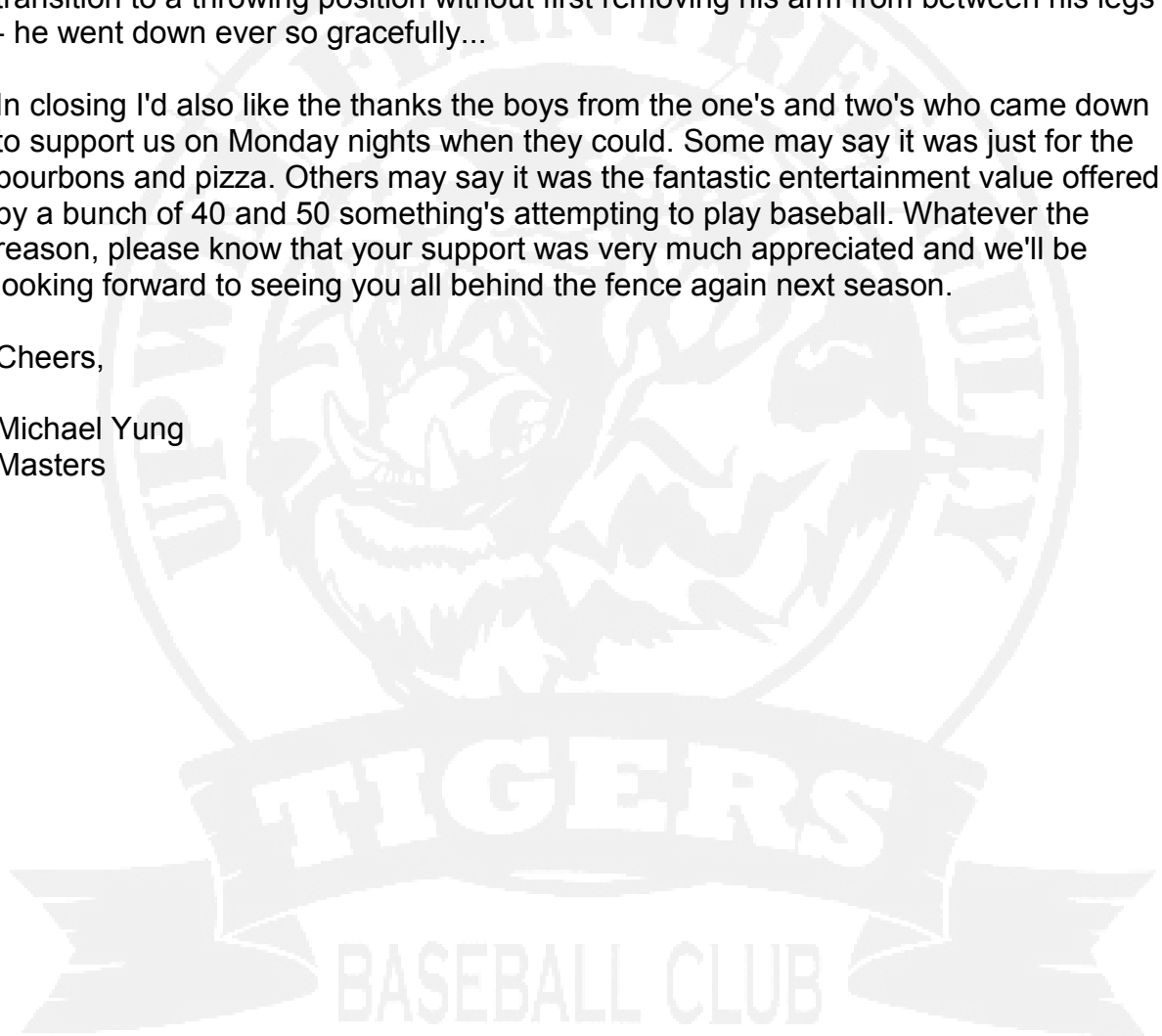
Masters - Season Report

Chris Harman was as usual tremendous support to me in managing the games and helping make those player assignment decisions that as we all know are absolutely critical in Div 2 Masters (seriously!). I'd also like to thank Harmo for providing one of the defensive highlights of the season. Imagine a pitcher running backwards off the mound to field a slow roller and reaching with his glove hand through his legs from left to right. Then imagine him bringing his legs together in an attempt to make the transition to a throwing position without first removing his arm from between his legs - he went down ever so gracefully...

In closing I'd also like to thank the boys from the one's and two's who came down to support us on Monday nights when they could. Some may say it was just for the bourbons and pizza. Others may say it was the fantastic entertainment value offered by a bunch of 40 and 50 something's attempting to play baseball. Whatever the reason, please know that your support was very much appreciated and we'll be looking forward to seeing you all behind the fence again next season.

Cheers,

Michael Yung
Masters



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Women's - Season Report

A very hard season for the women winning only four games for the year two by default and the other two, one was against Berwick but the biggest win of the year was against Footscray who were third on ladder one the few times in the year when we had nine players all that aside it was very enjoyable coaching these women because no matter how many players we had they all gave 110%.

We did manage through the efforts of Shaz to pick up a few players as the season went on I would like to thank & congratulate Shaz on her efforts in organising the team every week. not an easy task not knowing if we were going to have a team each week.

Hopefully next season will be bigger and brighter for girls as they enjoy getting out there and having a game of baseball.

AJ

Batting Statistics

Womens Divison 3 2010/2011

Player	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	BB	SO	SH	SF	SB	RBI	OBP	Slg	BA
LOUISE TAYLOR	6	11	6	7	0	0	0	7	5	2	0	0	5	9	.765	.636	.636
KIM STONE	7	17	5	7	1	0	0	8	3	1	0	0	1	11	.500	.471	.412
JESSICA WEARNE	7	17	10	6	1	0	0	7	4	2	0	0	5	6	.476	.412	.353
ANGELA BURNS	7	13	7	4	0	0	0	4	8	7	0	0	9	1	.591	.308	.308
NAOMI REID	6	14	5	4	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	7	1	.444	.286	.286
ELLYCE CHIVERS	3	7	4	2	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	0	2	2	.500	.286	.286
NARRELLE QUINN	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	.200	.200	.200
CASSIE HILLIER	3	7	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	.143	.143	.143
SHARON FINDLAY	7	15	4	1	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	4	.222	.067	.067
ELINOR JACK	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	2	1	.444	.000	.000
NICOLE BEHAN	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333	.000	.000
BELINDA TRELOAR	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	.667	.000	.000
STEPHANIE SADLER	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.500	.000	.000
JENNY REID	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.500	.000	.000
KATIE DALTON	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
TOTALS	7	118	44	33	2	0	0	35	39	27	0	0	32	37	.465	.297	.280

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Women's Fielding & Pitching Stats

Fielding Statistics

Womens Divison 3 2010/2011

Player	G	C	PO	A	E	DP	PB	SB	CS	CSA	FA
SHARON FINDLAY	7	14	7	7	0	0	4	17	2	.105	1.000
ELINOR JACK	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1.000
CASSIE HILLIER	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1.000
JENNY REID	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1.000
LOUISE TAYLOR	6	28	20	7	1	0	8	25	3	.107	.964
NAOMI REID	6	19	7	10	2	0	0	0	0	.000	.895
JESSICA WEARNE	7	25	19	3	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.880
ANGELA BURNS	7	14	5	5	4	0	0	0	0	.000	.714
NARRELLE QUINN	2	7	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	.000	.714
KIM STONE	7	12	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	.000	.500
ELLYCE CHIVERS	3	8	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	.000	.500
BELINDA TRELOAR	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.500
STEPHANIE SADLER	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
NICOLE BEHAN	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
KATIE DALTON	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
TOTALS	7	133	71	39	23	0	12	42	5	.106	.827

Pitching Statistics

Womens Divison 3 2010/2011

Player	G	IP	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	HB	SO	WP	W	L	Sv	Sho	ERA
SHARON FINDLAY	3	2.2	4	4	3	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	13.50
NARRELLE QUINN	2	4.1	17	7	11	0	0	0	8	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	14.54
NAOMI REID	4	13.0	41	31	24	0	0	0	22	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	21.46
JESSICA WEARNE	4	7.0	18	18	7	0	0	0	3	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	23.14
LOUISE TAYLOR	2	0.2	9	9	1	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99.99
TOTALS	7	27.2	89	69	46	0	0	0	47	4	19	5	0	0	0	0	22.45

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U18 Major League - Season Report

We had a great start to the season defeating Waverley and continuing through the first rounds undefeated 4W - 0L - 1 rainout, this saw us in the new Major League and into the regular season.

At the Christmas break we were 3W - 2L and then after the break we went 0W - 6L to finish 6th with 3W - 8L, it was one of those times where we couldn't put a thing together and finished the season overall 7W - 8L.

I must thank Michael for his help as well as Lucy, Greg, Glen and Ian for scoring, Marcus for marking out the field and AJ for his work in the canteen and organizing umpires and anyone I've forgotten as I often do.

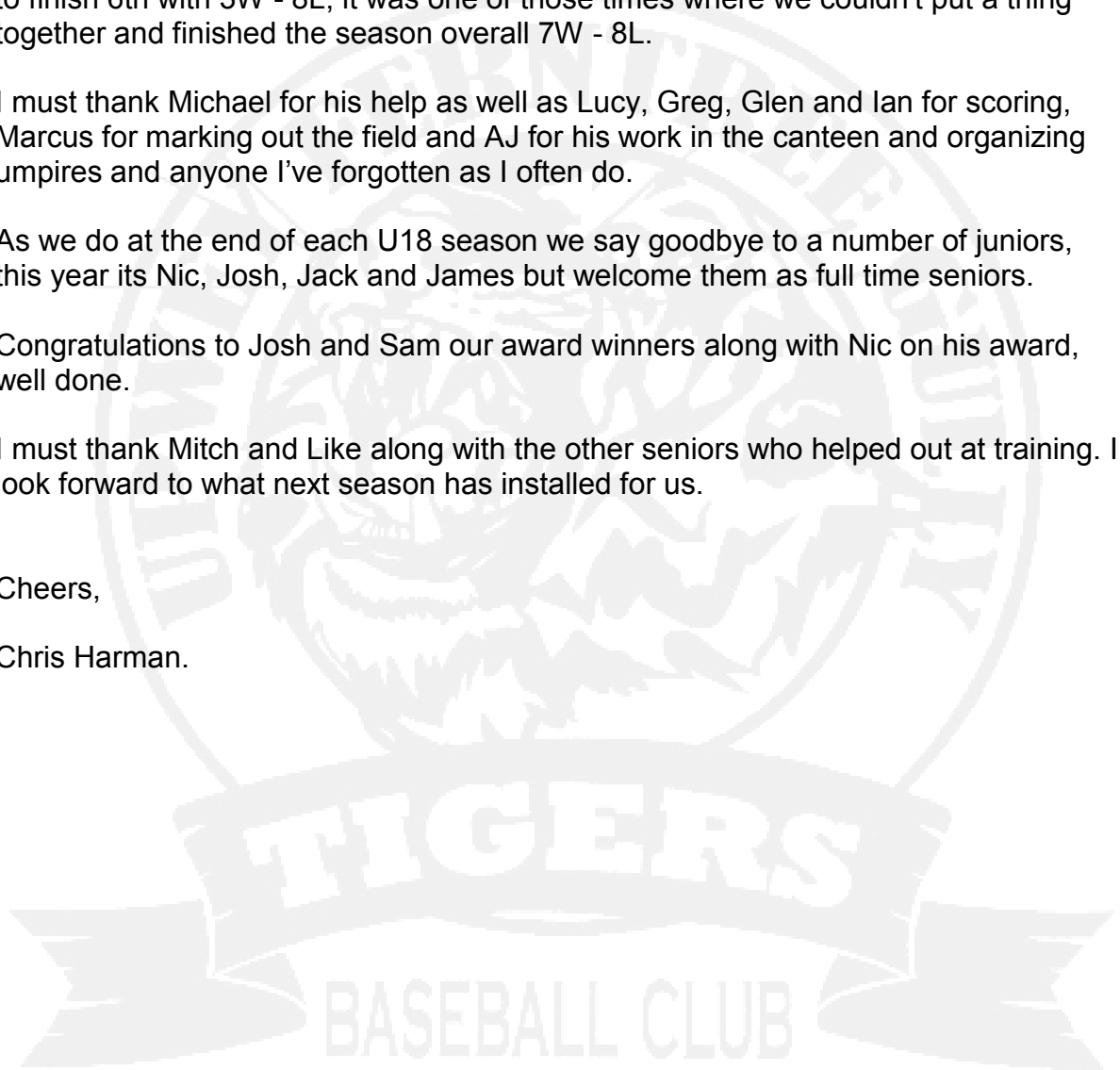
As we do at the end of each U18 season we say goodbye to a number of juniors, this year it's Nic, Josh, Jack and James but welcome them as full time seniors.

Congratulations to Josh and Sam our award winners along with Nic on his award, well done.

I must thank Mitch and Like along with the other seniors who helped out at training. I look forward to what next season has installed for us.

Cheers,

Chris Harman.



Upwey FTG Major League U18 Players

ARCHER, Jack	GRAY, Samuel - Coaches Award
CAMPLI, Adam	PHILIPSEN, James
CONNELLAN, Joshua	RICE, Nicholas
COWAN, Jarryd	SADAMOTO, Yuto
DAVIDSON, Jay	YUNG, Joshua - MVP
FINDLAY, Billy	ZISSIS, Christopher

Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club

U16 Major League - Season Report

The 2010/11 season was a successful one for the U16 Tigers. It was full of development and progression towards each player's baseball potential. Through the grading games we developed a sense of high hope and confidence which was produced by consistent performances on a weekly basis. It allowed us to reach the premier division in Baseball Victoria's re-structured Junior Program. The opportunity came for us to play in the big league, the show the U16 Major League. Which is the closest that Mitch and I will ever come to the Majors!

Once we were playing in the new division we certainly saw some talented baseballers and quality teams. This was great for us, a new test, a test we were willing to take head on. The year would prove to offer some fantastic performances, some were inspiring and some others, well, we will let them fade into our memories. The team worked really hard together, trained hard and played hard. A credit to their work ethic. The hard work gives them the right to walk away from the season with their heads held high, knowing they have given it their all.

The team needs to be acknowledged for the way they conducted themselves throughout the season. They proved to be a fantastic representative of the club.

What a fantastic bunch of people to be around, a character for every situation. It may have been someone prompting fits of laughter after a clumsy act, another checking our score with the scorer of another game or maybe a player being knocked down rather quickly, with Dad right behind him to 'share' a laugh. Amongst these good times, there are some quality baseballers. It is those guys and girls that are the future of our club, to keep us playing in years to come.

Well done U16 Tigers. Be Proud.

Mitch & Luke

Upwey FTG Major League U16 Players

ARCHER, Dylan	RAPER, Sam
BLIGHT, Tom	RECKE, Brendon
CURTIS, Yarran	RECKE, Kristopher
DALZOTTO, Mitchell	SADLER, Todd - Coaches Award
MVP - HIGH, Declan	SPIERS, Matt
MAZZARELLA, Bryce	THOMSON, Mitchell
MUNTER, Daniel	WEARNE, Jayden
OLDRIKS, Alex	WEARNE, Jessica

Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club

U14 AA - Season Report



***No Report
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Upwey FTG AA U14 Players

CARR, Steve

SMITH, Carter

CHRISTIE-DOSSETTER, Jayden

STEVENS-DOBBY, Forest

Coaches Award - JOHN, Mitchell

VAN SPALL, Morgan

MVP - RICE, Thomas

WILLIAMS-DYSON, Lachlan

ROSS, Nicholas

YATES, Shen-Tai

SEK, Ashley

Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club

Little League AAA 'Gold' - Season Report

The Under 12 Gold team had a fantastic 2010 season, We started with a number of boys and a Coach who were playing their first season of baseball ever. But with a lot of help from Nigel (James's Dad) and support from the Committee and Club Coaches we had more wins than losses and learnt a lot along the way.

Throughout the season the boys were encouraged to play in the different positions on the field, with all of the boys finding success at most of the positions. I think we had the next Australian Teams- Pitcher, Catcher, First, Second & Third Basemen, Short Stop, Left, Center and Right, Out Fielders on the team.

I would like to thank all the parents who helped out during the Year, especially Nigel for help with the coaching, Kristina for doing the scoring every Sunday & Bob for helping with setup when we were playing at home.

Some of the boys will be playing Winter Baseball at Knox this season, so they will be able to hone the skills they learned over summer, so if any of the Under 12s would like to come down and have some fun please turn up.

I would like to congratulate all the boys for the effort they put in to their training and their game, it showed as we were able to make it into the finals this year. I hope to see them all back in 2011 so we can have a hit and have some fun

Whatever sport the boys choose to play over the winter, if they put in the same effort they did with their baseball, they will have success.

Thanks for a great year
Lawrie Hurley
Coach
Under 12 Gold

Upwey FTG Little League AAA Gold Players

CARR, Rick	KIEL, Richard
DILOSA, Alex	SLATER, Luke
Coaches Award - DURANT, Thomas	SOUTHCOTT, Joel
HURLEY, David	STEVENS-DOBBY, River - MVP
JONES, Cameron	WOLSTENCROFT, James

Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club

Little League AAA 'Black' - Season Report

This season was challenging for myself as I have never coached baseball before or any sporting teams.

I had never met the team prior to the season commencing and knew nothing of them or their abilities. In a short time I ascertained the boys' strengths, abilities and personalities. As the season commenced I learnt more about the game even though I have watched my son play for the last 9 years. The team was understanding of me and on several occasions they even told me politely some rules that I was not aware of.

The team really improved towards the end of the season. By that time all boys had pitched, most had caught and all played in field and outfield.

Some boys were not confident in playing the catching position and to be honest some of the boys' arms were not strong enough to play that role.

I would like to thank Bob Ayres for his support throughout the season, Mitch Ayres and Chris Harman for training the boys during the week.

Congratulations to Jordain McNAY the teams MVP. Jordain was energetic, supportive of his team, he threw himself around in the dirt whilst catching, he pitched very well, was a player I could rely on infield and batted strongly.

I would like to acknowledge Leon OMICHI, who was the teams starting pitcher on most occasions. He threw the ball hard and regularly threw strikes and made it very hard for the opposing teams.

All the boys had a go at pitching, obviously some were stronger than others. I was proud to see the boys continue to battle on whilst pitching and I was delighted to see their happy faces when they did throw a strike or get a strike out. I think their parents were also delighted to see their boys given the opportunity to pitch and experience the moment. Every member of the team steadily showed improvement in all areas of the game- running around bases, bat speed, knowledge of the game. They all supported each other no matter what. I was proud of all the boys in the way they supported each other.

I would like to thank Leon's father Nobou. He helped the team warm up each morning, took on the first base coaching role, and when I was unavailable he took on the coaching role. Thanks to Michelle - Luke's mum for her assistance as team manager and organising the boys on the bench.

Thanks to all the parents who got involved with setting up the grounds, scoring or in some way assisting the team and getting the boys to the ground every Sunday morning. Thanks to all the boys in the Black team for their support and efforts throughout the season.

Thanks again,

Wayne Taylor

Upwey FTG Little League AAA Black Players

BARDSLEY, Jai

BLAKE, Daniel

CHESTNEY, Josh

FARRINGTON, Riley

MCNAY, Jordain - *MVP*

MORTON, Luke

OMICHI, Leon

WEARNE, Jordon

Coaches Award - BROCK, Bailey

Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club

Tee Ball - Season Report

Season 2010/11 saw James PHILIPSEN and Mitch DALZOTO again put their hands up to run the program. Assistance was at hand in the form of Geoff WILLIAMS and Peter WILLIAMS (not related, but brothers in baseball). The combination of younger ideas with older experience proved a good blend. The sessions became both practical and interesting in the way the drills were conducted to develop skills.

Peak numbers at sessions were well over 20 but the average attendance was 15+. This gave good numbers to run drills and sufficient for the all important game to finish with. The final day when parents played their offspring showed that the parents had been paying close attention to what had been going on.

The regular attendance was commendable especially as there were so many wash outs and wet days during the 'summer' season.

The aim must be for this program to grow to at least 40 participants. In this way sessions can be part training and development and part competition. The program can then help these youngsters to develop skills, to grow friendships, to acquire a liking for playing outdoors and for the junior club to get players with a good grounding in the skills needed to play baseball.

Full credit must be given to James and Mitch who have had so much to do with T-Ball over the past couple of years. Geoff and Peter enjoyed working with them and were glad to be of assistance. But do not forget Marcus PHILIPSEN who ran the 'admin' side and there were others too behind the scenes helping this to take place.

This club was built on 'home grown' talent and starting at the very grass roots is an important part of that. The more support the club as a whole can put into T-Ball, the greater the rewards the club will reap.

I hope 2011/12 will be bigger and better and that we see a return to those days when T-Ball 'fed' an entire team into junior baseball.

Peter WILLIAMS on behalf of James, Mitch and Geoff

Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club

Season 2010-2011 Award Winners



Little League AAA 'Gold' MVP	River Stevens-Doby
Coaches Award	Thomas Durant
Little League AAA 'Black' MVP	Jordain McNay
Coaches Award	Bailey Brock
Under 14 AA MVP	Thomas Rice
Coaches Award	Mitchell John
Under 16 Major League MVP	Declan High
Runner up MVP	Todd Sadler
Under 18 Major League MVP	Josh Yung
Coaches Award	Sam Gray
Mike Snoxell Trophy	Billy Findlay
Syd Waters Award	Nicholas Rice
John Williams Award	Mitchell Dalzotto & James Philipsen
Best Junior Club Person	Richard Keil
Women's MVP	Sharon Findlay
Masters MVP	Michael Gilbert
Fifths MVP	Glenn Archer
Fourths MVP	Bob Simonton
Thirds MVP	Tim Annett
Seconds MVP	Ewan John
Firsts MVP	Mitchell Ayres
Best Club Person	Andrew Jenkins & Sharon Findlay