



THE PITCH

Carlingford Baseball Club Newsletter

Important Dates

Friday 12th & 19th Feb – 5.30pm

Aussie T-Ball “make-up” sessions

Sunday 28th March 2021

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

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

Congratulations to our 13s coach Craig Cusbert (ex-Australian player and Hills representative coach) who has been appointed as Head Coach for Castle Hill's 3rd grade team in the Sydney Winter Baseball League.



Only 2 weeks to go in the regular season for the live ball teams (10s and above) who then have a 3 week finals series culminating on grand final day at Benson’s Lane on 13th March. For the younger teams, the 7s & 8s have 3 more weeks to go finishing on the 27th Feb and the 9s have 5 more weeks.

Last Saturday I received a very pleasant thank you from a parent of our 14/3s opponents. They were impressed that when rain looked imminent our parents put up a gazebo for them. The mum said that many other clubs do not bother. Thank you to manager Dale, and all your parents for making the rest of us proud.

**Cheers
Mark Highfield**

CANTEEN DUTY

This week's teams are:

7.45am – 10.30am: 8U

10.30am – 12.45pm: 9U

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 6/2/2021

16U/1	Barry Shipley Youth League	Baulko/Carlo JV	1	Rouse Hill	3	Loss
16U/3	Brian Cashmore South	Carlingford	15	Blacktown Red	4	Win
14U	Peter Street League	Carlingford	10	Quakers Hill	5	Win
13U	Jeff Catt Intermediate	Baulko/Carlo JV	3	Quakers Hill/Castle Hill	5	Loss
12U	Ken Douglas League	Baulko/Carlo JV	6	Castle Hill Crusaders	9	Loss
12U	Phil Leonard League South	Carlingford	13	Schofields	7	Win
10U	Jim Bergan League North	Carlingford Braves	6	Castle Hill Cavaliers	4	Win
10U	Jim Bergan League North	Carlingford Cubs	4	Castle Hill Crusaders	15	Loss
9U	Col Daisley League TBall	Carlingford	4	Kings Langley	0	Win
8U	Wendy Vigenser League North TBall	Carlingford	24	Castle Hill Bowmen	32	Loss
7U	Akers League North TBall	Carlingford	25	Kings Langley Rays	23	Win
Make Up Game 13U	Jeff Catt Intermediate	Baulko/Carlo JV	14	Winston Hills	3	Win



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WHO IS PLAYING THIS WEEK- Sat 13/2/2021

Juniors

16U/1	Baulko/Carlo Div 1 JV vs CH Cavaliers	Knights	Friday Night 7.15pm
16U/3	Carlingford vs Rouse Hill	Caddies Creek 1	11.00am
14U	Carlingford vs Kellyville	Kellyville 2	8.30am
13U	Baulko/Carlo Div 1 JV vs Blacktown	Laybutt 2	8.30am
12U	Baulko/Carlo Div 1 JV vs Castle Hill Cavaliers	Castle Glen 3	8.30am
12U	Carlingford vs Winston Hills	Col Sutton 3	8.30am
10U	Carlingford Braves vs CH Jesters	Murray Farm 4	8.30am
10U	Carlingford Cubs vs Baulkham Hills	Northmead 4	8.30am
9U	Carlingford vs Oakville	Murray Farm 2	11.00am
8U	Carlingford vs CH Gems	Murray Farm 2	8.30am
7U	Carlingford vs CH Pages	Castle Glen 2	8.30am

Seniors

G1	Carlingford vs Hawkesbury	Murray Farm	3.45pm
G2	Carlingford Redsox vs CH Squires	Knights	1.30pm
	Carlingford Cubs vs Rouse Hill	Murray Farm	1.30pm
G3	Carlingford Coils vs RH Bobcats	Caddies Res	3.45pm
	Carlingford Black vs Winston Hills	Col Sutton	1.30pm



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Uniform & Merchandise prices

Velcro Club Cap - \$20

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Club Socks - \$12

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

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

Key Rings - \$12

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

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

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

Supporters Shirt - \$30

Club Supporters Jacket - \$70

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

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

- Pants (white, grey or black)
- Socks (black, red)
- Belt (to match socks)
- Pant Product basics:
 - Youth Baseball Pant
 - 100% Double Knit 12 Oz. Polyester
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- Two Double Welled Set-In Back Pockets
- 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 Tball
Carlingford vs Kings Langley
Result: Win 25-23**

It was another fantastic home game played by the Carlingford Under 7's against Kings Langley. Each player was able to get home at least once and we welcomed a new player called Jacob, who had to be one of the most enthusiastic members of the squad.

Hayley, Ashton, Eric and Nathan got someone out. While Toby, Eric, Marcus, Isabella and Oliver did some great fielding

Go Carlo.



**9U Col Daisley League Tball
Carlingford vs Kings Langley
Result: Win 4-0**

Player of the Week: Lexi

It was an early start and a drizzly morning for our intrepid u9 Redsox first game since the Holidays, and boy..was nobody feeling it.

Silently they shuffled into the dug out, the sounds of Borgy giving instructions, Lisa giving encouragement and Grady generally trying to wake everyone up, filled the misty air.

Parents chatted happily, catching up on Holiday goss, the smell of sausage sizzle and coffee signalling the game was about to start..

1st Innings:

First up to bat was Shelby, seriously fixing her eye on the ball. Swinging for a hit but unlucky struck out. Next up, Callan. Swinging hard he puts the ball away from the in fielders, getting to 1st. Now the dugout is starting to stir. We have one on 1st..Daniel is up to bat..he hits! He runs! He's caught out on 1st..😞. Leo up to bat..it's a big hit! He safely makes it to first sending Callan to 2nd. Now it's Addam up to bat..can he get to 1st? Unlucky and struck out too.. Side away..

Bottom of the 1st:

Now we are fielding. Our young Redsox are focused .. Justin catches the batter out - then strong arms it to Leo on 1st - it's a Double Play!! You're both out! Following this up with some more amazing fielding from Lexi and it's 3 out and side away..

2nd Innings:

With the rain returning, it's Redsox time to bat. Olivia out first looking for a big hit..she takes some big swings..big hit but it's a foul, followed by 3 strikes..good try Liv! Thomas makes a big swing & a hit but gets out on 1st. Justin hits high but gets caught out. So it's side away..

Bottom of the 2nd:

Carlo fielding, Thomas is still catching up a storm. The field is tight, they are ready. Lexi! Nearly caught their batter out, dropped it but like lightning, picked it up and threw it to Leo on 1st and batter is out!!! Lexi is on fire! Keeps throwing to Leo on 1st. They had them on the back foot now, the pressure was too much abd the next batters were struck out. Well played Carlo..side away..

3rd Innings:

Now the pace is getting faster, innings are getting quicker. Still no result. Up to bat is Lexi - who tries hard but is sadly struck out. Jackson up next - massive effort from Jackson but he too is struck out. Shelby is up to bat..valiantly hits the ball but is run out on 1st. Side away..

Bottom of the 3rd:

Thomas has retired and Shelby is now Catcher. Redsox start turning the heat up on Kings Langley with some slick fielding... and its 1, 2, 3 out!..and side away..

4th Innings:

Quick again.. Justin's power hit still sees him out on 1st. Great batting from Leo follows but not enough .. 3 batters all struck out in quick succession this innings and it's side away..

Bottom of the 4th:

Carlo's fielding is coming together nicely, with words of direction and encouragement from Borgy and Lisa, our Redsox are fielding like the pro's. Shelby is catching nearly every pitch, Jackson and Oliver are working together and Justin and Addam are making them nervous on the bases. Still no result as we head into the 5th innings and it's side away..

5th Innings:

The crowd is on tender hooks..will it be a bitter end folks? With no result for either side?? Then Liv comes up to bat, eyeing down the Pitcher..she takes an almighty swing and crack!! It's off to 1st! Safe! Thomas is next up to bat, the dugout rings out with 'Go Thomas!'..can he do it?? It's a nail biter as he takes a long swing..crack! He's hot off to 1st, with Liv hightailing it to 2nd! Then Justin is up to bat..he's knows the stakes are high but he wants his turn to send the ball to out field.. Justin smashes the ball! Bringing Liv home!!! We have a



result!!!! Lexi, not to be left out, smashes it too! Loaded bases!! Jackson is next up to bat..he hits it with all his might! He runs to 1st with screams of 'Go Jackson!' from the dugout & sidelines ringing in his ears..only to be caught out on 1st.. Can Shelby bring them home?? She's out on 1st too but she got Thomas home. Calan is up..can he bring them home?? He does!! Justin is home!! We are awake now People!!! Big hit from Daniel sends him easily off to 1st and brings our Lexi home. Then it's Leo up fir a crack .. it's a massive hit to 1st!! 9 batters means side away..

Bottom of the 5th:

We are all about the fielding! Addam is now Catcher and everyone is so focused!! Jackson to Daniel, Liv to Daniel, it's getting real exciting now folks! They are out and it's side away..

6th Innings:

Big hits from Addam, Liv, Thomas and Justin, but no runs home and it's side away..

Bottom of the 6th:

Addam is still Catcher and our fielding is intense but their batters are on fire..still no runs for them though, their hits are solid and they get to 1st and 2nd...in the dying minutes can they get a home run?? No! And it's side away..

7th Innings:

Lexi, Jackson and Shelby give it their all, but it's 3 out and a quick side away..

Bottom of the 7th:

Thomas is out of retirement and back as Catcher. Leo is on 1st, Daniel on the Pitchers mound..some great hustles and fielding from Short stop..it's a Double play again!!!! Justin caught out their batter, then threw it to Leo and they are out on 1st!!!!

That's game People!! Well done on another win .. go the mighty Redsox!!!!

Match Report by Kim

Long time fan and major supporter 😊

**10U Jim Bergan League North
Carlingford Cubs vs Castle Hill
Crusaders
Result: Loss 4-15**

This week, the team learnt about Sportsmanship and applying sportsmanship within the game of Baseball. As part of this lesson, no Player of the Week was awarded.

The second match against the well drilled Castle Hill Crusaders should be exciting, with the Cubs bringing all their enthusiasm from their final match win last year. Last time we played Castle Hill we lost 1 – 6. Last week was a wash out so here's hoping for a home win for the first game of the year for the Cubs! Hopefully the rain this morning will hold off.



First innings CC 3 – CHC 2

Home game today so the Cubs field first. We started off great in the first innings. Today TamaTime kicked off pitching. The first batter got to walk to 1st, the second batter strike out! Good start and lots of support and cheers from the Cubs in field. Third batter connected well off the tee but the Cubs were onto it and good fielding kept him at 1st. It was a quick turnaround and soon the Cubs were in to bat.

While the team were getting ready to bat Aaron the eternal optimist was full of enthusiasm and encouragement for the Cubs! Jaden heads up the batting and has already got his eye in with a great swing and smashing off the tee runs to 1st. The Cubs are excited! Aaron next in to bat, all the while Jaden stealing bases in between pitches.

Aaron smashes off the tee and runs to second base allowing Jaden to run home - Great play!

Dan in next , he does really well only striking at the good pitches but strikes out. Great swing Dan! Jackson is in to bat next and hits off the tee and makes it to 1st, helping Aaron home.

TamaTime in to bat next, Jackson steals home and Tama bats off tee but out at 1st. Mitchell is batter #6 and after some great swings he strikes out.

Second innings CC 0 – CHC 6

The second innings was rather slow with a few stoppages. There was some drizzle

which made the ball slippery, a couple of ball changes this innings. Tama pitching again and looks like his arm is starting to warm up. 1st batter strikes out, 2nd batter hits off tee hitting to outfield but Cubs are waiting for the ball, great fielding. 3rd batter smashed to outfield and gets a runner home, and 5 more runs for CHC after that. Good pitching Tama, Jackson is doing a fantastic job as catcher, and Mitchell great cover at 3rd.

A quick turnaround for our batters with the next three batters struck out, sadly no runs this innings.

Third innings CC 1 – CHC 7

Next in to pitch is Connor. It's not easy pitching and he did a fantastic job. Looks like the Cubs are getting tired in the field as this innings the CHC scored 7 runs.

Our number 10 Tim is first to bat this innings and he makes it to first, great start to the last batting innings, he went on to steal second, third and home, the only run for this innings. Well done Tim!

Back to the beginning of our batting lineup but unfortunately our next three batters are out by some excellent pitching and fielding from CHC.

Chins up boys and we're looking forward to Tuesday afternoon's makeup game against Winston Hills.

Jake and Ian would like to make special mention of Jen and thank her for umpiring and contribution to the game. As well as



Duncan for being there to mentor Jen throughout the game.

10U Jim Bergan League North Carlingford Braves vs Castle Hill Result: Win 6-4

Player of the Match: Luke

Our Braves soldiers

It's 07:30 Saturday the 6th of February 2021, the morning the dew is still fresh on the field, the air is crisp and the accompanying sound of birds singing in the sunrise are the sounds of beating 10-year-old brave hearts, bag buckles carrying the weight of equipment that will bring us glory on this fine day.

As the legend coaches, stand on the battlefield with open arms to welcome our brave soldiers, parents jostle for the best vantage point to witness the battle that will ensue. A circle around their leader is formed and Coach Brett and Coach John look our soldiers square in the eye. The calm of Brett's tone and the towering stature of John is sprayed over our little brave soldiers. The vision is made clear, the expectation is set, our soldiers are motivated and heating their tiny muscles begins.

As Coach Brett draws up the battle plan, Coach John leads the men through their drills. Blue sounds the trumpet for the battle to begin and our soldier line up with

helmets on as the opposition take to the field.

Our first opening soldier Ethan takes his hammer up to the plate and crushes a ball to left field and makes an easy stand up to 1st and easily thieves 2nd between pitches sending a message to the opposition: we came to win! Eugene suffers an out on 1st but progress his teammate to 3rd and Josh brings in a first home base of many more to come. As the battle continues Chris suffers an out but takes it like a soldier and is followed by our canon Luke, who lays down a ball between 3rd and makes a mad dash to 1st the throw is wide and he makes it to the 1st battle station safe but in the fog of war, Josh snatches another run to home. Our boys leave the battlefield with a soldier on 3rd as Marcus is struck down and our first battle ends in 31 pitches.

As our soldiers take the field, our canon Luke takes to the mound and Marcus builds a fortress behind home plate and protects that ball with his life. Between the two men, they lock out the opposition and send them home packing without score.

In the 2nd battle, our soldiers suffer 2 points but are not dismayed and fight on coming back in the 3rd battle with an amazing 3 run beautiful achievements. We start the 3rd the battle when Ethan hammered it out between left and centre field for a slide in double. As Hercules steps up to the plate and Ethan steals 3rd! Hercules hammers a T-ball into short, the throw is over 1st and



Hercules steals 2nd. As Josh grabs his hammer a wild pitch allows Hercules to steal 3rd and with the bravery of a warrior and no hesitation Eugene aggressively steals home on another wild pitch. Josh hammers one into the infield flies over 1st and steals 2nd. Castle Glen feel the pressure and change out pitchers. 2nd pitch is wild Josh spots the opportunity a mile away and jumps on it stealing 3rd, forcing the error of a bad throw to 3rd and he steals home sealing the fate of Castle Glen and welcomed home by a very supportive and cheering Chris! In the pressure box Chris gets a piece of 2 pitches and ends up with the T and this time makes neat work of good hard ground ball to short and his super-fast legs carry him safely to 1st base. Chris doesn't hesitate on the very first pitch makes a stand-up steal to 2nd base. Our canon Luke knocks one right back to the pitcher who throws him out on 1st for the 2nd out but the sacrifice carries Chris to 3rd base, one team, one dream. Marcus places one in the infield only to be thrown out on 1st and Chris is left on 3rd.

Castle Glen batter steps up after 4 balls and from the T knocks one up in the air into the safe hands of Luke for a beautiful catch. Their next man makes a run home from 3rd on a ground ball but forgets to touch home base and our very observant soldiers tag home plate and the runner is declared out. Eugene makes a beautiful dive catch and the fate of Castle Glen is sealed and the battle is over the game is

ours for a solid and convincing 4 – 6 victory.

A magnificent team effort and all achievements are recognised in the post-battle summary delivered by the General and his commanding officer – dispensing a man of the match Trophy to Luke.

12U Phil Leonard League South Carlingford vs Schofields Result: Win 13-7

A cool and rainy summers morning greeted the U12s as they headed on to Murray Farm park to face the guys and gals from Schofields.

Mel again showed us how much she loves pitching with an awesome showing in the first innings and the turnover to Carlingford coming with 10 minutes into the game.

Carlingford brought 6 players home with Mel taking the gutsiest hit of the innings to run 2 bases.

As the second innings started the skies opened but the drenching rain did not deter either side.

Schofield rallied with the bat in the second innings to score 6 home despite some great play between Abby (catcher), Alex (on 3rd) and Mel (pitcher) and a text book play (practiced on Wednesday) from Owen on 2nd.



After the turnover, Carlingford again brought 7 home. Abby, the second-last batter, had a good swing at the ball to bring Sam and Alex home and herself to 1st and the **play of the day** came from **Andrew** of the last pitch of the day with a mighty hit that not only brought Abby home but also saw him finishing the game nicely with a home run!!!



Andrew - Play of the Day

Owen was **player of the match** having scored his first ever 2 runs in a single game and for his fielding on 2nd in the second innings.

Alex 3, Sam 1, Abby 2, Andrew 2, Mel 2, Jack S 1. Owen 2.



Owen - Player of the Match

14U Peter Street League Carlingford vs Quakers Hill Result: Win 10-5

Player of the Week: Rex

After last week's wash out, we took to the field in our first hit out after the summer break and in an important game for us being 5th on the ladder they being 4th. Despite coming back for training early, our rustiness in the field was evident in their first at bat.

Dom opened up proceedings on the mound and he was on line once he got into a groove. Unfortunately, the first 6 Pirates batters were also into the groove with 5 hits and a walk to see 4 home before we knew it. From there we clicked into gear and for the next 3 batters we got 2 strikeouts and a catch to Josh T at first base. So the bleeding was limited to 4 runs.

Our turn to bat and a reset of the batting order to pre-Christmas line up got some good results. Kieran started off with a single. James then patiently got a walk. Kieran stole home before Gabe got James home with a hit but unfortunately did not make it to first. Josh got on base and stole to second. However another ambitious steal attempted on an overthrow saw him tagged out going for third base. Ishan got on for a walk. He couldn't make it home before Josh B struck out. Down 4-2 after 1.



Their second at bat and back to the top of the order was a much better display from us. Dom and Josh T completed a nice play to run the first batter out at first. Next batter struck out. Third batter got walked to first. The 4th batter Josh T fielded and ran the batter out at first. Side away very quickly and no damage to the score.

Our second at bat was a pivotal innings. Samuel patiently hung in there to get walked after being behind in the count. Dom got a hit and Samuel made it to third and then stole home. Victoria struck out with 3 good swings and unfortunately the same for Matthew. Rex was next up in a crucial moment of the match. He was behind in the count, with 2 outs, before he latched onto a low outfield fly for an RBI single with Dom getting home. The play of the game! Kieran walked to first. Then Rex completed his hit with a great slide stealing home and Kieran followed shortly after, while James walked to first. Gabriel got his second RBI getting James home and turned it into a double with a misfield. We were converting those half chances to our way. However before Gabe could make it home Josh got ran out at first. A good second at bat and we led 7-4 after 2.

We changed pitchers to Gabriel in their third innings and he started well by striking out the first batter. He is working up a good chemistry with Kieran catching. Second batter got walked and the third batter got an RBI single. We then completed the innings with a catch to Josh T and ran out

the next at first base. Good work to only allow 1 run.

Our third at bat started well with Ishan walking to first. Josh B was determined to make up for his first bat strike out with several fouls, before he connected sweetly again with an RBI single for Ishan home. Samuel went down swinging. Dom then got another RBI single with Josh B getting home. Next up Victoria's turn to get an RBI for Dom, whilst not making to first another important moment in the game. Matthew walked to first and stole round to 3rd. Rex was up next and got another strong hit, but just missed making it to first as Matthew was charging home. Side way, but 3 extra runs to make the score 10-5 after 3.

We started a fourth innings for Pirates with time almost expired, but Gabriel quickly snuffed that out with 2 strikeouts and another ran out at first. Side way, time and game called.

A very good comeback after the first innings, and a tremendous result against a higher placed team which we now will leap frog on the ladder. Rex was player of the game for his crunch batting. This is another great example of hanging in there for when your moment in a game will happen. Well done mate.

I also want to thank our committee who were there at the game. With some off field guidance and coaching to helping to calm



those nerves, it feels great to be a part of this club.

Onwards to Kellyville next week.

