



THE PITCH

Carlingford Baseball Club Newsletter

Important Dates

Sunday 28th March 2021

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

Sunday 18th April 2021

- Junior Presentation
followed by AGM

Position Vacant: Secretary

Our secretary Bec has advised she will be stepping down from this role. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Mark or Steve if you are interested in "giving back" to support your child's club.

If required, the role can be restricted to just minute taking for monthly meetings.

President's Welcome

I would like to apologise for some omissions in last week's newsletter. I failed to include a number of female role models that your club is very lucky to have in addition to our two female umpires Jan & Jen, and our long-time coaches Jo & Sarah.

First is our 9U head coach, Lisa Rosevear. We are also blessed with other mum's who help out as Managers: Nat Gold, Bec Male, Felicity Bolwell, Jaye Rust, Kellie Parcel, Bronwyn Mercer. And then there are committee members: Treasurer Lisa Rosevear, Secretary Bec Male, Uniform Officer Samantha Cusbert, Canteen Kim Balcombe, Recorder Cherrisse Robinson, Social Media Lyndal Roberts, Newsletter Kerri O'Shannassy, Social Robyn Gosper, Sponsorship Jaye Rust.

I have apologised to Lisa for her omission from last newsletter's list of female coaches. When I wrote the column, I was so focussed on congratulating a new female umpire (which is a very rare thing, two in ten years), that I only added coaches to the message at the last minute. Lisa has become a friend who has been involved in the club behind the scenes for a few years and then this year she became our treasurer and also a coach. She has been such a great help to me personally, and to the club as our treasurer, and as the "assistant" Juniors Vice President to her husband Steve, that I sometimes forget that she also has another role as a coach.

Sorry also to Jackson Campbell selected for Hills LL Majors team, but I was not advised.

Good luck to G2 Cubs in their seniors semi, and 13/1s and 12/3s in their playoff finals. I hope to see you all on Presentation Day & our AGM on 18th April at Murray Farm Reserve.

Please see Position Vacant advert in the left column.

Cheers
Mark Highfield

Results for 27/2/21

16U/1	Barry Shipley Youth League	Baulko/Carlo JV	1	Castle Hill Crusaders	2	Loss
16U/3	Brian Cashmore South	Carlingford	5	Blacktown	11	Loss
14U	Peter Street League	Carlingford	8	Oakville	9	Loss
13U	Jeff Catt Intermediate	Baulko/Carlo JV	8	Castle Hill/Quakers Hill	10	Loss
12U	Ken Douglas League	Baulko/Carlo JV	12	Quakers Hill	3	Win
12U	Phil Leonard League South	Carlingford	1	Oakville	6	Loss
9U	Col Daisley League TBall	Carlingford	5	Quakers Hill Ship Mates	1	Win
8U	Wendy Vigenser League North TBall	Carlingford	13	Castle Hill Crusaders	34	Loss
7U	Akers League North TBall	Carlingford	24	Castle Hill Squires	28	Loss
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9U	Col Daisley League TBall	Carlingford	8	Oakville	5	Win
10U	Jim Bergan League North	Carlingford Cub	3	Baulkham Hills	11	Loss
14U	Peter Street League	Carlingford				

Games this Sat 6/3/2021

Juniors - Finals

13U	Baulko/Carlo Div 1 JV vs Blacktown	Final – Northmead 4	9.00am
12U	Carlingford vs Winston Hills	Final – Kellyville 4	11.00am

9U	Carlingford vs	BYE	
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Seniors – Semi Final

G2	Carlingford cubs vs QH BlackPearls	Corbin	1.30pm
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GET TO KNOW YOUR CARLO COMMITTEE



introducing **KERRI O'SHANNASSY**

Nickname?

Kezza

Current role on the committee?

Newsletter, trophy fairy

How long have you been in that position?

Years

Any other committee roles you've carried out?

General committee

How did you get involved in Carlingford Baseball Club?

Thought it would be good for the boys to play a team sport when they were little, and twenty four years later one is still playing

How many games have you played for Carlo?

None, but have scored thousands (although a couple of games may have been a bit tardy)

How many games in total?

Too many to count

What do you love about baseball?

The idea that generally you have to rely on another player to get you home

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

None that I can think of, although there seems to be rules that pop up every now and again I still haven't heard of after all the time I have been involved

Favourite MLB team?

None really

Favourite baseball movie?

Major League

Favourite Carlo baseball memory?

There are many but I always loved watching the boys faces when they were young catching a fly ball or doing a great hit. I always felt nervous that they would drop it (still do)

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

Red Red Wine (haha)

One word to describe our club?

Family, I have met some great friends over the years

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

It's not as scary as you may think, and the people are always ready to help. Just put your hand up and give it a go.



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Uniform & Merchandise prices

Velcro Club Cap - \$20

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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*)

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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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- Youth Inseams: XS (18"), S (20"), M (22"), L (23")
- Available in sizes XS (4), S (6), M (8), L (10), XL (12)

These items are generally available at the Murray Farm Canteen on Saturday mornings during the summer season. Otherwise, simply email our Treasurer at treasurer@carlingfordbaseball.com.au advising which item you would like to purchase. You will receive an email with a link to pay the invoice shortly thereafter.

Uniform pick-ups can be arranged with our uniform officer at uniforms@carlingfordbaseball.com.au



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MATCH REPORTS

**7U Akers League North
Carlingford vs Castle Hill Squires
Result: Loss 24-28**

Player of the Match: Flynn



It was the last game of the season and kids were so excited to play. Even the rain couldn't damper their spirit. It was amazing to see how much our team had improved over the season as this team beat us 27 to 14 in October. Our batting was led by Flynn, who got home every innings, he's had the strongest batting performance over the last 2 games. And was our player of the Match. We also had Toby gain his confidence with the bat with an awesome batting performance. Bella, Marcus and our big hitter Oliver also had a great game with the bat, they all got home many times with ease. Caitlyn who joined us from Friday Teeball was so excited when she got her first home run.

Our fielding from the start of the season to now is unrecognisable. Our kids are obsessed with tagging the other team out and this was shown with Nathan tagging two players out on 2nd base. We had our new recruit from Friday Teeball Jacob show his skills off with his killer throws helping get the ball to first base for some amazing outs. Hayley did a great job when she was in the pitcher position, stopping some bullet balls with ease. Eric also had a great game in the field with a great throwing and catching game.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents in our team. You have been amazing with all the Match reports, volunteering for BBQ and helping with setting up the field on game day. It has made my first year as Manager an easy one. A big thank you from me and the coaching team for our amazing end of seasons gifts, we loved them.

A HUGE thank you to Sophia Ettridge, for all your help behind the scenes. You are amazing.

I have another HUGE thank you to Ting Wang, Alison Cox and Cameron Scott. My go to scorers, always willing to stand in for others and never saying no when asked to do extra tasks.

A Big group thank you for Jason Ettridge for being our coach. And Angus and John for Assistant coaching. Our kids were lucky



to have such a great team guiding them on their first season.

We had a great after season lunch after the game. It was wonderful to see the kids have so much fun with their team mates and to see the friendships they have formed.



**9U Col Daisley League
Carlingford vs Castle Hill Jesters
Result: Win**

Player of the week – Shelby



1st Carlingford Attack. 1st batter Jackson ground out. 2nd batter Olivia hits a great hit. Batter Thomas had three consecutive hit. Meanwhile, Olivia slides to second base Oh! Unfortunately, she's out. Batter Shelby struck out 4 times! Score to finish the first round.

Other team attacked at the end of the 1st inning. Daniel's starting pitcher catches the opponent's ground ball and goes out to first base. Second batter, Daniel caught the opponent's ground ball got him out, and struck out three.

At the second inning. Justin hit! Laxi unfortunately grounded out in the meantime Justin was running second base 1 out 2 base Daniel hit! Justin was running to home well! 1: 0 Our team got the first score. Addam Oh ~ unfortunately struck out! 2 out. Jackson hit! Olivia, Thomas hit in a row!! Add 1 more score 2: 0

At the end of the 2nd inning. Carlingford struck out 3 opponents, it goes to the 3rd inning.

Carlingford attacked in the third inning! Pitcher Borgy, this inning also asked for a good ball. A good start with Justin hitting Daniel, Addam, Jackson, Olivia and Thomas hits in a row!! Make 5: 0 Awesome Carlingford.

At the end of the 3rd inning Struck out one hitting the opposing team! They could not get the score.



At the 4th inning. Justin Double! Daniel hit! Jackson hit! Olivia hit! Justin consecutive doubles !! Run 5 more points. 10: 0

At the end of the 4th inning, Opposing team hit first base! However, the opponent's inning ends with a continuous three out.

At the fifth inning Lexi unfortunately struck out. Daniel hit, Addam hit! Olivia hit! Thomas hit the ground-up situation Shelby hits.safety! Add score 12:0

At the end of the 5th inning, Opponent team ground ball deal 1 out. Two batters struck out 3 in a row!!

The match was over.

**12U Phil Leonard League South
Carlingford vs Oakville
Result: Loss 1-6**

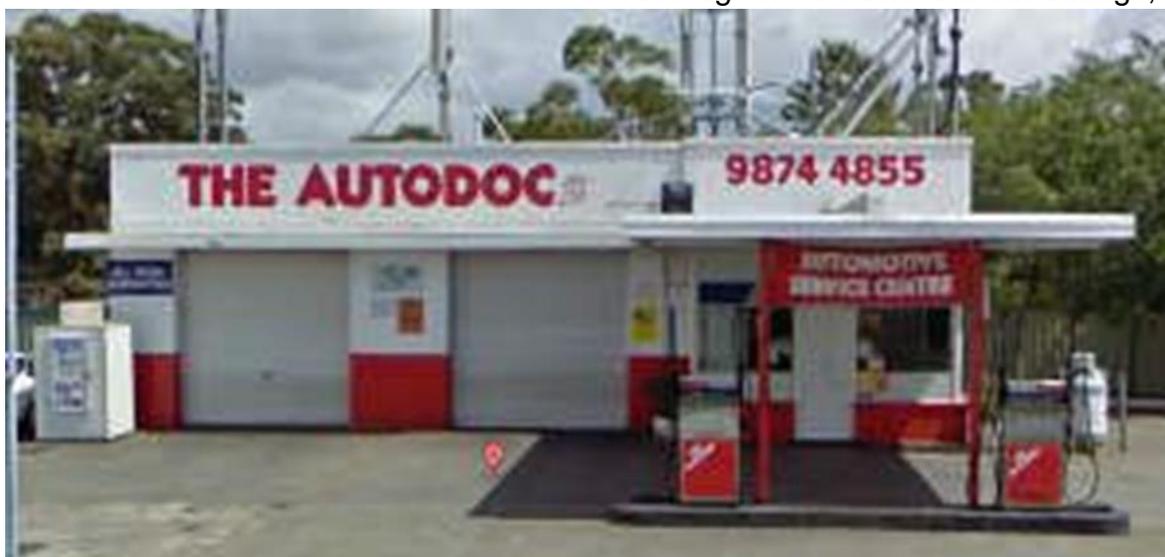


Google said that there would be no rain in Carlingford until at least Tuesday -Google was wrong. It was a drizzly Saturday morning but that did not faze the U12s.

They stoically marched onto the field determined to have a good game.

The 1st innings started with Carlingford in the field - Sam pitching and Andrew catching. Sam made quick work of the Oakville opening batters and although the 3rd batter made it to 1st base, 1, 2 and 4 were out. Alex opened the batting for Carlingford with a beautiful hit that almost left the park and had Oakville scrambling to field – he ran strongly to 3rd base from that hit. The next 3 batters were out without making it to 1st however Alex made it home with a beautiful slide. This great play by **Alex** earned him this week's **Player of the Match!**

The 2nd innings was interesting and a little lucky for Carlingford. Oakville brought one batter home. Their 3rd batter for this innings smashed the ball mightily and appeared to make a home run ... except he forgot to touch the home plate before heading back to the dugout. Oakville were all out for 1 run. Carlingford's first 3 batters for this innings were out without making it to first. The game went into the 3rd innings with the teams neck-at-neck with one run each. There was some great pitching by Sam, a nice tag at 2nd base by Jack S. and a solid catch by Alex at 1st base to get the first 3 Oakville batters out. In reply, Oakville also got the first 3 Carlingford batters out. The 4th innings was the decider. Midway through this innings, Alex stepped up to pitch and Abby donned the catcher's gear. Although we tried hard in this innings, their



batting was too good and Oakville got 5 home. Unfortunately, Carlingford did not have a reply to Oakville in this innings and were sent back to the dugout without a run.

14U Peter Street League Carlingford vs Oakville Result:

After finishing 4th in the regular season ladder, today's game was a semi final match up against 3rd place Oakville at their home ground. It was expected to be a tight encounter and the match did not disappoint in all but one respect.

We lost the coin toss and Oakville decided to bat first. Dom started on the mound and was a bit scratchy to start with walking the first batter quickly. He got his line right, but unfortunately the Oakville batters got their batting form right, and the next 4 batters got hits. Albeit we successfully beat one out at base with a nice throw from Jason. Batter 6 was walked and batter 7 got out with another successful combination between Dom and Josh T for a pick off at first. We got the next 2 batters out to limit the damage to 4 runs.

Our turn to bat was a bit of a stop start affair. Kieran got walked. James was heading for a walk but let the pitcher back in when he left his periscope up, for what should have been a walk but a foul instead. Next pitch he was struck out. Gabriel was then walked but Josh T struck out. Ishan was walked and next up was Josh B. He

got a hit but they ran Ishan out at second, however Kieran scurried home for our only run of the innings.

Their 2nd at bat was a much better from our point of view. Jason caught the first batter with an infield fly. Dom struck out the next. We let the third batter get on base before we completed the innings with another timely throw to beat the runner at first.

Our 2nd innings batting was a better return. Samuel walked to first and Dom got a single hit. Jason stepped up and swung like no tomorrow for his first 2 pitches. He then composed himself to get Samuel and Dom home with a hit to centerfield. Rex was next and his form with the bat continued with an RBI for Jason, albeit he didn't make first base himself. Matthew struck out and Victoria was walked. Kieran returned and got a hit to first and Victoria on third. With James at the plate we tried for Victoria to steal home but she was tagged out. Still was clawed back to be 4-all after 2.

Time was moving on and the next innings were to be the last. Dom was tiring after walking a batter, so we switched him for Jason. The next 2 batters connected to be safe on base. Batter 4 we got out at first. Batters 5 and 6 got to base with 2 RBI singles. Batter 7 we got out at first. It was getting tense. A mis-throw pick at third allowed the runner to steal home before we struck out the last batter for the innings. They got 5 home and the pressure was on.



We needed 5 for a tie and move the game into extra time.

Our last at bat saw James get to first and then steal round to 3rd base. Gabriel was walked. However, James was picked off at third base by their catcher. Josh T was walked before Ishan struck out. Two out with no runs home. Josh B hung in there to be walked while Gabriel stole home. Next up Samuel stayed patient too, and Josh T stole home. Dom got a good hit to bring Josh B home and Samuel to third. With Jason at the plate, Samuel then completed a steal that tested the nerves of many in the crowd. Out tying run made it to third base, looking for another opportunity to steal. The count against Jason was building to almost a full count. With 2 strikes against him, in came the pitch. My heart was pumping in the milliseconds waiting for the umpires call.....strike and our hearts sank. Another amazing effort to fall agonizingly 1 run short. We went down 9-8 but in our minds, the team put up a fantastic effort. They clawed their way back into the game 3 times and should be proud.

Congratulations to Oakville for the game and good luck next week. We might have lost this one, but it has wetted our appetite for next season already.

Thanks to all the players for never giving up, thanks to Frank for his fantastic coaching throughout the season. The improvement in the players is very noticeable.

Thanks to the parents for all their support and help with scoring, base coaching, training, canteen and BBQ. Until we meet again at Presentation Day this is my final sign off for season 20/21.

Good luck to our other Carlo teams in finals.

