

2008-09 Teams

Fitzroy Baseball Club 2008 - 09 Teams

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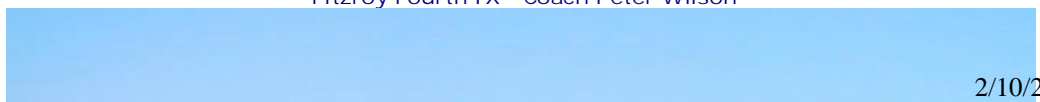
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Fitzroy Fifth IX - Coach Tony Bullen



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Fitzroy Under 14's - Coach John King





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- Bruce Johnson (scorer) - Jake Hurdle - John King (Coach)
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Fitzroy Under 12 Little League - Coach Peter Wilson



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Match Reports 2008 - 09

Fitzroy Match Reports 2008-09 Season

Please email Match Reports to Steve Mills skm44@bigpond.net.au

This page was very popular last year for all Players, Members and Parents. So please let's keep the reports coming in this year.

Finals Series Sat 7th and Sun 8th March

Fitzroy 1st's **7** v Mulgrave **3**

At home to Mulgrave and needing to win to keep in the finals race.

Got off to a great start scoring 2 runs in the first thanks to a long bomb to right center from Tristan.

We then let ourselves down failing to capitalize on more scoring opps that we had for the next few innings think maybe nerves got the better of us.

Brock was solid on the hill and our fielding was spot on not giving Mulgrave much of a sniff.

We broke the game open getting out to a 7-3 lead and then snuffed them out in the last with a double play, JP got the last out and the game was ours.

Highlights: Bridey behind the dish, Brock 130 pitches for the game, Tristan and Joels hitting, Alex Turleas fielding and hitting, Daniel Huryn's crashing the catcher three times.

All good signs for UpweyFTG next week at their ground.

Keep an eye on the website for which day we play (think it is sunday)

Seconds, Fifths, Fourteens and the Little League all in grand finals next week.

Good job to all.

~ John King

Fitzroy 5th's **15** v Essendon **14**

Well off to Preston we went to play Essendon in the preliminary final for Division 4 west to see who would meet Melton A in the grand final.

Well after a tough 6 innings we prevailed and again will try to take the title from Melton in what is now the 4th season in a row where these 2 teams will battle it out to be crowned premiers of 2008/09.

Our best game didn't turn up until the 5th inning although we did score in every inning, it wasn't until the 6th that we got in front and stayed there for a 15 - 14 victory over a gallant Essendon.

Brett Gilbert & his team should be congratulated for their season and the way they played on Sunday.

Stevo started on the hill for us but his control was a bit amiss, not all his fault and our fielding didnt help at times.

Even though Essendon scored 14 runs, 11 were unearnt where as with us, we earnt all but 1 run in the 15.

We had a total of 9 hits, 2 hpb (none to me) & 13 walks.

Our patience at the plates was good most of the time, but we will have to be better on Sunday if we are going to push Melton.

Hits to the following: S. Lindsay 3, S. Robinson 2, J. Little 2, and singles to C. Gleeson & A. Giobbe.

Our game against Melton is again at Preston for a 1.30 start on Sunday, hope to see some familiar faces cheering us on.

Good luck to all the other Fitzroy teams still in the finals.

Cheers

~ Tony Bullen

Round 19 and Semi Finals Sat 28th and Sun 1st March

Fitzroy 1st's **0** v Mulgrave **7**

The chance to consolidate the double chance beckoned against mulgrave but the plan fell over and we did not give a yelp.

One of their batters doubled our hit count 4hits-2, the beauty of this is we only have to beat them this week to go on in the finals

Jack Freeth did a good job on the hill. We struggled with the bat and that put pressure on all.

We have had a great season to this point and if we step it up I am sure we can give it a shake.

Highlights: Hurnys fielding at right field, Alex picking up some tuff plays at short and general fielding across the game.

Come to play next week or it will be over.

~ John King

Fitzroy 3rd's **7** v Cheltenham **6**

Thats right! ANOTHER 1 run game, the 8th for the season, but we were on top for a change.

Great all round fielding with only 2 errors.

Another great battery performance with D'Arcy throwing 107 pitches (68 S & 39 B) and Joe Salanitri rock solid behind the plate, throwing out the 3rd out in the bottom of the last to win the game.

The real issue was after jumping to a 6 nil lead after 2 digs, we only scored another 1 run for the game. To continue to win finals we MUST score in every inning.

Hits: 3 - Daniel Bennett (who mentioned streaks), 2 - Joe Salanitri, D'Arcy Mills and Ryan Mclvor, 1 - Tristan Joss and Luke Bride.

This week Melbourne at Melbourne (very winnable if we bring our bats)

~ Tony Wyatt

Fitzroy U14's **12** v Sunshine **11**

The u14s played Sunshine in the semi final on Sunday and won an exciting game in extra innings 12-11

Well what a game, the boys came to play today and just kept coming from behind, to fight out a win.

The pleasing thing was that it was a real team effort with everyone contributing and playing there hardest.

I would like to mention one player though, Daniel Munro (in his first season with the club,) hasn't had the greatest of seasons missing a few games and only registering one hit for the year.

In what turned out to be the last innings, came up to bat with the tying run at third and after missing 2 strikes managed to put one into centrefield to again tie the scores.

He eventually became the winning run. To see the happiness on his face when he reached first was a big highlight.

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The fielding was good with some room for improvement, Shane Bennell had a great game at 1st base making 7 outs, 2 of which were high fly balls in windy conditions.

Batting was again good with some disciplined turns at bat, great hitting and excellent base running, the fact that 7 players had safe hits and the rest got on base shows that everyone is doing there bit.

The boys now get a weeks break and will play either Sunshine or Geelong in two weeks at home. Looking forward to lots of support as usual, GO LIONS

Hits: 2 Billy Trovato, Shane Bennell, Donald Brown, 1 Elliot Whinnen, Jordan Hill, Ryan Taglebeau, Daniel Munro.

~ Cheers Brett Bennell

Round 18 - Sunday 22nd February

Fitzroy 3rd's 5 v Moorabbin 3

Finally we've cracked it, just left it till the very end. 4 hits isn't usually enough to win a game.

Well pitched D'Arcy.

Hits: 2 Daniel Bennett (thank the baseball Gods the streak is done); 1 Derek Allison and Luke Bride.

~ Regards Tony Wyatt

Fitzroy 5th's 16 v Essendon 3

Well the home & away games are done & dusted and we finished 2nd and earnt the double chance. We will be playing Melton A, where I don't know.

But back to our last game we played Essendon who finished 4th and we got out of the blocks early with our bats taking us to a 9 -0 lead after 2 digs.

The score finished up 16 - 3 after 6 completed innings with Stevo throwing 4 & Jimmy the last 2.

Again we hit the ball well with the team collecting 16 hits with Stevo having 4 with 1 dbl & 5 rbi's, (all screaming linedrives).

Steve Harty also collected 4 hits, 2 dbls, 2 triples & 5 rbis. James Little had 3 hits, 1 dbl, 2 triples and 3 rbis. Kouta had 1 dbl with 2 rbi,

Cam Carr 1 dbl along with Scotty & Marcin each collecting singles.

The club will no doubt let us know where we are playing next Sunday, so if you cant get to training you will be informed

~ Cheers Tony Bullen

Fitzroy U16 18 v Williamstown/Port Melbourne 8

A resounding win by the royboys to finish the season on a winning note 18 - 8 the final score

Also capturing the double chance to finish 2nd

Highlights from the win was Dylan Oneil Grand slam and a standup double, as well as great pitching from Nathan Grimes

Was a very pleasing finish to the season with all players hitting and fielding well today.

We face Essendon at home on Sunday good luck to you guys

It has been a pleasure coaching this side, that with the talent here should win the grand final if they believe and play to there potential.

A great season thankyou to Trevor Grimes And Jamie Catt and our scorer Gaele Kirk

A really big thankyou to all our parents for there contribution of bringing these young adults every week to the game.

~ Coach Robert Bates

Fitzroy U14's 10 v Preston White 11

The U14s played Preston white away and went down 10 - 11.

A close game, which the boys had every opportunity to win, unfortunately some lapses in the field and a batting performance which was not up to our usual standard made it hard to put enough pressure on the opposition, it was only some errors and some good individual performances which kept us in it.

The boys will have to lift and play some good fighting baseball (as we know they can) to beat Sunshine in next weeks Semi Final.

Jordan Hill again pitched well, striking out 5 while only allowing 4 runs, Elliot Whinnen pitched in relief and threw lots of strikes but fielding errors cost us 7 runs.

There were some highlights in the field with 2 really good run down plays, and a really nice fly taken by Lachlan Thorpe.

Batting wise not as dominant as we've come to expect, Shane Bennell had a good day with the bat with 2 hits a walk and 2 RBIs, Billy Trovato also had 2 hits including a double

Hits:2 Shane Bennell, Billy Trovato, 1 Jordan Hill, Donald Brown

Next week its Semi Final time playing Sunshine at home, hope we get lots of support, GO LIONS

~ Cheers Brett Bennell

Round 17 - Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th February

Fitzroy 1st's 1 v UpweyFTG 6

Chance to secure the double chance playing at home against a side that is in hitting form at the right end of the season.

Got off to a great start having 1st 3rd occupied 1 out only to leave the runners stranded. Not a good thing to do against a side that is the heaviest scorer in the comp.

Jack was doing his job on the hill but we failed to get him some runs off Ricey. They did what they do best and scored in 6 of the nine innings while we struggled to get back to back hits.

Never the less Tony the (snake) King did a great job in relief holding there hitting line up to a couple of runs. Double chance still beckons with three games to go.

Hits: Turlea single double, Arnott single, Peterson single, King single.

~ John King

Thanks to Jim Bolkas, Gerard Joss and Mark McCloskey for helping entertain our sponsors under the marquee, (what a great job) these guys are invaluable members of your club and all that were there saw first hand the food that was put on and the ambience that was created. I'm sure they will be back next

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Please be at Melbourne ball park Tuesday night to show our respects for the lost lives in the bushfires and for Brookie who was out amongst it.

I know he will not like this, but he and his comrade's selfless actions help make Victoria a safer place for all of us. THANKS MATE. ~ John King

Fitzroy 2nd's 8 v UpweyFTG 7

Seconds was a game of two halves with not much laying on the outcome upwey controlled the game until the last couple of innings when the bats woke up all starting with Dean Sharples leading off with a sharp hit to left field. Rally caps got going and everybody joined in to snatch a great come from behind victory. With the finals just 2 weeks away this is a momentum shift that we can ride home.

~ JK

Fitzroy 3rd's 12 v UpweyFTG 4

We played as we have promised all season, hit the ball aggressively, picked up signals and on the back of some really good D'Arcy Mills pitching (90 pitches 60 S – 30 B) to the old fox Joe Salanitri.

We have played our way into 4th spot and after a win this weekend against Moorabbin at home into the finals.

It was a great all-round team performance, with everybody contributing, except the fool who left his shoes at home ????

The outfield were strong all day finishing with a Karl Leake sliding fly.

Hits: 3 – Daniel Bennett (yes it continues) & D'Arcy Mills; 2 – Joe Salanitri, Karl Leake & Luke Bride (welcome back); 1 – Brad Sharples & Tristan Joss.

Fitzroy 5th's 11 v Melton A 11

On Sunday we faced our nemesis Melton A for the 3rd time this year. With only 2 games (including this 1) we were out to cement 2nd spot on the ladder.

It was quite an entertaining game with hits & runs scored by both sides. We tied it up in the bottom of the 6th @ 6 all.

With Norm McHenry doing a great job on the hill Melton burst out of the 7th and scored 5 runs to take a lead of that into the bottom of the inning.

Not to be outdone our guys stuck to the task of trying to win. We had the winning run on 3rd with 2 out when Shane Robinson smashed it to rightfield where thier fielder ran back, turned twice and caught it.

It was a great catch to finish a great game. Again Norm was great on the hill pitching the whole game plus 2 hits & 2 rbis. Stevo went 4 from 4 (when will we hear the end of this) and drove in a run, Scott Lindsay 2 hits (1 dbl), Nitan 1 hit, Cam Carr 2 singles and game tying rbi, Shane Robinson, 2 doubles and had the winning hit taken away from him, as well as a great game behind the plate, & Marcin drove in 2 with a single in the bottom of the 7th.

A job well done and with 1 game to go I am confident we will be playing Melton very soon. Thanks to everyone who has helped out as this was our last game at Merri Park for this season in the home & away as we do appreciate everything that is done for us, from ground staff to canteen staff to scorers & umpires, thanks again from the 5ths.

~ Cheers Tony Bullen

Fitzroy U14's 13 v Newport 13

The u 14s played Newport at home this week and drew 13 all.

This week the boys found out that no matter where on the ladder the opposition is, you have to come to play.

Although they were bottom of the ladder, Newport decided to play a state league pitcher.

While we were on top early, once he was brought in the boys struggled against the extra speed and accuracy.

Still it was a good tight, pressure filled game, which will help the team coming into finals.

Stand out player on the day was Jordan Hill who got down and dirty behind the mask (see photo).

And also did it with the bat, 2 hits a walk and 3 RBI's.

The rest of the team was pretty even, with some great team batting and some big efforts in the field.

Pitching duties were shared between Elliot Whinnen, Donald Brown and Matt Johnson.

The final game is away to Preston, so if we are to remain on top of the table, a big effort will be needed by all, Go Lions.

Hits: 2 Jordan Hill, 1 Chris Godbold, Billy Trovato, Shane Bennell, Matt Johnson and Ryan Taglibeau.

~ Cheers Brett Bennell

Round 16 - Sunday 8th February

Fitzroy 2nd's 13 v Werribee 1

Fitzroy 1st's 8 v Werribee 7

Out to Werribee for the last time this season.

The Seconds led the way with an impressive display from all to take out the game easily, although there was a small glitz (ask Pat Wyatt).

The side is looking settled heading into the last part of the season, keep it up boys!

The Firsts was a strange game with Werribee's pitcher throwing well and Jack doing the job for us.

The game was a 2-1 affair for 8.5 innings until John Peterson tied it up with a 3 ball-0 strike smash to center to tie it up.

We went into extra innings and then busted the game open with impressive hitting to take a 5 run lead, only to see Werribee answer back with 5 runs of their own to tie it up again.

Into the 14th innings we went when Brownie led the way with a lead off single, Danny dropped down a sac bunt, Hurny a bunt for a hit which Werribee threw away to give us the lead and then they were still not to be denied coming out to have bases loaded and the winning run on second base.

Brock threw a great pitch number 166 (sorry Brock) and Joel took a great foul fly to snuff out the game.

Sad to see a loser in this game but thats baseball.

Great team effort against a side that has had some good results of late.

Hits: Bride single, Arnott single, Pinkster 3 singles, Alex 2 singles and one double, Carl 2 singles, John P single double (thanks JP), Brownie single from 8 at bats, King single (cocked up outfield fly), Hurny single. 16 hits to Werribee - 15 to us.

Must win game coming up against Upwey at home. Keep it going boys!

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Fitzroy 3rd's 15 v Werribee 3

Sunday saw us play as we believed we could, we hit the ball constantly and repaid the loss inflicted (dubiously) at their ground.

Great pitching from D'Arcy Mills, 47 pitches / 4 digs / 36 strikes & 11 balls / 1 only walk (thanks Dad) & good catching from Damien (sights slightly off cue).

Circumstances have now conspired WITH US, Upwey's losses mean that WHEN we beat them at the weekend and Moorabbin the week after, we will play finals.

It's in our hands !!!!!!!

Hits: 4 Daniel (incl. 3 dbls.), 3 D'Arcy & Damien (1 dbl.), 2 Gerard & 2 Derek, 1 Ryan.

~ Tony Wyatt

Fitzroy 5th's 40 v Melton B 4

Today we ventured out to Melton to take on their 'B' team, not really knowing how we would fare.

Well as I am about to tell you, it was a 1 sided and at times uninspiring game. We won 40-4, that is correct folks 40 - 4.

In this game we collected 30 hits and did, as by the score, a lot of things correctly during it.

The game itself was played in a good spirit from both sides, not matter what the score was.

The hit parade is as follows: Tony Bullen 5 hits, Glen Doherty 5 hits, Shane Robinson 4 hits including 3 doubles, Anthony Giobbe 4 hits including 3 doubles, Scott Lindsay & Jason Stephenson 3 hits with 2 doubles each, Bryan Jacobs & Marchin Niepostyn 3 hits with 1 double each & Cameron Carr with 1 triple. I would like to thank Cameron Gleeson for coming out to Melton even though he is injured to help out by coaching 3rd base.

Cheers

~ Tony Bullen

Fitzroy U14's 21 v Port Melbourne 3

This was the boys 3rd game for the week and although they were playing one of the bottom teams, they kept up the high standard of baseball.

That they've shown all season, it would have been very easy to ease off.

As with most games this season the hitting was excellent, lots of good hard hits

And aggressive base running, and apart from the first innings, we scored the maximum

7 in each dig, unfortunately in the first innings Shane Bennell hit the first strike thrown.

(which happened to be the 9th pitch) straight to shortstops glove, resulting in a triple play,

A little either side and it was a safe hit with runners scoring.

The pitching was solid with Matt Johnson again leading off and only allowing 2 runs

Over 3 innings, with 4 Ks, Donald Brown and Billy Trovato had thier first outings on

the mound for the season and did a great job in relief.

Highlight of the day was the ever unpredictable Chris Godbold who had a blinder.

He had 3 hits (2 doubles) with 5 RBIs scored twice and took 2 big fly balls at left field.

Well done Chris.

Next game is against Newport at home

Hits: 3 Chris Godbold, Ryan Taglibeau, 2 Elliot Whinnen, Jake Hurdle, 1 Jordan Hill
1 Shane Bennell, Laughlan Thorpe.

Cheers ~ Brett Bennell

Round 15 - Sunday 1st February

Fitzroy 2nd's 5 v Melbourne 2

Fitzroy 1st's 8 v Melbourne 2

A hot day at merri park and Melbourne out to get us started with the 2nd's having a hard fought win 5 runs to 2 to stay in touch with the top teams.

A great team effort again looks like they are turning the corner at the pointy end of the season keep it up.

Highlights Gavin at 3rd base Ryan at Shortstop two double plays with Tony King, Joffa in the outfield and closing the game Robbie Keane bombing the ball (look out potty).

The Firsts had to win to consolidate our spot and Melbourne were there to play from the start, scoring a run first up to throw out the challenge.

But from then on we controlled the game. with Brock controlling the hill (hard to know sometimes) and the bats backing him up.

We got out of a 3 to 1 lead in the middle of the game and then took a commanding lead 7-2.

Nice to see the spirit fire up when there looked to be a moment in the game and to a man we were there.

Great game by all

Highlites: Brownie showing the way with 2 hits early in the piece, (good coaching putting him down the order)

JP 3 hits, Joel Arnott a massive bomb late in the game to hit the basketball backboard. Brock throwing 127 pitches for the win over 9 innings

Danny King 2 hits on a roll, Josh Bride double and single and catching the entire game. Keep the spirit up, we are setting up to have a good crack at it.

~ John King

Hits: Bride =9, -8 Tristan, -8, Alex =8, John P -5,-8,-8, Brownie =9, -7 big k against Fennell, D King -7,-8, Joel -7 bomb

Just a foot note if you want to know about real baseball, what a great draw by the fiths out on the dust bowl at the back diamond.

Willy took it up to the boys and we had to answer back taking the game into extra time to fight out the draw

Big thanks to Storm who took over umpiring. started at Merri park at 6.30am and still there at 6pm at night.

Fitzroy 5th's 8 v Williamstown 8

We had a chance to win it in the bottom of the last by getting the winning run on but it wasn't to be.

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Cheers

~ Tony Bullen

Fitzroy U14's 14 v Preston 13

The U14s played Preston red at home on Sunday, And after the long Xmas break and in average conditions came from behind to tough out a 1 run win 14 - 13.

While playing nowhere near their best, put enough balls in play, and did enough in the field to finish over the top of an improving opposition.

With a mid week game looming the pitching duties were spread amongst 4 players, who all did well.

Throwing enough strikes and limiting balls, unfortunately they weren't always backed up by the defence.

The offence was a mixed bag of some good hitting, lots of pop fly's and at times mediocre base running.

While the form wasn't great it was pleasing to get a win under pressure and things can only improve. Running into the business end of the season, next game is Wednesday night in Geelong.

Hits: 4 Billy Trovato, 3 Jordan Hill, Shane Bennell, 2 Donald Brown, 1 Daniel Malcom, Elliot Whinnen
1 Jake Hurdle, Ryan Taglibeau, Matt Johnson, Lucas Lymberiatos.

~ Cheers Brett Bennell

Fitzroy U14's 10 v Geelong 6 (Mid Week Game) 4th Feb 2009

The u 14s played a twilight game away to Geelong last night , winning 10 - 6

Well what a difference 3 days makes, it was like a whole different team came to play at Geelong last night.

With a long drive and a limited warm up, the boys jumped out of the blocks and didn't stop.

They scored 4 runs off 5 hits in the first innings, and it continued for the whole game.

The final score didn't really reflect the difference between the teams as we scored 6 runs in the last which didn't count.

It was good to see some great hitting from a couple of players who had been doing it tough for a lot of the season,

Matt Johnson with an awesome line drive for a double, and Lucas Lymberiatos with 2 nice doubles.

Also some excellent hitting from Shane Bennell 4 singles, Elliot Whinnen 3 singles and Donald Brown with a single, double

And a perfect bunt to score a run.

The pitching was great by Elliot Whinnen and Jordan Hill, and was well backed up by the defense.

The base running was fantastic, putting the opposition under heaps of pressure resulting in many errors.

Overall a vast improvement from Sundays game, well done guys.

Next game at home on Sunday to Port Melbourne.

Hits: 4 Shane Bennell, 3 Elliot Whinnen, 2 Billy Trovato, Donald Brown, Lucas Lymberiatos, 1 Matt Johnson.

Cheers Brett Bennell

Round 14 - Saturday 24th January

Fitzroy 1st's 0 v Cheltenham 5

At home against Cheltenham who we have not played for a while.

The game was up for grabs for a long while until they got out to a 5 run lead and that made it a challenge for us to answer back.

They are a team on a mission we need to follow that and be there at the end so we can be their equal at the pointy end of the season.

Brock threw as he normally does, with heart and commitment. Do not forget we are all in this together, Pitchers, Infielders and Outfielders. Bring your A Grade game next thursday because Cheltenham sure will.

Highlights: Brock taking them on head to head 131 pitches against their starter 109. JP fielding well at third base. 2 great flys to center which kept us alive.

Hitting: D King 2 singles, Arnott single, Turlea single, Bride single.

We play these guys again Thursday night in the late game. Come to play ~ John King

Fitzroy 3rd's 2 v Cheltenham 11

We played 2nd placed Cheltenham and they brought their game & their bats, I think we may have left ours at home.

Joe Salanitri summed it up when in the huddle "these guys are swinging aggressively, we're looking for walks !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

We then started swinging and got things moving, too late.

Daniel and Joe both pitched well, but with no offensive support it was always going to be tough.

Lets swing from the start against Melbourne and repeat their only loss (to us)

Hits: 3 Gerrard Whiteman (welcome back) 1 each to Joe Salanitri, D'Arcy Mills, Ryan Mclvor.

~ Tony Wyatt

Fitzroy 5th's 17 v St Kilda 5

Apart from the water distraction on Sunday, we got to play on the main diamond again for the 2nd time this year and had a good 17 - 5 win over St.Kilda.

It was a funny game as they got there 5 in the 1st, all on errors, but we came back with 5 of our own. We then scored 4 in the 2nd, 1 in the 3rd and 7 in the 4th to run out comfortable winners against an up and coming team.

It was a good all round performance with the bat, J. Stephenson 4 hits as the DH & pitcher, (screaming line drives all of them), 3 hits to Anthony Giobbe, Nitan Lamge & Steve Hardy, 2 hits to James Little & Shane Robinson with singles to Marchin Niepostyn & Cam Gleeson.

The RBI's were scatted around with everyone contributing. Also on Sunday a special thanks to the ground staff, Norm & Wendy for the canteen, John King for scoring, (both books) and Storm for umpiring. A big thanks to our IT guy Steve Mills for his work and picture taking as we don't get to have him at our games that often, thanks again Steve.

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~ Tony Bullen

Round 13 - Sunday 18th January

Fitzroy 1st's **9** v Ormond Glenhuntly **4**

Fitzroy 2nd's **3** v Ormond Glenhuntly **7**

Welcome back to 2009

Great to see all teams covered off numbers wise and welcome back Joffa and Pat Wyatt from their overseas jaunts.

Out to Ormond to try and keep the run of wins going.

The 2's struggled again against these guys who seem to lift when they play us.

We need to come to play or this will happen again and again.

From looking on I think we need to get a bit of spirit going, I dont mean going nuts, just mean stamp your authority on the game as we have the talent do it.

As for the 1st's Ormond scored the first run which made us realise the game was on, we then got it out to a 4-1 lead only for ormond to get

it back to 4-3, we then took a strangle hold on the game getting out to a 6-3 lead.

Jack Freeth threw 6.5 innings for around 100 pitches and then Brock took over to close out the game,

sorry late cameo from Alex please no

curve balls Alex.

Highlights: Tristan 4 from 5 at bats continuing his fine season, Freethie on the hill for a first up effort, Joel

3 from 5 with a double, Hurny a super bunt to start the game and another hit, Wilson 3 hits with a double,

forget the dropped fly, old man Brownie behind the dish with a double, sorry mate Bride is back next week!

Alex with a hit late in the game and the star Danny King with 2 hits (yes) believe it and a 9 to 3 to cap it

off, (sorry he is sitting near me as I type this. Under extreme pressure).

We ran out 9-4 winners. Keep it up boys, Cheltenham next week.

The Claxton Shield team of the century was announced Saturday night and Graeme Deanny who won the best player at Claxton Shield level at one of the carnivals while he played at fitzroy was picked in the team and also Ron Mcivor was picked as the catcher how lucky are we to have Ron as a catching coach at our club.

~ John King

Fitzroy 3rd's **11** v Ormond Glenhuntly **1**

With Jeoff Thai on the mound and Patrick Wyatt behind the plate, it was always going to be a day that Ormond would find it difficult.

That's the way it turned out with Jeoff throwing 69 pitches for 44 strikes & 25 balls over 5 digs, no hits, no earned runs & no stolen bases, the only issue was: our bats only scoring 1 run in the 1st 3 innings, then we came good. Handy closing from D'Arcy 30 & 20 over the last 2 digs.

We've just got to get those bats working early & consistently & we're still a big finals chance.

Must beat Cheltenham this week to stay in the hunt.

Hits: 2-Patrick Wyatt (2 dbls), Gerard Whitman (dbl & a single) & Daniel Bennett (1.5 singles) & 1 each to Jeoff Thai (dbl), D'Arcy Mills, Ryan Mclvor, Derek Allison (dbl), Karl Leake (dbl) & Tristan Joss.

~Tony Wyatt

Fitzroy 5th's **11** v Preston **1**

Welcome back to summer baseball. We finally got to play a game, having not played since December 7th when we got a belting from Melton A.

Well today we ventured out to Preston in a game that could decide who ends up 2nd at seasons end. Well we came thru against an undermanned Preston side winning 11-1.

A good solid performance from everyone including a great game from Niton on the mound and his batting also.

Other good contributors were Scott Lindsay 1 hit and 3 stolen bases, James Little 2 hits and 3 rbi, and singles from Glen Doherty, Shane Robinsom, Marchin Niepostyn.

It was a good all round team effort.

Cheers ~ Tony Bullen

Round 12 - Sat 20th and Sun 21st December

Fitzroy 1st's **10** v Mulgrave **3**

Santa came early to Merri Park in the form of wins for the Second's and Firsts against mulgrave who were hot on our heels.

Jack Freeth took the mound and after a shaky start which saw them have first and third one out in the first innings (we pulled of a double play to help him out).

After that Jack settled into the game and took control.

The bats did the job and got us out to a five run lead in the middle of the game and with us playing solid defence took it out to a 7 run lead.

Mulgrave finally started to get into the game scoring 2 runs, we then scored 1 and in the 8th innings then they got 3 runs off Brock to give themselves a sniff.

We answered straight back with 2 more to put the game out of their reach.

Many highlights in the game; Alex crushed the ball, Tristan hit hard all day, Daniel Huryn took the catch of the season (looked like someone I used to know) Brock was terrific in the relief spot. Jack solid for five

innings and Paul Browns double pump on a simple ground ball and then getting agitated and angry at his next at bat stirring up the opposition (go Pops)

Giving ourselves a shot at the double chance after xmas so please everybody stay healthy and have a great break.

Hits: Alex 2 Bride 2 Arnott 1 Pinkster 1 Wilson 1 Huryn 1

from coachie poo

~ John King

Fitzroy U18's **5** v Geelong **1**

Outstanding game played by the boys on Sunday morning with an awesome team performance against good opposition, all players contributing to the Win.

Great efforts on the day by:

Jye Pawley - pitching a complete game

Jullian Ayres - playing outstanding defence at first base also with a clutch hit, driving in runners with bases

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Jullian Ayres - playing outstanding defence at first base also with a clutch hit, driving in runners with bases loaded.

Hits: Rory, Jullian, Blake, Errol

Perfect way to end the year a good performance which highlighted how well we play as a Team. Well Done.

~ Tristan Pinkster

Round 11 - Sun 14th December

Fitzroy 1st's **6** v Moorabbin **3**

At home to Moorabbin, a must win game again.

Brock controlling the game on the hill and the bats getting us off to a good start jumping out to a 3 run lead around the 5th.

The game then settled into a good baseball contest with Moorabbin scoring a run and then us answering back with a run every challenge.

Alex smashed the ball, do not miss a game ever again. Carl Wilson! what a great turn at bat in the middle of the game to lead from the front.

We controlled this game all day, I think this was our best win of the season.

Looks like we want it now. Bring on Mulgrave.

Hits: Alex 3, Tristan, Carl, Brownie a dodgie pop fly-hit.

Good feeling around the group.

~ John King

Fitzroy 2nd's **5** v Moorabbin **2**

2's played ok. Robbie did the job. Bats took a while to wake up.

Good to see Dean in the side, both Sharples doing the job.

Jimmy thinking there is still room for improvement.

A lot of change over in this team, I think they are still finding there way.

~ JK

Fitzroy 3rd's **11** – Moorabbin **3**

What a day when the Fitzroy bats come out to play, on a water soaked ground joined by a couple of rookies back from schoolies, the 3rds strung together 21 hits. Behind some handy pitching from D'Arcy Mills (on his 1st outing for 4 – 5 weeks) and some fantastic out fielding by the crew, we outplayed Moorabbin for the whole day.

Congrats guys as we've said in the huddle post all those 1 run losses, when we bat as we know we can we can beat anyone AND WILL !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

On to a must win game against Mulgrave.

Hits: 3 – Luke Bride, Ryan McIvor, Daniel Bennett, Derek Allison & Karl Leake. 2 – Gavin Juchnevicius, D'Arcy Mills & Tristan Joss.

~ Tony Wyatt

Round 10 - Sat 6th and Sun 7th December

Fitzroy 1st's **5** v Upwey FTG **0**

Upwey Ferntree Gully on a saturday with rain forecast.

Off to a great start holding them to nothing with some top fielding from everyone and Brock controlling the hill.

The game broke open in the 5th inn with us scoring 5 runs to put the game beyond doubt.

Thunder and lighting could not let Upwey back into the game.

Highlights: Alex at shortstop, Brock on the hill, Danny King's slug bunt, Daniel Hurns fly at rightfield and general team play kept Upwey at bay.

Hits: Turlea 1, Carl 2 base, Josh, Perterson, sorry if I missed someone.

Keep it up guys, season on the line next couple of weeks

~ John King

Fitzroy 3rd's **9** v Upwey FTG **9**

What's better than a 1 run loss ??? a draw just.

Our description is on crime stoppers for attempted theft of a baseball game (does ½ stolen count ????)

Even with the influx of a couple of rookies (thanks Jye & Potty) our bats were still cold against some honest but average pitching, it's pretty hard to win games with 4 hits especially when 3 of them are in the last dig.

Some solid relief from Luke Bride.

Hits: 2 – Ryan McIvor (+ a sac fly) & 1 each to Daniel Bennett & Sean Linehan.

~ Tony Wyatt

Fitzroy U18's **0** v Newport **7**

Tough game on Sunday against a solid team in Newport, the bats never came alive and when we got runners on base or in scoring position we hit the fielders which included a scorched shot by Josh Bride which nearly cut second baseman in 2.

Our pitching was great all day with Jai Pawley throwing great with a surprise reliever in Josh Bride throwing 2 shut out digs.

~ Tristan Pinkster

Fitzroy U16's **14** v Werribee **4**

Royboys back on the winning list with a great display of baseball and patience against Werribee.

Pitching was controlled by Lucas Wilson for 3 innings and then Jake Chau and with 2 out and loaded bases relief from Matt Chrimes.

A great hitting display from Jeremy Catt for 2 beautiful doubles laced up through the middle (lovely Jeremy).

A good display of fielding and base running today as we seemed to do everything right under very trying conditions enforced by the Werribee

coach as he tried to stall the game by over thirty throw overs to third base with many of our runners actually standing on the base not taking leads.

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Fitzroy U14's 14 v Essendon Red 5

The U14s played Essendon red at home and won 14 - 5
This week the boys played the top team on the ladder and although the opposition were a player down, the young lions really stepped up and came away with a convincing win.

Josh Edmonston led off the pitching for the first time since his arm injury from week one and from the first batter showed great control, he pitched 3 innings of shutout baseball.

Finishing with no hits, 3 walks, 6 Ks and no runs.

Daniel Malcolm again pitch in relief and is improving with every outing, only giving up 5 runs over 3 innings with 3 KS.

The batting continued to fire, with Jordan Hill the standout with 3 hits (2 doubles) and 4 RBIs.
Also a great bunt by Daniel Malcolm to move 2 runners and also beat out the throw to 1st.

Also a special mention to Matt Johnson and Josh Edmonston for the manner in which they played while filling in for the opposition, its not always an easy thing to do but they did the club proud in the way they went about it.

Next week we play Sunshine at home and this will be a big test as they beat us in the opening round, a win will put us clear at the top of the ladder. Go Lions!

Hits: 3 Jordan Hill. 2 Matt Johnson, Ryan Taglibeau, Billy Trovato, Donald Brown and Josh Edmonston. 1 Jake Hurdle, Shane Bennell, Daniel Malcolm and Chris Godbold.

~ Cheers Brett Bennell.

Round 9 - Sunday 30th November

Fitzroy 1st's 5 v Werribee 0

1st's got off to a good start scoring in the first inns to put the pressure on Werribee and with Brock controlling the hill we looked like we were in for a good day.

This continued with 2 more runs thanks to a smashed hit from Carl ha ha.

Solid defence from the boys up the middle, Alex and Tristan looking good, and some good team batting saw us get out to an unbeatable lead 5-0.

The game sort of petered out after this, but the highlight was Brock's domination on the hill. 103 pitches 74 strikes and 29 balls.

Big test's coming up in the next few games again but we are starting to find our feet in the competition, keep it real ~ Kingy.

Hits: Turlea 2 Singles, Pinky 1 single, Arnott single double, Bridey single, Carl single triple, Peterson 2 singles.

Great coaching and thanks from the president. Job safe one more week.

Fitzroy 2nd's 10 v Werribee 7

At home to werribee and both these games were a danger considering they punched us up when we first met.

The 2's struggled all day only breaking the game open in the last innings to score 5 runs to win the game.

Robbie struggled at the start and then settled down and the bats were spasmodic all day.

Missing a few guys but this is not a reason for our form, need to pick it up if we want to be a real contender this season.

~JK

Fitzroy U18's 2 v Doncaster 5

Tough loss for the boys in a winnable game, a slow start to the game cost us with the bats coming alive only in the last 2 innings.

Good effort by Jeremy Catt to come up from the 16's and play outfield.

Great efforts with the bat by Jai Pawley with 2 hits including a triple and Blake Lombardi with a single and double.

~ Tristan Pinkster

Fitzroy U14's 23 v Newport 10

The U14s played Newport away and had a big win 23 - 10

With a number of players away due to other commitments, It was going to be interesting To see how the rest of the players responded.

After a slow start in the first innings the Bats again fired up and belted their pitchers to all parts of the ground.

It was good to see a couple of players who haven't had a great season so far get amongst the hits.

Including Jake Hurdle with 4 hits (3 doubles) and Billy Trovato 4 hits (1 double).

While the fielding was good it is one area that the boys need to sharpen up on, especially against the stronger sides.

Jordan Hill again led off the pitching and only gave up 2 runs over 2 innings with 6 Ks.

Daniel Malcom pitched out the rest of the game and while nervous early finished strongly, striking out 4 batters.

A couple of highlights :-

Chris Godbold made a great diving stop at 3rd and then tagged out a runner which brought the crowd to its feet.

Ryan Taglibeau stole 3rd only to have to go back back to 2nd as there was already a runner there, in the ensuing chaos the runner at third stole home.

Ryan ended up on 3rd again and the runner at first made it to 2nd. Even Kingy was confused.

Hits: 4 Jake Hurdle, Billy Trovato, Donald Brown and Jordan Hill. 3 Chris Godbold and Shane Bennell. 2 Daniel Malcom, Ryan Taglibeau.

~ Cheers Brett Bennell

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Round 8 - Sunday 23rd November

Fitzroy 2nd's 20 v Melb 4 / Fitzroy 1st's 4 v Melb 2

What a day for the Club with it's first clean sweep with all five teams winning for the first time for the season.

Starting with the seconds having a comprehensive win 20 - 4. Robbie Keane controlling the hill and the boys backing him up well in the field and with the bat.

Hits all round and the fielding was great, Melbourne looked a bit in disarray, all we can do is win.

The ones needing a win to get us back amongst the contenders, got off to a solid start with the game being tight for 4 innings.

Melb broke the game open with 2 runs to set up a lead and then the game settled into a baseball game.

Jack stepped back out after that innings and took control of the game and then our bats stepped up and took up the challenge to hit the front 3 - 2,

in the latter part of the game to show we want to be at the sharp end of the season.

Welcome back Alex, Tristan solid again, Bridey behind the dish, Paul Brown showing leadership at every turn at bat,

John Peterson's plays at third in clutch situations and Brock Pawley finishing the game in style.

Werribee next week and lets not make it a slog-fest please.

Thanks John King

Fitzroy 3rd's 9 v Melbourne 1

On cold blustery day we played undefeated top of the table Melbourne at Merri Park on a day, thanks to the hard work of the grounds staff, that provided a great surface for baseball.

Melbourne were quick to point out that they were missing their "gun" pitchers (the same 2 who pitched in the 1st game ???). We had over half our team out of position due to some late withdrawals and fielded pretty well given the difficult blustery conditions. A fantastic pitching performance by Daniel Bennett (10 K's, 104 pitches - 67 strikes, 37 balls) set up a great win with solid support behind the dish from Dean Sharples & a couple of superb running flies at right field by Derek Allison.

We constantly put the ball into play with only 1 K for the day and scored in nearly every innings, taking Melbourne's cockiness out of the game. The gun pitchers were missing maybe they took the bats with them.

Hits: 3 - Daniel Bennett (welcome back); 2 - Dean Sharples, Ryan McIvor; 1 - Stevie Scott.

~ Tony Wyatt

Fitzroy Masters 3 v Newport 12

The masters team had a close loss to Newport on Monday night at Merri Park 3-12.

And if the game wasn't called early because of the sun (or was it the beer getting warm).

Newport would have been in big trouble as we were just starting to warm up.

Highlight of the game was a 2 run blast over the school fence by James Hope.

Also an honorable mention to Nev Brown catching for the first time in a number of years.

As usual an enjoyable game and good to see lots of players making themselves available.

~ Cheers Brett Bennell

Fitzroy U18's 3 v Springvale Haileybury 6

Heartbreaker of a game Sunday morning with the boys going down with 2 outs on a hit that won the game.

Spring / Hail jumped us early getting 3 runs in first, but we were able to peg the runs back and make it a tie until the last innings in which Spring / Hail won it.

But a great job by Jullian Ayres throwing all but the last innings, Errol Whinnen in relief and good team hitting with hits to Jai, Josh "sunshine", Rory, Liam, Errol and Dean.

~Tristan Pinkster

Fitzroy U14's 16 v Preston Red 6

The u 14s had another good win this week away to Preston red 16 - 6

The scoreline could have been better as we added 5 more runs at the end, but they weren't counted as the opposition didn't want to bat again.

The batting again led the way knocking in 7 runs in the first dig, with Chris Godbold unlucky not to homer over left field due to the wind.

After that there pitcher did well to shut us down for a couple of innings, but once the pitcher was changed more runs flowed.

Stand outs were Josh Edmonston and Elliot Whinnen with 4 hits each.

In the field we weren't as sharp as usual but some solid defence kept the score down.

Shane Bennell at 3rd made a few good plays, and Billy Trovato did a great job at 1st.

Elliot Whinnen again led off the pitching doing a great job, and was well supported by Daniel Malcom and Josh Edmonston.

Overall a good team effort in very winter like conditions, including a duck.

Hits: 4-Josh Edmonston, Elliot Whinnen, 2-Shane Bennell, Jordan Hill, Chris Godbold, Billy Trovato,

1-Donald Brown, Daniel Malcom, Jake Hurdle.

~Cheers Brett Bennell.

Round 7 - Sat 15th November

Fitzroy 1st's 1 v Cheltenham 9

Saturday 15th down to cheltenham to try and get ahead on the win loss ratio.

Bad news early with Alex and Brock having to withdraw before the game and Jack being unavailable it was going to be a tough one.

Robbie stepped up again to help us out and threw a serviceable game with cheltenham getting a few dinky hits and us smacking the ball straight at them.

They got out to a game winning lead playing smart small ball and fielding everything we hit.

The Cheltenham starter held us well and their outfielding (in difficult conditions) was spot on.

We were behind the eight ball from the middle of the game and ended up losing 9-1.

Not many highlights as we only collected 4 hits

...and by making the ball straight at them.

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- Thanks John King

Fitzroy 3rd's 20 v Cheltenham 13

It's always a worry when the committee comes to you before the game and tells you if you don't win don't bother coming back. However with 1st's pitcher Jack Freeth on the hill and Tony King behind the dish it's a pretty good start against the top team. With 11 K's & 2 hits Jack certainly put us in a winning position, backed up by great fielding, 2 errors for the day, the game was never really in doubt. Great work behind the dish from Tony King in what's the 1st (and he assures me last) catching outing for several years. Hits: 3 -, Dean Sharples, Tony King (incl. dbl.); 2 - Stevie Scott, Jack Freeth; 1 - Daniel Bennett, Ashleigh Cox, Luke Bride & Tristan Joss
-Tony Wyatt

Fitzroy U18's v Cheltenham

It was game of two halves on Sunday morning, with us jumping on their starting pitcher and picking up 5 runs in first 3 digs. Then when Cheltenham made a pitching change we were not able to continue the early form with the bats and struggled to put hits together. Outstanding effort with the bat from Dean Sharples with 2 hits including a double, good efforts also with the bat by Josh Bride with a triple.
- Tristan Pinkster

Fitzroy U16's 12 v Newport 6

A good game by the young Royboys saw us win 12 to 6 with Newport playing good hard ball for 4 innings. The bats woke up to score 7 runs to break the game open in the 5th, this was a pleasing aspect of our game. And 2nd week in a row Zak again delivered a telling hit to open the game up. With both our pitchers dominating (Jake Chau and Nathan Grimes) and finishing strongly we were able to run out easy victors in the end. Well done to Jeremy Catching and Mitchell Hope getting his first hit.
- Rob Bates

Fitzroy U14's 22 v Geelong 5

The u14s played Geelong at home today and had a big win 22 - 5. The boys turned up to play today and in cold windy conditions played great team baseball. They got off to a good start and just kept going, with good performances right through the list.

Elliot Whinen started on the mound and kept Geelong to 4 runs over 3 innings. Jordan Hill and Josh Edmonston pitched well in relief only allowing 1 more run for the rest of the game.

Everyone batted well getting after their pitchers at every opportunity. Stand outs were Josh Edmonston with 4 hits which included 2 triples, and 4 RBI's. Chris Godbold with 3 hits including a double. And special mention to Ryan Tagkbeau with 2 hits and a great catch in right field in only his 2nd game.

Hits: 4 Josh Edmonston, 3 Chris Godbold, 2 Ryan Tagkbeau, 1 Jordan Hill, Shane Bennell, 1 Billy Trovato, Donald Brown.
- Cheers Brett Bennell

Round 6 - 9th November

Fitzroy 1st's 8 v Ormond Glenhuntly 3

At home against Ormond and without Jack to throw due to an accident on a motorbike. The call went out to Robbie Keane to give us a chop out. The 1st innings saw them get off to a good start scoring 3 runs before we could get them out. It took us a while to tie the game up due to the good pitching from the Ormond starter. Then in the sixth Tristan stepped up to the plate and sent one airmail into the school to put us in the lead, great games from Bridey, Danny in defence, Alex solid at short and Robbie not giving up another run for the game saw us jump them in the top of the ninth to score 4 more runs at put the game beyond doubt. Cheltenham next week to finish the round would be good to turn 4/3. Hits: Bride 2, Alex 1, Peterson 1, Arnott 1, Huryn 1, Pinkster a bomb.
-John King

Fitzroy 3rd's 21 v Ormond Glenhuntly 4

Against a pretty inexperienced Ormond side we finally did what we've promised every game: played error free baseball, hit the ball and scored in almost every dig. It was a great all-round team performance, with some solid pitching from Daniel Bennett and closing from Ryan Mitchell and Damien Preston solid behind the plate. Hitting was also great with a few standout efforts, Ryan Mitchell hit a big bomb into the tree at right field, then a double into the same area and then a massive foul into his own car. In the same dig Ryan McIvor decided to go one better and went deep to straightaway centre with a massive bomb. Dean Sharples also starred with the bat 4 from 5. Hits: 4-Dean Sharples (incl. a double); 2-Damien Preston (incl. a double), Ryan Mitchell (incl. HR & a double), Ryan McIvor (incl. HR), Tristan Joss (incl. double); 1-Stevie Scott, Gerard Whitman, Derek Allison (double) and Luke Bride. Let's keep it up next week against Cheltenham.
-Tony Wyatt

Fitzroy U18's 6 v Essendon 7

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 -Tony Wyatt

Fitzroy U18's 6 v Essendon 7

An outstanding effort from the boys playing against the underfeated top side, they put up a fight all the way to the end including 3 runs in the last innings and nearly stealing the win away from Essendon. Great efforts by Jai "angry man" Pawley on the mound pitching a complete game and keeping the boys in the game all morning, Errol Whinnen at 3rd base playing , awesome defence not allowing anything pa, st him and Josh "sunshine" Loveridge picking up 2 hits including a smashed double. Josh Bride and Jullian Ayres also chipping in with doubles at important times of the game. Hopefully we can continue the great form and knock off Cheltenham at there home ground.
 -Tristan Pinkster

Fitzroy U16's 5 v Essendon 10

The Royboys lost 10-5 to an Essendon Combination that capitalised on some very poor fielding by us. We gave up 6 unearned runs that we could not get back in the match. Our hitting which has been sporadic this year again did not fire. Zak batted well and again pitching by Jake And Nathan should have been good enough to get the points. Essendon out played us today.
 -Rob Bates

Fitzroy U14's 15 v Werribee 7

The under 14s travelled to Werribee today and won 15 - 7
 The boys started of with a rush and had 7 on the board in the first innings with some excellent 2 out hitting, after Werribee hit back with 7 in their first dig we thought we were in for a slugfest. Then Jordan Hill took the mound and threw 3 shut out innnings , including 7 Ks' and no hits. Meanwhile our batters kept busy hitting in 8 more runs. Lots of great hitting including Shane Bennell 3 hits and 2 walks, Jordan Hill 2 hits and a walk, And Jake Hurdle 2 hits and a walk (including a double). Overall a great team effort against a team which looked more like an under 18 nine.

Hits: 3 Shane Bennell, 2 Jordan Hill, Don Brown, Jake Hurdle, Lucas Lymberiatos.
 1 Billy Trovato, Josh Edmonston, Chris Godbold, Matt Johnston, Daniel Malcolm and Lachlan Thorpe

Cheers Brett Bennell.

Round 5 - 1st and 2nd November

Fitzroy 1st's 6 v Mulgrave 2

Out we ventured to mulgrave on a sunny saturday needing a win to stay in touch with the four. , , This, has not been a happy hunting ground for us so nerves were on edge. We got of to a good start scoring 2 runs in the first innings and then struggling to score after that, even though we had plenty of chances. Jack Freeth threw solid for seven and a half innings and Brock came in and held them down as they threatened to hit the front in the seventh. At the top of the ninth the bats woke up and with Tristan leading us off and the other guys rallied in behind him to score 4 runs and set up the win. Brock closed them out in style to keep us in the hunt. Tristan was solid with the bat and in the field, Alex is nearly there with the bat, Joel fielded well at first base saving the go ahead run with a great bit of fielding, then making a good throw to the pocket rocket , Bridey, who rolled with the tag to stop the runner scoring. Josh was again solid behind the plate and while not getting a hit he knocked the ball into play to start the runs coming in the ninth, he does not give up his time in the batting box easily. Great to be part of this win, keep up the intensity. Ormond next week at home so make sure we come to play as they sure will.
 ~ John King

Fitzroy 2nd's 18 v Mulgrave 1

The Seconds set the tone for the day, coming out of the blocks hitting everything thrown at them and racing out to a 10 run lead in the blink of an eye. Every one joined in on the act getting plenty of hitting practice in. Robbie was strong on the hill and Brownie our versatile catcher/pitcher/shortstop/outfielder etc. was looking good behind the dish Brad Sharples debuting from the thirds slotted in fine and the rest of the team were solid all game, running out 18-1 winners. Keep up the good work boys, spots in this team are going to be at a premium.
 ~ JK

Fitzroy 3rd's 11 v Mulgrave 12

Yet another 1 run loss, it's starting to look like groundhog day. Our starting pitcher Luke Bride began well but lost the sites in the 2nd dig and along with 5 errors saw Mulgrave score 9 runs. The bats were also slow which didn't help, however we woke up in the 4th and grabbed 4 runs. Joe Salanitri came to the mound and pitched the remaining 4½ innings for 3 runs. We still felt we had a chance when Adrian Kirkland came to the plate hit a double and then scored. He came to the plate again in the bottom of the 6th with 2 on and 1 out and launched the ball into the school for 3 runs. We just couldn't find another run. Maybe next week at Ormond
 Hits: 2 – Damian Preston (dbl & single), Adrian Kirkland (dbl & HR); 1 – Dean Sharples, Joe Salanitri, Ryan Mitchell,
 -Tony Wyatt

Fitzroy 5th's 5 v Port Melbourne 8

On Sunday we travelled to Port Melb not knowing if we were going to play, but we did and not very well. The only bright spark was Bryan Jacob', s 3 run double to put us in front which we couldn't hang onto and we lost 8-5.

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No sour grapes, we were outplayed by a more committed outfit.

Also I would like to apologise for being ejected for the 1st time in my career as I let everyone down, again I am sorry.

This week we play Preston, venue unknown, so please contact myself, 0419 341 840 or the club to find out where & when we are playing.

Cheers T.B

Fitzroy U18's 2 v Geelong 6

We made the long trek to Geelong for the game which we got off to a great start with a few early runs in the first innings.

Then we struggled a bit to put hits together and were a bit unlucky with some hard hit balls by Errol, Liam and Blake going straight to the fielders.

Good efforts by Jai Pawley hitting the ball hard all morning and also closing out the game pitching and Jullian Ayres starting on the hill and doing a good job.

Looking forward to getting back on the winners board.

~ Tristan Pinkster

Fitzroy U14's 11 v Preston A 11

After a couple of big wins we came up against a more competitive side today, And although we weren't at our best the boys toughed out a great game and came from 5 runs behind to grab a draw, and were unlucky at the end not to snatch a win, some missed opportunity's in the field really hurt us down the stretch.

Donald Brown's hot form with the bat continues 4 hits from 4 at bats with 4 RBI's

Chris Godbold coming off the bench had 2 hits from 2 at bats knocking in 2 runs late in the game

Elliot Whinnen again had a great day on the mound and was well backed up by Jordan Hill in relief
Hits: 4 Donald Brown, 2 Chris Godbold, Billy Trovato, Jordan Hill, 1 Shane Bennell, Josh Edmonston and Elliot Whinnen

PS. The club song was sung in tune this week by Josh (thanks Steve for putting it on the web page)

~ Cheers Brett Bennell

Round 4 - 26th October

Fitzroy 1st's 2 v Moorabbin 3

This will sound a bit silly but I think we have , turned the corner with our form.

Brock Pawley was back to his best on the hill and Alex hit the ball hard all day and with a close game losing 3 to 2.

The signs were good moving forward, sound defence, clutch hitting to take the lead in the 7th

But handing the lead back to Moorabin in the bottom of the dig.

, Bring this form to mulgrave next week and we will come away winners.

Hits: Alex 1 double, Singles Huryn, Pinkster Arnott and Freeth

~ John King

Fitzroy 2nd's 9 v Moorabbin 0

Great team performance all round. led well by Robert Keanne on the mound with 115 pitches and 3 hits, no errors in the field.

Young guns fired, D'Arcy, Gavin, and Damion showing the way with bat and defence.

Backed up by hits all round, other than Sean (sorry mate). Looks like the team is coming together well, look out opposition.

~JK

Fitzroy 3rd's 9 v Moorabbin 10

This week we yet again we came up 1 run short as we made a late charge, however two hits in the 1st 6 innings don't deserve to win a game.

Excellent pitching from Daniel Bennett over 5 innings and handy closing from Luke Bride put us in the position to win, but the bats were quiet.

The great thing from the game was that we never gave up and the belief that we could still win nearly let us steal the game.

The highlight of the game: Nearly stealing it. The lowlight: Daniel Bennett stealing 3rd and being called safe.

Thanks to our stand-in scorer Bill Fenton.

Hits: Dean Sharples, Luke Bride, Ashley Cox, Daniel Bennett, Jarrod Whitman & Ryan Mclvor.

~ Tony Wyatt

Fitzroy 5th's 18 v Essendon 8

Welcome back, today we ventured out to Essendon for round 4.

They are a new team in our grade and is almost a "home game for me & Stevo".

We started with 2 in the 1st as did they and then we began to hit the ball and had a convincing 18 – 8 victory.

It was a game where everyone did what we should do to win games during the home & away draw.

Safe Hits: Scott Lindsay 3 doubles, Bryan Jacobs single & a double, Tony Bullen 2 doubles,

Cam Carr single , & double, Shane Robinson single & 2 doubles, Jason Stephenson single (lucky hit) , &

Marchin Niepostyn double & a single.

~ Tony Bullen

Fitzroy U18's 15 v Preston 5

It was a good win for the boys, we got off to a great start with 7 in the first dig taking advantage of the Preston pitcher struggling to throw strikes plus some timely hitting.

Some great efforts on the day including Jai "angry man" Pawley pitching a complete, game, Josh Bride with 2 doubles, E, rrol Whinnen with a 2 rbi hit, Rory Green with 3 hits. Also a mention to Nathan Chrimes coming up from the 16's and doing an outstanding job including a nice piece of hitting and Josh "sunshine"

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~ Tristan Pinkster

Fitzroy U16's 8 v Essendon 8

Another game the royboys played well.

Good pitching from Jake Chau Again ably supported by Lucas.

With a score line 8 all at the end of time it was bitter sweet draw having led all day.

With Essendon equalling at the top of the last innings we were unable to score the winning run after loading the bases in the last innings.

~ Rob Bates

Fitzroy U14's 22 v Essendon (Black) 2

The U14s played Essendon (black) at home today and had a big win 22 - 2

The boys continued on from last week and played a really good game of Baseball.

Elliott Whinnen and Matthew Johnson both pitched excellently and were well backed up by all the fielders.

The batting continued to be aggressive with everyone getting after their pitchers.

Notably Donald Brown with 4 hits (3 doubles) and Jordan Hill 3 hits (2 doubles).

While the baseball side of things rolls along nicely there is a concern about the singing of

The club song. The words seem right but they're just not sure what tune they are singing it too.

Hopefully they'll get it right before the end of the season.

[\(Click here to play Fitzroy Lions MP3\)](#) ~ Steve Mills

Hits: 4 Donald Brown, 3 Jordan Hill, 2 Billy Trovato, Shane Bennell, 1 Daniel Malcolm, Chris Godbold
1 Elliot Whinnen, Matthew Johnson, Joshua Edmonson, Daniel Munro

~ Cheers Brett

Round 3 - 18th and 19th October

1st Nine 3 v Upwey FTG 9

Saturday saw us host Upwey Ferntree gully at home.

The game was a tight affair for a while until Upwey broke the game open with 6 runs in one innings to take a 9 nil lead.

Jack Freeth relieved Brock Pawley and held them for the rest of the game.

We answered back with 3 late runs but probably never looked like winning.

Jack did a good job and is showing he will be an real asset.

Hits: D King T Pinkster J Arnott T King A Turlea J Bride J Freeth and J Peterson.

Must win next week to stay in touch with the four.

~ John King

3rd Nine 10 v Upwey FTG 11

Sunday we travelled out to Upwey by the scenic route, however not all of us made it, shows how important it is to ring someone particularly when we're so far away from home.

The 9th player became a choice of missing limb Wyatt, thanks Pat for filling in.

We went down 10 - 11 in a close game with the lead changing 3 times as Fitzroy made several late charges and 2 crucial decisions went the home teams way .

With fantastic, gutsy pitching by Luke Bride and some really good clutch hits, we should have won, but 5 unearned runs ended up being costly.

The best thing is we know we can get better and win more games as the season progresses.

Hits: 2 Brad Sharples, Derrik Allison & Luke Bride; 1 Adrian Kirkland, Jarrod Whitman & Daniel Scicluna.

~ Tony Wyatt

Under 16's 10 v Preston 11

Roy boys dropped a tear jerker losing 11 - 10 in the last innings.

A very riveting game with the lead changing constantly during the game.

We thought we were a real chance leading after the top of the 5th innings 10-6 but then the wheels fell off in the bottom half with a determined Preston coming back with 6 runs in the bottom half of the last.

Jake Chua pitched 3 good innings, 1 earned run and left trailing 5-3 well done and a good performance.

Aiden Jenkins in the lead off spot hit well going 2 from 3 and a walk.

Outstanding hitting from Dylan Oneil 4 from 4 great job.

Very pleased with the overall performance, great game guys you all played well.

~ Rob Bates

Under 14's 16 v Pt Melbourne 2

The under 14s played Port Melbourne away today and had an excellent win 16-2.

The boys turned up ready to play today, and from the first innings batted really well

Scoring 7 in the first dig.

Matt Johnson threw a perfect 1st inn, ings retiring the first three batters.

We then batted in 5 more runs in the second to put the game beyond the opposition.

Jordan Hill closed out the last 3 1/2 innings with a great display on the mound.

Donald Brown had an excellent game back behind the mask.

There were hits aplenty and everyone got amongst the action, notably Chris Godbold

With 3 hits and Donald Brown with 4.

It was a much improved performance to last week, so if they can maintain there form,

It should be a good season.

Hits : 4 Donald Brown, 3 Chris Godbold, 2 Shane Bennell, Jordan Hill, Billy Trovato, Jake Hurdle.
2 Matt Johnson, 1 Lachlan Thorpe

Cheers: Brett Bennell

Round 2 - 12th October 2008

1st Nine 20 v Werribee 26

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The rest of the game was a mixture of good hitting from both sides, errors and the wind playing tricks.

Werribee deserved to win in the end because they answered every challenge we threw at them.

Not withstanding that fact we had some outstanding performers ourselves.

- Tristan Pinkster 7 hits from 7 at bats including a homer

- Alex Turlea 5 hits, Josn Bride 4 hits with a Homer, John Peterson 3 hits.

- Huryn, Arnott, Pawley 2 a piece

- Linehan 1 and some shots that were caught that were flying.

Big game next week against UFTG at home (ON Saturday) so we need to get back on track.

~ John King

3rd Nine 19 v Werribee 7

The 3rds had a great day out against an inexperienced Werribee winning 19 to 7.

We got away to a fantastic start with our lead-off batting 3 times in the 1st dig.

The end of the 1st was 40 minutes in arriving at 14 nil, as opposed to last week we had 18 hits and 9 walks.

Luke Bride pitched well giving up only 2 hits and 2 runs after 2 digs. Brad Sharples came in and pitched another 2 solid innings with Daniel Bennett closing the game out.

Hits: 3: Luke Bride & Derek Allison; 2: Dean Sharples, Brad Sharples (incl. a HR), Karl Leake, Jack Butterworth and Glen Doherty; 1: Daniel Bennett, Adrian Kirkland

~ Tony Wyatt

Under 16's Fitzroy 17 v Newport 0

A great game by the Royboys to open there account for this season.

A great win and our pitching staff duo of Jake Chau & Nathan Chrimes combining for a 5 innings no hit, shut out.

Catcher Dylan O'Neil was flawless behind the dish throwing out one runner and going 2 from 5 batting.

Our pitching Struck out 12 of the 15 outs.

We produced 12 hits Nathan Chrimes 4 from 4 and Mathew Chrimes 3 from 4.

The rest of the team played well and only 1 error for the day, great game.

Our Base running and just all round play was really pleasing so lets keep this up and the season looks bright.

Special mention Lucas Wilson with an in the park Home Run/3 RBI.

And the dedication award this week Zak Nickolaou for his attention to decorating the country side with his dazzling colors from his stomach, get well mate for next week.

~ Rob Bates

Under 14's 7 - Sunshine 12

The under 14s played Sunshine away today going down 7-12.

Although a bit rusty after the break, they tried hard and weren't far out of it at the end.

Our pitchers were unable to put a lot of pressure on early and gave up far to many walks.

Elliot Whinn, en came on late and threw 2 good innings.

Even though we managed to get a lot of base runners on we weren't able to capitalize by hitting them home.

Lucas Lymbriatos had a solid game behind the plate in his first game with the club.

The boys will learn a lot from the game and should come out swinging next week.

Hits - Shane Bennell 1, Jordan Hill 1, Jake Hurdle 1

~ Cheers Brett Bennell

Round 1 - 5th October 2008**1st Nine 4 v Melbourne 2**

First games of the season and we have come out of the blocks a bit rusty but toughed out a gutsy win in the ones.

The rest of the club went well with wins by four of our five senior teams, the firsts were solid all game grinding out 4 runs with a combination

of clutch hitting and some well executed small ball. Brock Pawley piched a great game and Josh Bride was solid behind the dish.

Tristan Pinkster made 2 great plays early to give us some confidence and John Peterson's clutch hit in the 8th gave us a 2 run buffer which

then Brock closed out in style striking out the last batter of the game.

Werribee next week so we need to be on our metal as, they are a hard team to beat at their home.

Hits - Josh Bride 2, Joel Arnott 1, John Peterson 1, Brock Pawley 1.

2nd Nine 7 v Melbourne 0

Jack Freeth had a good first up outing on the hill for the 2nds and Jye Pawley finished it off well 7-0 is a good start to the season.

Highlight of the 2nd's, ask Paul Brown about his running bunt quote of the week (the older I get the better I was)

3rd Nine 4 v Melbourne 5

The 3rds started the new season well against the "clappers", we had some new young faces as well as the usual crew. D'Arcy Mills pitched the 1st 4 and bit innings for 3 runs leaving the hill with us still up by 1 run. Dean Sharples then took the hill to close out the 5th. In the 6th inning Dean lost the target and issued a few walks to give up 2 runs.

It was a good effor, t by the pitchers to concede 5 runs in 6 digs and with Karl Leake working hard behind the dish, they did their job.

Sadly the winter break cooled down the bats, 4 runs in the 2nd dig and then nothing for the game. Sadly 3 hits, 10 K's and 7 more balls not leaving the infield, will not win games.

Let's hope the bats heat up this week vs. Werribee.

Hits - Brad Sharples 1, D'Arcy Mills 1, Derek Allison 1

~ Tony Wyatt

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