

Junior Match Reports 2010/11

March 4th to 6th

Please [Click Here](#) to see under 14 Friday Night Grand Final Match Report. Fitzroy 8 Defeated Werribee 6 to win premiership.

Under 12 Sunday Little League Round 17

Fitzroy 16 defeated Essendon 3

What a way to finish off a successful season with three consecutive wins to storm home and finish 5th on the ladder. This is a great achievement when you consider we played in the highest U/12 competition in the State, and none of our players had experience at this level. Today we beat Essendon comprehensively, 16/3 in five innings.

Adam was sensational on the hill throwing 4 innings, giving up only 3 hits and two BB while striking out 4. Our fielding was excellent with Carl making a few solid plays at 3B and Mitch getting the job done at SS.

Carl Mordaunt kept his smoking bat going with 3 from 4 while Will K-M went 3 for 3 and Adam went 3 for 4 with a triple, in a terrific all round game. Special mention to Nicholas Godbold, Will Sheedy, Darcy Cleeve and Connor Bond who have shown great improvement with the bat in recent weeks. Nick and Will both registered safe hits today, Connor put the ball in play and scored a RBI and Darcy drew two walks and was tough as nails when he shook off a HPB hit to the head and trotted up to 1st base. Curtis hit the ball hard and Ben chimed in with a hit.

Hits: Adam 3 (1 triple, 2RBI); Carl 3 (1RBI); Will K-M 3 (1RBI); Mitchell 2 (1RBI); Will S 1 (2RBI); Ben 1 (1RBI); Curtis 1 (1RBI); Nick 1; Connor (1RBI).

Many thanks to Dean Malcolm for his help coaching throughout the season, John Edwards for his support, Gaelle for scoring week in week out and Liz Bond for collecting the money most weeks.

Presentation Night is on Wednesday March 16th at the Community Rooms at Brunswick St Oval. Details will be emailed soon. See you all there.

Peter Wilson
Little League Coach

February 25th to 27th

Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 teams were all washed out this week.

Under 12 Sunday Little League Round 16

Fitzroy 23 defeated Werribee 0

In very wet conditions the U/12s registered their 4th win for the season in convincing style. Over the five innings we put together 14 hits, with the highlight being Carl Mordaunt's first ever Home Run, soon followed by his second. Carl's first was a three run blast over right field and his second was a two run 'frozen rope' over centre field. Well done Carl.

Other notable performances in the box were Ben going 4/4, Will KM 3/4 and Mitch 2/4.

Hits: Carl 2 HR (5RBI); Ben 4 (1RBI); Will K-M 3 (1RBI); Mitchell 2 (1RBI); Adam 1 (1RBI); Curtis 1; Nick 1.

Many thanks to Dean Malcolm for his help coaching and Gaelle for scoring.

Next Sunday we have Essendon at Essendon.

Peter Wilson
Little League Coach

Friday Night 25th February

Fitzroy Under 14- 12 Defeated Williamstown 10

This was a game of walks with both teams registering two hits apiece. We again only played two full innings but managed to get our batters two at bats each, Carl Mordaunt managed a cherished 3rd plate appearance for us.

We started out scoring 5 runs in the first innings. We went into this game with seven players so at 1 out after 7 batters the innings finished with two blanks, a great positive start in difficult conditions. They answered in the bottom of the dig with 4 runs.

After 1 innings we lead by 1.

The 1 run lead meant a lot when we scored 7 in the 2nd and final dig; this was a great effort from the boys as we only had 7 batters. Although most of the runners got on base from walks (they all showed patience in the box to achieve these) we scored more often because the team worked really hard getting the runners into scoring position, the batters took strikes to allow the runners to progress and everyone was up with the signals.

We stole 2nd whenever we could, all runners showing that their base running and lead off skills have come a long way in a few short weeks. The 7 run rule (each team is only allowed 7 runs in an innings) meant that we couldn't lose after that - as we had an 8 run lead. The positive encouragement (yelling and screaming) from the field and in the dugout was great, we all had a lot of fun.

Great pitching by Luca and Brendan in trying, windy conditions but the special mention goes to Carl Mordaunt who came in to close the game, he faced 3 batters getting ahead of them early and striking them all out swinging.

Well done to Satang with his first time catching, he blocked many balls in the dirt and kept a lot of runners at 3rd base, helping to keep us in the lead. Dougal made a good play from 2nd to get an out at 1st. Luca also got an out at 1st base when he was pitching.

We had 15 at bats and scored 12 runs.

Hits to Satang and Luca. Good team stealing by all. This win puts us 3rd and ready, willing and able to play finals in 2 weeks time.

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February 20

Under 12 Sunday Little League Round 15

Fitzroy 3 defeated Geelong 0

It was fantastic to see our Little Leaguers get back on the winning list today with a very solid 3/0 victory over Geelong. What a difference a week makes. Our defence was very solid and it was great to see the boys learn their lesson from last week and back up the pitchers in the field.

We scored 3 in the bottom of the first and held Geelong out for the next 5 innings.

Ben threw 4 solid innings, striking out 6 and only giving up 2 hits and 1 BB. Mitchell did his usual great job in relief, throwing the last 2 innings while striking out 2 and only giving up 1 hit and 2 BB. Adam and Will KM did a great job behind the mask, while Will Sheedy caught two great fly balls at RF.

It was great to see Carl and Darcy get the bats smoking and capitalising on all the hard work they have been putting in at training.

Hits: Carl 2; Will K-M 1; Mitchell 1; Darcy 1; Ben (1RBI).

Many thanks to Dean Malcolm and John Edwards for steering the ship in my absence, and thanks to John Peterson for umpiring, Gaele for scoring and the ground crew for preparing the field.

Next Sunday we have Werribee at Werribee.

Peter Wilson
Little League Coach

Fitzroy/ Newport under 18, 8 defeated Sandringham 6.

The combined Newport/Fitzroy team headed down the bay to Sandringham this week to face a strong Sandringham team today. We had a slow start with their pitcher Alex De Silva striking out our first 5 batters. Then things changed.....our boys decided to swing the bats and at the top of the 3rd inning we were 1 - 2 down. In the fourth we came out & smashed the ball around & our boys got their first 7 run inning changeover. Most of the boys got hits today but special mention to Harley who got a single & a double, Adam with 2 singles, Phillippe with a double, & Errol two doubles. Errol who pitched for almost the entire game gave away only 2 runs, reaching his limit by the second last batter, then Adam came in & finished off for him. The boys & coach Gavin were very pleased with this win 8 - 6.

February 13

Fitzroy U14 Report – 13 February 2011

Fitzroy 12 to Melbourne 8

A well earned win to the U14 Lions on Sunday morning. We have played well over our last few games but have been outmatched in the scoring department so it was rewarding (and a relief!) to get a win. Melbourne took a lead of 8 to 3 by the end of the 3rd inning through smart, aggressive base running and we weren't able to capitalise on our opportunities, stranding 6 runners on base over those same 3 innings. The damage could have been worse if it were not for a sharp play by Luca to double off a runner from a fly ball to left field. The top of the 4th inning saw our leadoff, Leon, get on and advance to third base by means of an infield hit and smart base running which was a motivator for the team. We then added 3 runs in the fourth to close the gap to 2 runs. Riley Hill followed up by throwing a 1-2-3 inning and we were back to bat again, this time looking to come home with a wet sail. Five hits in the last inning to the Roy Boys saw us tally 6 more runs and take a 4 run lead over Melbourne. Tommy then closed the door on our opposition with a shutout inning, giving us a great come-from-behind win.

Hits:

3 hits: Leon

2 hits: Riley C, Bradley, Tom

1 hit: Toby, Connor, Riley H, Wilmot

Notable play: Leon (3 hits, 1 BB, 2 SB), Tom (3 RBI, 1 Sac, 1 IP for 0 H), Wilmot (3 outfield outs), Connor (6 Innings catching, 2 RBI), Luca (1 PA for a BB, double play)

Under 12 Sunday Little League Round 14

Cold hard statistics tell the tale of this game: Hits – Us 3, Them 6; On Base – Us 13, Them 19; Left on Base – Us 10, Them 6; Free Passes – Us 6, Them 7; Strike Outs – Us 9, Them 7; ERRORS – Us EIGHT, Them 2.

Our pitchers pitched well, our hitters were ok, but our concentration in the field left a lot to be desired. Eight errors in six innings is far too many, and the boys learnt the hard way that you must back your pitchers up if you want to be competitive.

The boys showed a lot more resolve in the hitter's box with most making good contact at least once. This is an area we have been focussing on at training and it was pleasing to see all boys trying to be more competitive in the box.

Hits: Will K-M 1 dbl (1RBI); Ben 1; Curtis 1; Nicholas (1 RBI),

Many thanks to Darcy Mills for umpiring, Gaele for scoring and the ground crew for preparing the field.

Next Sunday we have Geelong at Merri Park and Assistant Coach Dean will take the reins in my absence. With three winnable games to go we need to work hard to ensure that we finish the season on a positive note.

Peter Wilson
Little League Coach

January 30

Under 12 Sunday Little League Round 12

Fitzroy 1 defeated by Sandringham 12

On an extremely hot morning the boys shook out the post Christmas cob webs and took on Sandringham on a delightfully prepared diamond at Merri Park. Pleasingly, we continued on the great defensive work we began to show glimpses of at the year.

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Adam took to the hill for his first outing for the year and did an awesome job over 4.1 innings. He gave up only 5 hits and 5 runs (3 unearned) while registering 3 Ks. Darcy provided solid support in relief, throwing consistent strikes. Mitchell caught the entire game in very difficult circumstances and did a great job, while the rest of the boys were very solid in defence. Ben made five 6-3s at SS and Curtis did a great job at first base.

On the downside, in an unfortunate incident early in the game, Carl wore a line drive on the top lip while fielding at CF and was whisked off to the Children's Hospital for stitches. Fortunately there was no damage to his teeth. We wish Carl a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him down at Merri Park soon.

This week at training we will be concentrating on hitting, then more hitting, as we were only able to post 3 hits across 6 innings.

Hits: Ben 2, Will K-M 1.

Many thanks to Jamie Lethborg for umpiring, Gaelle for scoring and the ground crew for preparing such a picturesque field.

This Sunday we are away against top of the table Waverley. I'm sure that if we are switched on and ready to go, we will take it right up to them. Parents, it is important that players are at Waverley by 8.00am for an 8.10am warm up. Arriving at 8.10am is late. Training will resume on Wednesday February 2nd at 5.30pm at Merri Park.

Peter Wilson
Little League Coach

Week 11-December 17-19

Fitzroy U 14 Friday Night Centre West Drew 1 with Footscray 1

We weren't really sure if we would get to play against Footscray as the rain pelted us off the warm up and delayed play twice, then the sun stopped us, who could believe it? We did however manage to get 2 full innings in. In those innings Daniel Bond pitched and held them to 1 run. Luca took advantage of a wild pitch walk in the 2nd to get to 2nd and then stole 3rd before scoring on another pass ball. Credit to Footscray as they came out in the top of the 3rd and hit the ball hard, scoring 5 runs. These did not count though as time was up with the dig half over. We didn't get to bat again after the rain and sun stopped us from playing for about half an hour in total. Our boys didn't manage a hit in the game, but there was some positives to come out of it. We drew 4 walks with patient team batting and got some runners on base. Callen and Henry stole a base each, showing that they are learning to stretch their leading off and reading of the pitcher's feet. Daniel pitched well throwing 3 Ks. Thanks to everyone for making the effort with the Friday 14s. This is a really important team for the boys who are all consolidating themselves in this age group. It is good to see the boys learning to steal bases with increasing confidence. Merry Christams to all the families involved and I will see you all in the new year.

Cam Gleeson

Under 12 Sunday Little League

Little League Round 11
Fitzroy 2 defeated by Newport 3

The Little League team showed much more resolve this week and played six innings of good solid baseball. In a high standard game between two evenly matched teams, we went down 3/2 in 75 minutes. It was a game that was dominated by the pitchers, with only 7 hits registered between the two teams. To our opponent's credit, they came up with a couple of clutch hits early in the game to set up their lead. Unfortunately we could only register two hits for the game and once again many of our hitters failed to put our opponents under pressure by putting the ball into play. For the second week in a row we registered 10 strike outs. We are hitting the ball well at training and need to take this into the games. Ben and Mitchell performed very well on the hill. Ben threw 4 innings and struck out 6 while giving up only 4 hits. Mitch relieved in style and struck out 2 and only allowed 1 hit. A big plus for the game was the improvement we showed in defence when put under pressure by baserunners. This was an area we were exposed in last week, and to see the boys learn from that game and use their defensive skills was very pleasing.

Hits: Curtis 1 (1 RBI); Adam 1; Ben (1RBI).

We are looking forward to resuming the season on Sunday January 30th when we take on Sandringham Royals at Merri Park. Parents, it is important that players are at the games by 8.00am for an 8.10am warm up. Arriving at 8.10am is late.

Training will resume on Wednesday February 2nd at 5.30pm at Merri Park. Due to the Australia Day Public Holiday, and the Little League State Championships at Geelong, there will be no training in the week leading up to the first game back against Sandringham.

Enjoy the Christmas break and have a safe and restful holiday.

Peter Wilson
Little League Coach

Week 10- December 12

Under 18, Fitzroy Newport

The boys went down 6 - 0 to Waverley. They did well to hold this team to six as 90% of the Waverley team make up the Victorian Under 18 state team. Jordan pitched well for 5 innings, followed up well by Adam. Hits went to Dacy, Errol & Aidan.

Under 14 Sunday Major League

Fitzroy v Blackburn

Loss to Blackburn 4-16

A tough loss to a very good Blackburn outfit on Sunday morning. The score didn't quite reflect the fact that we played well, we just couldn't stop the hot Oriole bats from scoring. Our batting approach was much better than last week but the hits didn't fall safely for us. Last week we struck out 12 times, 9 of those 12 we went down looking. This week, with very similar quality pitching, we only struck out 3 times. That is a HUGE improvement and we give ourselves a much better chance of winning with this better batting approach. We did leave some runners on base early in the game and it could have given us a greater level of confidence had we scored those runners. Several players had good games, including Tom who threw out 3 Oriole baserunners, Toby struck out 5 hitters and Satang who nearly notched up his first State-grade home run and had two great at bats.

Keep your chin up guys – this is a tough league but we will get back on the winning track again soon!

HITS

2 hits: Toby (1 double)

1 hit: Tom, Connor (1 double with 2 rbi), Riley H, Bradley

Noteworthy: great at bats by Riley C and Satang.

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Little League Round 10
Fitzroy 7 defeated by Blackburn 12

Disappointingly we were outhit and outhustled by a much more switched on team who had come to play. They arrived on time and warmed up in a very organised and committed manner. We arrived in dribs and drabs and warmed up lethargically. Accordingly, the outcome of the game reflected the attitudes of the two teams over the three hours we were at the park.

We are a much better team than what we showed on Sunday, and losing a couple to illness before the game didn't help our cause. Hopefully we learnt a few things from our opponents, and will be more prepared in future when opposing teams put the pressure on us like Blackburn did.

Six hits over two hours wasn't enough, and ten strike outs is far too many. We need to put the ball in play more and place our opponents under pressure. Hopefully the weather is better on Wednesday, and we can spend some time in the cage working on our hitting.

Hits: Ben 3; Mitchell 1 (1Dbl, 1 RBI); Curtis 1 (1 RBI); Joshua 1; Will K-M (1 RBI).

Next week we are away against Newport. Don't forget the Christmas Party on Sunday 19th at the club.

Peter Wilson
 Little League Coach

Fitzroy Under 14 Friday Night defeated Newport 14-9

The families from the under 14 Friday night team battled the Bolte and Westgate Bridge traffic again to make Newport for our 2nd game. It was encouraging to see so many family members in the grandstand under those circumstances. It means a lot to the kids to have their parents watching them, it also means a lot to the manager to have the adults around too, so thanks mums and dads for making the effort.

We didn't know what to expect from Newport as we are new to this grade. Their pitcher started out throwing well, striking out a couple of our batters and sitting us down early. Carl took the mound, looked at home and threw, making them swing. We let in 4 runs though and went to bat again.

Hits from Daniel Bond, Leon, Dougal, Brendan and Carl Mordaunt (Carl smashed it into left field where it just rolled out and restricted him to a double) scored runs that had been placed on base from walks. We took our max of 7 from that inning and Carl went at them again doing very well to keep them to 1 run in the bottom of the dig. A highlight of the defence was Dougal combining with Henry for a 9 to 3 out, Bang Bang fellas, well done!

Score 7-4

We went out again and showed plenty of patient batting getting runners on with walks. A 3RBI single from Daniel Bond, should be a confidence booster for him and was a highlight of the night. Another 7 run inning gave Luca a cushion to sit on and pitch, as time was nearly up and we were leading by 10. They got 5 and we ended the game leading by the same amount.

Another highlight was when Nicholas caught a fly out in Left Field, kept his head and threw to Luca who caught a runner not tagging at 3rd.

Thanks to Liz and Lesley for scoring, to Combo from Newport for umpiring and Darren for base coaching.

Batting, Cailen 1w, Daniel B 2 hits 1dble, Luca 1w, Leon1w 1hit, Dougal 1w 1hit, Brendan Bennell 1w 1hit, Brad Synott 2w, Carl Mordaunt 1 hit dble 1w, Nicholas 1w.

Great to see the boys fielding with increasing confidence, some of the hitting was at a high standard in a game where there was not many strikes thrown. See you on Friday night at Merri Park, 6.30pm vs Footscray (their turn to cross the bridges)
 Cam Gleeson

Week 9 - December 3 - 5

Under 14 Sunday Major League

A tough game in which we forgot to swing the bats. We made it tough by giving away easy runs to the Dragons through sloppy fielding. Of the 7 runs scored by Doncaster, only 3 were earned runs (but I am sure we will improve as the season wears on). Not all fielding was soft, as Nick S took a great over the shoulder catch in right field to start the game. After handing the lead to Doncaster we then made it difficult for ourselves to score by not aggressively swinging the bat.

A lesson to be learned last Sunday - you cant get hits by simply watching the pitched ball! I am sure we will show our true Fitzroy batting style in our next game.

Hits:

1 Nick (double), Tom, Toby, Riley H

Honourable mention to Stahan who drew two walks and stole two bases.

Pitching

Toby 3Inn, 5BB, 4K, 2ER

Riley H 3Inn, 3BB, 3K, 1ER

Under 12 Little League Sunday 5th Dec.

Round 9

Fitzroy 18 defeated Doncaster 7

The first hour was a very tight affair where we trailed 6/7 after 3 innings. To the boys' credit, they dug deep for the remainder of the game and pulled away for a comfortable victory.

Curtis started the game with a bang, hitting a huge solo home run in the top of the first. Through some very good hitting, and a few walks, we scored 4 in the second innings to jump out to a 6/2 lead. Carl and Josh started us off with hits, then Will Shedy smashed a double to score them both. To our opponents' credit, and some wayward pitching, they hit back with 4 and 1 in the next two innings to take the lead.

That's when Mitch strode to the Hill and shut them down for the rest of the game. Mitch faced 13 hitters, struck out 7 of them and gave up only 2 hits and 1 un-earned run. An excellent performance.

We outhit our opponents 10 to 4, and were impressive with all 10 of our players registering at least one RBI. A great all round performance.

Hits: Curtis 2 (1 HR, 2 RBI); Ben 2 (4 RBI); Carl 2 (1 RBI); William S 1 (1 dbl, 1 RBI); Adam 1 (2 RBI); Mitchell 1 (2 RBI); Joshua 1 (1 RBI); Nicholas (1 RBI); Darcy (1 RBI); Connor (1 RBI).

Well done to all the boys and thanks to Dean and Jason for helping out and to Gaele for scoring.

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Under 14 - Friday Night

Fitzroy 4 drew with Werribee 4

Week 8 - November 28

There were a lot of washouts this week - no reports received.

Week 7 - November 21

Under 18

Fitzroy/Newport drew with Geelong 5-5

The Under 18 combined team with Newport travelled out to Geelong prepared for a flogging.....however from the very beginning the boys were on their game. They took advantage of a few wild pitches and did some very good base running. Jordan Young had a great outing on the mound & pitched the entire game. The boys hit a few solid singles & Griffin hit a triple to the fence. Our boys were ahead for most of the game & it was only in the last inning when Geelong made a few runs to catch up & level the game at 5 all. The boys came away happy with a tied game.

Rosa Whinnen

Under 16

Fitzroy 15 defeated Essendon B 2

Today at Merri Park the u16s took on Essendon B and came away with a good 15 - 2 win. With Tristan away, I had the privilege of managing the team with the help of Nev and Darren.

Billy started on the hill and had 3 good innings only giving up 2 unearned runs, Lucas threw the last two innings and did a great job shutting them out. Donald started behind the dish and was solid throwing out a runner trying to steal, Daniel took over after half way and as always was excellent. The fielding today was fantastic with I think no errors and a fantastic fly ball at left by Jacob.

Batting wise we started a bit slow with most of our early runs coming on walks, steals and pass balls. But eventually the bats came to life and there were lots of nice hits, highlight being Daniel's stand up triple (oh and a switch hit single by Lucas, lucky you hit it !!!!) A couple of base running errors and missed signals were the only blemish on a great performance by the boys, probably their best so far this year. If they can maintain this standard they will win a lot more games this season.

Thanks to Bruce for scoring and Gavin for umpiring.

Looking forward to next week vs Melbourne at home again

Cheers Brett Bennell

Under 14

Fitzroy v Preston

Game won 13-8

Fitzroy played a good game against an underated but determined Preston team. Every Fitzroy player reached base at least once and nearly every player had one or more hits.

Starting Pitcher, Toby, and relief pitcher, Riley H, pitched well against the Pirates but we nearly let them back in the game with a couple of errors late in the game.

Another good effort on the base paths saw us swipe a total of 12 bases for the game which also matched our hit total.

Hits:

2 Tom (1 triple, 1 double), Toby, Bradley (1 double)
1 Leon, Luca, Riley H (3BB), Riley C, Cailen, Brendan

Pitching:

Toby 3.1 Inn, 5BB, 8K, 2ER
Riley H 1.2Inn, 1BB, 2K, 4ER

Little League Round 7

Fitzroy 13 defeated Werribee 12

We gave up 7 runs in the top of the 1st and played catch up baseball all day. We finally hit the front in the bottom of the last when we scored 4 runs (3 of them with 2 out and no-one on base).

Darcy started for us and did his job throwing enough strikes to get three outs. Unfortunately we didn't back him up in the field as much as we could have. Adam was fantastic once again behind the mask. It's great to see him improving with every game he plays.

Ben threw the middle part of the game and Mitchell closed out in style. Nicholas took two great flies at right field and Carl took a beauty at left field. Unfortunately Carl was subbing for Werribee at the time, and caught out Curtis.

Joshua fielded well at second base, registering 3 put outs and it's pleasing to see that Connor is starting to swing the bat. Curtis was solid at first base and he and Will KM batted very well.

Credit to the boys for plugging away all game, and coming up with the win in the end.

Hits: Ben 4 (1 double, 1 RBI); William KM 2 (1 RBI); Curtis 1 (3 RBI); Mitchell 1 (1 RBI); Joshua 1 (1 RBI); Nicholas 1 (1 RBI); Adam 1; Carl 1.

Well done to all the boys.

Peter Wilson
Little League Coach

Week 6 - November 15

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U18 Newport/Fitzroy team lost 4 against Sandringham 9.

Errol started the game & did well pitching 5 innings with 7 strikeouts & 1 earned run. Josh came in to relieve & threw strikes. The boys did well with the bat with Errol hitting a triple, Jordan Young hitting hard & Griffin Weir hitting a double.

With an hour to go the game was tied 3 all but in the end the boys lost 9 - 4 to Sandringham when they came out & lifted their game in the second half.

Rosa Whinnen

Little League

Fitzroy 10 defeated Geelong A 3

Well done to the Little Leaguers on winning their first game in Major League by beating Geelong A 10/3. We played good solid baseball throughout, scoring in our first three innings while holding our opponents scoreless.

Ben started on the hill and threw very well, striking out 5 in 2.1 innings. Mitchell relieved and did an excellent job striking out 2 in 2.2 innings. He was very well supported in the infield by Curtis, Darcy and Joshua, who made all the outs required. Adam was excellent behind the mask, blocking everything in very difficult conditions. Will Kline-Marantelli made a couple of great outs at 3rd base and Darcy took a blinder.

Although we were out hit 6 to 5, our hitters showed a lot of patience in the box, drawing 11 walks. Will K-M was the pick of the hitters with a single and a double from his 3 at bats.

Hits: William KM 2 (1 Double, 1 RBI); Mitchell 1 (1 Double, 1RBI); Ben 1 (2 RBI); Joshua 1.

Well done to all the boys.

Peter Wilson
Little League Coach

Week 5 - November 7

Under 14

Fitzroy v Preston

Fitzroy won 13-8

This game debuted Nick S who pitched well for his first U14 game on the mound. Giving up only 2 earned runs for the win, Nick was good against a team that was ready to swing the bat. Nick caused Preston to leave the bags loaded in the second inning struck out four for the day. Connor came in and relieved well but had a little trouble finding the zone and was followed by Toby who also struggled at first with location. We hit well against Preston who employed a slow-arm lefty who bamboozled our hitters for the first inning or two.

Great defensive play from Satang who threw out a runner at home from left field and stellar play all day from Riley C behind the dish. Also great bunts to Luca and Cailen who tied the Preston defence in knots with smart batting.

Hits: 3 – Riley H; 2 – Stan, Luca; 1 – Leon (+ 2BB), Brad, Nick, Riley C (+2BB)

Pitching: Nick – 2.1 INN, 3K, 2ER, 4 BB, 3H; Connor 1.1 INN, 1K, 1H, 6BB, 2ER; Toby 1.1 INN, 2 BB, 3K, 0H

Little League

Fitzroy 27 Preston A 0

The Little Leaguers finished the grading rounds undefeated with a solid 27/0 victory over Preston A.

Highlights of the game were Nicholas Godbold's solid hitting in the number nine slot and Adam Malcolm's performance behind the mask throwing out four base runners. Mitch Edwards pitched three excellent innings and was ably relieved by Darcy Cleeve. All players registered a hit. Special mention to William Kline-Marantelli who went 5 for 5.

Hits: William KM 5 (1 Double, 4 RBI); Ben 4 (1 Home Run, 4 RBI); Adam 4 (2 RBI); Nicholas 3 (4RBI); Curtis 3 (1 Double, 1 RBI); Darcy 2 (1 Double, 1 RBI); William S 1 (1 Double, 1 RBI); Mitchell 1 (1 Triple); Connor 1 (1 RBI); Carl 1 (1 Double, 1RBI).

Well done to all the boys.

Peter Wilson
Little League Coach

Week 4 - October 31

All junior matches were washed out.

Week 3 - October 24

Under 14

Fitzroy v Geelong

Fitzroy lost 5-7

We played our first really competitive game this season against a very good Geelong side. Riley H started well and threw good strikes. It wasn't until the third inning that the ball regularly found their bat giving Geelong a 3 run lead. Some nifty pitching by Geelong meant that hits were hard to come by although we did manage to out-hit Geelong 8 to 6 for the day. It was definitely a pitcher's duel with nine Ks for each team.

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Pitching: Riley – 3 INN, 4 K, 5 H, 1 BB, 1 HPB, 5 ER; Toby – 2 INN, 5 K, 4 BB, 1 ER

Little League

Fitzroy 28 Geelong B 5

Well done to the Little League Team on registering our third win for the season (1 walkover). We managed to get away from Geelong after a tight start to the game. We led 3/2 after the first innings, then scored 6, 7, 7 and 5 in our next four innings while holding our opposition down to 3 in the bottom of the 5th.

Ben and Mitchell once again pitched very well, and Darcy closed out the game in style. Adam and William KM were once again solid behind the plate. Curtis and Will S played 1st Base in style making all the outs required of them.

Our hitting was reasonably solid, but could improve with further practice. Our pitch selection needs to improve, and hitters need to be ready to hit every pitch.

All in all it was another solid team effort.

Hits: Mitchell 3 (1 Double, 3 RBI); Adam 3; Curtis 2 (3 RBI); Ben 2 (1 Double, 1 RBI); William KM 1 (2 RBI); William S 1 (1 RBI); Connor (1 RBI); Joshua (1 RBI).

This Sunday we are away again against Newport.

Peter Wilson
Little League Coach

Week 2 - October 17

Under 14

Fitzroy 22 Port Phillip 9

Arriving early at the Port Melbourne Baseball Ground, I had a sinking feeling that we were at the wrong ground as nobody was there and the opposition clubrooms weren't open. Eventually some players turned up, then more players, then more – pretty soon there was nearly an army of young boys in Fitzroy tops ready to play baseball.

We were a force to be reckoned with, just on sheer numbers. To warm up we split into two groups, one group well handled by Cam Gleeson and the other by someone's dad (I think his name was Blip or Drip ... or something like that).

After warming up two teams worth of players, I set to the task of identifying the starting nine. I employed a sophisticated strategy that went something like this: eenie, meenie, miney moe. Nine players were starters and another 6 were on the bench – we rivalled any major league team for roster numbers.

We commenced the game in brilliant fashion by scoring the maximum seven runs and then backed it up with a great defensive inning, led by our starting pitcher, Tom. We continued putting up crooked numbers, racking up 22 runs in total to Port's 9.

We batted well throughout the game, either drawing walks or delivering hits. Our pitching was excellent, led by Tom (2IP, 5K, 0H, 4BB, 1ER) and followed by Toby (2IP, 5K, 0H, 2BB, 0ER) and Bradley (1IP, 1K, 1H). As a pitching group, our three pitchers collectively gave up only one hit for the game. Also, well done to our catchers, Nick and Riley H. Welcome to our new player, Dougal and good to see Tiny (Henry) back in the fold.

Hits/plate appearances:

Tom: 2/2
Toby: 1/2 (double)
Nick: 1/3
Leon: 2/3 (1 double)
Satang: 1/3
Luca: 1/3
Daniel: 1/2
Cailen: 1/1 (double)
Henry: 1/1
Riley C: 4 BB
Brendan: 3 BB (4 times on base)

Full credit to the entire U14 team who kept their focus on and spirits up, despite most players only getting a half game. Thanks also to Pete and Cam for pre-game assistance and to Cam for base coaching.

James Hope

Little League

Port Phillip forfeited to Fitzroy.

Week 1 - October 10

Under 16

The U16's won as Williamstown / Footscray forfeited.

Under 14

Fitzroy 25 Essendon 5

A great opening day for the Fitzroy U14 team. Riley Hill handed the team a fantastic start by striking out the first three Essendon batters, all on called third strikes (Riley finished the day with 3 innings pitched, 3 H, 2 BB and 7 K – pretty good stats). With some good batting and base running in the bottom half of the first inning, we jumped in front by four runs and then kept the pressure on with seven runs in each of the next three innings. Our fielding wasn't truly tested, as we spent most of the game on the bases and when we did take the field our pitching was brilliant, with 12 of the 15 Essendon outs coming from strikeouts.

Welcome to the new U14 players, Satang, Brad, Cailen, Nick, Luca, Riley C, who all contributed along with the return players from last year. This was a total team effort as all twelve FBC players reached base at least once during the game.

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Hits:

Tom 4 (1 double), Toby 3, Connor 3 (1 double), Nick 3 (1 double), Satang 2, Leon 2 (1 double), Cailen 2, Brad

Pitching:

Riley 3 inn, 3H, 2BB, 7K

Toby 1 inn, 0H, 1BB, 2K

Connor 1 inn, 1H, 1H, 2BB, 3K

James Hope

Little League

Fitzroy 30 Essendon B 6

A new look Little League team took to the field on Sunday in our first outing for the 2010/11 Season. We welcomed William Sheedy, Mitchell Edwards, William Kline-Marantelli and Darcy Cleeve to the club, and welcomed Curtis Hancock, Carl Mordaunt and Nicholas Godbold into the Sunday Little League Team. Old hands Connor Bond, Benjamin Wilson and Adam Malcolm were back for another season after playing in a Premiership last season. In a pleasing result, we registered a comfortable win.

Ben, Mitchell and Connor pitched well, Adam and William KM caught very well and our fielding was very solid. Darcy made two great plays at shortstop to close out the game and Curtis and Carl were solid at first base. Our hitting was excellent, with the standouts being Curtis, Carl and William KM who each registered 4 hits from 4 at bats. William S and Nicholas got on base a couple of times each and both registered RBI's.

All in all it was an all round team effort and a great start to the season.

Hits: Curtis 4 (3 Doubles, 1 RBI); Carl 4 (1 Double, 4 RBI); William KM 4 (1 Double, 2 RBI); Mitchell 2 (1 RBI); Connor 1 Double (3 RBI); Adam 1 (2 RBI); Darcy 1 (1 RBI); William S (1 RBI); Ben (1 RBI); Nicholas (2 RBI).

This Sunday we are at home against Port Phillip.

Peter Wilson

Little League Coach



Fitzroy Under 14, 8 Defeated Werribee 6, Grand Final Friday 18th March 2011

Fitzroy "Under 14 Friday Night"- Premiers 2011.

We started out batting and we looked a bit shaky. Two batters struck out swinging, this however, was not bad batting by us, but some of the best pitching that we had seen for the year. The strike outs were decent at bats as well taking up 10 pitches between them.

After 2 batters we could see that their pitcher (Ian Buhagiar) was going to be tough to deal with. He had a closed release point, low at the hips, a very straight and hard fast ball, as well as 2 different change up pitches, this kind of variation, with pitches, is not something that we are used to in the 14s. The scene was set, he was going to make us work for our hits. Their man on the hill also picked off a runner later in the game as well.

With 2 out in the 1st, Toby Hope came to bat and drew a walk off 2 strikes, then they closed the canteen because he stole everything and was waiting on 3rd base when Riley Hill smacked one into right field (off 2 strikes) to open up our account and score him. Riley needed no legal representation because there was no-one to catch him stealing and Will Castillo scored him, great 2 strike, 2 out batting and running by the 3 boys.

We went into the field with 2 runs, which was good because we needed them, they scored 3 runs in the 1st, off 2 hits and put it back in our faces. We made them work for their runs though down 3-2 we still gave ourselves a chance.

They let us off a bit by handing out 3 walks to start the 2nd, but got one back with a pick off at 2nd base. Great foot work and cover by them. We managed to score 4 runs in the dig off 1 hit by Leon Chin-Lane. Leon put so much pressure on the fielders with his high intensity base running, that he managed to clear the diamond with a single to short stop, this got us 4 runs for the innings, well done Leon.

The bottom of the 2nd, saw us leading 6-3, this was a great defensive innings for us. Riley Hill pitched accurately throwing 2 strike outs (both 3 pitches each) and Dougal James took a game saving fly ball on the run in front of him at centrefield. This was an important part

of the game and where we gained the ascendancy going into the 3rd and final dig. End 2 them 3, Us 6.

We forced the pitching change in the top of the 3rd and final innings because up until this point we had had 9 at bats that took 5 pitches or more, great patient batting by our boys.

Their pitcher had done a great job but he had to leave the mound because his pitch count was up. We scored 2 more runs when Luca Gleeson, Satang Krotkangan, Dougal James and Leon Chin-Lane all hit singles. Nicholas Godbold closed the innings with a great at bat, making good contact, but unfortunately he hit a line drive straight to the 1st base fielder. That was Nicholas' only bat for the game a great effort but bad luck.

“Keep making contact like that Nicholas and the runs will start to come, good 2 strike batting”.

We entered the last innings and gave out 2 walks. Enter the mound Will Castillo. Will got the first two batters out with accurate pitching, the pitches that were called balls didn't miss by much, especially when he was ahead in the count. This was very good 2 strike pitching by Will.

Will also struck out the next batter but we let that one escape with a dropped third strike, loading the bases and making us all a bit shaky. Will stood up though, kept throwing strikes and closed with a batter watching a pitch over the middle, leaving the two catch up runs stranded on base and the winning run at the plate, giving us the premiership.

Well done to Werribee, they played a high standard game, picking off a runner and catching another stealing. The Giants took it right up to us, putting pressure on everybody until the last.

The premiership team for 2011 are

Pitchers-

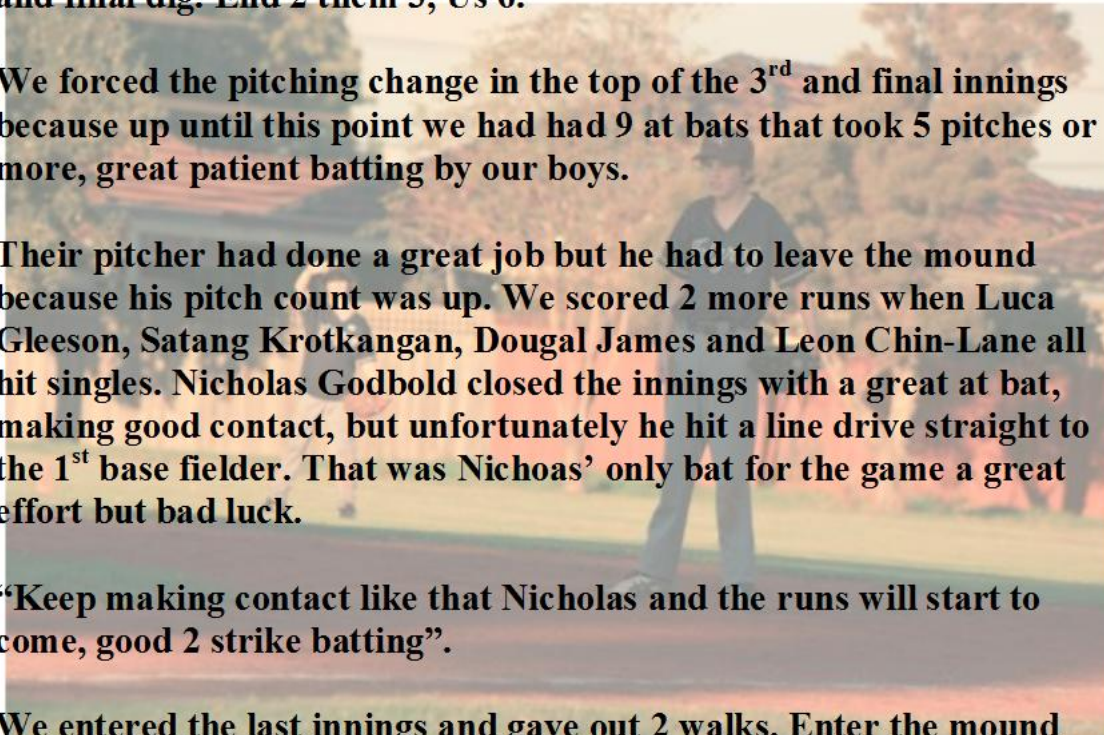
Riley (desperate to play) Hill and Will (Cuban missile) Castillo

Catcher

Watcharin, Satang (Stan the Man) Krotkangan

1st Base

Luca (Bazooka, not afraid to get in the way) Gleeson



2nd Base

Riley (2nd dig hero) Hill & Will (in and out) Castillo

3rd Base

Leon (clear the bases) Chin-Lane

Short Stop

Toby (wanted for stealing) Hope

Left Fielders

Carl (angry eyes) Mordaunt

Nicholas (game saving back up) Godbold

Centrefielders

Daniel (try and catch me on base) Bond

Dougal (I can take that catch easily) James

Right Fielders

Brendan (good eye in the box) Bennell

Cailen (when do I get to pitch) Clancy

3rd Base Coach

James (I can't believe you just did that) Hope

1st Base Coach

Brett (please don't make me explain the signals again) Bennell

Scorer

Liz (the accurate one) Bond

Line Umpire

Eamon (Its' a dirty job but someone had to do it) Clancy

Manager

Cam (War & Peace) Gleeson.

