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Dear Member,

The season is now in the final weeks and the club is having a terrific year with almost all senior teams in the hunt for finals positions. Junior games will resume this weekend from the break and there are many club events coming up as the season comes to an end. Senior Presentation night will be the 8th of April and there will be a supporters lunch on the last regular season home game on February 14th.

On the field, wins to the firsts, seconds, fourths and Division 4 South teams have resulted in 1st through 4ths now all in the top four of their respective divisions. The firsts are only 1 win away from securing top spot in the Eastern conference, while in the lower grades, the seconds, thirds and fourths should qualify for finals with only 3 games to go based on current form. Both Women's teams are well in the hunt for a finals spot too.

Local regional charter team, the "Eastern Athletics" have won the State Junior League Championships and will represent Victoria at the upcoming Australian Junior League Championships. Melbourne players Dan Anderson and Harvey Mitchelhill both played key roles.

The Senior League Eastern Athletics finished runners up to the Southern Mariners, as the top two teams go to the National Championships, they earned their right to participate in Lismore in May 2016. Melbourne Baseball Club was represented by Olliver McMahon, Rhys DeHighden, Harvey Edmanson, Tiernan Culbert, Daniel Ling and Rwei-Cheng Lo.



Junior League Eastern Athletics Victorian State Champions

Events

31/01/2016 Junior Sunday games resume

14/02/2016 Supporters BBQ lunch

08/04/2016 Senior Presentation Night

Results

1st Nine		
Round 20 - Wed 20th January		
Men's Division 1	Melbourne	5
	Doncaster	5
Round 21 - Sat 23rd January		
Men's Division 1	Cheltenham	0
	Melbourne	5
Senior Grades - Round 15		
Men's Division 1 Reserves	Cheltenham	2
	Melbourne	5
Men's Division 1 Thirds	Melbourne	1
	Cheltenham	11
Men's Division 1 Fourth's	Melbourne	10
	Doncaster	0
Men's Division 4 East	Melbourne	-
	BYE	-
Men's Division 4 South	Packham	4
	Melbourne	16
Women's Division 2	Essendon	7
	Melbourne	13
Women's Division 3	Melbourne	9
	Sandringham	0
Masters A 38+	Waverley	2
	Melbourne	17
Masters B 45+	Melbourne B	5
	Blackburn	4
Masters C 45+	Springvale	14
	Melbourne C	1

Upcoming Games

31/01/2016 1sts through 4ths @ Springvale

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Match Reports

Division 1

The firsts bounced back after their midweek draw against Doncaster to defeat Cheltenham 5-0 at Surrey Park on Saturday. A run in the first off an infield single by Nathan Aron and a wild throw, scored Rob Hondo who got on through a double, and three runs in the second off hits from Blackmore, Boone and a HPB to Scott Moore, followed by a Nathan Aron double was all the run support Andy Mann needed. Another run in the 5th innings from a Kim double, knocked in by Alex Hondo was more than enough insurance for the excellent work by Andy and then Liam Davine in long relief on the mound.

The hot bats have continued since Xmas with 3 Hits to Nathan Aron, 2 hits to Rob and Al Hondo, Kim, Blackmore and hits to Ayers, Kent and Boone whilst Andy Mann went 5 innings for 4 K's, 3H and 4BB and Liam Davine pitched 4 innings for 2 hits, 5K's and only 14 batters in relief. The midweek game at Cheltenham was washed out and with a 4 game lead in their conference and 5 games to play, the magic number is one win to seal 1st place in the Eastern conference.

Division 1 Reserves

The seconds had a good win 5-2 over top placed Cheltenham, while both sides were missing some key players, our depth at this level is showing through. With only 3 games to go, the team may secure a place in the finals with a win this weekend.

Division 1 Thirds

A disappointing game from the outset, going down 11-1. Whilst almost qualified for finals, the team must turn it around if it looks to challenge for the premiership.

Division 1 Fourths

An all the way win in a good display by the fourths - winning comfortably by mercy rule. The win catapults the team into fourth place but still needs to keep winning to qualify for finals.

Masters 38+

Another lovely night for another game v 4th placed Waverley, and whilst last week was a last innings victory, tonight was a little more straight forward. A lead off walk for Waverley and a bobbled ground ball at left field allowed Waverley to score in the first, whilst we were sat down. In the second we lit it up, with The Chairman's much anticipated return leading off. Dave smashed a double as did Waz, Mitch was walked as was Ben, Bryce singled as did Jason, then big hitting Fat Bastard Michael Hill smashed a first pitch Grand Slam to the Myrtle Park clubrooms for a compulsory close at seven runs.

Our scoring continued in the third with Lard walking, Dave single, Waz single, Mitch singled and then it was Sean Edwards turn to smash a three run bomb that set up a five run third inning, and a 12-2 lead bringing the game into our control. In the meantime, Lard was warmed up and over four innings allowed only three hits, with three Ks and one ER. We scored another two in the fourth with a single to Murray followed by ANOTHER Michael Hill HR gem, and in the fifth we scored four with a smashed lead off double to Sean, walk to Ben Neave, singles to Jason Webster and Jason Bulger, walk to Murray, and a single to Lard. Unfortunately Bryce only got to spin one innings in his return from the US, with fading light and a 18-2 lead not encouraging the Waverley lads to bat a final innings when the beers were cold at Surrey. Big top of the table clash v Research next week at Research.

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[FUNDE Booklets for Juniors](#)

FUNDE booklets were given out when registration was fully paid.

If you haven't collected your booklet please contact your Team Manager.

[TEAM PHOTOS](#)

Team photos are now available from your Team Manager

[Eastern Athletics Little League All-Stars Tryouts](#)

Enrol for 2016 Eastern Athletics Little League All-Stars Tryouts.

Player must be registered and play in a Sunday Baseball Team within the Eastern Athletics Charter and not play in a Little League Minor Team on a Friday Night.

[Young Demons off to Australian Championships](#)

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