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Dear Member,

The firsts shook off a plucky Doncaster, scoring most of their runs late to win 7-0, the seconds went away early then had to hang on for the win, 3rds and 4ths went down at home, while the Division 4 teams split their results again.

The Women's teams were involved in a couple of close results, the Division 2 team going down by a run, the Division 3 team winning by a run. The Masters A 38+ team continued their strong start holding Waverley to a single hit and winning easily while both the over 45 teams were defeated.

There were good results in the juniors as well with the U18 State team winning down at Geelong, the U16 team being pipped at the post but Junior league wins to the Demons and the Cardinals in Little League Major rounded out a good weekend.

Social events coming up in November include the Aces vs Heat fundraiser at Melbourne Ballpark on the 14th, the Trivia Night on the 21st and Thanksgiving dinner after senior training on the 26th.

A reminder to all players that Club fee component is now due, you have the opportunity to pay direct – which includes a saving of 4.4% off by paying direct to the club.



The first nine overcame a plucky Doncaster unit to win 7-0

Events

14/11/2015 Aces vs Perth Heat Fundraiser

21/11/2015 Trivia Night

26/11/2015 Thanksgiving Dinner

Results

1st Nine		
Round 3 - Sun 18th October		
Men's Division 1	Melbourne	7
	Doncaster	0
Senior Grades – Round 3		
Men's Division 1 Reserves	Melbourne	4
	Doncaster	3
Men's Division 1 Thirds	Doncaster	4
	Melbourne	3
Men's Division 1 Fourths	Doncaster	12
	Melbourne	3
Men's Division 4 East	Fitzroy	6
	Melbourne	24
Men's Division 4 South	Melbourne	7
	Chelsea	12
Women's Division 2	Springvale	14
	Melbourne	13
Women's Division 3	Essendon	14
	Melbourne	15
Masters A 38+	Melbourne	11
	Waverley	0
Masters B 45+	Blackburn	7
	Melbourne	1
Masters C 45+	Springvale	11
	Melbourne	3

Upcoming Games

25/10/2015 1sts and 2nds @ Surrey Park

25/10/2015 3rds and 4ths @ Myrtle Park

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Match Reports

Division 1

It took a while for the firsts to break away from Doncaster in a very tight struggle early, we got on board through a Sac fly to lead 1-0 top of second. It was very tight thereon until the 7th dig where we tacked on a couple of runs when Alex Hondo scored on a Scott Moore SAC fly and Tristen Field scored on an outfield misplay. We then scored 4 runs late to finally put the game away. Hits were spread around, Nathan Aron continuing his hot bat with a couple including the only double, RBI's spread around too. Evan controlled the game through 5, Andy threw 3 innings only allowing a couple of baserunners and Matt Blackmore closed without any drama.



Nathan Aron was hot with a couple of hits, Evan Brisentine picked up the win, and Mathew Blackmore closed it out.

Division 1 Reserves

The 2's recorded their second win of the season 4-3 against Doncaster on Saturday. Once again jumping out to an early lead putting up 3 runs in the first the boys were never headed. Min pitched four strong innings again leaving the game with a 4 run lead. Justin Limburg struggled in relief over 1 and 2/3rds with the game eventually being closed out by Charlie Keyhoe getting the final out with the tying run on 3rd. Cooper Gerwing looked good in the box dragging 3 of the 9 walks issued on the day while Justin Limburg got 2 of our 3 hits. Hopefully we'll eradicate the lull in the late innings this week against Springvale and make life a bit easier for ourselves. Overall a good game played winning when the pressure was on. Good job lads.

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Division 1 Fourths

Nothing to see here really. James Roy did a great job pitching the first three innings.

Unfortunately lots of errors cost us, put that together with us not showing the previous weeks hitting form we we're never in the game.

One small highlight was Rizio behind the dish throwing out 2 runners in the same innings. A disappointing loss with Doncaster dominating going down 12-3.

Division 4 East

A slow defensive start that cost a few runs was quickly arrested with our first inning, batting around all twelve on the list, putting on 8 earned runs. Lachie Clayton was then dominant on the mound, allowing only 2 base runners in the next 3 innings. He was helped out by some great infield defence and threw just 10 pitches for 6 outs.

We continued to heap on the runs amassing 24, 22 earned. Bryce Bailey's debut was huge with a three run little league home run and 6 RBI's on the day. The team shared roles and everyone got time on the field. The highlight was the dominant batting performance, 23 hits, 8 for extra bases.

Masters A 38+

Out to sunny Waverley for an early top of the table clash against the Forrest Hill based Waverley squad led by Stephen Hill. Top one Bulge led us off with his customary single but despite a walk to the Prez we were shut down in the first. Lardio took the new ball and spun his magic in the bottom of the first, second and the third only allowing one hit back up the middle which he nearly snaffled. Turns out this would be Waverley's only hit for the night!

We were shut down in the second and managed a run in the third thanks to two errors by the boys in red. We got the game going top four with singles to Warren and Murray and then Sean Edwards hit one 399 feet to Waverley's 400 foot CF fence for a long double. Andy Rose singled, Bulge walked, a couple more errors and a hit to Lardio drew a compulsory close after seven runs.

With a strong lead Lardio was rested and Jason was brought in and sat down three guys bottom four. We were shut down in the fifth, and Bulge with the assistance of Val's double play got us out of a bases loaded jam bottom five. We managed three runs top of the sixth with Ben Neave getting his first ever lifetime hit then walks to Dave and Lard, then hits to Warren and Murray. After winning a game of rock, paper scissors Sean came in to throw the last and took a while to stop pounding Andy after consistently throwing 58 feet but eventually induced a couple of fly balls to close off a resounding 11-0 win. Eleven hits to one in another solid workout.

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U18 State

Our first game was a long road trip down to Geelong – once we had gathered ourselves we started the game well – Charlie Stewart with a 2 out 2 RBI single in the first to put us ahead, Rhys and Lachi Clayton knocked in a run each for insurance later on and then Ollie McMahon homered over the left field fence that gave us the break. Adam Pahos was excellent on the mound only allowing 4 hits over 6 while striking out 5 for a solitary earned run and was well backed up by his field. Olli closed after loading the bases in the 7th, striking out three in the process. An excellent all round team effort to start the season.



Adam on the mound, Lachie knocks in a run, Ollie hits a 3 run bomb

Junior League Major - Demons

Under Coach Keyhoe, the Demons put on an impressive display against Blackburn/Ormond, winning 20-4. Given that we played only 4 innings, the Demons scored the maximum permissible 5 runs an inning. Each team player was a truly worthy contributor- great effort. Our tall timber, Sardi, Finn and Lewis were our big hitters; 'doubles' were achieved Sardi, Blake and Koby (d.o.l.f.), but solid runs also came from Lucas, Henry, Tate and Max. Max copped a nasty HBP but bravely fought on.

Coach Keyhoe had fresh-blood for pitching this week at this stage of the season and crikey, we have considerable depth! Lucas's facial expression, post 1st inning's session, said it all- 3 'strikeouts' only to be replicated by Blake, 2 innings later. Handy pitching was also performed by Koby and Lewis. Our fielding was also quality stuff, noting Henry's excellence as catcher. There was also some pretty clever fielding between Finn and Blake manoeuvring into the blind spot of the batter at second. All up, a class effort showing great promise ahead. Well done Demons.

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[Aces Club fundraiser night](#)

Saturday November 14th will be a big club fundraiser is for the Melbourne Aces vs Perth Heat game at Melbourne Ball Park, tickets \$25. By purchasing the ticket through the club you go into the draw to throw out the first pitch of the game – drawn only from our club ticket buyers.

The price includes:

- Ground Entry – any age, reserved seats in a sectioned off area for our club
- Free Hot dog
- Free Soft drink
- Free souvenir

[Trivia Night - Saturday 21st November](#)

Save the date - 21st November for the Trivia Night, 7PM for a 7:30PM start - \$10 per player, drinks at Bar prices

[Thanksgiving dinner – Thursday 26th November](#)

Set aside the date after Senior training in the clubrooms for a traditional thanksgiving dinner with partners

[Live score updates enabled in TeamApp](#)

Live Score updates are now enabled on TeamApp - if you want to see the live score from a game/grade just update your notifications in TeamApp. If you are at a game and want to update the score and let others know - you are welcome to do that too.

For comments, suggestions and contributions, send to the editor demonsbc@yahoo.com.

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