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Dear Member,

The firsts defeated Springvale, after a big second innings they ran away with the game 10-2, Mat Kent returned to form with 3 hits, 2 hits for Rob Hondo, Nathan Aron and Tristen Field and 8 extra base hits in total were too much for Springvale. The Seconds won 4-0 but left a lot of base runners, Min was again lights out on the mound and some good defensive plays backed him up. The thirds had an excellent win 4-1, Aaron Hoskin with 7 innings effort, holding Springvale to 2 hits, while the fourths were pipped by a run in an excellent game.

The Women's teams went down valiantly but were hit with a few injuries while the Masters A 38+ team continued their strong start remaining undefeated.

Junior highlights were U16 State team winning their first game for the season down at Geelong, while junior league wins to the Demons and the Giants showing some good form in the U15 age group.

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.



Min on the mound, the seconds are playing well defensively behind him

Events

14/11/2015 Aces vs Perth Heat Fundraiser

21/11/2015 Trivia Night

26/11/2015 Thanksgiving Dinner

Results

1st Nine		
Round 4 - Sun 18th October		
Men's Division 1	Springvale	2
	Melbourne	10
Senior Grades – Round 4		
Men's Division 1 Reserves	Springvale	0
	Melbourne	4
Men's Division 1 Thirds	Springvale	1
	Melbourne	4
Men's Division 1 Fourth's	Springvale	4
	Melbourne	3
Men's Division 4 East	Melbourne	17
	St Kilda	7
Men's Division 4 South	Melbourne	1
	Cheltenham	9
Women's Division 2	Melbourne	2
	Springvale	14
Women's Division 3	Melbourne	5
	Malvern	11
Masters A 38+	Upwey FTG	0
	Melbourne	23
Masters B 45+	BYE	
	Melbourne	
Masters C 45+	Melbourne	2
	Waverley	11

Upcoming Games

01/11/2015 1sts and 2nds @ Surrey Park vs Waverley

01/11/2015 3rds and 4ths @ Waverley

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Match Reports

Division 1

The undefeated first nine came up against Springvale in a danger game - and Springvale jumped out of the blocks with a couple runs in the first with Andy uncharacteristically leaving a couple of pitches up - but a 6 run big second innings put Melbourne in the lead, Andy settled and threw 6 strong innings and came away with the win 10-2.

Mathew Kent picked up 3 hits, 2 hits for Rob Hondo, Nathan Aron and Tristen Field, and hits to Adam Burton, Kyeongmin Kim, Matt Blackmore, Ollie McMahon and Alex Hondo, 8 of the 14 hits were for extra bases.

Andy Mann threw 6 innings for 5K, 8H, 1BB, 2ER, Evan Brisentine 2 innings for 2H, 1BB, 0ER and Matt Blackmore closed with 1IP, 1K, 1BB, 0ER.

Division 1 Reserves

The 2's recorded their 3rd win of the season 4-0 over Springvale on Sunday. Unlike previous weeks we didn't score in the first but threatened from that inning. Min was again outstanding this week throwing almost a complete game shutout. While he was in control in the last, Cal Jackson recorded the final out.

The score line doesn't reflect the game with yet again an inability to knock in runs almost costing us. Fundamental execution throughout the line-up will need to improve with yours truly being one of the biggest culprits. Cal Jackson swung the bat well out of the DH spot getting 2 whacks including a double. While Justin Aron drove in 3 of the 4 runs in his first game for Melbourne. Welcome mate!

Overall we are building a strong squad which will look to continue its winning ways against Waverley this weekend.



Justin Aron picked up 3 RBI's in his first game, adding to an already strong second's squad

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Division 1 Thirds

On a hot day Aaron Hoskin (Hicky) had a brilliant day out - giving up only 2 hits over the 7 innings on the hill. Keeping the ball low, breaking and consistent Hicky dominated Springvale. Backing up Hicky defensively Melbourne 3s were solid with some great plays and 0 errors.

On the offence we were not so great with only a couple of single hits from Potter and Lenny and a majestic (if a hit can be described as such) winning triple hit from Bretty who crushed the triple with a line drive leaving the SS shaking and bringing in 3 RBIs.

A great win beating a young team Melbourne 4 to Springvale 1.

Division 1 Fourth

It seems like the quality of pitching from Melbourne is really stepping up a few notches - Enoch was pitching a lot of strikes, and Springvale only scored runs off Enoch with 2 good back to back bunts (something they did right and we did wrong). Defensively a stand out was Hudson took 3 brilliant catches at left field (welcome to the team buddy).

The downfall to the game was the LOBs for our batting (9 total for the game). We did everything right in getting players on the base but did everything wrong getting them to cross the plate. A few missed or misinterpreted signals cost us dearly. We had hits from Jolon and Harvey with 2 hits / Robbie, Jacob, Speedy, and Jase with 1 hit. A close game saw Springvale take the cheeky win 4/3.

Division 4 East

Div 4 East took on St Kilda B, the only undefeated side in the division and from the outset we were there to hit. A 2 run first inning started the pressure and 3 up 3 down from St Kilda due to some stellar pitching by L Clayton saw us quickly batting again and adding another 2. A few errors in the infield saw us let St Kilda into the game in the bottom of the second where they scored 3. In the third we strung together some strong ABs and piled on 8 runs. Try as St Kilda might they couldn't break through our defence lead strongly by Lachlan on the hill who closed out the game with the final out at his max pitch count. Our infield was great all day and the outfielders didn't have much to do, except for a good catch by Adam at left. We were aggressive all day on the base paths, took our chances, applied pressure and got great reward. A great win that took us to the top of the table.

Masters A 38+

Coming off a couple off two strong wins we were confident leading into tonight's game v Upwey B. Lardio was solid once again through four innings allowing only two hits, one being a slow roller that Val nearly got from third and one just over first base that Mitch nearly reached. Over those four innings Lard threw his customary 10 balls as he peppered the corners and drew a few regulation ground balls. Bryce came in for this first throw for the year and blew the cobwebs off with ten pitches of his mesmerizing best top of the fifth.

We were solid in the box drawing compulsory innings closes after scoring seven runs in three of the first four innings. We had scored two runs bottom in the bottom of the fifth when it was agreed that the light was too dim to continue and we were up 23-0 at the time. Upwey had two hits to our 13, ten walks and two HPB's. Great at bats all through the line-up with three hits to Ben Neave in only his third game. Next week we take on Doncaster away cup eve.

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Junior League Major - Demons

Five first-inning runs helped the Melbourne Demons to a 9-4 win over Waverley Cougars at Myrtle Park on Sunday.

The Melbourne Demons scored in the first on a passed ball, an RBI single by Sadi Nergiz, an RBI single by Lewis Winkett, a steal of home by Nergiz, and an RBI single by Max Constantinou. Winkett racked up two RBIs on two hits for the Melbourne Demons. The Melbourne Demons built upon their lead with four runs in the third. Nergiz's single got things going. That was followed up by Winkett's double, scoring Nergiz.

After pushing across two runs in the top of the fourth, Waverley Cougars faced just a 9-3 deficit. Lucas Keyhoe got a strike out to end the threat. A one-run sixth inning helped bring Waverley Cougars within five. But, Blake McLeish got a strike out to end the game.

Junior League - Giants

The Giants were very pleased to have won their first game for the season, 11-10 against Blackburn.

It was a day of spectacular slides to home, especially by the Montgomery brothers, Josh and Ben. Napisan is being put to good use at the Montgomery household this weekend!



Ben is in the first shot, Josh in the second.

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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

A note for coaches - there have been a few rule changes this summer season, including game length and pitch counts for juniors – Senior coaches need to familiarise themselves with the rules and make sure players named are correctly spelled on the match cards to avoid administration problems.

Also 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. Please do so.

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

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