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Dear Member,

The Firsts kept their unbeaten streak going in a 5-2 win over Sandringham, the seconds played well but lost 2-0, the thirds and fourths had excellent wins with the bats finally coming to life, the Division 4 South team won while the Division 4 East team were unlucky to lose by a run. Masters 38+ took their first loss of the season, while Melbourne B 45+ earning their first win of the season having a big win over Melbourne C.

We have an important club fundraiser this Saturday the 14th at Melbourne Ballpark for the Melbourne Aces vs Perth Heat, ticket prices have been reduced to \$20 – you can buy and pick up tickets from the canteen tonight.

Juniors can go onto the field after pre-game batting practice, one MCC Juniors name will be drawn out of the hat to throw out the first pitch, two Juniors will be named as bat boys (girls) and the Little League players can play a game on the field prior to the Aces game so please help us to sell the remaining tickets.

Also we have the Trivia Night on the 21st and Thanksgiving dinner after senior training on the 26th is coming up soon so book your place.



Nathan Aron collected another 2 Doubles and 2 RBI's Sunday against Sandringham

Events

14/11/2015 Aces vs Perth Heat Fundraiser

21/11/2015 Trivia Night

26/11/2015 Thanksgiving Dinner

Results

1st Nine		
Round 6 – Wed 4 th November		
Men's Division 1	Waverley	2
	Melbourne	1
Round 7 – Sun 6 th November		
Men's Division 1	Sandringham	2
	Melbourne	5
Senior Grades – Round 6		
Men's Division 1	Sandringham	2
Reserves	Melbourne	0
Men's Division 1	Melbourne	6
Thirds	Sandringham	0
Men's Division 1	Melbourne	12
Fourth's	Sandringham	4
Men's Division 4	Melbourne	8
East	Blackburn	9
Men's Division 4	Melbourne	11
South	Waverley	5
Women's	Melbourne	6
Division 2	Werribee	7
Women's	Melbourne	3
Division 3	Melbourne	8
Masters A 38+	Research	7
	Melbourne	3
Masters B 45+	Melbourne C	4
	Melbourne B	17

Upcoming Games

14/11/2015 1sts and 2nds @ Geelong

15/11/2015 3rds and 4ths @ Surrey Park

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Match Reports

Division 1

The firsts came up against Sandringham Sunday and quickly jumped out to an early lead in the second inning after Rob Hondo walked and scored from first on a Nathan Aron double, Ollie McMahon picked up an RBI scoring Alex Hondo later in the inning to extend the lead to 3-0. In the third inning, Adam Burton walked and another Nathan Aron double scored him to open up a 3-0 lead. Evan Brisentine made way for Andy Mann in the 6th but Sandy scored 2. Alex Hondo knocked in 2 runs in the 7th dig to extend the lead to 5-2 and that is where it stayed with Matty Blackmore efficiently closing the last.

Hits: Aron 2 (2x2b), Hondromatidis, A 2 (1x2b), Kent 2, Burton (2b), McMahon (2b), Honromatidis, R, DeHighden

Pitching: Brisentine (W) 5.1IP, 3H, 5K, 1BB, 2HPB, 1ER, Mann 2.2IP, 1H, 3K, 0ER, Blackmore (S) 1IP, 0ER



Melbourne's pitching staff of Brisentine, Mann and Blackmore have a miserly combined ERA of less than 1 this season.

Division 1 reserves

The 2's unfortunately suffered their second loss of the season against ladder leaders Sandringham on Sunday. Sandringham got off to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first which was never headed and was how the score line finished. Al Hondo took the ball for us working through 3 innings giving up 2 earned runs. Working hard he did what Al does and get a lot of grounders, unfortunately these just found gaps early on. Adam Pahos threw 4 innings of shutout relief keeping us in the game.

Unfortunately we seemed to be caught a bit on the back foot from the first and never really got into the game. Compiling 4 hits and 5 walks we couldn't get anything going. Nevertheless the boys shouldn't be disheartened by the result. So early in the season we can only improve on the couple of areas we lacked a bit on Sunday. Looking forward already to another good challenge this Saturday at Geelong against the Baycats!

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Division 1 Thirds

Excellent win over second placed Sandringham team 6-0, now only a game out of the four.

Division 1 Fourths

A big win 12-4 after a quiet few weeks with the bat.

Masters A 38+

Not the best performance Monday night. We were out hit 11 - 9 which combined with the fact that the team that makes the most errors usually lose in Masters led to a humbling 7-3 loss. Thankfully Jex umpired for us, ringing up his son Scott twice which may have ruined the Locklier Christmas!

Bryce was outstanding with his first four innings performance shutting out Research by allowing only allowing three hits. With Lardio away and the Chairman on one leg cooking dinner, Jason Bulger took to the mound and our four errors in his first innings allowed four runs, two errors in his second allowed one, and just good hitting got another two for Research in the seventh. Murray and Mike got multiple hits for us, and hits also to Bryce, Jason, Andy and Mitch. Out to Research next week to play their B Team so hopefully a better performance.

Under 18 State League

A solid outing by the under 18's this week – defeating Upwey FTG 7-2 after a sluggish start with the bat. Cooper gave us 4 good innings on the hill – striking out 4 and only giving up a couple of hits and no free passes. We scored a couple of runs from small ball in the second – an excellent bunt from Jacob forced some errors in defence but other than that we watched a lot of first pitch strikes. A more aggressive mindset with the bat in the fourth allowed us to score 2 in an infield hit from Andrew and 2 more runs in the fifth dig allowed us to pull away. Ollie McMahon relieved Cooper and threw 2 innings of scoreless relief.

Hits to Harvey (2), Jacob (2 +2 RBIs), Ollie, Rhys (1 RBI) and Adam, Andrew with an RBI.



Cooper pounded the strike zone, Charlie catches another K, Harvey sparked the offence with a couple of hits

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News

[Fletchers Real Estate Sponsorship announcement](#)

The Melbourne Baseball Club is thrilled to announce our new major sponsor Fletchers Real Estate. Fletchers have confirmed a 3 year tenure as Gold sponsor of the Melbourne Baseball Club, which will include advertising across the club including their logo on current and future jersey orders.



[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.

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

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

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

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

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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