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On behalf of the Illawong Baseball club Executive committee, a very warm welcome to all new players and their families, and also to all those returning Illawong Marlin players, coaches, managers, parents and sponsors from last season.

After an awesome start in first round of the new season, round 2 wasn't as successful for the Marlins, with many teams coming up against some stiff competition. Even though there was a mixture of results, the most important fact still remains that everyone is still having a great time.

To have a successful newsletter we need to have content, and that content comes from each of the teams. It doesn't take more than a few minutes to write a brief match report, so let's get the pens out for this weekend's round and get those match reports in.

With two rounds down, and the competition having a two week break, it is the perfect time

to stop and take a breath after a very hectic couple of weeks. With every new season, there is that initial settling in period, and hopefully that has happened and we can all settle into a routine for the run through until the Christmas holidays.

One point which we as a club would like to remind everyone, (Coaches, Managers, Parents, Players and Spectators) that the junior officials that we use to umpire our games, are just that JUNIORS, they are kids trying their best to umpire a game. As with all humans, they can possibly make mistakes from time to time, but we need to move on from those mistakes.





Weekly Match Reports

As part of the weekly newsletter, a representative from each team will be asked to write a small match report each week. The team's weekly match report responsibilities will usually be shared around by your team manager.

The content of the weekly match reports, doesn't need to be overly long. The primary objective of the match reports is to allow the kids to see their name mentioned and feel pride in their achievements. So we need to ensure the match

reports touch on the positives of each match, and ultimately encourage the kids to get out there and have a go, and enjoy themselves.

You don't need to worry too much about the formatting, it's the content which is most important. I will handle the formatting and standardising of all reports while I am creating the newsletter. Once you have typed up the match report, just email it through.

I would like the match reports emailed though to marlinmail@illawongbaseball.com.au by 7pm on Monday nights, but the earlier the better. This will allow me to have the newsletter prepared for distribution by mid week.



WEAR YOUR "PROTECTOR"

REMEMBER it is a MANDATORY requirement for players to wear their "protector" both at training and on game day. This is for the safety and long-term wellbeing of the players. Please parents remember to educate the players of this important requirement. Below is an extract from the current CSJBA 2010-2011 rulebook.

8.02 All players, from U/10 Soft-Toss/Baseball, through Junior Baseball, must wear a protective cup at all times during the game. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that their child is wearing a protective cup.

For further information please speak to your team manager or coach.



WET WEATHER ADVISORY

Your coach or manager will let you know the system that they have in place for both training and game day if it is raining. On game day grounds are not inspected until 7:30am so if you have an early game you will need to assume it is still on until notified from 7:45am onwards. Some grounds in the Shire may still be open while others may be closed, so once again assume your game is on unless otherwise contacted. Throughout the week, the grounds are the jurisdiction of the Sutherland Shire Council, who will decide whether mid-week training is allowed to take place, again you must await for advice from your manager or coach confirming whether training will take place or not.

For further information please refer to the club website or speak to your team manager or coach.



Please remember to take care outdoors.

Please remember young children are more susceptible to extreme temperatures, so a reminder to all coaching staff and parents to take care in the sun over summer and be on the look out for our kids.

Remember to bring your **hat** and a **drink** and to **apply sunscreen** before you set off to baseball and to pack some in your bag to reapply during the day.

And don't forget your **portable chairs** and an **umbrella**, as seating and shade are usually very limited at the grounds we play!



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Upcoming Events

Dates to note on your calendar

St George Baseball Association Centenary



Date: 27th September 2014
Location: Phil Austin Baseball Fields, Production Ave Kogarah
Time: 11:00am - Masters Game
1:00pm - All Stars Game

Everyone is invited to come along and attend, compete in the fun and competitions. Plus watch 2 great games of baseball. And cheer on the Illawong players as they participate.

Details can be found on the StGBA website, www.stgba.baseball.com.au



Illawong Baseball Club Monthly Meetings

Date: 15th October 2014
Location: Barden Ridge Club House
Time: 7:30pm

All are welcome to come along and offer assistance in running the club.

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Do you *Play by the Rules*?

Fair play and good sporting behaviour are the linchpins of our club. The safety and enjoyment of our members and supporters is our priority. While we are all committed to fair play, there is always more to learn.



Do you fully understand issues like harassment, discrimination and abuse? What are your rights and responsibilities when it comes to these issues? Do you know what to do if you have a complaint?

These questions and more are answered at www.playbytherules.net.au – a simple, interactive website designed for anyone involved in sport.

www.playbytherules.net.au provides practical information and online learning on how to prevent and deal with harassment, discrimination and child abuse in sport.

The online training is free-of-charge - all you need is an interest to learn and some spare time to complete the training.

Committee members, coaches, players, parents and officials will all find the site useful. Some of the topics covered include discrimination, harassment, child protection, the law and complaint processes.

Log on today at www.playbytherules.net.au to find out more.





Social Media

For the regular visitors to the club's website you will have noticed that there is now a Twitter feed giving you updates and messages. We will endeavour to post any urgent messages via Twitter such as wet weather announcements and ground closures. So sign up and follow along. The Twitter feed is also linked to the club's new Facebook account.

The club's Twitter Account is @IllawongMarlins

The club's Facebook page is found at www.facebook.com/illawongbaseballclub



Clothing Range

Have you noticed some of the coaching staff, committee members and players wearing some of our new clothing range??

If you want are interested in purchasing the new gear, please contact our uniform officer Julie as listed below.

Julie can be reached at

uniforms@illawongbaseball.com.au



Next Round Matches - 11th October

Grade	Opponent	Location
17/1's	Scots	Phil Austin
17/3's	St George	Barden Ridge
14/1's	Cronulla	Barden Ridge
14/2's	Bosco	Barden Ridge
12/1's	Giants	Aspley
12/3's	Yarrawarra	Barden Ridge
10/1's	Giants	Barden Ridge
10/2's	Comets	Barden Ridge
8/1's	St Pats	Barden Ridge
8/2's	St Pats	Barden Ridge
8/3's	St George	Evatt



Game Day Roster

Duty Roster for 11th October 2014

Remember the saying "many hands make for light work", if you have an early home game please consider coming just that little earlier each week to assist with ground set-up.

The team nominated for "ground set-up" needs to arrange for a couple of parents to help with ground set-up such as putting up banners, setting up scorers tables etc. When you arrive at the ground please approach any of the committee members who will gladly point you in the direction of what needs to done.

Duty	Team	Time
Ground Set-up	U12/3's	7:30 am - 8:00 am
Umpire Meeting		8:00 am - 8:30 am
Canteen and BBQ	U12/3's	8:00 am - 10:30 am
	U14/2's	10:15 am - 12:30 pm
	U14-1's	12:15 pm - Close

Morning Pack-up

U8-1's & U10-1's

Please bring ALL equipment back to canteen and storeroom



Match results for Round 2

Grade	Opponent	Location	Results
17/1's	Giants	Aspley	Won 20 - 0
17/3's	St George	Barden Ridge	Won 9 - 0 (By forfeit)
14/1's	Comets	Jannali	Won 11 - 6
14/2's	St Pats	Barden Ridge	Lost 14 - 3
12/1's	Cronulla	Barden Ridge	Lost 7 - 5
12/3's	St George	Barden Ridge	Won 5 - 2
10/1's	Cronulla	Sylvania Waters	Lost 10 - 1
10/2's	Bosco	Heathcote	Lost 5 - 0
8/1's	Cronulla White	Sylvania Waters	Lost 30 - 9
8/2's	Yarrawarra	Yarrawarra	Lost 24 - 16
8/3's	Cronulla	Barden Ridge	Won 18 - 15



Absenteeism

A friendly reminder to all players that if you know you are going to be away during a playing round, please let your coach and team manager both know. They put a lot of time into planning for games, drawing up player rosters and filling in paperwork. It's just courteous to inform your coach and manager that you will be absent or late. Put yourself in their shoes, how would you feel if you were trying to organise a party, and no one replied as to whether they were going to show up or not!



Team Match Reports

Kids love seeing their names in print. Please forward your match reports by 7:00 pm on Monday evening to the Newsletter Editor, at marlinmail@illawongbaseball.com.au to submit a match report.



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Under 8-1's

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Under 8-3's

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Under 8-2's

This week saw us away at Yarrawarra against a very slick Tigers team. Solid hitting by both teams saw the bottom of the 1st tied at 6-6. In the second though the Tigers really brought their D with them and restricted us to one run on three outs. Our team was a little surprised to say the least but to their credit fought back hard in the field, recording three good outs themselves and holding the Tigers to five runs. When we came up in the top of the 3rd the Tigers held us scoreless with three outs. Trailing 11-7 we were still in the game and kept fighting. The Tigers bottom of the 3rd started with a single then quickly ran into trouble with a well gloved pop out to our pitcher Holly who kept her cool and threw to 1st base to double up the runner who had advanced too far and record a great double play. Despite a great defensive effort we were unable to stop the runs and the Tigers were eventually side away after scoring 6 to take a 17-7 lead.

Our bats were hot in the top of the 4th with some solid hits by Shea and James helping us to plate six runs and pull the deficit back to 17-13. Still in the hunt the team defended like champions and held the Tigers to a solitary run to end the 4th inning trailing 18-13. Patrick made two great outs while playing second, fielding two line drives and quickly stepping on the bag to force out runners trying to advance from 1st. We managed to score three more runs in the top of the fifth which included some fast base running by Lachlan but the Tigers put us away with six more runs to earn a 24-16 victory.

The coaches and parents were very proud of the team who fought hard and never gave up despite being down early, and all the players contributed to the team's effort. Well done kids!

Caretaker Coaches: Will Peters and James Taylor



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Under 12-1's

No match report submitted.



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Under 10-1's

This was the boys' 2nd game for the season, but their 1st game against the Zooka. All the boys got hits off the machine and we only suffered from 3 strike outs during the 4 innings. Their major misfortune was due to the Cronulla team having a gun-trio at S-stop, Pitcher and 1st baseman who combined to show fast and accurate throwing that got to base before the little legs of our boys...it's always going to be hard to outrun a quality throw to 1st base!...and sadly, that's pretty much how the first 3 innings played out for us. The 4th innings saw our guys shining with determination and really running hard. 5 of them made it to base! We had 2 come home to cross the plate, but unfortunately only 1 was counted and our 2nd runner crossed on the 3rd out.

In the field, we were able to make 2 outs, and 1 near out. With more field and team training, and game

time, we can only see improvement on the way for our boys. The majority of them are new to Zooka, and need to get used to a faster ball coming back at them on the field. This was the first time our Catchers faced the Zooka this season and they boys did well in their efforts to either catch or block the ball.

Regardless of the result, these boys tried hard and didn't give up. They showed great team spirit – often calling out encouragement to their team mates, and consolation with a "never mind, you'll get another go at it" attitude on an out. **Man of the Match = Ollie** – for his great enthusiasm and attitude to his team mates, his strong batting and speedy Gonzales running of bases to make it home – Well done!

Manager: Renae Simpson



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Under 17-3's

No match report due to St George forfeiting.



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Under 10-2's

The mighty Marlins 10/2s arrived at beautiful Heathcote Oval for our second game of the season. The Coach finally found a parking spot about 2 miles away and exhaustedly limped onto the oval for warm-up (sorry, promise no more whinges). Bosco proved themselves an excellent fielding team, cutting off our hits and retiring our runners. The Zooka was not our friend today, shooting high and low and making hitting very difficult.

Lachlan R got a great hit and made first base again – two weeks running, well done. **Douglas, Samuel** and **Lachie** all did great jobs catching during the game. **Harry, Matthew** and **Phoebe** all did well in the field. **Eugene** and **Cooper** showed their pace in chasing the ball and keeping the hits down, and **Spencer & Jayden** were lively in the field and in supporting their teammates. **Will** was courageous returning from a whack on the hand when batting to

stare down the Zooka again – good on you mate.

After two innings the scores were level but then a few strong hits and quick running got the Bosco team on the board, and despite the best efforts of the Marlins we couldn't catch them. The team are playing well, trying hard, supporting each other and having fun which will lead to a great year ahead. Thanks to our wonderful group of supporters, to Melissa for scoring and keeping us organised and to Stuart for his guidance and help. We've got a few weeks of practice ahead and I can see the ball flying off the bats when we return.

Coach: John Sweeting

Note: Picture below is to scale!! So were they that big or were we that small.





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Under 17-1's



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Early lead gives MARLINS victory over the Giants, 20-0

MARLINS jumped out to an early lead on the Giants and captured a 20-0 victory on Saturday at Apsley.

The game was decided quickly as MARLINS exerted its will early with five runs in the first three inning.

The Giants knew they were in trouble when Sean FRAZER made a spectacular catch at right field in the first inning for the second out. A groundout by Brad RICHARDSON, an error, and a groundout by Heath FISHER in the first inning supplied the early offense for MARLINS.

Jordan MACBETH put himself in scoring position with three extra-base hits for MARLINS. He doubled in the first, fourth, and seventh innings.

The Giants couldn't get anything going as long as Alex BROOK was on the bump. The Giants managed just one hit off of BROOK, who allowed no earned runs, walked one and struck out five during his four innings of work.

MARLINS piled on two more runs in the top of the third. A ground out scored Brad RICHARDSON to get MARLINS on the board in the inning.

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U17/1's continued

MARLINS increased its lead with six runs in the fourth. An error scored Max RICHARDSON for the inning's first run. That was followed up by Brad RICHARDSON's single, plating Ethan NG.

MARLINS added four more runs in the top of the sixth. Izzy ADRA kicked things off with a single, scoring Christian ANGELIS.

MARLINS piled on five more runs in the top of the seventh. The inning got off to a hot start when MACBETH doubled, plating ANGELIS. That was followed up by ADRA's single, scoring RICHARDSON (Brad).

Jack BROGAN – missing in action but was spotted on a nearby mountain.

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Under 12-3's

There were smiles all round with another win for the under 12-3's this Saturday. Great teamwork was displayed as the Team took to the field under the guidance of their coaches Lachlan and Ethan.

Our Pitchers Taylor and Iris both proved strong and focused. Taylor showing she has what it takes by striking out her opponents on more than one occasion and Iris commanded the diamond with great fielding plays and strong pitch deliveries. Great catching by Yianni as he took great catches and motivated his Pitchers with his calls.

Strong hitting from Adam as his fly ball out to second led to a fast paced two base hit – directly followed by Luke as he smashed the ball out to centre field, his fast running resulted in a 3 base hit, bringing Adam home.

Michael hit a hard ball out to second and showed alert fielding skills in the outfield. Cameron had a great hit bringing home both Yianni and Luke and displayed fast running between the bases.

Ben and Declan were also on fire. Declan's fielding was on target as he demonstrated a huge stretch from first base to get a runner out and together with Iris – both worked to get out two runners in a row with their great fielding and catching skills. Ben was cautious and calculated as he hit out to short stop and sneaked between the bases to get to third – speed and agility in his running led to great results.

The players played as a team, congratulated and cheered each other and motivated each batter as they approached the plate. A well-deserved win. Thanks also to all the parents who helped with game related tasks today.



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Under 14-1's

It was another good win we came out from the start scoring 2 runs in the 1st with Luke leading off getting a walk and then Ethan hitting a double to score Luke, after stealing 3rd Ethan was brought home by Kobi driving the ball to the right side before it was side away.

Luke took the mound for the first time as a "Marlin" and did he put on a performance striking out 3 over 2 innings, after striking out the first batter he walked the second batter but came straight back firing strikes with the next batter hitting a hard ground ball to Lachlan at 2nd who flipped the ball to Ethan bare handing the ball and without moving his feet throw to the out stretched Daniel at 1st to get the double.

The 2nd innings did not go so well with 3 quick outs before we were back out on the field, Luke started off well again striking out the first 2 batters but allowed the next 2 batters get on base and they were able to score through a double by the next batter. Kobi was doing a great job behind the plate and showed his skills when the runner tried to steal 3rd Kobi throw down the line to Josh to get the third out and side away.

We scored 4 runs in the 3rd with hits from Josh, Ethan, Lachlan and walks to Luke, Lucas, Oliver and Jack before the innings ended. Ethan came on to the mound after Luke had reached his limit and after a slow start struck out the last 2 batters but we had let in 2 more runners in.

Top of the 4th we scored another 5 runs though some good hitting by Ethan and Jack both getting triples and Josh, Lachlan, Lucas, Daniel and Luke getting walks.

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Ethan came back on in the bottom of the inning and even though he struck out all 3 batters we allowed 1 run to come in.

We now went to the top of the 5th and after getting runners on and moving them over into a scoring position we could not get them over the plate. In the bottom of the innings after Comets had scored Josh came onto the mound and shut them down with some good velocity striking the last 2 batters out.

Our stealing and secondary leads were much better this week with everyone hustling on base we have great speed from all the way through the line-up which will be a big help this year keep it up guys.

Coach: Glen Humphry



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Under 14-2's

Saturday saw the season finally begin for the 14-2's, as they were the only game to be washed out in Round 1.

The team is made up of different levels of experience. We welcome **Tom**, **Mia** and **Daniel** who are new to the Marlins. These guys, and gal, showed great enthusiasm and effort in all positions in which they were placed.

Elena was our lead off Pitcher, and showed of the things to come from her by striking out the 2nd batter to the plate. In combination with **Jack** at 1st base they made 2 outs to finish off the innings. Our 1st at bat saw 2 players make it to base with strong hits, but unfortunately they were left on base due to strong pitching from St Pats.

The 2nd innings saw our first out, with **Liam** fielding well at 2nd base to make the throw to Jack at 1st. Once again Elena combined with Jack for the 2nd out. Half into the 2nd innings saw **Tom** take the mound for the 1st time, it was also his first official baseball game. Once his nerves settled, he showed he has the ability to pitch well. On our at bat, we had 2 runners (Elena and Ellesha) stranded on base in scoring positions that unfortunately could get home. **Matt** and **Ellesha** were our catchers throughout this game. They were enthusiastic and did well to stop/block the ball.

The 3rd innings, saw the 1st St pats batter out with a throw from Sam at 3rd to **Dean** on 1st. Another 1st time pitcher, **Luke**, who has returned to the Marlins after a year off playing cricket, had a great start by sitting down his 1st batter with a great catch off his own pitch. He closed out the innings with a KC. The 3rd innings at bat for the Marlins, finally got some runs on the scoreboard. We saw great hits from Dean, Jack and Sam. **Sam** showed his alertness during the game to steal all the way home from 1st base on the one muffed fielding event. Luke was unlucky not to be rewarded with a home run, as the St Pat's S-S made the play of the game with a reflex catch worthy of any MLB player by taking Luke's smashing line drive from *behind* his body.

After our 1st game nerves as a team, we can now work on becoming a strong unit by developing our pitching roster and time at bat. Our fielding was our strongest component of the game as any plays that involved the ball near a player were fielded well and the out was made. Well done guys, even though it was a loss, we're very much looking forward to developing the season with you, as you showed great team effort and spirit in this our first game.

Coach: Paul Simpson

If you want to read about your team, you have to remember to submit your match reports and any photos you might like to include to
marlinmail@illawongbaseball.com.au

