# Sports BaseBall Club

U17 Diamondbacks 2011/2012–Premiers









## **Presidents Report**

It's that time of year again when I stop and reflect on the past baseball season and its memories both good and not so good.

Games of baseball just don't happen. The baseball fairy doesn't come out the night before a game and fill the canteen with yummy food, draw diamonds on a grass field in white lime powder, put the bases out in perfect meterage nor organise umpires and all the other necessities that allow the games to be played.

This is all done by our wonderful team of volunteers. I would like to thank our dedicated committee, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, scorers, umpires, canteen helpers and grounds people. Without this help and support the club could not be functional. So I give you all a big THANK YOU! Volunteers give their time for the love of the game only.

### To the Bankstown Sports Club:

What can I say! The sports club is never ending in its support both during our season and also in the off season. I really cannot thank them enough for both their financial and managerial support during this season. Our patron Dick Phillips is always available and a really big help at all times.

<u>To all the Over 18's</u> – if you are not already, I urge you all to join the Bankstown Sports Club and for a small fee enjoy the many family orientated facilities and support the Club that supports our children.

### To Dick Phillips:

With your busy schedule being involved in such a large club it is refreshing to know you are always available with assistance when needed. During all my years as president I have really appreciated it and still do. Thank you so much.

### To the Parents:

It has got to be one of the most difficult times – early morning sport mayhem! You all do it and at the end of the game (win or lose) you do it all again the following week. Your commitment to not only our club but baseball itself is incredible. So I ask you to pick up your hand and give yourself a pat on the back – you deserve it! I say thank you to you all and hope your enjoyed it as much as I do.

### To the Teams and Players:

Bankstown Sports Baseball Club fielded 7 teams (U7's, U8's, U9's, U10's, U12's, U14's and U17's). The whole season was plagued with bad weather and it did not stop with the U14's unfortunately losing a semi-final due to rain. The U17's went through to the Grand Final and secured their place as minor premiers, a magnificent achievement with such a young team.



When watching all games of baseball I really feel proud to see such great sportsmanship coming from the Bankstown Sports teams. This goes all the way from coaches, managers, umpires, scorers, parents and the players themselves.

Congratulations to all our representative players who not only made their district proud, but Bankstown Sports Baseball Club as well. Two players, Alex Richardson and Gavin Dixon, also represented our State in January and came away "Winners". This is a really fantastic achievement and another proud moment in my term as president.

As mentioned previously, preparations for games do not happen magically. There are a lot of "behind the scenes" work that is completed by dedicated volunteers. You can help make a difference to your child's club by helping out either on the committee or giving a hand on the field each day you are playing there. Should you or your child wish to help out either by coaching, umpiring or just assisting with the everyday running of the club please don't hesitate to ask. Accreditation is required for both umpiring and coaching but assistance with times, dates and expectations is available. Clinics are run during the season.

On that note our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is scheduled for **May 22, 2012** at the Bankstown Sports Club at 7.30pm so again I ask everyone to come along with a view to taking an active role within the Bankstown Sports Baseball Club.

Yours in Baseball

Bruce Anderson

President BSBC



### Secretaries, Treasurer & Canteen Report

Another great year, in last year's book I wrote again look out 2011-2012 here we come and we did.

Fantastic results by all teams in the finals, with the U17s winning the Grand Final.

The commitment and dedication from every team and coaching staff was outstanding.

We would like to thank everyone who helped in the canteen, at the Bunnings BBQ's and around the field without you guys we would not be able to have players on the fields and also to our committee who work tirelessly throughout the year never complaining. Thanks to Lynda Sexton for her continued support and for looking after the weekly team result co-ordinating, to all the umpires and great job by all.

Fundraising, what a great year and thanks to our team of helper's words cannot say how much we all appreciate your dedication.

To all our members, for choosing Bankstown Sports Baseball Club as your club a special thank you from us all.

Our thanks to the Bankstown District Sports Club and Directors for their ongoing support advise and help over the year. A special thank you to Betty Watson, for all your help again this year you are an inspiration to us all.

Finally we would like to wish you all our best for the upcoming year.

### Diane Richardson, Melinda Hoy, Maria De Sousa & Dianne Simpson

Our Committee 2011	<u>- 2012</u>		
President	Bruce Anderson	Canteen Co-ordinators	Dianne Simpson
Vice-President	John Richardson		Diane Richardson
Secretary	Diane Richardson	Grounds People	Bruce Anderson
Asst Secretary	Melinda Hoy		John Richardson
Treasurer	Maria De Sousa		
Registrar	Diane Richardson	Sports Club Delegates	Bruce Anderson
Recorder	Lynda Sexton		Diane Richardson
Child Protection	Lynda Sexton		
	Paris Richardson		
Equipment Officer	Jody Trostel		
Publicity	Melinda Hoy		
Assoc Delegates	Bruce Anderson		
	Diane Richardson		
	Dianne Simpson		

### **Our Committee 2011 - 2012**



<u>U12 State Cup</u> Paul Muir—Coach David Muir—A/Coach Ron Radford—Pitch Coach

> U12 Development Dion Morley

Curtis Flemming Alyssa Trostel Matthew Munro

### U14 State Cup

Ismail Adra Ron Radford— Pitch Coach

### <u>U16 State Cup</u>

Alexander Richardson Jaiden Flemming Gavin Dixon Zac Anderson

### JAG U13 Girls Series

Alyssa Trostel Honielyn Lawson Jasmine Macey

### **U16 All Star Team**

Alexander Richardson Gavin Dixon <u>U16 NSW Team</u> Alexander Richardson Gavin Dixon

### **BDBA** Awards

<u>T-Ball Coach of the Year 11/12</u> Alexander Richardson Jaiden Flemming

Umpire of the Year 11/12 Liam Sexton

Rookie Coach of the Year 11/12 Melinda Hoy



### Awards

### Geof Sharpe Memorial Award Lauren Predic

Watson Family Award Trostel Family

Scorer of the Year Sue Roper

Volunteer of the Year Dianne Simpson

### **Team Awards**

U7 Coach Award U7 Batting Award	Luke Arraj Declan Dann & Aniken Petelo
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U8 Coach Award U8 Batting Award	Zacharie McKelvie Darren Lawson
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U9 Coach Award U9 Batting Award	Zachary Grueninger Brendon Tangaroa
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U10 Coach Award	Chris Predic
U10 Batting Award	Jordan Reid
U12 Coach Award	Honielyn Lawson
U12 Batting Award	Alyssa Trostel & Luke Mariani
U14 Coach Award	Michael Barry
U14 Batting Award	Ismail Adra
U17 Coach Award	Dylan Curran
U17 Batting award	Alex Richardson



### Awards

### <u>5Yr Award</u>

Curtis Flemming Dion Morley John Richardson Matthew Roper

### **10Yr Award**

Alexander Richardson Zachary Anderson

### 15yr Award

Paul Muir

### 30yr Award

Betty Watson

### **Umpire Medal Awards**

Jaiden Flemming	Level 0
Neil Roper	Level 2

### **Scorer Medal Awards**

Sue Roper Level 2

### **Coach Medal Awards**

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Paris Richardson	Level 1	
John Richardson	Level 1	
Alex Richardson	Level 1	
Jaiden Flemming	Level 1	
Melinda Hoy	Level 1	
Robert Westerweller	Level 1	
Lachlan Anderson	Level 1	
Zachary Anderson	Level 1	
Liam Sexton	Level 1	
Adam Simpson	Level 1	
Lynda Sexton	Level 2	
Paul Mur	Level 2	
David Muir	Level 2	
Ron Radford	Level 2	
Bruce Anderson	Level 3	
Mathew Roper	Level 3	



### Alex Richardson











### Zac Anderson





Laurie Hubbert	Deceased
Jim Kelly	1982/1983
Dave Callanan	1983/1984
Betty Watson	1990/1991
Graham Gardiner	1997/1998
Peter Hawkes	1997/1998
Steve Eurell	2004/2005
Anthony Luck	2004/5005
Paul Muir	2008/2009
Dick Phillips	2008/2009
Bruce Anderson	2009/2010
Dianne Simpson	2011/2012



Eurell Family	1999/2000
Gauci Family	2000/2001
Luck Family	2001/2002
Field Family	2002/2003
Sloan Family	2003/2004
Sexton Family	2004/2005
Muir Family	2005/2006
Keen Family	2006/2007
Anderson Family	2007/2008
Westerweller Family	2008/2009
<b>Richardson Family</b>	2009/2010
Flemming-Hoy Family	2010/2011
<b>Trostel Family</b>	2011/2012

### Geof Sharpe Memorial Award

Glenn Hubbert	1982/1983
Dianne Howard	1983/1984
Diane Blain	1984/1985
Betty Watson	1985/1986
Diane & Glenn Felkin	1986/1987
Margaret Callanan	1987/1988
Gordon Hollis	1988/1989
Ian Cummingham	1989/1990
Graham Gardiner	1990/1991
Shane King	1991/1992
Peter Hawkes	1982/1993
Geof Sharpe	1993/1994
Mark King	1994/1995
Margaret Gardiner	1995/1996
Anne McLaughlin	1996/1997
Alan Sinclair	1997/1998
Kyron Tari	1998/1999
Tony Luck	1999/2000
Steve Eurell	2000/2001
Shane Sloan	2002/2003
Graham Field	2003/2004
Paul Muir	2004/2005
Lynda Sexton	2005/2006
Graham Field	2006/2007
Dianne Simpson	2007/2008
Diane Richardson	2008/2009
Ron Radford	2009/2010
Bruce Anderson	2010/2011
Lauren Predic	2011/2012



# Tiny Tots Aussie T-Ball League



Coaches: Paris Richardson & Melinda Hoy

### **Players:**

Nikolas Marinos Indiana Hrouda-Watson William Trostel Zion Dolce Noah Jedrzejczyk Tea Mucenski Analica Thymakis Frieda Masau

Troy Reid Annabelle Rackham Lisa Arita

What another great turn out this season. Due to training conflicts we had two sessions this year, which meant the kids got more time having a go at different activities, which was great for them. Training for all our teams proved difficult at times due to the weather and because of this some players did drop out, but the kids that stayed WOW! Paris and I are so proud at your level of improvement, commitment and your outstanding enthusiasm. Well done!

Thank you to all players for coming to our end of season BBQ and we look forward to seeing you on the diamond next year!

Lastly, Paris and I would like to thank all the parents for their support and help during our season.

Melinda & Paris





Coach – Bruce Anderson A/Coach—Lachlan Anderson Trainer—Steve Luke Manager – Lynda Osborne Scorer – Sue Anderson

The Under 7's, be it non-competitive, still had a very close running race the whole season. Our Bankstown sports U7's played such great baseball, developing a range of skills along the way. The improvement in their fielding, batting and base running from the season start to season end was incredible. They did all this by doing what we all wanted most for them – having fun!

#### The U7 Yankees!

Aniken Petelo Brianna Dann Declan Dann George Mikhael Jayden Touma-Luke Jordan Tangaroa Luke Arraj Matthew Evensen Peter Marinos Riley O'Neill Zane Helweh



During the course of the season we had some very special helpers:

Lachlan Anderson	Assistant Coach
Lynda Osborne	Manager
Steve Luke	Trainer
Sue Anderson	Scorer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, caregivers, relatives and others who not only got the children to training and games on time (most times); but for conducting themselves in a very sportsman like and professional manner both on and off the field. This made my job so much easier and by season end I had so many great memories both hilarious and serious but overall wonderful baseball memories, so for that I thank you all.

Baseball was definitely a winner at all our games.

Yours in Baseball

Bruce Anderson Coach





Coach – Alexander Richardson & Jaiden Flemming Manager – Paris Richardson Scorer – Joanne Mucenski & Melaine Aropa

Congratulations to each and everyone of you on another fantastic season. Yes, we are aware that officially we are non competitive BUT, we know that we were the Premiers for the second year running.

We would again like to thank all the parents of our players for all their support and getting the kids to the games and to training on time every week. The boys played great and our record shows our successes, every player tried their best every week, was full of enthusiasm and always gave 100%.

We said goodbye to two players this season, Blake Rackham and his family moved to New Zealand over Christmas and Mustafa Mohammed and his family have just recently moved to QLD. We will miss both you boys next season. Good luck Blake & Mustafa and we hope that you both continue to play baseball in your new homes. Keep in touch.



**AJ Masau** – this was AJ's first season and what an impression he made. A strong batter, who also has a strong arm. Unfortunately he has to play his true age next year. We will miss you AJ and good luck with the U10s.

**Zacharie McKelvie** – another first time player. Zac was very shy to start but his batting improved as did his knowledge of the game. Next season he will come our firing!

**Darren Lawson**— Darren is one of the quickest on the team and his batting was great and his fielding was very reliable. Darren also played a game with the U9s and got a safe hit off the zooker. Fantastic effort!

**Kye Jedrzejczyk**—a great all-round player who made many catches throughout the season and his batting was good as well. A great player to have in your team.

**Taiki Arita**—still the fastest on the team and made it to base at nearly every at-bat. Great 1<sup>st</sup> baseman due to his reliable catching.

Liam Arraj—played catcher a fair bit this season and did a super job as always, he was always happy to be at baseball and even volunteered to help the other teams out if they were short of players.

**Tyrone Aropa**— another good batting season and is turning into a great fielder and very reliable wherever he plays.

**Alexzander Mucenski**— very quick to the ball when fielding and threw it where it needed to go. His batting is improving as he got a few good hits.

**Mike Jiang**—his knowledge of the game has improved this season and he is turning into a really good little player.

**Mustafa Mohammed**— was again this season very consistent with his batting, he got some big hits and fielded well. We will miss his enuthusiam next year.

**Blake Rackham**— week in week out he would put in a lot of effort and he got the results. He was always willing to help the other teams out and would always follow our instructions.

Boys, this coming season we go competitive and we have heaps to learn but we know that you will try your very best. We thoroughly enjoyed coaching again this season and hope you guys are happy to have us back next season when you start playing competitive ball.

Lastly, a big thank you to all the parents, your support of us was fantastic. Thank you to everyone who scored and to Paris for helping so much on game days.

Jaiden & Alex





Coach – Mathew Roper Assistant Coach – Lachlan Anderson & Nick Tannous Manager – Jacki Tangaroa Scorer – Sue Roper

The 2011/12 season was another fantastic year of baseball for the Under 9s.

The T-ball part of the year bought us 3 wins and 3 losses placing us mid field. The new members to the team Sam, Remy, big Daniel and little Daniel all hit the ball well, scored runs and made outs. The Team hit over .700 during the t-ball stage and we were set up nicely moving into the Zooka part of the year.

Zooka was new to all members of the team (including me) so it took us a while to figure out that we needed to attack the ball for the whole game. After several near misses where we lost 2 games by only 2 runs and had a draw, we all finally clicked to storm home to win the last 2 games against much more fancied opposition. In the end, rained out games cost us a chance to play finals where no team would have looked forward to come up against us with the form we were in.



To Anthony, Zachary, Brandon G, Liam, Brandon T, Little Daniel, Sam, Remy, Steve, Big Daniel, Michael and Christopher...... it's a pleasure to be your coach. You are a great bunch of kids that are a credit to your families. You all started to develop your skills and become real assets to me on game day. We had a great deal of fun throughout the season, and I will never forget us winning our last game against the team coming second and then you all jumping on me. I hope you all had an enjoyed the year and learnt the importance of teamwork and teammate. I hope to see you all again next year.

To my assistant coach Nick, thank you for your assistance at training and on game day. I know at the start of the year you were hesitant about helping, but I am glad that you took the job on. Special thanks to Jason, Ed, Peter

To the Teams Manager Jacki, thank you for helping me create order out of Chaos. I'm sure there are several other places you would rather be that locked in a dugout with 12 crazy 8 yr olds, but we would not want to do it without you.

To my scorer Sue, thank you for keeping the book in such a way that I can spend hours doing statistics (god help me when we get to actual baseball) and for giving me the score update each inning. Remember next year we have pitch counts to juggle. Should be fun

Lastly, to all the parents and grandparents that supported the kids each week. I thank you. You are a part of the team as much as the kids and it was truly an honour for me to lead them on the park each week. I would like to thank you all for the support you gave me through the year. You are a terrific group of people and while I have the support of such a great team, I will be involved in this sport for a long time to come.

Mathew Roper

Head Coach





Coach – Paul Muir Assistant Coach – Ron Radford & Melinda Hoy Manager – Lauren Predric Scorer – Karl Reid

It is difficult to express in words the admiration I have for this team. They came together in unique circumstances yet quickly developed into a baseball team that was as good as any in the competition. The highlight was a 2-2 draw with the team that finished in  $2^{nd}$  place.

This team was all about fun, mateship and a strong self belief. This team demonstrated that any child has the potential to play baseball well. All that is needed is patience and perseverance. The pure enjoyment and delight that every player shown when a team mate made a catch, reached 1<sup>st</sup> base on a hit or made an out is why junior sport is such an important part of our culture.

The events that led to this team being formed were a black day for the club. I will never understand the behaviour of adults in withdrawing children from a team purely to spite others. It is against this background that our manager Lauren stood tall. It would have been easy to let the team fold when half the team left shortly prior to the Christmas break. However, Lauren rose above the pettiness and became the symbol for everything that is so good about our club and baseball. Thanks to Lauren, I had the absolute pleasure of coaching a wonderful team of great kids.



Jordan Reid – an extremely versatile player. Jordan was our lead-off hitter, pitcher and infielder. Jordan is a great talent in the making and when given an opportunity grabbed it with both hands and truly excelled.

Chris Predic – Chris was the natural leader of the team. Chris was our starting pitcher and thanks to Ron Radford really started to show his potential on the mound in the latter half of the season. I really liked the way that Chris took care of the new players in the team and was very patient in explaining to them the subtleties of our game.

Daniel Mijocevic – What would you do if you turned up to a game mid-season and were told that you're going to be our catcher? Well Daniel simply said 'bring it on'. Daniel was another great example of a player shining when given a chance. Daniel blossomed into a very reliable catcher and with dedication and practice will continue to develop.

Dante Petelo – Dante has huge potential and was one of the finds of the season. This kid can pitch and with further practice will develop into a strong pitcher next year. A very powerful hitter and great at shortstop. Simply, a natural athlete.

Mickeal Fallon – one of my fondest moments of the year was watching Mickeal run to  $1^{st}$  after hitting a foul. Mickeal was one of our underage kids however he did not hesitate when it was his turn to bat. It did not matter that the ball went foul, Mickeal showed everyone that he could hit the ball. Great stuff.

Bakhos Doueihi – Bakhos made  $2^{nd}$  base his own and thanks to him we made many outs. I loved Bakhos's enthusiasm and passion. Bakhos will be a great player simply because of his tremendous attitude. I love the way that Bakhos just enjoyed baseball.

Gianluca Messina – Gian played 3<sup>rd</sup> base, was a very strong hitter and had a pitch. A really lovely kid whose exuberance was infectious. Gian came into the team with no knowledge of the game and by season's end was encouraging our pitchers like a seasoned veteran.

Dylan Vo – had a superb game against the  $2^{nd}$  placed East Hills getting on base for the first time due to a great hit. Dylan was another one of our new players whose unbridled joy in playing base-ball was inspirational. Thank you Dylan for making me feel part of such a wonderful moment.

Thank you to Ron, Melinda, Greg and Frank for your assistance with coaching the kids. Thank you to the Sporties Executive who provided me with the opportunity to be involved with this great bunch of kids.

Paul Muir





Coach - Paul Muir A/Coach— Melinda Hoy, Ron Radford Manager – Jody Trostel Scorer – Jody Trostel

We had a very successful season in terms of player development, with each player improving their baseball skills as the season progressed. As a team we played a lot of really good baseball which resulted in a heap of fun and enjoyment for all concerned.

Many thanks to the coaching staff, Ron, Melinda, Greg and Frank. They gave up their time to pass on their knowledge to the children. Their enthusiasm and passion made this season very enjoyable. A big thank you to Jody, our Manager and Scorer. Behind every good team is an efficient manager and Jody ensured our season was drama free. Finally thank you to Di, Bruce and the executive for your support and encouragement during the year.

Junior baseball is solely about the kids and we had a champion bunch of children this year. They deserve to be individually mentioned:



Matt Birmingham – I loved watching Matt play the game this year. Matt is a 2 season veteran and this year his increased confidence was obvious. Matt was very reliable at  $3^{rd}$  base and a strong hitter. Matt also put his hand up to pitch and has been working with Ron on his technique.

Alyssa Trostel – a charming young lady who will excel at this game. A natural athlete, Alyssa had many strong hits and capable of playing any infield position. With a strong arm and great hand to eye co-ordination Alyssa was one of our pitchers. Alyssa is a very confident young lady and a natural leader.

Mat Munro – Matt always had a smile on his face and brought a sense of fun to the team. Matt's strength was his pitching. When we were in a difficult situation I threw the ball to Matt as my 'go to' man to pitch. Matt was very reliable on the mound due to his accuracy.

Honielyn Lawson – Honielyn had a remarkable season in respect of her personal development. Another one of our lovely ladies, Honielyn showed tremendous improvement in all facets of the game with her hitting being her main weapon. When Honielyn hits the ball it goes a very long way.

Dion Morley – Dion had a really good year with his pitching and hitting being his strengths. Dion has great arm strength and as he gets older his accuracy will improve turning him into a sensational pitcher. His pitching against East Hills was one of the many highlights this year.

Curtis Flemming – this year was a really strong one for Curtis. Curtis is an all round solid player that any coach can rely upon. His versatility meant he played infield and outfield, he can lead off plus he can pitch. Every team needs a player like Curtis.

Luke Mariani – we were very excited when Luke joined our club from Ryde as we were told he could catch. This was the understatement of the year. Luke proved to be one of the best catchers in the competition. His mental strength is the key to his success. No matter the situation, Luke would be geared up and ready to go with a minimum of fuss. His strong hitting was a bonus. A coach's delight.

Jasmine Macey – A truly lovely young lady. It was great to watch Jasmine develop throughout the year into a very confident baseballer. Jasmine was hitting the ball very well by year's end and had developed into a reliable fielder.

Masen Guerreiro – Masen had a great year being a very reliable fielder and hitter. Masen often played shortstop and became very proficient in that position. His versatility also allowed Masen to develop into a strong outfielder.

Rebecca Barry - absolute charming and a coach's delight. Rebecca worked hard during the year and became our very reliable 1<sup>st</sup> base. Due to her dedication and work ethic Rebecca's hitting also improved in leaps and bounds.

Paul Muir





Coach - David Muir Assistant Coach— Frank Trostel & Sam Adra Manager – Lynda Sexton Scorer – Helen Evensen Umpire—Liam Sexton & Scott Ward

Quite the interesting season, overall this season we claimed  $4^{th}$  (8 W – 4 L – 2 D record) with our chances to go deep into the playoff ruined by Mother Nature, but all in all we had a successful season, we were competitive in all games and every member of this team gave me 100% and as a coach that's all I ask for

I would like to thank the following people for their contributions to the team this year, Lynda (Manager), Helen (Scorer), Frank, Sam (Assistant Coaches) and Liam (Umpire). I would also like to thank all parents for driving their kids and sometimes me to training and games. I would also like to thank all the parents for the support they showed towards our team this season, I hope we put on a decent show for you.

Onto the players, I would like to personally thank each and every one of you guys, as stated above this was an interesting yet fun year and I quite enjoyed myself coaching you guys, I hope you enjoyed your season of baseball as much as I did.



Ismail – The energizer bunny of the team, a kid full of energy and enthusiasm for the game, was the leadoff man this season and was able to hit for power and for contact, backed up his offensive talents with a solid season defensively at shortstop and was very reliable as this team  $2^{nd}$  relief pitcher.

Michael – As the season went on Michael grew in confidence and it showed in his performances, played a vital role as our centre fielder and #2 hitter, played smart as an outfielder and towards the back end of the season really contributed to the team with his offence

Morgan – Stepped up this season, as he was a senior member of this team, played a pivotal role as this team's catcher week in week out, was very solid as the catcher and started to take control of games behind the plate by talking to our pitchers when they where struggling, also chipped in with bat and was a reliable source to drive in runs.

Anthony E – Our Ace (starting pitcher), the sign of a good starting pitcher is someone who can keep your team close or ahead in games and Anthony did this, he kept us in and ahead in several games, with his dominant tailing fastball. As the season progressed his batting improved and he really helped out the team leading into the playoffs

Frankie – Frankie had a breakout season this year, was very solid at  $3^{rd}$  base, but the biggest improvement this season from Frankie was his hitting, really worked on his hitting at training and the results showed, time and time again would drive in runs for the team in the clutch situations

Chris – Pleasure to have you on this team Chris, during rep season Chris was our  $2^{nd}$  pitcher and did an exceptional job holding the leads given to him to protect, was also very solid at  $1^{st}$  base and drove in the most runs for the team by sacrificing his out for RBIs during the season, the sign of a team player

Anthony C – A solid season. Anthony C really started to improve in his batting & fielding in the outfield and/or infield as the season went on. With continued application and hard work at training the consistency will come. Did the occasional pitching during the rep season and got the team out of a few jams.

Sarkis - A solid season considering all the new information which Sarkis was taught, he handled himself well and asked questions, was reliable wherever he was put defensively whether at  $2^{nd}$  base or the outfield and was a very patient hitter drawing a lot of walks over the season

Brendon – Brendon was the youngest member of this team, but certainly didn't play like it, wasn't afraid to ask questions and also listened when spoken to, very capable defensive player either in the outfield or at  $2^{nd}$  base and chipped in with the occasional run on offence

Brendan - I hoped you enjoy your first season of baseball. Brendan's attitude towards learning the game was excellent, constantly asking questions which could improve his game, and as the season went on he grew in confidence and was rewarded with his first ever hit which turned into 2 in one game, he also recorded a 9 to 3 (right field throwing to first base for an out) on the season



Jaden – It was also Jaden's first season of baseball, a very athletic player with natural talents who covered the outfield and  $3^{rd}$  base over the season, whatever I asked him he did it, he was a bit timid at the start of the season but as his confidence and knowledge of the game grew, he was a solid contributor to the team

Well that wraps up the 2011/2012 season for the Under 14 Bankstown Sports side, Best of luck next season to the guys taking the step up to 17s and best of luck to the guys who will be back for a  $2^{nd}$  stint in the 14s

David





Coach - Bruce Anderson Assistant Coach—Adam Simpson & Robert Westerweller Pitch Coach—Ron Radford Manager – Maria De Sousa Scorer – Sue Anderson

The U17's Diamondbacks had another very successful season resulting in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the season's end. Winning the Grand Final 6-1 against a very determined Mustangs team was the icing on the cake. During the course of the season all teams had few games and I am sure, as we did few training runs as well.

### The Bankstown U17 Diamondbacks – "PREMIERS"

Alex Richardson Dylan Curran Gavin Dixon Jaiden Flemming Lachlan Anderson Luke De Sousa Michael Napoli Scott Westerweller Zac Anderson



This team not only battled the elements but as our numbers were very light, during representative season we were pushed for non-restricted players. Due to great commitment and loyalty by the players we still got through which is a really great achievement.

Garrie Sinclair-Carroll started off the season on our team but due to heavy rep commitments was unavailable most games and left early in the season. Thanks for your effort Garrie.

I would like to wish Dylan all the very best with any further baseball involvement in the future as he has now completed his time at junior baseball. Good Luck Dylan.

We as a team could not have succeeded without the assistance of: Adam Simpson and Robbie Westerweller – two very dedicated and talented coaches; Maria De Sousa – our ever smiling manager; Sue Anderson – our scorer Our ever faithful parents – for getting the players to training and games.

I would like to give a special thank you to Morgan Sexton, Anthony Evensen and Ismail Adra for their roles which culminated in our Grand Final Win! Morgan helped us with player numbers twice during the season which meant he could not help us when we were short on grand final day but was a fantastic "bat man". Anthony and Ismail both were pleased to help out and be a part of our winning team on the day.

I personally want to thank the players for their dedication, commitment and loyalty during a tumultuous season where they kept their heads up and just did what they had to – play baseball.

Yours in baseball

Bruce Anderson Head Coach

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