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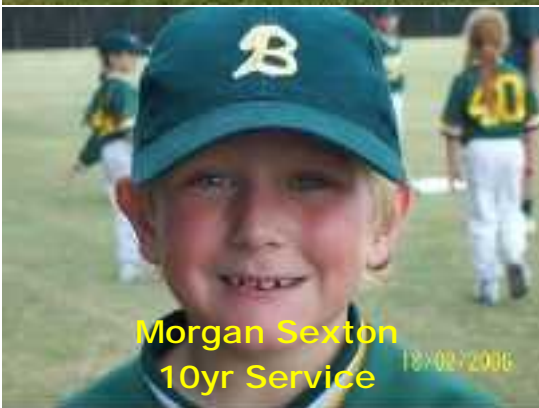
U10
Grand Finalist



David Muir
20yr Service



U17 Diamondbacks
Premiers



Morgan Sexton
10yr Service





Presidents Report

Firstly, thank you all for the very warm welcome I received as your new President! I must say that Bankstown Sports Baseball Club would have to be one of the best clubs I have been with (which is true)!

We started the season with a Committee, Coaches, Managers, Scores, Umpires and a Canteen Manager and Grounds people, without this help and support the Club would not work as efficiently as it has. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and help over the past season.

Thank you to Bankstown Sports Club, it's Executive, Directors and Committee for its continued support and assistance.

To the parents, without you, the players would not be able to get to training and to all the games, your support is invaluable and very much appreciated. Parents, your help on game days, whether you are pitch counting, dugout organising, jersey washing, scoring or even providing lollies, it is so very helpful and very much appreciated not only by your children but by the Club as well.

To all the teams, I hope that you had a great time and enjoyed your season. To the U17's a convincing win in the Grand Final against Chipping Norton, it was a great game and you really showed the spectators why you deserve this fourth win in a row!!

To our U10's you showed your great skill in making the grand final, unfortunately it wasn't your day, but you put up a good fight and showed that you are a great team and will improve with experience.

I would like to thank Diane, Melinda and John for their great work, the Club would find it hard to work without them! I would also like to thank Di Simpson in the Canteen for all her hard work and our fantastic umpires for their continued support.

I would like to personally invite you all to our AGM on Monday 14th July at the Sports Club at 7pm. Please remember that a Junior Club needs your support! A lot of our current Committee, have older children who are moving onto seniors and they may not be with us for too much longer, so why not nominate yourself for a position, we would love some new blood on the committee!

Krys Rowland

President



Representative

U12 State Cup

Patrick Pham

U16 State Cup

Josh Kaplun

U12 Association Cup

Jordan Reid

William Grech

U10 Rookies Team

Kye Jedrzejczyk

Little League Team 2014

Patrick Pham

Jordan Reid

William Grech

JAG Girls Series

Alyssa Trostel

Paul Muir—Coach

David Muir—A/Coach

Jody Trostel—Manager



Awards

Geof Sharpe Memorial Award

Melinda Hoy

Watson Family Award

Evensen Family

Scorer of the Year

Karl Reid

Volunteer of the Year

Tim Barry

Team Awards

U7 Coach Award	Justin Nguyen
U7 Batting Award	Tea Mucenski
U7 Golden Glove	Noah Jedrezjczyk
U8 Coach Award	Brianna Dann
U8 Batting Award	William Trostel
U8 Golden Glove	Mya El Foul
U9 Coach Award	AJ Touma
U9 Batting Award	Moustfa Sankari
U9 Golden Glove	Aniken Petelo
U10 Coach Award	Aiden El-Hassan
U10 Batting Award	Zachary Grueninger & Zacharie McKelvie
U10 Golden Glove	Taiki Arita
U12 Coach Award	Zac Charrouf
U12 Batting Award	Daniel Evensen
U12 Golden Glove	Jordan Reid
U14 Golden Glove	Curtis Flemming
U14 Batting Award	Alyssa Trostel
U17 Coach Award	}No individual awards
U17 Batting award	}due to ring
U17 Golden Glove	}presentation



Awards

5 Yr Award

Taiki Arita
Tyrone Aropa
Alezander Mucenski
Kye Jedrzejczyk
Frank Trostel

10 Yr Award

Morgan Sexton

20 Yr Award

David Muir

Umpire Medal Awards

Michael Barry Level 0

Coach Medal Awards

Melinda Hoy Level 2
John Richardson Level 2
Greg Dixon Level 2

Scoring Awards

Jody Trostel Level 0 & 1



Secretary & Treasurers Report

Secretaries & Treasurer Report

Another great season for Bankstown Sports Baseball Club! Fantastic results by all teams! Our mighty U17s won their 4th grand final in a row, a tremendous game that topped off a strong and consistent season! We say good bye to this team as they are all moving onto senior baseball and wish them the very best of luck! Our U10's also made the Grand Final this season but unfortunately it wasn't their day, they put up a great fight and we are all very proud of their achievement. U12s & U9s also made the final series. U9's missed out due to weather and the U12s played a tough match under terrible conditions, these are both teams we will need to keep our eye on. 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 Bunning's 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 Jody Trostel for her continued support, umpiring when needed and for co-ordinating the weekly team results and to all the umpires, thank you for a great job by all. Thank you Betty Watson once again for your help.

Fundraising, what a great year we had 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 Sports Club and Directors for their ongoing support, advice and help over the year.

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

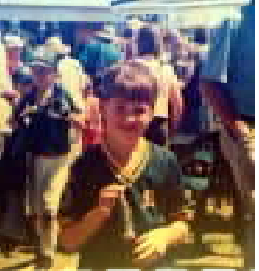
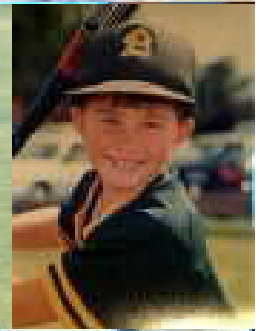
Diane Richardson, Helen Evensen & Melinda Hoy

Our Committee 2013 - 2014

President	Krys Rowland	Canteen Co-ordinators	Dianne Simpson
Vice-President	John Richardson		Diane Richardson
Jnr Vice-President	Greg Dixon		
Secretary	Diane Richardson	Grounds People	John Richardson
Asst Secretary	Melinda Hoy		Bruce Anderson
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Equipment Officer	Jody Trostel		
Publicity	Melinda Hoy	Assoc Delegates	Krys Rowland
			Paul Muir

20yr Service

David Muir



10yr Service

Morgan Sexton





Life Members

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
David Muir	2013/2014



The Watson Family Award

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
Richardson Family	2009/2010
Flemming-Hoy Family	2010/2011
Trostel Family	2011/2012
Barry Family	2012/2013
Evensen Family	2013/2014



The Volunteer Award

Melinda Hoy	2009/2010
Stacey Mackenzie	2010/2011
Diane Simpson	2011/2012
Greg Dixon	2012/2013
Tim Barry	2013/2014



The Scorer of the Year Award

Sue Anderson	2010/2011
Jody Trostel	2011/2012
Helen Evensen	2012/2013
Karl Reid	2013/2014



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
Grueninger Family	2012/2013
Melinda Hoy	2013/2014

Under 7 Yankees



What a great season for the youngsters of the baseball club. In my first year as head coach, there was a bit of pressure, as the team had already won their first game before I came on board. Unfortunately we didn't win again till Rd. 5, but from that point on we made it a habit to end up on top after most games!!!

From 17 games, we had 9 wins, 7 losses & 1 draw. A great result with such a spread out age group and with 2 players being only 4 years old.

The most fulfilling aspect as a coach was the great improvement shown by every member of the team and the enthusiasm that all the players showed during games and at our training sessions. It was great watching the team improve from week to week and every one of the ballplayers contributed to the team's success.

The future looks good for the club with such talented baseballers.



Under 7 Yankees

No season can be successful or possible without the great support of our coaching staff & parents, your support made coaching an enjoyable experience. Apart from a great bunch of kids we also had a great bunch of parents always helping out before games in the warm up. So I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for making my job easier on Saturday mornings.

Big thanks goes to the manager and scorer Craig Jedrezjczyk and Eva Fuary for all their help. I would also like to thank the assistant coaches Michael Barry & Frankie Trostel for taking time out of their U/17 commitments to share their love of baseball with the youngsters. And finally the ever present Tim Barry for all his assistance and never forgetting to bring lollies for the kids on game day!!

Here are our little champions!

Phoebe Fuary - Small in stature with a big heart, strong arm, loved playing 1st base

Seamus Fuary - Fast on his feet, great throwing arm, loved pitcher position

Noah Jedrezjczyk - One of the youngest with a big swing and arm

Jessy O'Neill - Loved batting and chatting

Tea Mucenski - All rounder, short stop, pitcher, and first base, often last batter to bring them all home

Christian Mussone - Quiet achiever, big improver that loved to bat



Under 7 Yankees

Finlay Dann – The red flash, favourite question “can I bat?”, loved to bat and play catcher

Alessandro Pelle – Passionate baseballer that loved to play anywhere

Liam Cavanough – Loved batting and once he learnt to hit to left field his eyes would light up when he stepped up to the plate.

Justin Nguyen – Shy at first but when it was game time he was switched on

See you all at the ball park and remember to “Swing for the Fences”

Frank



Under 8 Mets



The coaches were proud of all of our players, the team had a great season, improving over the year with training and experience. Coach Greg during his weekly training sessions passed on many skills to the team, these skills are the foundation for the future development of the players.

The children played as a team and we could see them improving with each game. We continued to move the players around on the diamond in each innings so that they could all have a turn at the various positions on the field. Whilst some of our opposition tended to leave dominant players in key positions, this does not give all players the opportunity to play the positions, winning every game in this division is not the desired outcome, playing, learning, developing and most importantly having fun is what we hope we achieved over the season. The last game of the season was at Fairfield, it was a rainy wet day on the field, the team played their best game of the season with outstanding batting from all players and spectacular fielding, the team can be proud of the result.



Under 8 Mets

Thank you to our scorer Anthony Dann, and our other parents that filled in from time to time, your assistance was appreciated by the team.

Special thanks to the team manager, Lisa Birrane, you made things run smoothly and organised the players and parents. Thank you for your support.

We had a number of junior umpires from our club preside over our home games. Thank you to Josh Kaplan, Anthony Everson and Gavin Dixon for providing your services to the club, you all did a great job.

We would love to see more parents involved, if you would like to assist in scoring, at training or game day please let us know, it's great fun.

The team was:

Adam Craft: Adam showed a good understanding of the game, he has an easy going attitude, is a strong batter and is always trying for a home run.

Ahmed Sankari: Ahmed is a strong outfielder with a strong arm gets the ball back to the infield with ease, he is also strong at bat.

Brianna Dann: Brianna can play any position, bats well and knows the plays, showed huge improvement over last season and is developing into a strong player, she played strongly at second base.

Emilia Dann: Emilia is a strong batter for size, and produced some surprising batting efforts, is a strong runner between bases and has improved greatly with each game, she will be a force next year (ballet permitting).

Faith Falaniko: Faith had a great baseball season, showing improvement in each game, she is dependable at bat, and has developed a good understanding in the field, her running between bases is also improving.



Under 8 Mets

Jack Birrane: Jack showed improvement in each game over the season. His batting improved as he developed his swing, his running between bases improved greatly and he is a dependable player in most positions.

Matiasi Falaniko: Matiasi has shown skill with the bat over the season, his running between bases continues to improve, and he has shown that he will be a strong batter. There were also some surprise catchers taken in the field.

Mya El Foul: Mya puts in 100% at every game and is very competitive, runs the bases well and is strong on the field in most positions. She has a great baseball mind, and can read the plays.

Sean Gay: Sean proved to be a great catcher when playing this position, his baseball skills have improved greatly over the season and he has grown with the game, he can bat and proves to be a good fielder.

Troy Reid: Troy is a strong player in most positions, he gives his best at every game and never gives up, he can read the plays and has a good baseball head. Troy has a strong future in the game.

William Trostel: William has a strong arm, is a strong batter, fields well in most positions including pitcher, shortstop and any of the bases, he runs strongly between the bases and has a good knowledge of the plays.

Thank you to the parents for getting the players to training and game days on time. Greg wanted to make special mention that he enjoyed the McDonalds bonding sessions with the players so much that he wants to ensure we continue these again next season (John is on notice to attend).

Well done to the team, you played strongly all season, gave 100%, listened to the coaches and did Bankstown Sports Baseball proud. This team will develop into a championship team over the coming years.

Coaches: Greg Dixon and John Richardson

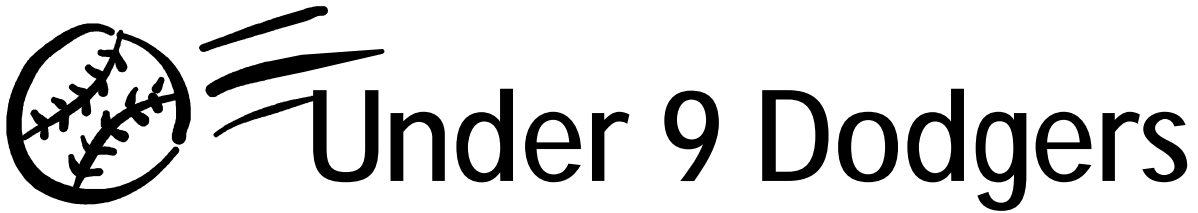
Under 9 Dodgers



Hello all Baseball fans. Another season comes to a grinding halt. As coach of the Under 9's Dodgers this year, I found the season both rewarding and frustrating.

The season started with the bare 8 but were lucky to pick up two more players by round 4. In round 6 Abdul joined us after breaking his arm which increased our strength yet again. We started slowly and this would affect the end of season results. We had won 3 games out of 7 – a poor start. With a lot of hard work and a change of mental thoughts during games, we managed to turn things around and stay unbeaten for the last 9 rounds of the competition with some absolutely unbelievable wins along the way, playing all teams.

The competition did break into two distinct sections: the top four and bottom four. We managed to finish 4th. The semi-final day was one to remember – it rained and rained; so most games were washed out. Rules being rules – the teams finishing 2nd and 4th were deemed to have lost.



Under 9 Dodgers

Our campaign finished in the worst possible way, without a ball being thrown. Unfortunately, history cannot show how far the team would have gone but I believe it would have been all the way! This just shows how a good start to the season and consistency is important. Better luck next year!!

Our team in brief:

AJ	Pitcher (1)	Moved well with an excellent throwing action resulting in many outs by pitcher to 1st base (1-3) averaging at least 5 per game. Batted well with a new bat.
Max	Catcher (2)	Played always with great gusto. Very good runner to 1 st base and batted strong.
Jaymes	Catcher(2)	Our speedster. What a great 1 st year! Not a natural talent but worked hard and it showed at the bottom end of the season.
Musty	1 st Base (3)	A classy player. Ran well, hit long and can catch the ball. A player to watch in the future.
Abdul	2 nd Base (4)	Abdul started in the outfield (being left handed) but soon moved to 2 nd base where he made it his own. A good runner and batter with some wonderful catches under his belt - one resulting in a triple play (3 outs in one bat).
Aniken	3 rd Base (5)	A wonderful gifted player. He bats, fields, runs, throws and most importantly, he listens which is very rare at this age.
Jayden	Short Stop (6)	A good "lead off" batter, runs well, strong fielder and throws great.
Matt	Left Field (7)	One of our young brigade. A season learning how to stop the ball, pick it up and throw to 2 nd . Difficult to achieve at an older age but Matt did this twice in a game. Moved to the ball and caught it - batter out! Great work Matt.
Riley	Centre Field (8)	Not his position to be fair. I asked him to switch late in the season and he did it for the team. Riley batted ninth most of the season due to his ability to hit the ball long and to run hard and fast.



Under 9 Dodgers

Sal	Right Field (9)	Slow to start the season in all areas but to his credit Sal became one of our stronger hitters by seasons end.
Ethan	Right Field (9)	Played outfield mostly but when somebody was away he would fill in. Thanks Ethan. Difficult job as most of the time you are not trained for that job. Ethan batted the ball well with his running to 1 st base quick and direct. Excellent team player.

Note: As Abdul and Musty get older I feel to switch positions would be advantageous with Abdul being left handed and Musty being right handed.

To my helpers during the year.

Assistant Coach	Zac (Son)	Job well done and loved by the kids. Loves the competition.
Assistant Coach	Anthony (Matt's brother)	Also loved by the team. Well done Anthony considering your U17's commitments.
Assistant Coach	Lynda (Riley's mum)	Thanks for your help and input throughout. Don't stop.
Manager	Jeff (Jayme's dad)	Thank you for keeping the team informed throughout the year and organising things even when you could not make it or were very busy.
Scorer	Helen (Anthony & Matt's mum)	Scored all year without fail or complaint. Thank you.
Helper	Steve (Jayden's dad)	A welcome helper on training nights when available.

Lastly, I would like to thank the BSBC itself for all its support during the season. I would also like to say to David and all the U17's Premiers - well done.

See you all next season in 2014/2015.

Yours in baseball
Bruce Anderson

Under 10 Red Sox



Coach - Alexander Richardson & Jaiden Flemming
Manager - Melinda Hoy

After another great season, we managed to walk away with a silver medal! Thanks to none other than the children themselves. From the first training session of the season we could see that some major improvement was needed in both the kids and even ourselves. As the games went on and the kids became more confident within their abilities, it really showed just how much their training was paying off. With only falling short a few times its fair to say the kids had a fantastic season yet again.

Without the parents who not only drive the kids to games but also scored, managed and filled in when times were tough, we wouldn't of been anywhere this season so a big thank you to the parents.

After an unfortunate loss in the grand final, we looked back over the season at how well we developed as a team! Our next step is learning to play under pressure which no doubt will pay off next season.



Under 10 Red Sox

Kye - After ending on a positive note last season, Kye came back running, with improvements both on and off the field his positive attitude didn't go unnoticed.

Taiki - A great all round player, he carried the team in numerous situations and never failed to impress on the field and in the batting box.

Jake - Never seen without a smile on his face. Jake was a great part of the team this season and definitely brought some laughs for us all.

Declan - Another good season and an important part of the team. Massive improvements came quickly this season and were quickly realised.

Zac M - A quiet member of the team no doubt, but when he came alive he was sure to impress, some great hits and awesome plays on the field once again finishing an amazing season

Zac G - Definitely the most talkative member in the team Zac brought some funny times, as well as sharing the role of catching, his batting improved and he was always willing to help out when asked. His team spirit was certainly appreciated.

Zac L - After joining us at the beginning of the season we saw great potential in Zac and his abilities on the field which he improved immensely over the season.

Zander - Our main catcher and a talkative addition to the team, Zander's abilities were witnessed every weekend behind the batter as well as some fantastic hits over the season.

Aiden - Another quiet member, Aiden grew the most out of any player in the team. His ability to pick up the skills required and take advantage of situations was not forgotten. On more than one occasion he managed to carry his team with some big hits and great out when other members couldn't.

Tyrone - After some huge hits this season his growth in ability was both impressive and gratefully welcomed within the team.

Thanks boys for a great season!

Alex & Jaiden

Under 12 Cardinals



Coach - Paul Muir

A/Coach— Paul Pham

Pitch Coach—Ron Radford

Manager & Scorer—Karl Reid

We are very proud of the way the U12 Cardinals developed this year. Nine times out of ten, the whole team would be at training on time to have fun and to train hard. The whole team would turn up on time to every game day for the warm up. Such commitment, dedication and great attitude towards training from young players was inspiring and a trait that we hope stays as a legacy with the Cardinals for years to come.

We ended up 4th place at the season end along the way we were proud to developed four 'rookie' 1st year players.

We would like to congratulate, William Grech and Jordan Reid for earning places in the Bankstown Association Cup team and, Patrick Pham for earning his place in the Bankstown State Cup team.



Under 12 Cardinals

And also congratulations to William Grech, Patrick Pham and Jordan Reid for representing Bankstown sports and earning their places in the Bankstown District Little League team 2014.

We would like to thank the coaching staff for all the hard work this year. Paul Muir our Head Coach, Paul Pham our very dedicated Assistant Coach, Ron Radford our 'ace in the hole' pitching coach and would also like to thank Darren Grech 'dad and all round good guy' for assisting with coaching and sharing his baseball wisdom. Also a big thankyou to all parents who were great supporter's right through-out the season.

The Players.

Zac Charrouf - Rookie season. A rookie who had a crackin first season, he is a hard hitter of the ball, he hit several out-field hits, he's fast on his feet, and super reliable making decisions like a veteran in the field. Zac even pitched in his first season and did a great job there too. Well done Zac.

Faith Churchill - Rookie season. Faith had her season cut short by an untimely relocation out west. During her time with us she developed new skills quickly and really enjoyed her time here with her team mates. Good luck Faith.

Jasmine El Foul - Rookie Season. Jasmine had great first season, she has a mature understanding of the game and has developed into a great all round player. She hit better and better as the season went on and was stealing bases like a demon at seasons end. Well done Jasmine.

Daniel Evensen. Our main stay at short stop and he certainly did a great job there all season. He stopped a lot of in field balls going out and made really good decisions. Daniel batting has really improved and has worked his way up the batting line up as the season went on.

William Grech. One of our rep players, William joined our team a couple of games into the season and straight away we could see his great passion for the game. He always digs in and does his very best every week. Can bat very well and is a rock as our catcher.



Under 12 Cardinals

Brandon Grueninger. Brandon is Mr reliable in the field, you could put Brandon in any position and know he'd do a job there. He has a great understanding of the game and always makes the correct play decision. His batting is solid and he well liked by his team mates.

Gianluca Messina. Gianluca, is great all round player. He has developed into a real clutch hitter, who could be relied upon to bring home a runner. Good hands in the field, quick on his feet and he did good work at catcher.

William Nguyen-Rookie Season. William is always eager and keen to learn at training, he listens to instructions that are given to him, showing a great respect for the game and coach. He had a great season on the field exceeding all of our expectations, well done William.

Patrick Pham. One of our rep players and doing a great job at lead off pitcher this year, Patricks pitching was the difference in most of our victories this season. Patrick is a powerful batter who hit several big hits this year.

Jordan Reid. Another one of our rep players, Jordan had another solid year, he did a great job closing out games as pitcher. He cemented his spot at first base with good hands and great footwork. At bat Jordan was reliable as ever at getting onto base, stealing and getting home.

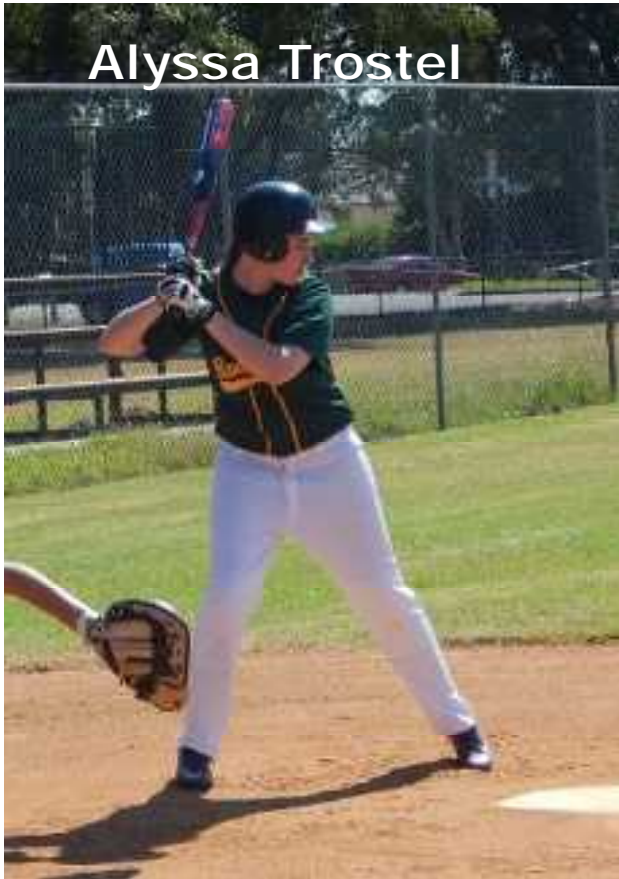
Liam Roper. Liam did a solid job this season this year, his fieldwork, understanding of plays and batting improved every week and he always played his very best at every game, he also made some important and game changing plays at third base.

Brandon Tangaroa. A reliable and powerful hitter who had a lot of 2nd and 3rd base hits this season. And one of the quickest between bases as well, Brandon would often steal his way home. He's a great all-rounder and a real asset.

Thank you to all our players

Karl Reid.

Under 14 Marlins



This season we had only two players register for our U14 team. They were Alyssa Trostel and Curtis Flemming and due to these unfortunate circumstances, Alyssa and Curtis had to play in a combined Casula Lakers and Revesby Workers team BUT they did play in the green and gold all season!

These two great kids have been with us since they were in kindergarten and this season was a real test for them. It was a difficult season, they ended up in a team of rookies (new players), training at Casula and only having two games at our field but all credit to them, they hung in there, trained hard and helped the new players learn the game that they love. In doing so, they both became very important members of their team. Well Done Alyssa & Curtis we are very proud of you!

They both are very much hoping to have a full U14 Bankstown Sports side this season and at present if everyone returns this should happen.

Under 17 Diamondbacks



Well what a day the 15th of March turned out to be for me, winning a grand final in the afternoon, an epic storm in the early evening and then celebrating my sister's 21st in the evening. It was one of the more memorable days in recent history, but don't ask which event was my favourite because I can't choose.

Firstly congratulations to the team for winning the grand final in a dominate fashion which put the icing on a very successful season. This season was always going to be an interesting one, we knew as a team we had the best team on paper but in the end being the best on paper doesn't win you the competition. We showed up every training session and every game and played our brand of baseball, playing hard but fair, it is always hard when you have a competition like ours when there is one dominate team, in the end some people out there determine success by winning the competition, our record and the for and against, in seasons past I would normally judge on these factors the success of a season but this season though for me this wasn't the case.



Under 17 Diamondbacks

For me a successful season would be judged on seeing each player grow as a baseball player as the U17 age group is where as the coach it is important to mould all players and ready them for life after junior baseball as they head into seniors and I'm happy to report each player grew with their ability and confidence this season. Some players blossomed early and took leadership roles within the team and others gradually came strong toward the middle of the season and played a major role in the team's success. In the back end of the season everybody on this team improved themselves which means we had a successful season and I did my job, everyone contributed to the team the entire season and the thing I'm most proud of with this team is that not only did we grow individually but we approached the game as a team and grew as a team. All 11 players on this team knew their roles and if one player didn't play to his ability then there was 2-3 others who stepped up to fill the void and this for me is why we had a successful season, this team played for each other which is a vital ingredient to being a successful team

Yes it was disappointing to lose that 1 game in the first round of the playoffs after going undefeated during the regular season and some people may say the factors which went against us (playing Friday Night, the weather, only having 8 players) caused us to lose, but in the end Chipping Norton deserved the win they played better than us on that night because on any day in the sport of baseball anything can happen and looking back the loss is what we needed. After the game the players where down and rightly so but the question would be how we fight back, this would show the character this team has and boy did we fight back. We had the best display all year, beat Mustangs 20-0 by crushing the baseball to all parts of the park and had a solid pitching display combined with good defence earning our rightful spot in that grand final. To be honest I was worried heading into the mustangs game about how we would front up from our 1st loss and the momentum we gained from that game carried over to the grand final where we came out of the blocks firing and never looked back, that win against Mustangs defined our season and showed what type of team we are and what we can do.



Under 17 Diamondbacks

Now onto the thank yous, I would like to personally thank everyone who helped with this team, a team is only as strong as its support base and we had a very strong tight group this season so thank you to everyone from the manager (Con), assistant coaches (Frank), scorers (Helen), umpires (Liam) and spectators. Also thank you to anyone else who pitched in when somebody was unavailable and a big thank you to Bruce for taking the reins for the 1st 3 weeks of the season whilst I was overseas. Finally a big thank you to the team, you guys played hard for me and hopefully in return I've taught you some skills you will keep for the rest of your baseball careers and hopefully we had some fun along the way.

See you next year, David