

AGM 2013-2014

Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club

2013-14



Under 18

9 February 2014

Thomas Rice, Matthew Speirs, Justin Aron, Yarran Curtis, Jayden Wearne, Dylan Archer, Glenn Archer (coach)
Michael Hurley, Jayden Christie-Dossetter, Todd Sadler, Jackson Hunkin

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Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club

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<i>Club Coach</i> Donovan Hendricks		

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Due to health and personal reasons I will not be standing for re-election as President at this year's AGM. After 8 years as President and the 2 preceding years as Secretary it is also time for some fresh faces and ideas.

Throughout that period there have been a lot of marvellous people involved in this journey with me and without trying to name them all, I simply say "thanks" for your assistance and involvement. Without our fantastic group of volunteers the Club would struggle. Whether you spent 5 minutes in the canteen, hours preparing fields, attended Board meetings or the season coaching a team, your efforts have made a difference and are greatly appreciated.

There is however one person who deserves a special mention and that is Denis Dalzotto. Without his support for the past 6 years I am not sure how I, or the Club would have survived. Thanks "fella". Your efforts, dedication, advice and most of all your friendship are really appreciated.

As I sit here thinking of the 2013-2014 season and trying to put down on paper what has transpired, I find myself reflecting & reminiscing on the past 10 years of my involvement in the management of the marvellous club.

As most will know, I missed the first half of the season, which meant the workload of the remaining Board Members, was increased. It is not surprising to say that each and every one of them coped well and did exceptional jobs. To Marika, Dwain, Glenn, Roger & Jordan, you are a great team and I wish you every success.

To our Club Coach, Donavon Hendricks, thanks for your effort this season. Your drive and enthusiasm are appreciated and we are thankful for the great job you did. To the rest of our coaches, managers, scorers and helpers at all levels, your commitment in giving of your valuable time in assisting your selected team is very much appreciated. I am certain the members of your respective team are very thankful, as am I.

I am also delighted to congratulate the following members as recipients of Club awards:

- Senior Clubman awarded to Roger & Rhonda Cheesman.
- Junior Clubman awarded to Peter Williams
- Syd Waters award went to River Stevens-Dobby
- John Williams award went to Richard Kiel
- Mike Snoxell award went to Jackson Hunkin

Congratulations to all of our award winners who received recognition for the efforts given throughout the season, both on and off the field. Keep up the great work.

Our Club fielded the following teams:

- 4 x Seniors teams in Division 1
- 1 x Master's team
- 1 x Under 18
- 2 x Under 16
- 1 x Under 14
- 1 x Under 12
- 1 x Under 15 domestic
- 1 x Under 12 domestic
- 25 Aussie T-Ball players.

We had our Under 18's team win the Premiership watched by one of the largest and most supportive crowds seen at the Club all season, Senior or Junior. Well done to Glenn and the boys. What a really fantastic reward for all of your hard work.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another highlight of the year was the naming of our second or back diamond. After 36 consecutive years playing at the Tigers and having received Life Membership in 1996-97 for service to the Club, the field was named as the "Bob Simonton Field". In what was a lovely surprise for Bob and his family who were able to attend the ceremony held in his honour. Congratulations Bob.

To the next group of Board members and volunteers, I wish you every success both on and off the field.

In conclusion I want to say that I have enjoyed every minute as President and have appreciated the honour it is to hold that position in such a wonderful club. I wish everyone the very best and I simply say "thanks"

Yours in baseball

Bob Ayres

President

Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club – Go Tigers.

Player Management Report

This was my second year in the role of Chairman of Player Management and it gave me the opportunity to build on the changes implemented last year, as well as introducing other new ideas.

The reduced playing list did not give as much selection freedom as the club wanted. This year there were a significant number of Juniors (U18 and U16) playing seniors for the first time. Where possible players were chosen on performance and also with a view to developing the individual at a senior level.

Our Fourths this year consisted mainly of Masters players and U16's, so thanks to all those that helped out on a regular basis or filled in to avoid a forfeit during the year. The majority of the U18's already play senior ball, but by playing the U16's in our Thirds and Fourths it exposed them to senior baseball requiring another set of skills and giving them experience and challenges that are different to those of junior baseball. They will only grow as a result of this opportunity.

The key responsibilities were:

Player Selection:

- The Team Selection process had a real improvement this year. Selection was attended by Senior Coaches and had frank and open discussion around players and debate on player selection. There is now a framework and understanding by the coaching panel as to blooded new players at the best time for them and the club. I believe a balance was found and will again be worked on next year.
- We aimed to improve the communication to players when they are dropped by having the appropriate coach discuss with them the reasons. This again, could have been managed better, but did improve from last year, as did the overall communication within the club.
- The club also blooded approximately 6 of the younger players into the Firsts during the year, which was good for the individuals and the club.

Assistant / Specialist Coaches:

- Collectively it has been agreed within the club that we will in future appoint our most experienced coaches to the U12 and U14 divisions. As the majority of the younger players are developing skills in all facets of the game, we believe that the best place to have our experience coaches is at the lower levels. U16 and U18 also require experienced coaches but at this level they are more "team managers". The club feels we can coach the skills into the players at the earliest opportunity.
- We will be seeking to appoint coaches for Teams and specialist coaches prior to the 2014/2015 pre-season commencing.
- Once again consideration is being given to a sub-committee to fulfil the role of Junior Development to support the Player Management and Coaches for the Junior sides.

Player Management Report

- This year we had a specialist Pitching Coach in Daryn Cassidy which ensured bullpens were conducted in a professional manner. Thanks to Daryn for performing his role and assisting the Junior and Senior pitchers.
- A huge thanks to all of the Junior Coaches for their effort this year resulting in a number of teams playing finals baseball.

Uniforms, Player Numbers, Training Shirts, Caps, Supporter Caps etc:

- A number of players had numbers allocated during the season.
- An audit will be undertaken next year to free up some of the numbers that reside with players who have not played for a number of years or who have left the club.
- Merchandise was well stocked for most of the year and maintained in the old bar area.

Scorer Recruitment and Education:

- Whilst scorers were appointed for the Firsts and Seconds, the other sides had a number of Scorers throughout the season. Thanks to all of the scorers for the season and also to those that filled in at the last minute to help the club out – your assistance is appreciated.
- A scorer's night was conducted for parents and supporters to provide the basics of scoring. It was a great night attended by over 10 people. Thanks again to Loretta Sadler and Marika Booth for conducting the session.
- It is planned to conduct the session again next year as early in the season as possible.

Umpire Recruitment, education and appointment:

- The roster this year worked brilliantly. Of all the Junior games conducted there were 3 games that did not have the allocated Umpire present. I know there were other cases where the U12's had assistant coaches umpiring, but on the whole there was a significant improvement on previous years.
- All senior players signed a player's agreement this year. One of the points included umpiring junior games. It is fair to say that the player's attitude and culture of the club this year contributed to a high attendance of umpires for the junior games.
- The Umpiring roster was displayed on the club Web page this year to make it easier for players to know the games they were rostered for and if needed, swap with others.
- Thanks to the parents who umpired junior games at short notice, to John O'Halloran (again) who did most of the Third's games, and to other parents, AJ and some I have missed who did the Fourths on the odd occasion.

Other Duties that fell within the role of Player Management:

- Score Sheets were emailed to Baseball Victoria every Monday. Over the year there were 2 or 3 missing sheets that were forwarded that week. Again it was pleasing to "not see" the UFTG on BV memos for missing score sheets too often.

Player Management Report

- Stats sheets were maintained for the Ones and Twos but no others were maintained through the year.

Proposed Activities / Considerations for the upcoming 2014/2015 season are:

- Commence pre-season earlier than previous seasons. Conduct a registration day for Juniors and Seniors with a BBQ to enable the club to gauge numbers and team nominations.
- A players meeting / meet the coach night to be conducted 3 or 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the Season, preferably during pre-season training.
- Players to again sign the "Players Agreement" as part of their registration.
- A subcommittee to be formed to address Junior Development.
- A mentoring program to be considered for identified junior players for mentoring by a Senior player (matched by the club) to assist in all facets of Baseball.

Summary

My second year in Player Management was very smooth and had very few issues to deal with during the year. I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their support during the year.

Congratulations to Donovan Hendricks in his first year as Club Coach and for being open and communicative with players and the committee, and especially in my Player Management role. It made my job that much easier.

Finally, thanks to all of the club members, supporters, parents and their family for the support during the year and providing feedback. All of this benefits the club both off and on the field.

Roger Cheesman

Chairman – Player Management

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

I would like to start off by thanking a few people:

Bob Dick, Richard Kiel, Bob Ayers, Yarran Curtis, Glen and Dylan Archer and if I have missed a few I am sorry but your efforts and time were greatly appreciated. And a special thanks to Brendan Cheesman for showing me the ropes.

We had great turn outs to both working bees by both winter and summer players and would like to see more members of the club come down and keep this strong attendance going.

The club experienced some highs and lows over the season

- Bad weather destroying the visitor's dugout requiring a rebuild, fantastic work by Kirchner Construction
- Vandals tagging the new dugout, water tank and clubs rooms
- A few broken windows
- A couple break ins one resulting in the need of a new roller door and repairs
- Stolen BBQ – new one supplied by a generous club member
- General ground maintenance

I would also like to mention that the ground held its own and looked great for 90% of the season.

For the up and coming season 2014-2015 it would be good to see more volunteers around the club as many hands make light work.

Cheers

Jordan Elliott

Club & Firsts Season Report

Record 10-16

This season was my first as club coach and I made some moves in the off season getting some new players into the club. With around 6-7 new players the majority of them in the firsts and some in the twos and also the identification of good young talent coming through the ranks, there was optimism within the group. However, due to the new players it took the group a while to get the chemistry and team comraderie established and that only came as the season went on. This will put the group in a good position for next season having this season together under their belt and they hopefully will hit the ground running next summer.

The talent on this team and the way they came together I believe this will combined with the skills and knowledge have what it takes to win a premiership. We had power, speed, good pitching and defence and with a great mix of experience and youth together this group will only get better and better.

We did endure a number of injuries over the course of the season to key players at various times but this tested our depth by opening doors for deserving players in the lower levels.

The Firsts had a tough draw to start the season, with games against Blackburn, Cheltenham, Waverley, Essendon and Melbourne in the first 6 rounds. The group came out of that stretch with a 2-4 record but feeling up beat because we hadn't played our best baseball yet.

The Firsts win/loss record of 10 and 16 for the home and away fixture didn't reflect the talent of the club nor the quality of baseball they played at times during the season. We had a series sweep of eventual grand finalists Blackburn with 3 high quality games from both teams played and 2 one run loses to Melbourne who finished with the best record in the league. We also had a 4 game winning streak at one point against quality opponents like Blackburn and Cheltenham.

With highs unfortunately there were some lows and the teams down fall this season was its inconsistency. At times losing games that were viewed as 'winnable games' that would have put us in a better position came later in the season. This was exemplified with a 5 game losing streak just before Christmas. Although the team still showed a fight that kept them within striking distance of finals, these inconsistencies were visible as the side wasn't quite able to click defensively, offensively and through pitching. There were times during the season where we pitched incredibly but our offence was held down or vice versa where we scored runs but couldn't hold the opposition at bay either with our pitching or defence.

Pitching within the group was spread, sharing the load and not relying on one pitcher to take a bulk, which was especially helpful later in the year as no one was too fatigued and worn out. This is hopefully a blueprint for the future as we found it quite successful.

Club & Firsts Season Report

This season the coaching staff made a conscious decision to develop and unearth the clubs younger players in the senior teams. We had a number of young players make their debuts in Firsts (and right through to the Fourths) like Jackson Hunkin, Todd Sadler, Dylan Archer and Yarran Curtis all holding their own when called upon. This is an amazing achievement not only for these young men but also for the clubs future and a testament to past junior coaches and current coaches to have so many debutants in a single season. I have no doubt these players will be main stayers in the ones for years to come and have very successful careers. The challenge for these guys now is to stake their claim in the ones team full time and driving the team up the ladder.

In terms of the club, success can be viewed and measured in many different ways; some see it as wins and losses, premierships, financially or through strong junior programs. The roll of the club coach I believe is to work with the board and achieve all of the above, but have a starting point and concrete plan which can be checked off as each point comes to fruition.

Part of my role as club coach is also to develop a better culture and training environment to facilitate the development of the club. By making the club somewhere players, families and friends can interact, communicate, have fun and enjoy what baseball has to offer. This I believe is a process that may take many years and with an end goal to win a division one premiership again, you cannot get there by a single mindedness of one aspect of the club being focussed on as all aspects of the club have to be functioning at their best.

Greater communication lines were created this year between the board, coaches and the selection committee, which I believe was very successful. There was terrific discussions within selection each and every week about all players and teams and what we wanted to achieve.

We are heading in the right direction!

Finally I would like to thank my support staff in assistant coach Daryn Cassidy and Seconds coach Dwain Richardson for their help on game day and during training. Marika Booth for scoring for the ones but also countless tasks around the club and Roger Cheeseman for help during selection and for his countless tasks around the club

Donovan Hendricks

**UFTG Div 1 Firsts 2013/14
BattingStats**

Name	Games Played	PA	AB	BA	Runs	Hits	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAB	SAF	BB	HPB	K	GDP	SB	CS	OB	LOB	OB%	Slg	SB %
Dylan Archer	5	4	0.000														1			1	1	0.200	0.000	#DIV/0!
Justin Aron	10	5	0.200		1	1	1									3	1			1	1	0.200	0.200	#DIV/0!
Nathan Aron	19	53	0.279		8	12	10	1		2	6		1	10	2	11	1	1	1	29	16	0.547	0.465	50.00%
Mitch Ayres	22	97	0.342		18	26	14	9		3	20	1	1	15	3	13	2		44	22	44	0.454	0.579	100.00%
Darryn Cassidy	20	70	0.141		2	9	7	2			3	2		4	1	22		1		15	7	0.214	0.172	#DIV/0!
Brendan Cheesmah	15	39	0.286		3	10	8	2		2	2			3	1	5	2			18	11	0.462	0.343	0.00%
Jordan Elliott	2	8	0.571		1	4	3	1		2	2			1			1			5	2	0.625	0.714	66.67%
Billy Findlay	20	62	0.224		4	13	12	1		4	4	2		2		8	6	2	1	20	12	0.323	0.241	83.33%
Ilan Geduld	18	67	0.238		9	15	13	1	1	6	6	2		7	1	11	2	5	1	32	18	0.478	0.286	60.00%
Donovan Hendricks	24	86	0.253		7	19	16	3		8	8	2	1	6	1	9	3	3	1	34	22	0.395	0.293	#DIV/0!
Josh Hendricks	26	109	0.292		16	28	18	9	1	10	10		1	10	2	22	2		2	51	23	0.468	0.406	0.00%
Luke Howell	20	64	0.200		3	12	12				1			4		10	2			17	8	0.266	0.200	50.00%
Ricky Howell	20	45	0.225		5	9	7	2			4			5		8	1	1	1	16	6	0.356	0.275	100.00%
Jackson Hunkin	18	43	0.171		5	7	6	1			2			2		14	1	1	1	10	4	0.233	0.195	#DIV/0!
Evan Phillips	16	64	0.306		7	19	15	3		1	11		1	1		5	2		30	17	0.469	0.403	100.00%	
Nicholas Rice	13	45	0.256		3	10	6	2			5			5	1	13	1	2		19	10	0.422	0.256	#DIV/0!
Todd Sadler	1	4	0.333		1	1	1					1								3	1	0.750	0.333	#DIV/0!
Peter Schroeders	12	54	0.357		12	15	12	2			3	2		9	1	11		4		28	14	0.519	0.381	#REF!
Total		920	813	0.258	104	210	161	39	2	0	87	12	5	85	13	167	27	20	8	373	194	0.405	0.301	71.43%

UFTG Div 1 Firsts 2013/14
Fielding Stats

Name	PO	ASS	E	DP	INN	PB	SB	CCS	FA	SB %
Dylan Archer	3								1.000	#DIV/0!
Justin Aron	5	6							1.000	#DIV/0!
Nathan Aron	24	9	5						0.868	#DIV/0!
Mitch Ayres	98	25	6		84.2	3	9	3	0.953	75.00%
Darryn Cassidy	70	21	5						0.948	#DIV/0!
Brendan Cheesman	9		1						0.900	#DIV/0!
Yarran Curtis	1								1.000	#DIV/0!
Jordan Elliott	12				15	3	2		1.000	100.00%
Billy Findlay	83	7	4		96.1	3	19	2	0.957	90.48%
Ian Geduld	30	28	12						0.829	#DIV/0!
Donovan Hendricks	41	6	1						0.979	#DIV/0!
Josh Hendricks	57	17	10		9	1	2		0.881	100.00%
Luke Howell	19	31	5						0.909	#DIV/0!
Ricky Howell	21	10	3						0.912	#DIV/0!
Jackson Hunkin	4	3	2						0.778	#DIV/0!
Rowan Johnstone		1							1.000	#DIV/0!
Evan Phillips	102	7	3						0.973	#DIV/0!
Nicholas Rice	22	18	7						0.851	#DIV/0!
Todd Sadler	2	3							1.000	#DIV/0!
Peter Schroeders	13	37	4						0.926	#DIV/0!
Total	616	229	68	0	204.3	10	32	5	0.926	86.49%

Pitching

Name	Inn	ERA	Hits	K	BB	HPB	RS	ER	WP	BFP	B	S	T/P	S%	W	L	S	N/R	WH/IP
Justin Aron	43	7.12	64	15	25	1	54	34	7	225	321	437	758	58%	3	3			2.07
Nathan Aron	34.1	5.28	27	36	34	6	30	20	6	177	342	406	748	54%		3	1		1.79
Yarran Curtis	1.2	30.00	4	1	4		4	4	1	13	25	20	45	44%					
Donovan Hendricks	10	2.70	9	6			3	3		39	34	91	125	73%	2				0.90
Luke Howell	69.1	4.69	91	58	23	4	55	36	7	339	416	713	1129	63%	2	6	2		1.65
Ricky Howell	42	4.07	49	39	19	3	24	19	2	198	268	435	703	62%	2	3			1.62
Rowan Johnstone	0.1	0.00	1						1	3	4	5	9	56%			1		10.00
Tristan Mealey	4.1	4.39	3	2	5	1	4	2		22	37	46	83	55%		1			1.95
Total	203.6	5.22	248	157	110	16	174	118	24	1016	1447	2153	3600	60%	9	16	4	0	1.76

SECONDS REPORT

Coaching the seconds this year. I would have to say was a highlight of my weekends.

With an average age of playing group around 20-21 only propped up by old timer Mark Jones the year was to result as a learning experience for all. As mentioned in my address on presentation night there were times when some may say I lost my "cool" but I assure you this was an expression of passion for the game and the belief by myself that the playing squad I had week in and week out were capable of so much more at times. I believe our win loss record for the year does not do justice to the quality of baseball we played throughout the season as we took many of the top teams to within a couple of runs numerous times.

I would like to thank all the guys for adding to my experience and I am excited about the future for Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club with such talent vying for our top teams for season 2014 and beyond.

Thankyou also to Jordi Elliot who although was injured was present week in and week out to provide support and guidance. Finally a big thankyou to Marika for scoring every week you are a gem.

GO TIGES!

Dwain Richardson

UFTG Div 1 Seconds 2013/14
Batting Stats

Name	Games played	PA	AB	BA	Runs	Hits	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAB	SAF	BB	HPB	K	GDP	SB	CS	OB	LOB	OB%	Slg	SB %
Dylan Archer	16	63	56	0.196	11	11	9	1	1		9			5	2	12		4	1	27	9	0.429	0.250	80.00%
Jack Archer	16	54	47	0.298	8	14	13	1			6			6	1	11	1	1	2	26	13	0.481	0.319	33.33%
Justin Aron	14	45	29	0.241	7	7	7				3		1	6	9	5	1	2	28	18		0.622	0.241	100.00%
Graeme Ashburn	1	5	5	0.400	1	2	1	1			2					2							0.600	#DIV/0!
Matthew Barnett	1	3	3	0.000												2						0.000	0.000	#DIV/0!
Daryn Cassidy	1	2	1	0.000																		0.000	0.000	#DIV/0!
Jayden Christie-Dossifer	3	9	7	0.429	2	3	3				2	1		1		1				1	1	0.500	0.000	#DIV/0!
Yarran Curtis	12	31	27	0.296	7	8	8				3	3		1		6				14	5	0.452	0.296	#DIV/0!
Jordan Elliott	9	35	28	0.321	7	9	5	3		1	8		1	5	2	3	1			20	9	0.571	0.536	#DIV/0!
Luke Farrelly	1	4	4	0.250	1	1										2				1	1	0.250	0.500	#DIV/0!
Billy Findlay	4	14	13	0.231	1	3	3							1		3		1		6	3	0.429		50.00%
Ricky Howell	9	32	29	0.345	5	10	7	2		1	8			4		3	1	1		17	10	0.531	0.517	100.00%
Jackson Hunkin	12	41	30	0.367	12	11	7	3	1	1	9			8	3	7		3	26	12		0.634	0.667	100.00%
Rowan Johnstone	1	3	2	0.000	1																	0.333	0.000	#DIV/0!
Mark Jones	8	30	22	0.136	7	3	3				4			7	1	2		2	15	5		0.500	0.136	100.00%
Kieran Lewis	3	11	9	0.333	3	3	2	1			3			1	1			1		8	3	0.727	0.444	100.00%
Michael McDermott	1	2	1	0.000																		0.500	0.000	#DIV/0!
Tristan Mealey	8	24	15	0.133	6	2	2	1			4			7	2	8		1		12	6	0.267	0.333	#DIV/0!
Sean Meadrum	1	3	3	0.333	1	1	1									2				2	1	0.667	0.267	100.00%
Sean O'Halloran	3	9	8	0.125	1	1	1					1		1		3		1		2	1	0.222	0.125	100.00%
Evan Phillips	1	3	3	0.333	1	1	1									1				1	1	0.333	0.333	#DIV/0!
Nicholas Rice	3	14	12	0.333	4	4	3	1			1			2		1		1		5	2	0.357	0.417	100.00%
Thomas Rice	1	2	1	0.000										1		1			1	1		0.500	0.000	0.00%
Todd Sadler	12	46	42	0.262	10	11	10	1			4	1		3	5	5		2	2	18	5	0.391	0.286	50.00%
Justin Swanton	1	3	2	0.000										1				1				0.333	0.000	100.00%
Mitchell Thomson	11	30	25	0.240	5	6	6				6			5		7		2		13	5	0.433	0.240	100.00%
Jayden Wearne	3	7	5	0.200	1	1	1					2								2	1	0.286	0.200	#DIV/0!
Steve Williams	1	5	4	0.500	2	2	1	1						1						3	1	0.600	0.750	#DIV/0!
Total		530	433	0.263	99	114	94	16	2	0	72	8	2	66	21	85	4	23	7	258	117	0.487	0.305	76.67%

UFTG Div 1 Seconds 2012/13
Fielding Stats

Name	PO	ASS	E	DP	INN	PB	SB	CCS	FA	SB %
Dylan Archer	29	2	1						0.969	#DIV/0!
Jack Archer	55	16	5		48	10	16	2	0.934	0.888889
Justin Aron	52	7	3		4		2		0.952	1
Graeme Ashburn	1	2	1						0.750	#DIV/0!
Matthew Barrett	1								1.000	#DIV/0!
Daryn Cassidy	2								1.000	#DIV/0!
Jayden Christie-Dossiter	2	3							1.000	#DIV/0!
Yarran Curtis	21	3	2						0.923	#DIV/0!
Jordan Elliott	10	6	2		7		2		0.889	1
Luke Farrelly									#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Billy Findlay	17	4	3		22.2	1	6	1	#DIV/0!	0.857143
Ricky Howell	26		1						0.963	#DIV/0!
Jackson Hunkin	7	15	14						0.611	#DIV/0!
Rowan Johnstone									#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Mark Jones	5	4	1						0.900	#DIV/0!
Kieran Lewis	5	4	2		5			1	0.818	0.00%
Michael McDermott	1								1.000	#DIV/0!
Tristan Mealey	10	9	3						0.864	#DIV/0!
Sean Meldrum	1	2							1.000	#DIV/0!
Sean O'Halloran	1	4	3						0.625	#DIV/0!
Evan Phillips	4								1.000	#DIV/0!
Nicholas Rice	5	11	2						0.889	#DIV/0!
Thomas Rice	2	1							1.000	#DIV/0!
Todd Sadler	33	14	1		16	1	12		0.979	1
Justin Swanton	3	2							1.000	#DIV/0!
Mitchell Thomson	10	4	3						0.824	#DIV/0!
Jayden Wearne	1	1							1.000	#DIV/0!
Total	304	114	47	0	102.2	12	38	4	0.899	90.48%

Pitching

Name	Inn	ERA	Hits	K	BB	HPB	RS	ER	WP	BFP	B	S	T/P	S%	W	L	S	N/R	WH/IP
Justin Aron	14	5.79	16	11	9		16	9	4	69	98	157	255	62%	1				1.79
Matthew Barrett	2.2	16.36	6		1		4	4		15	20	26	46	57%					3.18
Yarran Curtis	15.1	7.75	18	15	22	3	18	13	7	91	182	195	377	52%		4			2.65
Ricky Howell	2	0.00	1	4						7	7	20	27	74%			1		0.50
Jackson Hunkin	4.1	6.59	8	4	6	1	7	3	2	29	51	57	108	53%					3.41
Mark Jones	5.2	3.46	4	1	8	1	3	2	2	28	63	62	125	50%					2.31
Tristan Mealey	25.1	3.59	15	15	16	4	18	10	9	113	170	238	408	58%	3	1			1.24
Mitchell Thomson	21.2	9.76	23	10	39	2	33	23	5	133	253	310	563	55%		3			2.92
Jayden Wearne	12	12.75	20	6	13	2	27	17	6	79	122	133	255	52%	1	3			2.75
Total	100.9	7.22	111	66	114	13	23	81	35	564	966	1198	2164	55%	5	11	1	0	2.23

THIRDS REPORT

Coach: Graham Ashburn

Assistant Coach: Sean O'Halloran

Firstly, I must thank the UFTG Baseball Club for allowing me to take the job of coaching the team this season. It has been both an honour and a privilege to be given this role and in doing so, allowing Sean to take a back seat after so many years of service.

The Thirds has always been a fantastic level, which provides a home for both younger players aspiring to become part of the A grade (which includes the Reserves squad) and older players who may or may not have had upper level experience. For the young players it is a fantastic level of competitive baseball where they can begin to learn from the experienced players how to become a good senior player and learn how to do the "one percenter's" that can assist them progress to a higher level.

This year the Thirds team had a great balance of younger and older players and I saw this as a perfect opportunity to pass on my experience to these guys, lead the team by example and allow the team to learn in a positive environment. These young players came to this season with expectations of themselves to play at a higher level and I could see they had a hunger to take it up to the better teams in our division from the first game. We did find the competition at a high level and met these "better" teams with high expectations to put ourselves in winning positions each week, and although we fell short by only a few runs, we learnt that we need to build on early leads and play out the entire two hours to hold opposition teams out till the end.

Although our record showed only a few wins for the season, we showed that we could mix it with most teams in our division and recorded quite a few draws and a lot of losses where we only went down by a few runs. I believe the experience of playing tight games has helped these young players grow as seniors. MVP winner Jayden Wearne (Pitcher) was a good example of this keeping our team in games, and he found himself rewarded with quite a few games up in the Seconds as a result. Our team also displayed fantastic defensive capabilities, Coaches award winner Tom Rice played the vast majority this year at Short-stop and was very solid all year in the field. Peer award winner James Phillipson caught most games and worked hard all year for his teammates.

I believe that the team remained in good spirits all season and if we could have converted just a few of those close games against the likes of Essendon or Waverley with a game winning clutch hit, more wins may have become the norm, though it was good to see the young guys learn each week and to see what it takes to win games. They will all be better for this season and I will be looking forward to seeing them play in the seconds and firsts in years to come.

I would also like to thank the senior members of the thirds team, Sean and Kynan for all their help this year in making my job easier on game day. I look forward to what challenges next season brings, and for the next crop of young talent to come through.

Graham Ashburn

**UFTG Div 1 Thirds 2013/14
Batting Stats**

Name	Games Played	PA	AB	BA	Runs	Hits	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAB	SAF	BB	HPB	K	GDP	SB	CS	OB	LOB	OB%	Stg	SB %
Tim Amett	12	38	32	0.219	5	7	4	3			7			6		3		2			10	0.000	0.313	100.00%
Graham Ashburn	7	22	22	0.409	5	9	9				8	1				1		1			3	0.000	0.409	100.00%
Kenny Burchett	3	5	3	0.667	2	2	2							1	1			1			2	0.000	0.667	#DIV/0!
Adam Campi	14	40	35	0.200	5	7	5	1	1		8		1	4	1	10		5	1		5	0.000	0.286	83.33%
Jayden Christie - Dossiter	12	39	37	0.270	6	10	7	3			4			2		9		1			10	0.000	0.351	#DIV/0!
Yarran Curtis	1	4	4	1.000	4	4					1										1	0.000	0.500	#DIV/0!
Mitch Dal Zotto	1	3	2	0.000										1							1	0.000	0.500	#DIV/0!
Michael Hurley	4	10	9	0.000										1							1	0.000	0.000	#DIV/0!
Mark Jones	1	3	2	0.500	1	1	1							1		7					1	0.000	0.000	#DIV/0!
Tristan Mealey	3	11	6	0.500	3	3	3				1			1		1					1	0.000	0.500	100.00%
Sean O'Halloran	12	41	32	0.375	12	12	9	3			6			5		2		1			3	0.000	0.500	#DIV/0!
Michael Oxworth	1	3	3	0.667	2	2	1	1			6			7	2	5					11	0.000	0.469	#DIV/0!
James Philipson	12	36	34	0.294	5	10	9	1			5			2		1		5			9	0.000	1.000	#DIV/0!
Simon Ratcliffe	1	1	1	0.000																			0.324	#DIV/0!
Michael Rice	1	2	1	0.000																			0.000	0.00%
Thomas Rice	14	51	46	0.283	11	13	9	3	1		5			1		1					1	0.000	0.000	100.00%
Dwain Richardson	1	3	3	0.333	1	1	1							5		11		7	2		9	0.000	0.391	#DIV/0!
Todd Sadler	2	7	7	0.571	3	4	2	1	1		3			2		2						0.000	0.333	#DIV/0!
Matthew Spiers	10	32	29	0.310	5	9	9				8			3		7					1	0.000	1.000	#DIV/0!
Kynan Studdard	15	46	45	0.200	5	9	6	2	1		9			3		7					6	0.000	0.310	#DIV/0!
Mitch Thomsen	2	6	5	0.000										1		8					6	0.000	0.289	#DIV/0!
Stephen Thomsen	1	2	2	0.500	1	1	1				1			1		2					1	0.000	0.000	#DIV/0!
Jayden Wearne	11	31	28	0.286	7	8	7	1			6			3		6		7	1		6	0.000	0.321	#DIV/0!
Jessica Wearne	1	3	3	0.333	1	1	1				2												0.333	87.50%
Steve Williams	1	3	2	0.500	1	1	1							1				1			1	0.000	0.500	100.00%
Lachlan Williams-Dyson	3	7	5	0.200	1	1	1							2		2					1	0.000	0.200	100.00%
Chris Zissis	2	6	5	0.200	1	1	1							1		3		1			1	0.000	0.200	100.00%
	148	455	403	0.288	82	116	89	20	4		76	1	1	47	4	81		31	4		92	0.000	0.350	88.57%

Fourths Report

Finishing the season with only 4 wins was not totally unexpected when the season initially started. The makeup of the team comprised of both ends of the age spectrum with masters players combined with U16s and an U18 Junior, most making their senior baseball debut.

We were very competitive and had some good baseball games against Newport, Geelong, Preston and Sunshine coming away with the win on numerous occasions.

Despite the low number of wins I can honestly say that we had an enjoyable (for the most part!) and successful season. Successful in respect to the number of juniors who participated in the team and the experience gleaned from that participation.

Also along the way we had a host of guest players who I would like to thank. A great effort was actioned by all players and to the 6 juniors who debuted, Kenny, Rohan, Michael, James, Jack and Forest, well done guys. Special mention to Bob Simonton who was rightfully rewarded during the season with the naming of Diamond 2 in his honour, who once again made the hot corner look like child's play.

Thanks to Jordy (grounds), Roger & Rhonda (canteen) and all concerned with the running of the club. Congratulations to Lachlan Williams Dyson for MVP, Michael Hurley for Coaches Award and Roger Cheesman for the Peer award.

Glenn Archer

UFTG Div 1 Fourths 2013/14
Batting Stats

Name	Games Played	PA	AB	BA	Runs	Hits	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAB	SAF	BB	HPB	K	GDP	SB	CS	OB	LOB	OB%	Sig	SB %
Glenn Archer	9	24	24	0.208	5	5	4	1						2		12					1	0.000	0.250	100.00%
Tim Arnett	4	12	8	0.125	2	1	1							4		4		2			6	0.000	0.125	#DIV/0!
Kenny Burchett	3	7	7	0.143		1		1													1	0.000	0.286	#DIV/0!
Adam Campi	1	3	3	0.000																		0.000	0.000	#DIV/0!
Roger Cheesman	9	23	20	0.150	1	3	3							2	1	3				5	0.000	0.150	#DIV/0!	
Glen Daly	1	2	1	0.000	1									1		1					1	0.000	0.000	#DIV/0!
Scott Dean	2	4	3	0.000										1							1	0.000	0.000	#DIV/0!
Neil Hamilton	1	2	2	0.000																	1	0.000	0.000	#DIV/0!
Rohan Higgs	6	16	17	0.118	1	2	2							1		7					2	0.000	0.118	#DIV/0!
Col Hone	1	5	2	0.500		1	1						1	2							2	0.000	0.500	#DIV/0!
Michael Hurley	5	15	10	0.400	3	4	2	2						5		2					5	0.000	0.600	#DIV/0!
Andrew Jenkins	1	2	2	0.500		1	1									1					1	0.000	0.500	#DIV/0!
Geoff Machrius	1	2	2	0.000																		0.000	0.000	#DIV/0!
James McFadden	4	8	8	0.375	2	3	3									1					3	0.000	0.375	#DIV/0!
Michael Rice	1	5	4	0.500	3	2	2							1		1					3	0.000	0.500	#DIV/0!
Jack Sadler	3	7	6	0.167		1	1							1		4					2	0.000	0.167	#DIV/0!
Todd Sadler	1	3	2	0.000	1																2	0.000	0.000	#DIV/0!
Warrick Searle	7	16	10	0.200	2	2	2							1		4					2	0.000	0.167	#DIV/0!
Bob Simonton	9	23	20	0.100	5	2	2							7		2		1			3	0.000	0.200	100.00%
Matthew Speirs	3	9	7	0.286	1	2	1	1						3		2		1			3	0.000	0.100	#DIV/0!
Forest Stevens-Dobby	3	7	7	0.000										1	1						3	0.000	0.429	#DIV/0!
Jessica Wearne	6	17	15	0.267	3	4	4							2		3					1	0.000	0.000	#DIV/0!
Steve Williams	1	4	3	1.000	2	3	3							1		1					3	0.000	0.267	#DIV/0!
Geoff Williams	1	3	3	0.000																	1	0.000	1.000	#DIV/0!
Lachlan Williams-Dyson	7	20	17	0.471	9	8	6	1	1					3		3		3			3	0.000	0.647	100.00%
Michael Yung	1	2	1	0.000																	3	0.000	0.000	100.00%
	91	243	204	0.221	42	45	38	6	1		0	0	1	37	4	48		7	0		45	0.000	0.260	100.00%

Upwey Masters Team

The Masters team this year was well down on numbers compared to last year's bumper season where we were able to field two teams. This seemed mainly due to carry-over injuries from the winter competition, family and work commitments, and general old age and wear and tear.

Early in the season we had good numbers, regularly fielding 12 to 13 players. As it goes with Masters, during the remainder of the season numbers fluctuated due to injuries and commitments. On at least one occasion we played with eight.

It was a disappointing season as far as winning games goes, we won the game in the first round and then failed to enjoy that experience again. There were several games we should have won that went begging, and then there were those we'd rather not talk about.

Despite our lack of performance there was, as always, an abundance of good spirits and enjoyment in playing this great game and doing so with friends.

The last game of the season was a little sad with Peter Williams electing to retire from playing baseball. Thank you Peter for your contribution to the team and the sport in general, cheers.

The introduction of the wood-only competition was a great improvement to the game. On the other hand, only allowing 12 players in a team, because that's how many slots there are in a score book, is not conducive to encouraging people to participate or keep them returning, especially new players. There are bigger score books available.

To nominate a team MVP we tried a different approach this season. Instead of casting our votes at the last game of the season we did so after every game. Whilst this amounted to lots of numbers to handle it provided the opportunity for those who would not normally feature in a last-game-vote-count to "have their day in the sun" for an exceptional effort on a particular day. The end result was still the usual suspects but I thought it would be nice for some players to know that others thought they did a good job.

Team MVP: Theo Rutgers.

I wish to express my gratitude to;

- The grounds staff preparing the diamonds for us,
- The scorers and umpires,
- The players, for their support and comraderie,
- The club administration for entering and supporting Masters baseball,
- The canteen staff for preparing the after-match dinner,
- The spectators. (Masters baseball is acknowledged as having the worst supporter attendance in the whole competition, except for Upwey we seem to have a good following, thanks folks.)

Looking forward to the next season

Warrick Searle

U18 Report

Having the opportunity to coach the U18 Metro side for the 2013/2014 season, in what was the final appearance in juniors for the bulk of the side was a great experience. Fortunately we were lucky enough (though skill and desire had quite a big part to play in this regard) to go all the way and take the flag. Going through the season proper with a record of 8 wins 1 draw and a no losses we were confident though wary of the finals and the makeup of the opposition that we would encounter. Aware of the fact that at one point coming up against Fitzroy, to who in the last game of the home and away season, we had an excellent game of baseball with the ledger tied at 4 runs a piece after time.

As the results came in and the draw revealed itself we matched up against Werribee in the first final. This proved to be a real test for the side where the pace was set early. After an early flourish we stalled with the introduction of their No. 1 pitcher. Top 4th with bags loaded and Werribee making their move with 3 runs already across the plate in this dig, one run in deficit and 2 outs, a crushing line drive to centre right field was despatched from the box. This would have seen 2 if not 3 additional runs cross the plate, excepting the spectacular fly taken by Dylan that saw the side retired. This rallied the side and eventually going into the last dig one run down the boys had some quality at bats to get on base. The final play saw Matt lay down a sac bunt that the Werribee infield couldn't handle and send us through to the grand final.

Having the use of Justin in the final was another card that helped our cause and starting on the hill he kept the Fitzroy bats quiet. However the story of the game was the offense that Upwey mustered from the get go, scoring in all digs and applying immense pressure to the Fitzroy pitchers. This proved to be the telling factor and one that Fitzroy was unable to recover from. Fittingly Jay C-D came in to close the game, and as all season with the excellent defence behind him made short work of the task. The final result indicating a score line of 17 to 3, and flag to place with great pride in the rooms.

The season was one where the defence held the side intact, CD on the hill performed admirably with a season ERA of 3.887 backed up by Yaz (7.2) and Tom (9.0) giving us the opportunity to win games even when our bats were not on song. Infield led by Justin, Jacko, Tom and Jay was efficient with only a smattering of red. Outfield of Michael, Matty, Yaz and Dylan making hard work for the opposition bats to land hits. Behind the dish all season Todd had his best season to date, also with the bat.

Thanks go to the boys for their effort during the season. Congratulations to the players who have completed their junior tour of duty and best of luck to Tom and CD for their final junior season next year. Congratulations to Todd recipient of MVP, Jay C-D Coaches award and Dylan Finals player.

Thanks also to Loretta for scoring (in colour!), Jordy and Bob Dick for grounds, Roger & Rhonda for canteen, umpires, Donny and all who helped during the season.

Glenn Archer

UNDER 16H

Season 2013/2014

We had a slow start, losing by small margins mainly due to poor pitching - you can't defend walks and pass balls. However, just before the Christmas break, we hit our straps and were virtually unbeatable.

A few position changes were made, including Rohan Higgs to the mound and Lachie Willy-D also finding his form and this completed the arsenal. The boys pretty much hit solidly all season and backed it up with solid fielding.

We missed finals by half a game, after having 2 forfeits awarded to us. One was due to us only having six players and the other we played and won 12-3, only to be forfeited by Baseball Victoria!

The team was filled with great bunch of kids but more importantly talented ball players, which is a great sign of things to come for the Upwey Tigers Baseball Club.

Regards,

Jeff Hunkin

Under 16Y

This was both a very successful season but at the same time was one that had its fair share of disappointments. In saying that, it's important to note that with the exception of our last finals game which resulted in a loss and our elimination, the major disappointments occurred off the field.

After starting with one u16 team, the squad was split into two with a couple of players joining us from u14. It's hard to judge what impact this split had from a performance point of view, but it certainly allowed a larger group of athletes to get more playing time and that's a good thing. The fact that we made a run to the finals would indicate that any impact was minimal at best. We definitely played to a cycle throughout the season i.e. we typically won the games that should have been tough and lost the games that should have been fairly routine. Perhaps that was our biggest issue – our mental approach. We definitely need to stay more focussed in those games where we're clearly the better side. Taking things too easy in a couple of contests cost us quite significantly. That said when we were up against it, the squad really showed its true potential, never giving up and always playing to the end.

I'm very proud of everyone in the squad however there are a few notables that I'd like to acknowledge. Firstly our two u14 players who stepped up and joined us – Richard Kiel and Jai Bardsley. Richard proved that not only could he step up, he could be very competitive both in the batter's box and on the mound. Jai proved to be perhaps our best base-runner. He laid down almost perfect bunts whenever asked, always listened and was particularly fearless given that he was the smallest guy not only in our team but the entire competition. Upwey's answer to Dustin Pedroia I'm thinking. Forest Stevens-Dobby was very solid for us as our starter on the mound. His improvement this year was fantastic. He still has a long way to go but is shaping up as real asset for the club in years to come. Finally Maddie Yung, who when available to catch for us, made a significant difference both in the confidence of our pitchers and of defensive capability. A number of opposition players tried to steal on Mads and typically ended up regretting it.

The disappointments I mentioned are centered on a few things. Firstly, the fact that I was not able to attend training anywhere near as often as I would have hoped (or is acceptable at this level). Jeff Hunkin was brilliant in supporting me and the guys and ensuring that training sessions were fun and well run. Sadly, I believe this extra workload and my absences meant that we didn't quite 'click' this season the way we should have. I have tremendous respect for Jeff as a player and coach and felt that at crucial times I was not able to support him when he most needed it. I was also very disappointed by some of the decisions and actions taken by BV that directly affected the u16 squads, particularly the u16H squad. Good administrative oversight is important, but to me it should be secondary to ensuring our young athletes have the best possible playing experience and are not unfairly disadvantaged by the vagaries of rule interpretation.

A special mention to Billy Findlay who assisted throughout the season and did a very good job supporting me and the players.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone else who helped out throughout the season with scoring (!!!), diamond set-up, cheering and all the other things that go into helping a baseball team get out and play.

Cheers,

Michael Yung

Under 14

Coach: Warrick Searle

Assistant Coach: Laurie Hurley

The team had a regular roster of 14 players. Due to a high number of players initially, three were upgraded to the U16 competition to make the team more manageable. Two new players joined the team after a few rounds.

The team had a noteworthy season with 10 wins and 3 losses, finishing fourth earning a finals birth.

Upwey shared the same winning percentage as Cheltenham White, 76.92 (%). Though I believe we should have finished third outright considering we had a better runs-for and runs-against ratio than Cheltenham.

It was unfortunate that Baseball Victoria decided to nullify all games in round 14 due to the heat policy. Upwey had defeated Melbourne and wrested them from second place, the final standings would have been better with a second place finish and the opportunity to not have to play our nemesis Waverley in the semi final.

The team played admirably all season scoring 171 runs for and conceding only 71, 707(%)

The players were very eager to play each week and had an enjoyable time. Their behaviour and attitude were commendable. The new players were readily welcomed by the team, they adapted quickly to the sport and made considerable contributions to the team.

Training was well attended. There was an overall improvement in the team's skill and knowledge of the game in general, of course some will have improved at different rates to others. Each person would have been satisfied that they improved or achieved something in their own personal development by the end of the season.

Finishing fourth on the ladder gave us Waverley to face off in the semi final. The team played the game of their lives in a closely contested game, with Waverley scoring 2 in the 6th innings to take the win, 16 – 15.

Team MVP: River Stevens-Dobby

Coach's Award: David Hurley

I wish to express my gratitude to;

- The grounds staff preparing the diamonds for us,
- The scorers and umpires,
- The players and parents for their support and cooperation,
- Laurie Hurley for your help and valuable input,
- The club administration for the privilege of coaching this team.

Warrick Searle

Under 12s

I had a great time coaching these boys this season.

With most of the players in their first or second season of baseball I was immensely proud of all their efforts. The skill development from beginning to the end of the season was clearly obvious. Many boys went from never having thrown a ball to making plays in a game situation, and every player hit the ball at some stage throughout the season. All though at times a very excited group it was great to see the boys having fun week in week out. At this age group I believe FUN is number 1!

With our unfortunate large numbers that made up the team I would like to thank all parents for their support, understanding and assistance throughout the season with our roster system. I would also like to thank Graeme Ashburn for assisting me and a special thanks to Anne and Belinda for their scoring, you did a fantastic job for your first ever season.

Finally I would like to encourage all the boys to keep it up. Like all sports baseball is a game of repetition. Practice regularly and hard and you will see your skills develop out of sight. We have some very exciting up and coming talent in this group and I look forward to watching some of you playing on Diamond 1 in our top team one day!

Dwain Richardson

Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club

Season 2013-2014 Award Winners

Aussie T Ball U12 & Little League	All received participation medals MVP Coaches Award Coaches Award	Will Richardson Ewan Jones Royce Parker
Under 14	MVP Coaches Award	River Stevens-Dobby David Hurley
U15 Domestic	MVP Coaches	Richard Kiel Eden Blackmore
Under 16 Y	MVP Coaches Award	Forest Stevens-Dobby Jai Bardsley
Under 16 H	MVP Coaches Award	Rohan Higgs Jack Sadler
Under 18	MVP Coaches Award Player of the Finals	Todd Sadler Jayden Christie-Dossiter Dylan Archer
Masters Fourths	MVP MVP Coaches Award Peer Award	Theo Rutgers Lachlan William-Dyson Michael Hurley Roger Cheesman
Thirds	MVP Coaches Award Peer Award	Jayden Wearne Thomas Rice James Philipsen
Seconds	MVP Coaches Award Peer Award	Jackson Hunkin Jack Archer Mark Jones
Firsts	MVP Coaches Award Peer Award	Mitch Ayres & Josh Hendricks Luke Howell Mitch Ayres & Luke Howell
Syd Waters Award		River Stevens-Dobby
John Williams Award		Richard Kiel
Mike Snoxell Award		Jackson Hunkin
Junior Clubman		Peter Williams
Senior Clubman		Roger & Rhonda Cheesman