



UPWEY FTG BASEBALL CLUB

Season 2022/2023

ANNUAL REPORT

2022/23 VSBL GRAND FINALS



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UPWEY FTG BASEBALL CLUB

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DWAIN RICHARDSON

To Our Tiger Community;

BACK TO BACK BABY!

Achieving the pinnacle of success in this sport once is an amazing feat, to do it twice in a row is nothing but exceptional. To also achieve a Club Championship for the first time in 20+ years, just WOW!

Since Christmas this year I have been spruiking to everyone who will listen that we are all part of something very special at Upwey FTG Baseball Club right now. For many the realisation of how special this is will not be recognised for many years to come. I would however like to encourage each and everyone one of you to pause for a moment and take it all in.

When I speak of success I am not solely talking about on field performances.

For the best part of the last 10 years we have had a focus on creating a community of people/players that support and enjoy each other's company as well as an environment where people/players can feel safe, not judged, and at home. The focus and hard work by players, parents, supporters, coaches and committee on this is what I believe has and will continue to create our success on and off the field.

This year we again fielded 8 junior teams; T-ball, U12 minor B x 3, U12 minor A x 1, U14 x 2, U18 state. We also had numerous players through all age groups make State and Representative teams. Thankyou to all coaches and well done to all players.

Again, this season we continued our focus to provide the best Division 1 facilities in Victoria. Many new upgrades were completed including the announcement of the Kings Park masterplan, all detailed within the facilities report. Again, I would like to make special acknowledgement to Chris Lind who keeps our relationship with council, enabling valuable funds and support to be provided to the club. Thank you!

On behalf of the club I would like to thank and acknowledge all our sponsors who continue to make what we do possible. Thankyou to, FTG Nissan, Belwey Motors, Corporate Challenge Events, Spruce Building, Melbourne Window Cleaning, Stihl FTG, Jayee Screens, Project Brewery, MAC Consultants, Holy Smoke, Lorna Café FTG, and Solomons Flooring. Again, I ask that we as a community continue to support these organisations in any way we can.

Our senior playing group was led by Donovan Hendricks, Dan McConnon, Stuart Chinn, Simon Ratcliffe and Wade McConnon, along with Brad Snoxell, Brad Hubbard, Matthew Smith, Tim Young, and Russell Jefferies. We fielded four Division 1 teams, two Division 4 teams, a Women's team and two Masters teams. Finals

appearances for our firsts, seconds, thirds, Womens, Masters black and Master Gold. A special mention to Donny achieving Coach of the Year back to back, well deserved mate, keep doing what you do. Thank you and well done to all that made this possible.

This year's social functions included a Reverse Raffle 100 ticket draw, our annual Christmas dinner, a past players, life member's day and another successful breast cancer awareness golf day and high tea. These functions provide vital funds to help support the club. To everybody involved, well done and thank you.

This season also saw the reformation of our junior committee with Heather Denman (Chair), Bel Sadler and Oscar Monagas. This team instigated many new successful initiatives and I really appreciate all that you have done with our junior program. Thankyou.

To the Board, Mark Wilson (Secretary), Chris Lind (Vice President), Brad Gawith (Player Management), Scott Embrey (Treasurer), Donovan Hendricks (Club Coach), Simon Ratcliffe, Jemma Lind (Purchasing), Russ Jefferies (Canteen Coordinator), Richard Ferguson (Merchandise officer), Heather Denman (Junior Chairperson), Matthew Richardson (Grants), Storm Hooper (Social). I thank you all again for your support and thankless efforts.

It is with great sadness that I also announce that Chris & Jemma Lind are stepping down from the board. Collectively they have contributed to well over 10 years with the current committee, fulfilling many roles, not to mention leading this club as President in a critical time. Thankyou both for everything. As Lindi always says, our job is to leave the club better than we found it, and mate hold your head high because you have certainly done that. Thankyou forever.

Finally, to our continually growing community (players, supporters and families), thankyou all. Success as a club starts with you. We again had record player numbers this season and the energy and vibe around the club continues. This culture is something we should all be proud of and strive to continue.

I look forward to seeing you all back again next season.

GO Tiges!

TREASURER REPORT SCOTT EMBREY

REPORTING DATES - 01/05/2022 to 30/04/2023

This year was our first full return to normal trading since the Covid interruption and business has been booming!

We saw a massive increase in turnover this season with Gross Revenue up from \$93k last year to \$128k. This was due mostly to an impressive 40% increase in canteen and merchandise sales thanks to our new canteen crew along with the introduction of a new club uniform. A special mention to Jemma Lind and Russell Jeffery for their huge improvements to all aspects of our canteen stocking, product range and staffing. Player fees saw good steady growth as more new players joined our great club.

Thank you once again to the Winfield family for another generous \$2,000 club donation and thank you once again to Ferntree Gully Nissan, Belway Motors, Corporate Challenge and Spruce Building Services for their ongoing sponsorship. We also welcome the Embrey Family as a new sponsor this year with the establishment of the Earle Embrey Scholarship for gifted junior players. After suffering from a stroke 18 months ago, my father Earle is now struggling with many aspects of life including memory. He does however remember clearly how much this club means to me and offered to sponsor \$2,000 per year to show his appreciation. Thanks Dad 😊.

Our expenses were in line with prior years with a couple of notable exceptions. Advertising and Promotion was up as we invested a small budget into Google Adwords. This helps people to find us when they are looking for a baseball club. We are still assessing the results of this campaign. Coaching fees increased with the inclusion of Dan into our annual budget. Our rental charge has gone up and umpiring fees were back to pre-covid highs. We did however spend much less on repairs, maintenance and other improvements this season which helped the bottom line to a healthy profit of \$9,635.

Since the normal year on year comparisons are so misleading with the initial and devastating financial impact of Covid followed by the slow recovery to normal, this year I have decided to include the last 5 years of figures for a much more complete picture. I may continue this tradition moving forward depending on future volatility.

Congratulations to all on another wonderful season. It's certainly one that will be remembered fondly in the years to come. Back-to-Back Baby!!!!

Scott Embrey
Treasurer

Profit and Loss - 1/5/22 to 30/4/23

	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-19	Notes
Revenue						
Bank Interest	1.25	1.63	3.56	21.50	106.17	
Canteen & Merchandise Sales	67,490.23	48,345.73	24,453.87	37,705.73	40,281.70	** Amazing result - well done to all involved
Club Functions Income	14,535.24	4,413.32	0.00	3,521.99	4,184.00	** Holiday Program, Rev Raffle, Golf Day, Pres Nite
Donations Received	2,025.00	0.00	0.00	2,040.00	0.00	** Winfield Family
Grants	3,600.00	4,000.00	2,500.00	20,000.00	0.00	
Player Fees	34,273.50	30,860.84	17,127.50	31,245.62	27,675.00	
Social Memberships	50.00	50.00	50.00	40.00	150.00	
Sponsorship	6,735.00	5,750.00	5,810.00	4,300.00	5,878.60	** Corp Challenge, FTG Nissan, Belway, Spruce, Earle Embrey
	128,710.22	93,421.52	49,944.93	98,874.84	78,275.47	
Cost of Sales						
Canteen Inventory	35,728.05	23,628.73	8,140.60	13,632.03	15,522.29	** Higher purchases with higher sales
Club Functions	7,180.31	6,134.87		5,602.61	8,386.90	
Merchandise Inventory	8,838.30	9,351.35	600.00	6,575.98	8,272.76	
Team Registration Fees	9,172.01	8,827.82	4,738.74	6,672.62	7,128.10	
Player Registration Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,967.54	2,808.00	
	60,918.67	47,942.77	13,479.34	48,450.78	42,118.05	
Gross Profit	67,791.55	45,478.75	36,465.59	50,424.06	36,157.42	
Operating Expenses						
Admin	1,480.38	1,525.26	1,804.51	1,602.18	1,608.99	
Advertising & Promotion	997.24	288.97	0.00	172.49	80.55	** More active club promotion through Google Adwords
Bank Fees	96.90	103.25	75.80	103.07	382.40	
Baseball Victoria / DBA	3,317.85	638.00	350.00	2,945.21	6,250.63	
Cleaning	2,099.63	1,824.22	103.61	1,427.57	1,513.81	
Coaching Fees	13,950.00	10,000.00	8,000.00	8,100.00	8,000.00	** Expected to be higher - Addition of Dan to the team
Game Day Supplies	6,432.63	3,717.40	2,952.78	6,224.95	6,069.25	
Donations Made	1,000.00			10.00	103.59	
Improvements and Updates	4,390.87	15,929.13	18,306.41	5,658.51	25,528.64	** Less major improvements made this season
Internal Bank Transfers	-0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Internet	828.00	414.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Merchant Account Fees	1,441.31	661.27	240.37	575.02	462.42	
PayPal Fees	85.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Rent Expense	8,383.00	5,781.75	0.00	6,135.00	5,924.25	** All covid relief has ended and prices have gone up
Repairs & Maintenance	1,122.95	4,057.49	1,737.20	696.00	689.02	** Returned to normal levels
Training (External)	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Trophies and Awards	939.80	2,347.48	627.95	2,437.32	644.02	** There is an outstanding invoice here for around \$2,000
Umpiring Fees	6,882.10	2,759.75	1,937.86	6,099.09	5,876.70	** Back to normal levels
Utilities	4,407.69	5,104.70	4,261.97	5,753.74	5,268.40	
	58,156.32	55,152.67	40,398.46	47,940.15	68,402.67	
Net Profit / Loss	9,635.23	-9,673.92	-3,932.87	2,483.91	-32,245.25	

Notes

- *** Due to Covid (Less Activity / Expense Relief)
- *** Positive Change from last year (higher revenue or lower cost)
- *** Negative Change from last year (lower revenue or higher cost)
- *** Expected Negative Change (Due to budget changes or more activity)

Cash on Hand \$11,502.09

DIRECTOR PLAYER MANAGEMENT

BRAD GAWITH

Date Line Sunday March 19th 2023 Melbourne Ballpark, UFTG Division 1 Firsts win back to back Division One Flags.

What a day, what a year. Not only a second Division 1 flag (2peat) but also Division 1 Club Champions, joint Division 1 MVP Jarrod Turner and Division 1 Coach of the Year Donovan Hendricks (2nd year running).

This year our club again fielded 9 senior sides, 7 junior sides and an extremely healthy Tee Ball program. To enable our club to field so many sides we have in excess of 200 registered players across all age groups and with this comes a lot of behind the scenes work from a very dedicated Committee.

As for my role of Player Manager, I was responsible for ensuring all teams had adequate equipment and resources along with ensuring umpires were allocated for each home game. At times in the early part of the season this was a constantly changing environment with continual fixture changes meaning home games were no longer home games, away games were now home games, but in the end we got there and eventually come the end of the season where 76 umpire appointments had been allotted and fulfilled by our Senior playing staff. I know it is not something everyone wants to do, but unfortunately it is a part of our sport we have to deal with and I personally thank each and every one who undertook their allotted assignments.

As I eluded to in the opening paragraph, this season we became Division 1 Club Champions and this is not an easy task given it takes a club to win this honour and not just a team. This years on field performances by all was one to truly saviour going forward:

- Firsts – Finished **first** at completion of regular season
- Seconds - Finished **second** at completion of regular season
- Thirds – Finished **third** at completion of regular season
- Fourths – Finished **second** at completion of regular season
- Div. 4 Gold – Finished **ninth** at completion of regular season
- Div. 4 Black – Finished **sixth** at completion of regular season
- Womens Div. 3 East – Finished **fourth** at completion of regular season
- Masters 38+ East Black - Finished **first** at completion of regular season
- Masters 38+ East Gold - Finished **fourth** at completion of regular season
- U18 State – Finished **first** at completion of regular season
- U14 East State – Finished **eighth** at completion of regular season
- U14 East Metro - Finished **eighth** at completion of regular season
- U12 EA Metro A - Finished **sixth** at completion of regular season
- U12 EA Metro B GOLD - Finished **third** at completion of regular season
- U12 EA Metro B WHITE – Finished **fifth** at completion of regular season
- U12 EA Metro B BLACK – Finished **sixth** at completion of regular season

As you can clearly see some truly magnificent results for the 2022/23 season with 8 sides playing off in the Semi Finals of their respective competitions, (please note the U12 competitions don't play Semi Finals or Finals) with 4 going on to play in the Grand Finals, being our Firsts, Fourths, Masters 38+ East Gold & U18 State.

There are a lot of people who make all the above happen and this would be an extremely lengthy report if I listed them all individually, to all the Coaches for all the teams from Tee Ball through to our Club Coach thank you for your time and dedication you put into ensuring everyone improves and has a fair go, but most of all enjoys this great game of ours.

To Bob Dick, our ever-young groundsman, who single handily looks after all our wonderful diamonds ensuring they are in pristine condition each weekend. Your dedication to our club over many years is truly appreciated and you are going to be extremely hard to replace when the time eventually comes. You have at least 10 years to go as far as I can see. Thank you.

To my fellow Committee members and our Board, without your continual work behind the scenes we would not be where we are today, so thankyou all, it has been a pleasure to work with you all this past season and I look forward to yet another successful season in 2023/24.

Brad Gawith

DIRECTOR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

CHRIS LIND

A whole of club facility upgrade plan has always been front of mind in everything we do. Whether it be upgrades, refurbishments, maintenance or simply adding a power point, everything that we do is a piece of the puzzle that we do to assist our players and members in having a positive experience whilst at our great club.

As a board we strive for excellence, especially when it comes to providing the very best in facilities which in turn, I believe goes some way in making our club the success that it is. Facility improvements themselves constructively add to a positive culture and that transfers to positive experiences and positive results.

KINGS PARK MASTERPLAN

This year, after extensive consultations another piece of this puzzle has finally been realised. Below is a draft copy of the masterplan for the Kings Park Sporting Precinct and I think you'll agree that this is not only long overdue but very very exciting. This plan, when delivered, will see our club realise its dream of being the premier Baseball sporting complex in this state. Furthermore, and most importantly, our club will not have to bear the cost.



The list of upgrades relevant to our club:

1. Sealed carparks and access roads. (Item 1)
2. Repurpose a space within the existing pavilion into new female change rooms. (Item 2)
3. Extension of the height of the baseball safety fence to prevent fly balls exiting the playing area for Diamond 1 and Diamond 2. (Item 3)
4. Picnic settings under the willow trees between Diamond 1 and Diamond 5. (Item 13)
5. New electronic baseball scoreboard. (Item 15)

COMPLETED UPGRADES

Canteen

The purchase of a Bain Marie which now sits pride of place in our canteen is allowing us to cut down on wait times for our customers.

Additionally, our canteen will shortly comply with all relevant legislation regarding Health & Safety and the preparation and selling of food, and will be registered as an authorised commercial food premises. Council will be conducting works over the winter season installing a hand wash basin, paper towel dispensers, soap dispensers, re-cladding of the brick walls and other works to meet and comply with the relevant regulations. These costs will be paid for by council.

Diamond 1

A black carpet beetle otherwise known as Atta genus unicolor began to eat away at our outfield. Eradication works commenced and the beetle no longer resides in our outfield.

Garbage

We lobbied and were successful in obtaining a skip bin. This will provide us with an ample receptacle for our waste and we will no longer have to find our wheelie bins that continued to be relocated to other areas within the precinct by other sporting groups.

Pavilion

The sewage system has finally been resolved. After an extensive investigation, it was determined that when works for our NBN were conducted contractors inadvertently drilled through our sewage pipe. After numerous meetings with council officers, plumbing contractors fixed the pipes and we no longer appear to be having issues.

The 3-phase electricity feed to our pavilion underwent an upgrade whereas power now feeds evenly into the club ensuring that our local fire brigade will no longer be called to another pole top fire.

FUTURE UPGRADES

The stadium lighting that continues to be delayed is being sent to tender by the end of March and a contractor appointed by the end of April. The funding of approximately \$300,000.00 remains secured and, although frustrating, due to circumstances out of our control will, I am assured, progress this year. I am hoping to have this upgrade completed for the availability of night games in the 2023/24 summer season.

Knox City Council

This year proved to be a difficult year with the resignation of 2 of our greatest supporters in Suranga Dissakarunaratne and Daniel Clarke. What appeared to be a mass exodus of staff from council directly relating to our area of operation and differing departments unable or not willing to consult one another made it all the more challenging. I am hoping that this will be a 'one off' year as historically we have had a great working relationship with our council.

Once again, I would like to thank our very own Councillor Meagan Baker. Your continued support for our club must be acknowledged - thank you.

THE FUTURE

As we progress into another year the board will continue to look for new and innovative ways to make everyone's experience at our great club the very best it can be and their commitment to you is to provide nothing but the very best in facilities.

Massive thanks to the board, Richo, Scotty, Mark, Jemma, Brad and Donny. The commitment this team of people continues to show to our club is outstanding and without their combined work ethic none of these projects would have happened.

Finally - to Bob our grounds keeper. Legend - thank you, mate.

Kindest Regards,
Always & forever - Go Tigers!
Chris Lind

UPWEY FTG BASEBALL CLUB

JUNIOR COACHES REPORTS

UNDER 18 - State League

COACH – Simon Ratcliffe

UFTG 2023 U18 Team had a competitive and successful season in State League, with a majority of players being bottom age who also played senior ball.

We went through the season with 13 wins, 2 losses, 1 Draw, and 2 washouts. We played off in Grand Final against Essendon, unfortunately losing 8-4 to a stronger top aged team on the day. The boys gave up a lead early in game with some nervous errors and facing some elite pitching, but to their credit fought back hard and nearly tied game up in the last dig with a great rally of hits and good at bats.

I am very proud of boys in how they competed, developed, and conducted themselves throughout the season. We had 3 boys from Blackburn that made up a combined 12 team line-up and, with the help of Jorey Hubble as assistant coach from Blackburn, we all bonded well and enjoyed playing together as a team.

Ryder Wilson era 2.73 and Jack Ratcliffe era 3.36 did the majority of the work on mound outstandingly, with Kole Halupecki and Evan Maury relieving occasionally and doing the job well. Noah Toplis was great behind the plate with good support from Ash Geary-Smith. Our infield were strong with Jack the back bone up the middle at Shortstop, with Ryder doing a good job when rotating with their pitching roles. Evan Maurey was solid at Third Base. A number of guys rotated through the infield and outfield learning new positions, which was pleasing to see them develop and grow in confidence each week. Ash Geary-Smith was great at centre field. covering a lot of ground catching everything coming his way.

Our offence was lead by Jack hitting .451 with Evan 17, Noah 17 and Ash 16 leading the RBIs driving in the majority of the runs. Ryder lead off well .291. What I was really impressed with all the boys was their QBAs, which we focus on every game and was really the difference in us making the finals with the bottom half of line-up battling hard every at bat for each other to get on base and set up the next hitters at bat to allow the key hitters to drive them in to score. We were the team to beat all season as we battled hard all the way through the hitting line-up, and no one was an easy out.

Congratulations to Jack Ratcliffe MVP and Hitting Award .451. Ash Geary-Smith TIGERS Award. Jack Ratcliffe and Ryder Wilson on Finals Players Awards. Great Achievements.

We will be Stronger and Better next season and i am looking forward to the challenge of winning a flag for club and watching these boys develop into fine young future stars of our proud club.

Thankyou to my assistant coach Jorey Hubble and a Special thankyou to my wife Belinda as Team Manager, and Janet from Blackburn who scored with Game Changer also all season.

Looking forward to next season Future is looking strong. Go Tigers.

UNDER 14'S STATE

COACH – Shaun Irvine

No report submitted

UNDER 14'S METRO

REPORT – Daniel Smith

Players: Hayley Mather (new), Noah Mather (new), Sam Zsiga (new), Anthony Theodorou (new), Hugo Fox, Eloise Holden (new), Aston Denman, Ash Ito (new), Will Jones (new), Jiah Cosgrove, Jude Thompson, Monty Zelinski

Coach: Daniel Smith

Assistant Coaches: Rob Mather and Darryl Holden

Manager: Jennifer Ito

Scorers: Kate Holden, Heather Denman, Jennifer Ito

Wow, what a blast this past summer was. To have so many bright new faces to Upwey is extraordinary, and from beginning to end, each one of them brought passion and enthusiasm. The goal for this season was simple, have fun, learn lots. They wore the Tigers' uniform with pride, and I was so proud of the progress they made and more importantly, how much they enjoyed themselves.

The U14 Metro and U14 State trained together as unit, focusing on learning, having fun, and building up teamwork and sportspersonship, and by golly did they rise to the challenges we set. So much improvement in such a short span of time. As a group, we focused on the fundamentals of Baseball; throwing, fielding, and hitting. The commitment to training was fantastic and the improvements were made evident during the season.

And what a season it was. Every player improved immensely, and every player had fun. With the first game of the season being a first for so many, it was great to see the efforts they put into that game, and by the end of the season, they were all playing good Baseball like the superstars they are. What amazed me was the level of grit they showed, especially in some heart-breaking situations. A game against Melbourne started to get away from us, but each member pulled their weight, handing the baton and 'almost' scoring a maximum 5 runs for the inning to give us the lead, however the game got called before we could get that final out. Not to mention a couple of games where we got walked off with only one out remaining. Regardless, those were the games that really showed how far this team had come and their ability to persevere through the difficult games. The wins we got were also a big highlight, and it amazing to see their bright smiling faces beaming after a hard-fought win.

There's a couple of individual highlights that I also wanted to 'touch base' on (yes, the pun was intentional) -Eloise showing her hitting mind-set, knocking in two runs off a laser to left field after confidently telling the runner at 3rd base on 2 outs that she would score them. Well she did that also and scored the runner from second

-Astons 'Nuke' for a hotdog and finding his bat. Before he went up to hit, he asked me what I give him if he sent one into the cricket game happening on the other field, to which I responded that I would give him \$100 for it. But if he hit me a hard-line drive, I'd buy him a hotdog. And he did exactly that, hitting it hard to right field. That very next game he hit a ripper double into left field, landing just short of the fence.

- Sam's hose at 1st. Early on, Sam was playing in right field attacking a ball hit his way. He noticed a chance to get a out at first base and made a throw right on the money to Jiah.
- Jiah and Aston pulling their weight on the mound. Every week, those kids worked their magic on the mound. It was fantastic to see them working hard, giving our team plenty of ground/fly ball opportunities.
- Noah Finding his love for catching. In the final game before Christmas, our catcher up to that time in Jude moved up to State team (congrats to him), leaving us without a catcher. Enter Hayley, who dubbed in her quiet brother saying that he wanted to learn to catch. I gave him a shot and boy howdy was I amazed at what I saw. He was still, he was calm and anything that got past him he got nice read on. He caught a lot more games for us (which Jude was thankful for).
- Welcoming of Anthony. Anthony joined us after Christmas and joined our team. With no prior knowledge to the game, I was amazed at his commitment and his improvements, but most importantly the amount of fun he had playing the game.
- Hugo stealing home on pick off (unassisted). Early in the season, Hugo got himself a little lost at 3rd and got picked off. I gave him some pointers, and even suggested that next time he is picked off, he goes home instead. Later in the season, that opportunity comes and Hugo goes home standing up because there was no throw to plate.
- Smith to Smith managed by Smith. During one of the bye's that the State team had, I took some extra players to come with me to Sandringham, including Matt Brache, and Lachie and Jacob Smith. In the final inning, I subbed Matt out behind the dish to give Jacob a shot. With his brother already on the mound, and myself managing the game, when I visited the mound, it was meeting of the Smiths.
- The first double play (assisted) and Jude's screamer. It was a big day when the kids turned their first double play. The first one was Ash catching a fly ball and beating the runner back to bag for the second out. But another big one was when Jude made a ripper catch at short, before making an on the money throw to Ash at 2nd for F6, 6-4 double play.

In reflection the season that was, we definitely hit our goal, regardless of how simple it was. But we didn't just stop there, the kids were constantly trying to better themselves and were always eager and earnest to listen. We also had some charter representation with our very own Jiah Cosgrove, who represented the club for the Rangers intermediate age group, who have made it to the National competition.

My awards went as follows,

- T.I.G.E.R.S Award- Hayley and Noah Mather (new players, for the dedication, grit and their wanting to improve)
- Hitting Award- Aston Denman (see excel file, plus his highlight)
- MVP- Eloise Holden (see stats, votes and for being the glue to the team, always cheering and upbeat, always positive, and leading by example)

After the season we had, I'm definitely on-board to be a coach next year as well. It was blast working with them, helping grow their Baseball careers, and seeing those bright smiling faces (or the yawning, grumpy faces on a Sunday morning) as they worked hard to improve themselves. They taught me many things as we went on this season long journey together, and I couldn't be prouder of them for the accomplishments this season. They've come so far and yet have so much left to learn, and now that we have covered those fundamentals, we can work towards those next steps in their Baseball journeys. It was an absolute pleasure to coach this bunch of superstars.

I have a couple of people who I want to thank.

-Firstly, to Shaun Irvine. He took me under his wing, helped show me the ropes to coaching a team, but he was also a good mate and we worked well together, shaping our squad into the legends it contained.

-Secondly, My assistants Rob and Darryl, you guys were amazing, providing your wisdom to the kids and helping me throughout the season. Additionally, Darryl. Your recaps of the game that was always something I looked forward to.

-Thirdly, my scorers Kate, Heather and Jenn, thank you for hard work. Scoring isn't easy at the best of times so thank you for taking on such a hard task.

-Heather, you were always so helpful. You were always willing to give 110% even with everything else you were giving to the club and I can't thank you enough,

-My manager Jenn. This is role that so hard to do, and you did it perfectly. You made my job as a coach nice and simple and that is something I am very grateful for

-Our lovely photographer and helper of setting up the grounds, Naoto Ito. Your photos were a delight to view, capturing the games spectacularly.

-Oscar, thank you for providing me the chance to coach, I had blast. But our discussions that we had were very helpful, and your wisdom was always very much appreciated. I learnt a lot from you.

Well that's it from me. Ultimately, the kids had a blast and we learnt so much as a group. I'm looking forwards to the bright futures each of them will have and the challenges they overcome. Keep learning, keep having fun.

-Coach out

	PA	AB	H	RB	K	RBI	K/AB	Age	OBP
Aston	41	20	7	24	5	2	25%	0.350	0.756
Ash	43	34	11	9	8	4	24%	0.324	0.465
Eloise	44	28	11	21	13	12	46%	0.393	0.727
Hugo	31	14	2	18	12	0	86%	0.143	0.645
Jiah	26	13	8	12	3	1	23%	0.615	0.769
Jude	34	24	8	9	6	1	25%	0.333	0.500
Noah	34	27	3	16	15	1	56%	0.111	0.559
Sam	27	15	3	15	6	0	40%	0.200	0.667
Will	35	22	6	13	12	2	55%	0.273	0.543
Hayley	38	22	6	16	8	4	36%	0.273	0.579
Monty	17	16	7	1	5	5	31%	0.438	0.471
Anthony	14	5	0	8	5	0	100%	0.000	0.571

UNDER 12'S PROGRAM REPORT

JUNIOR COACH COORDINATOR- OSCAR MONAGAS

For the third year, I was given the opportunity to coordinate our U12 teams. When I was first asked, I didn't realise how much more can be done on top of just coaching on Friday nights. With that in mind, the focus has been given to establishing a process that can take several years but will guarantee not only retention but the generation of talent that will go up the junior system and feed the senior group with fresh talent (more on this in 'Season goals' section).

U12 program overview

Once again, we can say this season was a great success: starting with a churn rate close to 0% (only one child dropped after the school holidays), we managed to grow our numbers to almost 40 players – about a 50% increase from last year; they once again came to play with a broad range of age and skills, being this their first experience with Baseball for about one-third of them. We finished the season with all players except one, which shows that the program has been effective in retaining the interest of the participants – this is in part to the mix of activities developed throughout the year, such as the Aces' curtain raiser, school holidays program, and fun and games sessions.

The growing numbers allowed us to register four teams, including our very own Metro A squad.

Training showed a high turnaround of 20+ players per session, which allowed us to run the elements of a typical training – utilising not only Diamond 1 but also the batting cages and outfields. Game-based drills to work on the fundamentals while keeping them engaged, as well as more focused drills using the newly acquired equipment – always focusing on having fun, and nurturing the love for the sport.

Games were perhaps the most favourite part to many – great wins and tough losses were experienced, giving the kids a good mix of emotions. They did, however, show great resilience and adaptability to adversity. I have personally used this opportunity to take them one level up with the fundamentals, batting and fielding stances and most importantly, situational Baseball (i.e., big focus on base running) – the last, proving to be essential.

Due to the high number of players, the group was big enough to field four teams. Ash Geary-Smith (Metro B Black), Michael Yule (Metro B Yellow) and Aaron Moffitt (Metro B White) supported the club by coaching their respective squads and participating during training and game days. A promotion system was also put in place for those kids playing B level but good enough to jump to A level next year – challenging them and taking them outside their comfort zones. Unfortunately, we were hit with many games cancelled due to heat and rain, so this could have been planned better to avoid some kids missing out.

UNDER 12'S MINOR A's and B's HEAD COACH - OSCAR MONAGAS



Assistant coaches: Keith Lane, Bryan McGowan, Byron Moffitt
Team Manager and Scorer: Ula Lane

With a performance pathway in mind, the Metro A group focused on situational baseball, mental approach to at-bats and fielding while reinforcing the rules of the game. This team includes the U12 top talent, with some top-age players being able to fill in on Sunday mornings for the U14 Metro squad.

Season goals

The midterm goals of developing a junior baseball program should involve various aspects to promote and enhance the skills and interests of young players:

- Firstly, the program aims to increase the number of participants by attracting and engaging children in the sport of Baseball.
- Secondly, the program seeks to create a performance pathway that encourages competitiveness and promotes the growth of players. This pathway will provide opportunities for players to develop their skills, gain exposure to advanced techniques and strategies, and compete at higher levels of play.
- The program aims to teach the fundamental skills and rules of the game, including batting, pitching, catching, and fielding, through a structured and organized coaching system.
- Specifically, for Metro A, another objective was to develop this team for it to be able to (or close to) be promoted to State B level.
- Build a relationship between the players, build an encouraging system that develops players and then moves them up to higher levels – teach them to appreciate the game and their teammates and show life lessons thru the game.

- Lastly, the program aims to achieve high player retention as continuity has proven to be key to success: learning the game of Baseball is a process that takes many years of effort.

By achieving these midterm goals, the program can create a strong foundation for the development of young players and contribute to the growth and sustainability of the club.

How the season unfolded

Training started early in September, using this as an opportunity to organise 'Come and try' days. Advertisements via school newsletters and community billboards got us out there and managed to recruit many new players – kudos to Heather and Bel for doing all this.

The season went on smoothly due to a lot of work done behind the scenes to guarantee this – team groups set up on Facebook, allocation of Team Managers and Assistant Coaches and Friday night canteen roster.

Metro A players showed a lot of resilience and adapted well to what it was a level up to most of them – struggling at the beginning with player pitching but adjusting later on. Also, pitching was one of our strengths – despite the fact of being a foreign part of the game for some of them.

We tried to squeeze every inch of Baseball but, unfortunately, we experienced various cancellations due to rain and heat – we would have loved the season to be longer so the kids could have more exposure.

The Metro A team made it to the top 6 before the school holidays: this guaranteed the team a spot in the finals round robin in February. From there on, the top 6 teams competed, and the best record was granted the premiership. Although we didn't finish on top, we played amazing baseball during finals (finishing with a positive record), being the most successful story the come-from-behind victory versus the undefeated Blackburn Black on Life Members weekend with 2 HRs in the last inning.

This group had the pleasure to have Bryan McGowan, Byron Moffitt and Keith Lane on the coaching staff: these gentlemen kept track of stats, pitch counts, provided insight into players and made conscious decisions during training and games – it was a real pleasure to interact and share thoughts with such a fantastic and committed group of parents. And Ula Lane: our scorer and Team Manager who was always on top of the schedule, calling parents and making sure everyone was aware of all the details. Thank you to those who contributed one way or another.

Moving forward

Specifically, for the Metro A team, we can say that:

- We should continue working on the U12 top talent and register a team in State B next season. The plan is to also maintain at least one Metro A team, as well as multiple Metro B teams.
- The kids had a turn-around to their attitudes mid-season from knowing they were good- from scared to more confident. They had a good team spirit and were helpful and supportive of each other (most of the time). We should continue to build on this.
- There is a long way to go with individuals to understand how working on their own skills and techniques will help themselves and the team. Pitching showed us a lot of talent and depth – however, more focused training will work wonders but we will need more specialised help on Wednesday nights.

- Although fielding was always strong, batting improved in the second half of the season. We need to work more on hitting to get on base / move runners rather than swinging wildly and randomly. More scrimmages and simulated games could help with this.

The U12 process has continued to hit milestones over the past two years, but we believe there is still so much to be done. I've spoken to new families about what the ideal U12 baseball program looks like. This is a summary of what I personally believe needs to happen as well as what others have to say that would be beneficial for developing our junior program further:

- Establishment of a junior committee to provide support to coaches and managers (as well as the club committee) in everything related to the junior teams: this is now in place, comprised of three members (Bel, Heather and me). More structure should be established, and other members should join to break down responsibilities in a clearer way – divide and conquer.
- During pre-season, continue providing the coaches with all required documentation – including but not limited to team lists, rules and bylaws, contact details, etc. a cloud drive has been set up so they all can access it.
- Establishment of a coaching base before the start of the season: this would allow for better planning, as well as the ability to split the team and have enough coaches during training and games to cover the needs. **More engagement of the Senior playing group is a must** if the club wants the junior program (and this to cascade down to the Seniors) to grow and succeed.
- All coaches should get Level C, certified via USA Baseball online training modules, as well as Little League Diamond Leader certification.
- **Organising baseball clinics with Div1 firsts players**, to provide the kids with a more enriching experience, looking up to their role models and learning from the best. This was not achieved this season with the kids hoping to have this experience.
- Organising a senior player roster to help during training sessions – this is incredibly important to minimise kids' downtime and release the coaches' workload of managing dozens of kids every Wednesday. **This was not achieved this season and would have been a great help to those volunteering every Wednesday night** – recruiting has been very successful with now almost forty U12 players. However, the coaching staff should grow accordingly to retain player interest in the game and continue their growth at Upwey FTG.
- Continue organising 'come and try' and 'bring a friend' events days early in the season to catch more talent and grow our club. Also, keep the playing group engaged via the curtain raiser and school holiday programs.
- Continue with the rollout of the capture plan to summon more players as this is the funnel needed to increase the formation – and retention - of elite talent in top senior categories.

Wrap up

Even though some of our U12 teams didn't finish with a positive record, the players enjoyed the season while also savouring the taste of victory (and loss). The players, parents, coaches and club should be very happy and proud of what we have achieved in the development of our Baseball playing awareness. We have great talent coming up to higher levels so we should continue to nurture them – some of them in conjunction with the U14 team as they continue playing for both age groups. Depending on the numbers and skill levels of those playing next year, the objective is to have more teams across more levels. I cannot stress this enough: this is only possible if we grow the support of the senior playing group, main committee, and senior coaches.

A big thank you to our players (and parents) for their dedication to training and game days: although it's an incredibly challenging age range, I had a blast with the players and laughed as we gathered experiences together. Special thanks to Heather Denman, Bel Sadler, Ash Geary-Smith, Michael Yule, Byron and Aaron Moffitt, Paul Hoey, Malcolm Bangs, Keith Lane, Bryan McGowan and Ula Lane.

Thank you to the Committee for the opportunity and for trusting me with this responsibility and for the support.

Oscar Monagas

**UNDER 12'S MINOR B WHITE
COACH – AARON MOFFITT**

Firstly, I would like to thank the club for the opportunity to coach the Metro B, Under 12 White team. We had an incredible season. This season I wanted to put a lot of emphasis on the team trying its best and learning something new each game. I can certainly say that individual improvement and overall teamwork skyrocketed as the season went on, it was great to see everyone attending training and games each week.

Although we didn't win as many games as we would have liked, seeing everyone turn up with a smile on their face and having lots of energy really encouraged everyone to stay in the game and to, most importantly, enjoy it.

I would hope that all the kids had as much fun as I did teaching them the game and to keep playing as they get older.

I would also like to say thank you to Malcolm Bangs, who I definitely could not have coached without. Thank you also to Byron Moffitt for stepping in when needed and for managing the team.

Thank you

Aaron Moffitt

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COACH –**

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CLUB COACH

DONAVON HENDRICKS

CLUB OVERVIEW

- Be bold
- Make bold decisions and strive for greatness.

These are the words I asked Dwain in his first year as President and words he uttered back to me in our first meeting. To change our club's direction, future and culture we must strive to do this.

The mantra and culture I've tried to teach and create I now believe we have engrained in our club and playing group.

"no matter the time, year, ladder position Upwey teams top to bottom strive for greatness"

This philosophy has and will always allow us to strive for high aspirations and goals, achieve them, and create a culture that will not allow acceptance of mediocrity or our club to fall into a undesirable position. We have expectation of being great, not by entitlement but the back bone of hard work and work ethic established with a consistent training program.

This is by far the proudest thing I can individually look at and say I am incredibly proud to help establish in my time.

On the back of that, this year we won our first Club Championship in some time. Easily the hardest honour to achieve in Victorian baseball. It takes years of aspects to fall into place and be created (club culture, player depth, training structures, selection structures, board management, etc.) and it also takes a collective effort from your entire club to achieve. So, to this I say thank you to the Upwey Baseball Club. Every individual for the hand in this award for our club. We had our 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, and women's team all play finals this year. Congratulations to Russell and our Women's team on their brilliant season and having a finals berth in their second year. Again, a big thank you to the coaches that coached our teams across the board, and congratulations on a brilliant season together.

TRAINING

Training sessions I believe are your first sign of strength or weakness in an environment. For years now our training environment inclusive of attendance numbers, work ethic, training drills, the overall training program has been brilliant. While the challenge now is to not better it, or grow it or maintain it, but for myself and our coaches to tweak and adjust as we need. Incorporating new drills and systems into training to continually challenge and engage all of our players, and continue to adjust as the numbers are there at training.

I could not be prouder of our training sessions throughout the season, seeing all our players work so hard, but also enjoying the environment we have created. And a credit to Stuart, Dan, Mark, Ash, and Simon for assisting me in getting session organized and designed around such numbers.

I've said it before, but I have been in a position where I have club coached on my own and it is the most difficult task. Having help and assistance is not only for my benefit but the idea of providing our program and players more experience and more coaches to learn from and help our players improve. I believe this is a huge strength of our club is the quality of coaches and how many we have being involved.

DIV 1 FIRSTS

COACH – DONAVON HENDRICKS

BACK TO BACK DIV 1 CHAMPIONS!!!!!!

Wins – 15

Losses – 6

Draws – 1

FINALS

WINS – 4

LOSSES – 1

Winning a premiership is special. In all kinds of manners. But being involved in a club and a group that realises the opportunity in front of them that have the desire, will, and know how to attack that opportunity in front of them together is truly amazing.

In many sports, they call it your premiership window. Years of preparation to get to a point where your window of opportunity is open. I cannot express my love for this group enough at times. Coaching a group of men and young men to help them realise their collective goal and help them as individual players is a beautiful part of coaching.

We started this with a goal and collective mindset that we are the defending champions, so utmost belief in ourselves that if we have the goal of going back to back mostly the only thing stopping was us. We believed in ourselves as players and we believed in our system and our coaches to create the opportunity again where we can be premiers.

How do I put this season onto paper and into words? I will not do it any justice. My playing career has experienced some special seasons and moments. My coaching journey has provided me with some of the most treasured experiences I never thought I would ever have. But this season encapsulated both for me personally.

With Stuart and Dan alongside me and Mark Jones again returning to be our first base coach there is no better coaching staff. Thank you to all three of you for your efforts, attention to detail, continual drive of the players and willingness to help them at every turn.

While this year's season did not have a slow start to the win/loss record like last year or a 12 game winning streak to get to finals and carry into the finals series, what it did provide was a year of incredible consistency. We never lost 2 games in a row. Every loss was followed up with a winning game. Incredible consistency by a group.

What we did see in the weeks leading into the finals series was a group determined and ready for what was to come. The last 3 games we won 3 from 3 and outscored our opponents 36 runs to 9 over the 3 game stretch. This while down to the preparation of the group leading in to finals, but also a group that was determined to attack their opportunity head on.

This year saw some stand out achievements which need to be highlighted.

Firstly, congratulations to Jarrod Turner on his league MVP award. Jarrod had a brilliant season and an award like this is reward for his efforts over a long period of time. His regular season this year saw him have an 8-3 win loss record, be among the league leaders with 94 innings pitched and have a 3.42ERA. Jarrod's finals series was also incredible; 6innings in game 1 semi-final, 9innings in game 1 of the grand final and another 9inning effort in game 3 of the grand final on 4 days rest. Truly remarkable.

Another stand out was Andrew Kane who had an outstanding season. Andrew led our team with a .414 batting average, second in our RBIs with 15 and, for those that appreciate it, a .534 On Base percentage. Effectively meaning he was on base every second at bat. Just amazing.

Our finals campaign this year didn't come without challenges. Leading into the last portion of the season, we as coaches made a move to give young Ryder Wilson an opportunity in left field. We felt he would add another dynamic to our offence which we felt we needed. The young man provided a spark and allowed us to arrange our line-up a little different. He also had an incredible finals campaign hitting .462, getting on base at .611 clip.

Our finals MVP went to a veteran. Wade McConnon, who didn't have the best regular season he has had, but his finals campaign he stood up when his team needed like the veteran he is. He hit .500 for the finals with some huge hits. A big homerun, double and triple and collecting 8 hits over the 5 games as well as turning some huge double plays with Jack Ratcliffe.

While there were some stand outs, again huge credit has to go to our coaches and the system and program. Again, over the regular season we were 2nd in the league in runs scored, and 4th best in runs against. A brilliant season by all contributors.

OVERALL

I just want to take this moment to express my gratitude. A huge thank you to everyone who played a role this season. This season has been so special. Our board has been fantastic as always. So much time and effort behind the scenes. Sharing those special moments with you guys who have been a huge integral part of this club for many years longer than me, seeing you share the emotion of lovers of this club, holding the cup, singing the song. Truly special. Thank you, guys.

A huge thank you all the supporters and volunteers and sponsors who continue to show their passion for our club.

DIV 1 RESERVES

COACH – WADE MCCONNON & SIMON RATCLIFFE

Regular Season

Ladder position – 2nd

Wins – 14

Losses – 4

Runs for – 133 (highest in the league)

Runs against - 79

Finals – Semi final loss

After a stellar season we finished the regular season in 2nd place, which birthed a home semi-final against Berwick. After annihilating them in the last round of the season, everything we had learnt throughout the year was tested in a fiercely contested game. After a gutsy fight back from our boys in the 6th inning, Berwick regained the lead in the 9th ultimately sealing our fate and eliminating us from the 2023 premiership contention.

It was a disappointing end to the year given I believed we had the guys to win it all. That being said, not all was lost. The year provided great learning and growth for both the group, and me. Although we did not reach the ultimate prize, I view the season as a great success.

Strategic Overview

The twos set out with a clear goal to use the grade as a platform to prepare young senior players for their future at the club, with the ultimate goal of fast tracking them to solidified one's players. This meant reviewing the current list and strategically selecting players that we saw as future one's players.

As the goal was to prepare players for the next step, we consciously adopted a game style similar to that of the ones group. We set out to teach, to complete, and to play the game with integrity and dare. I am happy to say, I believe we achieved all those things.

Surrounding the future one's players with experienced veterans was key in aiding younger players development. Young players were fostered by the likes of Justin Swanson, Michael Oxworth, Sean Meldrum, and Mark Jones. These men offered great on-field leadership and helped establish supreme training standards.

Results

Although the idea of winning plays a large part in the club's fabric and success, and while this was an important factor in teaching the young group the UFTG way, we prioritised development.

For this reason, I see it fitting to report on development achievements as opposed to winning results.

The team cycled through 7 pitchers and 22 position players throughout the season. Half of these players were either new to the club or players promoted from the thirds.

Player Summary

Tristen Meally was a new comer to the club and ended being a big part of the two's culture. He featured in several games, playing outfield and pitching.

Rydge Hogan was also a newcomer. He was by far our biggest pitching asset when he wasn't earmarked for the one's. A fantastic player that will soon be a pitching mainstay in the one's team.

Ryder Wilson is an exciting young talent who played the season with flare and passion. He had a fantastic year batting leadoff and playing shortstop. Ryder epitomized the pathway opportunity that the two's were hoping to create; He was promoted to the ones in the final stages of the season and contributed to the one's premiership.

Randy Senn has been an integral part of the two's makeup for some years. This year was one of his best seasons to date hitting .361. He pushed his case for the ones more than years before and was extremely influential when he was granted opportunity.

Justin Swanson is a veteran of the club. It was important for the young group to benefit from Justin's knowledge and demeanour. For those attune, Justin provided great leadership and advice.

Michael Oxworth is another seasoned vet. Technical in his approach, Michael was instrumental in providing hitting approach tips to younger players. Nothing seems to phase Michael and I am sure his level headedness rubs off on the players around him.

Sean Meldrum found his straps on the mound late in the year, which lead the team into a competitive finals campaign. Sean's dedication to his craft was an example for younger players. His meticulous professionalism was a great benefit to not only the players around him but the coaching staff as well.

Matthew Cameron had his first season at the club in 22/23. He provided great enthusiasm and work ethic as well as leading the club in off-field socializing. He was one of the teams most improved and definitely someone to watch in coming years.

Nick Rice continues to be a reliable contributor for the club. Nick was tasked with leading the outfield half way through the season. Nick thrived in his new position and ended up with a .294 batting average. Nick will continue to be a mainstay in the team while pushing his case for a consistent one's position.

Kealy RG pitched 21 innings for the team. And although this wasn't as much time in previous seasons, he came through in the back half of the year having some great outings.

Shaun Irvine played 14 games this season, which was a big step from previous years. As expected there was an adjustment period for Shaun but he continues to work hard and play his role. Shaun shows great potential, playing with flare and grace.

Noah Toplis gained an opportunity on the back of starting catcher Pat Gawith's injury. He played a total of 8 games and ended up catching in the semi-final game. Noah is a talented young man that will continue to progress with strength. The opportunity served Noah well, one which we hope makes him hungry for more time in the two's next season.

Ash Geary-Smith is a lively passionate player who featured in 3 games early in the year. Although he did not get another opportunity to showcase his ability, he continued to train harder than anyone. Ash's work ethic alone will birth more opportunities in the future.

Ben Morgan played 2 games for the team and recorded some great AB's unfortunately amounting to only 1 hit but there is big upside for Ben. He is a strong kid that shows great potential.

Mitch John had a change in roles this season. He took the challenge of balancing hitting and pitching in stride and was always ready to contribute in any way to help the team. Mitch finished the year with a .385 batting average and came up with a big hit in the semi-final. Mitch will continue to be a solid performer in the two's who is limited only to his input.

Pat Gawith recorded an impressive .435 batting average in 10 games before he was injured in a collision. Patty continues to grow as a player every season and will be a key part of senior group moving forward.

Will Richardson continued to develop as a player in 22/23. He was a solid defensive asset and offered consistency in box batting a steady .350. Physical development will serve Will well in coming seasons as he starts to fill out his body.

Harry Snoxell only featured in one game due to good pitching depth in the two's. However, Harry shows great upside with good command of his pitches. He will no doubt be a player worth considering for seasons to come.

Mark Jones offered experience and versatility coming off the bench whenever called on. Mark always had an impact on the game and continues to teach and mentor the young players.

Coaches and Support

We were lucky to benefit from an experienced coaching staff headed by Doni Hendricks. Game day responsibilities were shared by myself and Simon Ratcliffe, who was a great confidante throughout the year. Simons expertise is second to none and I enjoyed learning from his game calling and communication. Sean Talbot was also part of the coaching staff. Sean offered alternative views to how Simon and I were thinking, which was extremely beneficial for the staff and team. Sean's ability to communicate is one of his best strengths. Players found clarity in Sean's message, which enabled clearly actionable touch points. Working with these two was extremely satisfying.

Our scorer Lori Oxworth was there with us at every game. It's a thankless task, however we appreciate all that you do for us Lori – Thank you!

Closing Thoughts

The season was an enjoyable first look into coaching for myself and I could not imagine attempting the task without Simon and Stuart. And while the ultimate success of a premiership wasn't achieved, the group developed in ways in which we set to at the start of the season. Many of the younger players experienced the next level of baseball and the maturing players continued to grow and develop their baseball offering.

Offensive Stats

Last	First	GP	PA	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	HBP	ROE	FC	CI	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	K-L	SB	CS	TB	SAC	SF	LOB	QAB	QAB%
Kane	Andrew	2	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.25	0.4	0.25	1	2	0	1	0	0	3	1	20.00%
Geary-Smith	Ashley	3	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0.5	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	3	37.50%
Morgan	Ben	2	7	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	0.167	0.286	0.167	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	5	71.43%
Snoxell	Harry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Garland	Jason	4	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0.333	0.6	0.333	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	60.00%
Swanton	Justin	9	30	21	10	8	1	0	1	11	10	0	1	0	0	9	4	0.476	0.633	0.667	0	4	0	14	0	0	7	17	56.67%
Ronalds-Greatbatch	Keeley	3	8	4	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0.75	0.875	0.75	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	50.00%
Jones	Mark	10	24	16	7	6	1	0	0	6	4	1	1	0	0	5	0	0.438	0.565	0.5	0	5	1	8	1	1	8	11	45.83%
Cameron	Matthew	18	66	53	17	15	2	0	0	11	13	1	4	1	0	12	10	0.321	0.455	0.358	5	3	1	19	0	0	25	19	28.79%
Oxworth	Michael	18	69	62	19	14	5	0	0	12	13	0	6	0	0	7	2	0.306	0.377	0.387	1	1	0	24	0	0	27	24	34.78%
John	Mitch	10	31	26	10	6	4	0	0	4	7	1	1	2	0	4	3	0.385	0.484	0.538	1	1	1	14	0	0	15	15	48.39%
Rice	Nicholas	14	53	41	12	8	4	0	0	6	14	2	2	6	0	7	9	0.293	0.42	0.39	7	4	1	16	3	0	36	20	37.74%
Toplis	Noah	8	27	24	6	4	2	0	0	3	6	0	1	0	0	1	9	0.25	0.28	0.333	0	1	0	8	2	0	19	11	40.74%
Gawith	Pat	10	28	23	10	9	1	0	0	9	6	3	1	0	0	2	8	0.435	0.536	0.478	2	4	1	11	0	0	21	13	46.43%
Sadler	Paul	1	4	4	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.75	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	1	25.00%
Senn	Randy	11	43	36	13	10	3	0	0	9	8	1	3	3	0	5	0	0.361	0.442	0.444	0	3	0	16	0	1	18	13	30.23%
Wilson	Ryder	16	65	58	20	17	3	0	0	9	18	2	4	0	0	5	4	0.345	0.415	0.397	2	12	1	23	0	0	29	20	30.77%
Hogan	Rydge	3	11	11	4	4	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.364	0.364	0.364	0	4	0	4	0	0	9	0	0.00%
Meldrum	Sean	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100.00%	
Irvine	Shaun	14	40	35	6	5	1	0	0	6	5	1	2	3	0	2	13	0.171	0.237	0.2	8	2	1	7	2	0	22	16	40.00%
Rogers	Staci	8	29	25	9	6	3	0	0	9	7	0	1	3	0	3	6	0.36	0.414	0.48	0	4	1	12	0	1	15	9	31.03%
Mealy	Tristan	9	25	16	3	1	2	0	0	3	8	1	0	0	0	7	6	0.188	0.44	0.312	2	2	0	5	0	1	18	11	44.00%
Dejong	Wes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Richardson	Will	14	49	40	14	14	0	0	0	9	9	1	1	0	0	7	4	0.35	0.458	0.35	3	8	0	14	1	0	15	14	28.57%
Totals		19	628	512	168	134	33	0	1	112	139	16	29	18	0	87	86	0.328	0.438	0.398	34	62	8	204	9	4	136	231	36.78%

Defensive Stats - Pitching

Fielding

Catching

Last	First	IP	GP	GS	W	L	SV	SVO	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	ERA	WHIP	BF	#P	TS	TB	WP	HR	LOB	PIK	SB	CS	SB%	TC	A	PO	E	DP	TP	FPCT	cINN	cPB	cSB	cCS	cCS%
Kane	Andrew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Geary-Smith	Ashley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0.667	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan	Ben	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	1	0	0.667	0	0	0	0	0
Snoxell	Harry	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	17	10	7	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garland	Jason	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	
Swanton	Justin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	20	7	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Ronalds-Greatbatch	Keeley	21	10	2	3	0	0	21	18	15	16	19	0	6.429	1.762	101	397	232	165	3	1	20	2	4	1	0.8	6	3	0	3	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	
Jones	Mark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Cameron	Matthew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	11	75	1	4	0	0.989	0	0	0	0	0	
Oxworth	Michael	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	21	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
John	Mitch	2.2	2	0	0	0	0	9	4	4	0	3	0	13.5	3.375	17	50	36	14	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	41	5	36	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Rice	Nicholas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	7	17	2	1	0	0.923	0	0	0	0	0	
Toplis	Noah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	2	40	3	0	0	0.933	54	0	10	1	0.091	
Gawith	Pat	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	7	39	2	0	0	0.958	36	1	8	1	0.111	
Sadler	Paul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	5	0	0	0	1	5.1	0	1	1	0.5	
Senn	Randy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	7	6	1	0	0	0.929	0	0	0	0	0	
Wilson	Ryder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	28	18	3	2	0	0.939	0	0	0	0	0	
Hogan	Rydge	23	7	6	3	1	0	13	10	6	13	21	1	2.348	1.13	96	381	225	156	6	0	17	0	4	1	0.8	19	6	13	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0		
Meldrum	Sean	45	15	5	4	1	0	58	39	26	13	32	3	5.2	1.578	210	721	478	243	14	0	36	0	9	2	0.818	15	12	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
Irvine	Shaun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	1	17	1	1	0	0.947	0	0	0	0	0	
Rogers	Staci	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	4	14	0	0	0	1	17.2	1	5	2	0.286	
Mealy	Tristan	19	9	5	2	0	1	14	15	12	18	17	8	5.586	1.655	97	374	203	171	7	0	17	0	5	1	0.833	18	7	8	3	1	0	0.833	0	0	0	0	0	
Dejong	Wes	4	1	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	1.25	15	53	37	16	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Richardson	Will	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	23	14	9	2	0	0.804	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals		116	19	19	13	2	1	1	120	86	62	61	97	12	4.81	1.56	539	1993	1221	772	33	1	100	3	24	5	0.828	525	147	34									

DIV 1 THIRDS

COACH – Brad Snoxell

No report submitted

DIV 1 FOUTHS

COACH – BRAD HUBBARD

Well another season has come to an end and what a great season it has been. After starting the season seeing a familiar face in Paul Saddler I knew it was going to be a good year, and he certainly didn't let me down with a standout season dominating with the bat and also behind the plate. But he wasn't the only standout player as Dom McGrath, Richard Ferguson, and also Manning Davison doing a fantastic job on the mound and also the bat all year. Russell Jeffery after catching just about every game last season moved into 3rd base this year and didn't disappoint, making some impressive plays and also had a good year with the bat. Steve Williams and Stephen Johnston also had a super year. Steve Williams is just like having an extra outfielder, sometimes his range is exceptional and Stephen Johnston also having a great year in the field and with bat.

So as far as baseball goes there were really only 4 quality teams this season, hence we won a lot of games this year by 8-15 runs. Melbourne, Blackburn, and Waverley being the stronger teams, we played Blackburn twice and the wins to 1 apiece and both games were extremely competitive as you could expect. We only played Melbourne once in the regular season going down 10-7 in another good game off Baseball.

Finals

We played Blackburn in the first final and came away with a well-deserved 6-9 win, with Dom McGrath doing an exceptional job on the mound and Russell Jeffery having a day out at 3rd and with the bat, but all in all it was a great team effort.

We faced Melbourne in the Grand Final and we got off to a great start with everyone hitting the ball and scoring runs and Dom doing well on the mound. But unfortunately, Melbourne had 2 good innings with the bat in the middle of the game and were unable to get their noses in front, which was enough to give them the win 10-7, which was extremely disappointing. But, it had been an amazing season and was super proud of all the boys looking forward to next season. Also, a big thanks to the best batboy in the league Tate Saddler.

Congratulations to:

Dom McGrath -MVP

Paul Saddler -Hitting award

Russell Jeffery-Best finals player

Mark Livingston-Tigers award

Big thanks to John O'Halloran for scoring most of the year

DIVISION 4 GOLD

COACH – MATTHEW SMITH

As this is only my second year managing you'll have to excuse that follows for a report after this introduction as I'm sure I have missed some people or points of interest along the way.

Familiar faces joined us this year with a few new players and fill ins, Bryan McGowan & Kenny Ung

The Goal this season was to learn to play with each other and get a feel for everyone's position on the field. We had a few hiccups with injuries early on forcing us to improvise, but overall we have played some fantastic games of baseball, always chasing the win to the last minute.

Upwey Gold has grown consistently throughout the season with each game always one closer to winning, and our ragtag group of players getting in there having a blast. Some truly remarkable advances this year have been Bryan McGowan and Andrew Schmidt who have both improved by leaps and bounds throughout the season. Bryan only joining us just before Christmas and getting a stellar hit off one of Springvale's best pitchers and Andy's base running and general IQ has come a long way.

Damien Sharp finishing with a batting average of .680 wining the hitting award & also the MVP award, always coming in to finish pitching for me even when I leave him with loaded bases.

Congrats to Bryan McGowan for winning the Tigers award, Bryan started playing with us this year and had a stellar effort, from hitting and getting on base his first pitch. Congrats also to Fausto Gallego for a great performance catching this season.

Areas we could most improve would be batting & pitching. Our fielding, as always, was on point as hardly any errors were made.

One of the best moments of this season was keeping up with Springvale, who finished on top, by only letting them score 3 runs. Others were the beers and relaxing after playing great games of baseball, nothing was ever truly a blow out for our team. So, here's to next year where we finish up higher on the ladder with more wins and enjoy more beers together.

DIVISION 4 BLACK

COACH – Tim Young

No report submitted

DIVISION 3. WOMENS COACH – RUSSELL JEFFERY

For our 2nd season we have had an amazing run, and for my first time coaching I could not be prouder. Our goals for this season were pretty simple, learn the game and enjoy it!

It was a rough start to it all as I had no idea what I was doing, and teams that we were beating last season were a lot stronger now as they had grown as a team. Before xmas we had only managed to knock up a win by a Waverley Red forfeit. However, we had an amazing run the week after with a draw to Waverley Black 14 all it proved that we can fight with the best of them.

After xmas how ever it all seem to come together; we were playing as a collective. Fielding really went up a notch as errors that we were committing previously had now reduced 10-fold and the BATS WERE FIRING!!!!!! To have a 5-game win streak and to clinch a spot in the semifinals by .28% how good is that? Our finals run was short lived as nerves got the better of us, but that is fine, it was the first finals for a lot of us, and from that loss there is so much room to improve

Our goal next season is the following

- Get more W's
- Destroy Waverley
- Win finals
- Still enjoying the game

I would also like to thank Lori Oxworth on her tremendous effort for scoring all our games. I greatly appreciate it. Steve Williams for always being there game day and base coaching and guiding me in being a better coach, and Matthew Smith for coming down on Tuesdays to lend a hand with training.

		Offensive Stats																																
Last	First	GP	PA	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	HBP	ROE	FC	CI	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS	K-L	SB	CS	TB	SAC	SF	LOB	QAB	QAB%				
Kiel	Caitlin	13	37	25	6	6	0	0	0	5	11	2	2	2	0	10	7	0.24	0.486	0.24	0.726	0	4	1	6	0	0	19	15	40.54%				
O'Neill	Cassie	3	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0.2	0	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0.00%				
Moseby	Chelsea	14	43	33	13	12	1	0	0	3	17	1	2	0	0	9	6	0.394	0.535	0.424	0.959	4	16	0	14	0	0	18	19	44.19%				
Williams	Claire	12	38	23	11	11	0	0	0	6	23	0	2	3	0	15	2	0.478	0.684	0.478	1.162	1	23	1	11	0	0	9	19	50.00%				
Jack	Elinor	9	21	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	1	0	0	0	11	9	0	0.571	0	0.571	2	9	0	0	0	0	8	13	61.90%				
McDonald	Jessica	8	26	18	8	8	0	0	0	7	10	0	1	0	0	8	3	0.444	0.615	0.444	1.06	2	8	1	8	0	0	15	14	53.85%				
Booth	Marika	10	22	16	8	7	1	0	0	8	5	0	1	1	0	6	2	0.5	0.636	0.562	1.199	0	13	0	9	0	0	6	12	54.55%				
Light	Sally	14	42	32	14	14	0	0	0	17	9	2	1	2	0	8	4	0.438	0.571	0.438	1.009	1	13	0	14	0	0	20	17	40.48%				
Powell	Sue	3	7	6	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0.167	0.286	0.167	0.452	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	14.29%				
Duff	Taleah	11	25	18	1	1	0	0	0	3	6	2	1	3	0	5	12	0.056	0.32	0.056	0.376	5	1	1	1	0	0	19	10	40.00%				
Brooks	Tamika	12	29	14	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	1	0	0	0	14	13	0	0.517	0	0.517	5	3	1	0	0	0	13	17	58.62%				
Thompson	Vanessa	10	26	14	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	1	0	0	1	10	14	0	0.44	0	0.44	8	8	1	0	0	0	15	19	73.08%				
Chinn	Victoria	13	38	21	6	6	0	0	0	6	10	2	2	1	0	15	6	0.286	0.605	0.286	0.891	2	9	2	6	0	0	15	18	47.37%				
McCulloch	Zienna	13	38	29	15	12	2	1	0	17	18	1	3	0	0	8	7	0.517	0.632	0.655	1.287	0	12	1	19	0	0	21	16	42.11%				
Totals		15	397	##	83	78	4	1	0	79	##	14	16	12	1	120	90	0.317	0.548	0.34	0.888	31	120	9	89	0	0	74	190	47.86%				
		Defensive Stats - Pitching																							Fielding					Catching				
Last	First	IP	GP	GS	W	L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	ERA	BF	#P	TS	TB	WP	SB	CS	SB%	TC	A	PO	E	DP	cINN	cPB	cSB	cCS	cCS%		
Kiel	Caitlin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	3	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	
O'Neill	Cassie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Moseby	Chelsea	38	11	8	3	3	0	76	83	46	41	33	3	10.895	252	874	481	393	12	81	3	0.964	41	27	10	4	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Williams	Claire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	9	17	7	1	6	2	26	1	0.037	
Jack	Elinor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
McDonald	Jessica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	5	22	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Booth	Marika	17	8	5	2	1	0	34	42	25	30	13	0	12.736	125	461	225	236	3	42	2	0.955	32	14	15	3	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Light	Sally	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	9	5	6	1	2	45	14	56	20	36	3	8	0	0	1	40	12	23	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Powell	Sue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Duff	Taleah	0.2	3	0	0	1	0	4	14	14	12	0	0	189	18	76	18	58	1	4	0	0	1	14	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Brooks	Tamika	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Thompson	Vanessa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	31	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chinn	Victoria	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	22	11	11	0	2	0	0	1	8	4	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	
McCulloch	Zienna	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	4	6	0	0	0	10	51	17	34	1	7	0	0	1	56	8	42	6	0	52	9	118	4	0.033	
Totals		58	14	14	5	6	0	117	155	93	97	47	5	14.431	424	1540	772	768	20	144	5	0.966	316	89	172	55	3	58	11	144	5	0.034		

MASTERS BLACK

COACH – SCOTT EMBREY

The 2022-23 Season was once again a very competitive season for the Masters Black boys. We enjoyed the return of Paul Sadler to our club who joined our team which further strengthened our already impressive lineup. With well in excess of 1000 combined games of baseball, our team is an amazing mix of highly talented players who are a joy to watch in action every Monday evening.

We went through the home and away season with just 1 loss to Blackburn (1-0) which saw us finish on top of the ladder ahead of Melbourne, Blackburn and our Gold team in 4th. Our plan was coming together perfectly since now Melbourne and Blackburn would have to fight out one Semi-final and we would face UFTG Gold in the other, who had never beaten us before over several years of attempts.

I'd very much like to say that we simply underestimated the Gold team or that we had a bad day, however the truth is we were soundly beaten by a better team on the day, and we had no answers to the perfect game they played. Their hitting and base running were faultless as they ground out 5 runs while their defense was solid, only allowing one late run across the plate for us. They shut down 3 of our offensive innings with double plays which was impressive to watch, and I later learned that they had only turned over 2 others throughout the entire season!

Congratulations to Sean O'Halloran on winning our hitting award with 40 AB's, 22 Hits, 13 Walks, 15 RBI's and a team high Batting Average of .550 and On Base % of .660. Sean is a joy to have on the team. He goes about his work without the flare of a Jonesy or an Ozzie but simply always gets the job done without fuss. Thanks mate.

Our Tigers Award went to Paul Sadler who is not only the nicest guy you'll ever meet and is also one of the most complete baseballers I've ever seen. Paul fielded a perfect 1000 as Catcher, had a team high 20 RBI's, equal most hits with Sean on 22 and had the highest Slugging % at .708. Well done mate.

Once again, I'd like to give a huge thank you to Marika for being our ever-reliable scorer, and also to Lawrie Hurley for being the best chef in the league. Without your help it would be so much harder to have the fun experience that we all enjoy.

I'm looking forward to managing the team again next season and hoping we can return to the top spot on the podium.

I love Mondays 😊

Scott Embrey

Offensive Stats

Last	First	GP	PA	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	HBP	ROE	FC	CI	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	K-L	SB	CS	GIDP	XBH	TB	SAC	SF	LOB	QAB	QAB%
Hill	Adam	13	51	44	19	18	1	0	0	18	10	0	0	4	0	7	1	0.432	0.51	0.455	0	0	0	2	1	20	0	0	36	15	29.41%
Gawith	Brad	12	39	37	16	15	1	0	0	9	11	0	0	4	0	2	2	0.432	0.462	0.459	0	0	0	0	1	17	0	0	27	9	23.08%
Hubbard	Brad	9	28	25	13	12	1	0	0	8	8	1	2	1	0	1	1	0.52	0.536	0.56	0	0	0	0	1	14	0	1	13	9	32.14%
Ratcliffe	Brendan	7	26	20	7	6	1	0	0	6	5	1	3	1	0	5	1	0.35	0.5	0.4	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	15	13	50.00%
Lind	Chris	2	5	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	3	60.00%
McGrath	Dominic	14	49	37	15	14	1	0	0	11	18	5	5	2	0	6	1	0.405	0.531	0.432	1	0	0	1	1	16	0	1	20	24	48.98%
Richardson	Dwain	6	23	18	8	8	0	0	0	7	6	1	1	4	0	4	1	0.444	0.565	0.444	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	0	13	9	39.13%
Jones	Mark	11	40	32	13	12	1	0	0	3	15	1	2	1	1	5	1	0.406	0.487	0.438	0	0	0	3	1	14	0	1	20	15	37.50%
Richardson	Matthew	6	20	18	3	1	1	1	0	5	3	0	0	2	0	1	4	0.167	0.2	0.333	1	0	0	0	2	6	0	1	22	5	25.00%
Sadler	Paul	14	57	48	22	13	6	3	0	20	24	0	3	5	0	9	1	0.458	0.544	0.708	0	0	0	0	9	34	0	0	34	30	52.63%
Embrey	Scott	2	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0.00%
O'Halloran	Sean	14	53	40	22	21	1	0	0	15	19	0	1	2	0	13	4	0.55	0.66	0.575	2	0	0	1	1	23	0	0	13	27	50.94%
Ratcliffe	Simon	5	14	12	6	5	1	0	0	10	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	0.583	0	0	0	1	1	7	0	1	7	4	28.57%
Booth	Tarquin	7	26	23	8	7	0	0	1	7	8	1	3	1	0	1	2	0.348	0.385	0.478	1	0	0	1	1	11	0	1	20	8	30.77%
McManus	Warwick	2	8	8	5	5	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.625	0.625	0.625	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	4	50.00%
Keys	Will	13	52	44	21	17	3	1	0	13	20	0	6	3	0	7	3	0.477	0.538	0.591	1	0	0	1	4	26	0	1	23	21	40.38%
Totals		14	495	415	182	158	18	5	1	139	156	10	27	31	1	62	24	0.439	0.514	0.513	7	0	0	11	24	213	0	7	96	196	39.60%

Defensive Stats - Pitching

Fielding

Catching

Last	First	IP	GP	GS	W	L	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	ERA	WHIP	BF	#P	TS	TB	WP	TC	A	PO	E	DP	TP	FPCT	cINN	cPB
Hill	Adam	31	9	8	8	1	28	7	6	11	28	1	1.742	1.258	135	466	300	166	3	27	14	11	2	1	0	0.926	0	0
Gawith	Brad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	1	0	0	0.75	0	0
Hubbard	Brad	7	3	0	0	0	7	1	1	2	6	0	1.286	1.286	32	100	75	25	0	30	2	27	1	2	0	0.967	0	0
Ratcliffe	Brendan	9	4	0	0	0	15	8	5	0	4	1	5	1.667	46	110	77	33	2	37	0	37	0	2	0	1	0	0
Lind	Chris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	4	1	0	0	0.875	0	0
McGrath	Dominic	12	4	3	1	0	15	4	4	4	7	1	3	1.583	56	177	116	61	0	22	15	3	4	1	0	0.818	0	0
Richardson	Dwain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	6	10	1	0	0	0.941	0	0
Jones	Mark	11	4	3	3	0	20	11	8	5	9	4	6.545	2.273	64	208	128	80	3	37	25	6	6	0	0	0.838	0	0
Richardson	Matthew	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	5	17	12	5	0	19	6	10	3	1	0	0.842	0	0
Sadler	Paul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	4	63	0	1	0	1	80	1
Embrey	Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
O'Halloran	Sean	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1.5	10	27	18	9	0	29	14	15	0	2	0	1	0	0
Ratcliffe	Simon	5	3	0	1	0	9	6	1	0	1	0	1.8	1.8	28	62	51	11	0	14	9	5	0	2	0	1	0	0
Booth	Tarquin	2	1	0	0	0	4	2	2	3	3	0	9	3.5	13	53	31	22	0	25	7	17	1	0	0	0.96	0	0
McManus	Warwick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Keys	Will	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	2	24	0	1	0	1	0	0
Totals		80	14	14	13	1	103	39	27	25	61	7	3.038	1.6	389	1220	808	412	8	367	107	240	20	5	0	0.946	80	1

MASTERS GOLD

COACH – TRAVIS JENKINS

The season marked a new beginning for the team with our long serving stalwart and coach for the past 5 seasons Steven Maggs departing us mid-season. After finishing the 2021-22 in 5th position, our highest position ever in the Masters comp, we set out to go one better and finish top 4. In order to achieve this with some tactical negotiations and recruiting we managed to pick up a swag of new players, welcoming to the team Chris Williams, David Quick and Michael Oxworth. We also had Stephen Mills returning after a long-term injury, and snagged James Holley for the full season on a permit after a few cameo appearances the previous season. Unfortunately, we did lose Dan Better and David Simonton to long term injury, we hope to see you guys' back out there again next season.

The team set the tone in the opening round taking on last season premiers Melbourne at their ground. A string of good hits and a few runs scored put the reigning premiers into panic mode. We scratched our way to 3-2 lead in somewhat dark conditions, it was so dark the streetlights were keeping the field illuminated. We heard a ball being hit and to our surprise the ball landed in the outfield and the tying run scored. The next two batters played at a ball they clearly didn't see and ended the season opener with a 3-3 tie. We walked away confidently knowing we have something special with this group and the boys kept this momentum up until Maggs' last game.

After five seasons of being the team's leader and catcher it was time for Maggs' to make his first appearance on the mound in his farewell game. The game was a must win for us against Waverley as we were holding on to fourth and they were fifth. This game meant a lot to everyone after being robbed by falling light the past season this was our turn to bring the hurt. Maggs' was impressive on the hill getting through an inning before we let the pro's take over. The boys lit up the evening sky with an impressive batting display torching the Waverley pitchers. A 9-1 victory set us clear in fourth and all but assuring us a top 4 finish going into the Christmas break.

Post-Christmas the team was unsettled with a few players away and the hitting not being as crisp as it was prior to the break. We faced the three teams above us on the ladder after the and we were smashed in the three games by at least 7 runs. After getting a much-needed win at home, the horror story continued. In the last round when we put up an embarrassing performance at home against the bottom side losing and our confidence was at a season low. We managed to hold on to fourth spot with 7W-6L-1D.

After many seasons of finishing last in the competition we finally made our first finals appearance. A matchup we had been talking about for weeks, coming up against our derby rivals Upwey Black who had lost one game all season. The pre-game huddle was very relaxed, the vibe was good as everyone in the team wanted to beat our derby rivals for the first time. Going with the "Moneyball" line-up and bumping Michael Yule to the 2-hole, Yulie laid out the hurt with three hits (2 singles and a double). The boys rallied behind him and kept the hitting train rolling and we managed to snag a 3-1 lead with David Quick our "Bulldog" weaving his magic on the hill. With the new look middle infield duo Chris Dean and Shane De Young turning four double plays we held on to this lead until the 7th. In the top of the 7th James Holley chipped a shot over 3rd base scoring 2 RBI's! Our finals dream was about to come true. Disco finished his 4th inning of shutout pitching against the Upwey Black offense juggernaut for us to take out a 5-1 victory. The celebrations post-game was something that will be remembered by all involved.

The following week in the Grand Final we faced last year's premiers Melbourne at their stomping ground. The team was up for the challenge, we ran the same line-up and the bats did the rest knocking in 5 runs in the top

of the first. Melbourne did there thing and chipped away at our lead managing to get back into the game with us holding a 6-3 run lead heading into the bottom of the 5th inning. With the pressure building, Disco was digging deep to find strikes on the mound and we found ourselves in a big-league situation with 2 out and bases loaded and their 3-hole hitter up. A loud crack and our hearts in mouths they managed to land a hit over RF and score three runs, followed up with a panicked throwing error and the leading run to score in the same play. This had us 7-6 down in fading light in the top of the 6th. In true fighting Tiger style, the team gave it their best and put the Melbourne closer under pressure, managing to load the bases with two outs. Unfortunately for us, the pitcher won this battle and we lost the game.

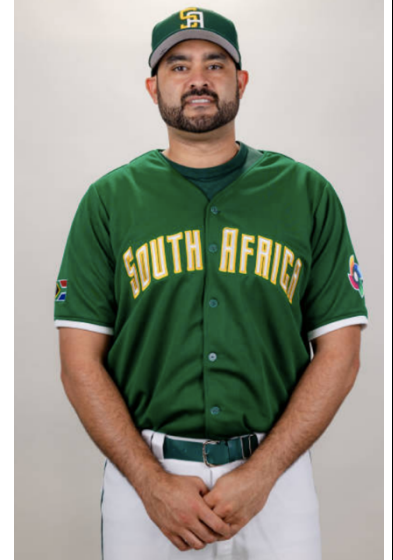
Congratulations to the tied MVP winners Ian Birchwood (Disco) and Michael Oxworth. Punishing bad pitching all summer was Michael Oxworth taking out the batting award with a .649 average. Finals player award went to Michael Yule who lit the torch in the first final and set the tone for the team over the two finals games. TIGERS award goes to Steven Maggs a great effort all these years in building this team and will be missed by all who have played with him.

Huge thanks for Amanda Dean for scoring for the team all season, much appreciated. Thanks to Laurie Hurley for providing the meals for the home games. Thanks to Steven Maggs, without this guy this team could have folded a few years ago. Maggs' was instrumental in building a team focused on fun, neither a win or loss mattered as we always had a beer post-game. Thanks to all the past players who have been involved with the Masters Gold team over the past 8 seasons, we grinded out many years of not winning a game, being smashed by 10+ runs in back to back weeks, playing games without pitchers, playing games with eight players to building a team that has a lot of potential to win a couple of flags. I am looking forward to returning next summer and going one better.

Travis Jenkins

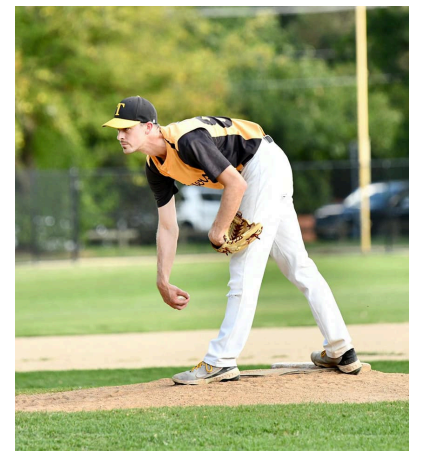
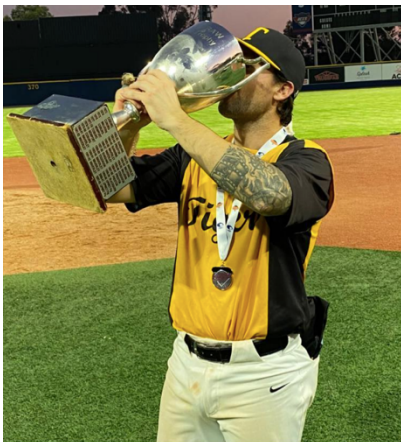
REPRESENTATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS SENIOR & JUNIOR

INTERNATIONAL (SENIOR)



Through their selection to the South Africa squad, in pre-season, brothers Donovan and Josh Hendricks travelled to Germany aiming to qualify for the 2023 World Baseball Classic. South Africa played Spain and Germany with Great Britain taking ultimately attaining qualification.

Australian Baseball League (ABL)



Continual hard work and dedication to improving your game was central to Justin Turner and Wade McConnon receiving opportunity at the highest level of professional domestic Baseball within Australia. Both players were called up to the Melbourne Aces roster this season, which was a change for Wade as in 2020 & 2021 his appearances were with the Adelaide Giants.

VICTORIA & INTERNATIONAL COACHING

Simon Ratcliffe remains busy as always. His commitment to coaching within the game from Grassroots through to National competition means his face is not only seen within Victoria, but also Interstate. This year Simon took it one step further, earning himself the opportunity to coach internationally. Simon's representative coaching roles this year have included,

- Eastern Athletics. Senior League – State and National Championship winning coach
- Australia (AKA Eastern Athletics) – Senior League World Series. Easley. South Carolina
- Victoria. U16 & 18 – Silver and Bronze medallist.



SENIOR LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

Upwey FTG as good as created a family affair throughout the 2022 Senior League pathway. Our club provided four players, a Head Coach, Executive Officer, and Scorer within the team's make up. Ash Geary-Smith, Ethan Jenkins, Ryder Wilson, and Jack Ratcliffe made up the playing side, whilst Simon Ratcliffe performed coach, Mark Wilson performed Executive Officer, and Belinda Ratcliffe headed up scoring.

Having secured both State and Australian National Championship titles, the squad travelled to Easley, South Carolina to compete at the Senior League World Series. Our representatives did our club proud, securing wins against Guam and Canada, ultimately finishing 5th in the World in a tightly fought loss against Latin America in the International Semi-Final bracket.



L-R: SIMON RATCLIFFE (COACH), JACK RATCLIFFE, RYDER WILSON, ETHAN JENKINS, ASHLEY GEARY-SMITH
NOT PICTURED - BELINDA RATCLIFFE (SCORER), MARK WILSON (EO)

AUSTRALIA – NATIONAL & SHADOW SQUAD



Having achieved MVP status at the U16 Australian Youth Championships, Jack Ratcliffe achieved Australian selection and travelled to New Zealand to compete at the qualification stage for the U18 World Cup. Playing a central position within the squad, he helped secure Australia's World Cup qualification, commencing 31st August, 2023.

Having both been selected into the Victorian U18 squad, Ryder Wilson and Jack Ratcliffe travelled to Brisbane in January to compete in the Australian Youth Championships. Jack continued

his run of great performances, earning straight entry into the 2023 National Squad. Ryder Wilson's pitching performance across this tournament resulted in him being placed in the 2023 National Shadow Squad. Both players are currently showcasing themselves, attempting to secure final squad positions for selection to the final 2023 U18 World Cup squad.



VICTORIA

Three players achieved selection for our State over the past summer. Billie McCulloch was selected as a member of the U14 squad, and Ryder Wilson and Jack Ratcliffe were selected at both U16 & U18 level. All played at the Australian Youth Championships.

Billie McCulloch was an important member of the Victorian U14 State team, so much so, her talents got noticed and she earned selection into the Victorian Youth Women's team, proceeding to represent Victoria at the Australian Women's Baseball Championship.

At club level, Billie was awarded the Earle Embrey Scholarship due to her dedication, talent, and good spirit both on and off the baseball field. Congratulations, Billie in being named as the inaugural winner of this award. You

have shaped the expectations of all those who follow in your wake.

VICTORIAN YOUTH WOMEN'S STATE TEAM
#21 - BILLIE MCCULLOCH
 NICKNAME: Bill
 POSITION: Catcher
 FAVOURITE TEAM: San Francisco Giants
 FAVOURITE BASEBALL MEMORY: Making the team.
 FUN FACT: I made VIC for softball 2020.
 MOST EXCITED FOR AT #AYWC2023: The experience and new friends.



U16 Victoria 2022 Australian Youth Championship. Silver
 U18 Victoria 2023 Australian Youth Championship. Bronze

School Sport Victoria



Jack Ratcliffe achieved Victorian selection within the School Sport Victoria squad. In May, he travelled to Lismore, NSW helping secure a Bronze medal. Jack's contribution throughout this tournament earned him the Golden Glove and selection into the All Australian Schoolboy squad. Jack will now travel to New York in March 2024 to represent Australia at the Schoolboys World Championship.

U18 Victorian School Boys 2023 Nationals. Bronze.
All Australian ShortStop and Gold Glove Award.

Victoria Charter (Rangers)

Summer Charter baseball endured multiple modifications on how teams were stack together, resulting in our club moving (together with Waverley) to the newly established Rangers Charter. Despite the hurdles, the level of organisation during try-outs, training and on tournament days was outstanding. Rangers Charter was the envy of all: from stickers for helmets to well-organised logistics and compliant teams taking on the field.

With a need to be self-sufficient away from Baseball Victoria resources, we can say that the Rangers Charter was perhaps the most successful charter across all the 2023 State Championships by:

- Fielding teams in every single level, incl. 2 teams in Little League Minors (only two charters recruited enough players to do this).
- Having Rangers LL Minors Blue winning the State Championship.
- Having Rangers LL Development getting into the Grand Final and end up Runner-Ups.
- Having Rangers Intermediate clinching a spot in Nationals.
- Having Rangers Junior winning the State Championship.

As of our UFTG Tigers representation, we fielded a big contingency of junior players and coaches across all levels, with a total of 18 players and 2 coaches.

LL Development: Tate Sadler, Tyler Van Nugteren, Patrick Lane

LL Minors Blue: AJ Gay, Oscar Monagas Convit, Sebastian Bangs, Joshua and Jake Rice, Carter McGowan

LL Minors Red: Leigh Yule, Noah Moffitt, Charlie and Cooper Kristoff, Jayden Sambell

Senior League: Ryder Wilson. Assistant Coach

UFTG Tigers representing the 2023 Little League Rangers



AJ, Oscar, Sebastian, Josh, Jake, Carter and Coach Oscar celebrating the LL Minors pennant.

UFTG Tigers representing the 2023 Intermediate Rangers



Matthew Brache, Jiah Cosgrave and Lachlan Smith

UFTG Tigers representing the 2023 Junior Rangers



Daniel celebrating the pennant with his teammates and coaches



2022/23 AWARD WINNERS

JUNIORS

U/18 - STATE LEAGUE

MVP – Jack Ratcliffe

HITTING – Jack Ratcliffe

TIGER – Ash Geary-Smith

BEST FINALS PLAYER – Ryder Wilson & Jack Ratcliffe

U/14 STATE LEAGUE

MVP – Archie Hooper

HITTING – Billie McCulloch

TIGER – Matthew Brache

U/14 METRO LEAGUE

MVP – Eloise Holden

HITTING – Aston Denman

TIGER – Hayley Mather & Noel Mather

U/12 METRO A & B

METRO A MVP – Axl Denman

METRO A TIGER – Noah Moffitt & Oscar Monagas Convit

METRO B WHITE MVP – Louis Meban

METRO B WHITE TIGER – Charlie Kristof

METRO B YELLOW MVP – Jack Woods

METRO B YELLOW TIGER – Archie Griffiths

METRO BLACK MVP – Jayden Sambell

METRO BLACK TIGER – Owen Johnson

PERPETUAL AWARD WINNERS

SYD WATERS – Ryder Wilson & Jack Ratcliffe

MICHAEL SNOXELL – Jack Ratcliffe

JOHN WILLIAMS – Ash Geary-Smith

JUNIOR CLUBMAN – Heather Denman & Bel Sadler

SENIOR CLUBMAN – Brad Gawith

EARLE EMBREY SCHOLARSHIP – Billie McCulloch

2022/23 AWARD WINNERS

SENIORS

VSBL

MVP -Jarrod Turner

DIV 1. 1STS

MVP – Harvey Chinn

HITTING AWARD – Andrew Kane

TIGER AWARD – Joshua Hendricks

BEST FINALS PLAYER – Wade McConnon & Jarrod Turner

DIV 1. 2NDS

MVP -Rydge Hogan

HITTING AWARD – Justin Swanston

TIGER AWARD – Matt Cameron

BEST FINALS PLAYER – Sean Meldrum

DIV 1. 3RDS

MVP -Ash Geary-Smith & Harry Snoxell

HITTING AWARD – Will Yon

TIGER AWARD – Daniel Smith

BEST FINALS PLAYER – Stephen Johnson

DIV 1. 4THS

MVP -Don McGrath
HITTING AWARD – Paul Sadler
TIGER AWARD – Mark Livingston
BEST FINALS PLAYER – Russell Jeffery

DIV 4. BLACK

MVP -Steve Maggs
HITTING AWARD – Daniel Williams
TIGER AWARD – Blake Halupecki

DIV 4. GOLD

MVP – Damien Sharp
HITTING AWARD – Damien Sharp
TIGER AWARD – Bryan McGowan

DIV 3. WOMEN'S

MVP – Sally Light
HITTING AWARD – Sally Light
TIGER AWARD – Elinor Jack
BEST FINALS PLAYER – Chelsea Moseby

MASTERS BLACK

MVP – Paul Sadler
HITTING AWARD – Paul O'Halloran
TIGER AWARD – Will Keys

MASTERS GOLD

MVP – Ian Birchwood & Michael Oxworth
HITTING AWARD – Michael Oxworth
TIGER AWARD – Steven Maggs
BEST FINALS PLAYER – Michael Yule

PLAYERS OF UPWEY FTG BASEBALL CLUB

SEASON 2022-2023

Victoria Chinn - April Friend - Wesley Dejong - Bryan McGowan - Jacob Rice - Ryan Bretel - AJ Gay - Nick Thomas - Alia Friend - Bailey Hoey - Noah Toplis - Scott Dean - Justin Swanton - Elinor Jack - Hugo Fox - Bryan McGowan - Curtis Johnson - Jessica McDonald - Staci Rogers - Jonah Weiler - Tate Sadler - Byron Smith - Joshua Rice - Scott Embrey - Blake Halupecki - Leigh Yule - Hudson Kristof - Daniel Smith - Ben Casey - Matt Richardson - Riley Williams - Riley Light - Chris Lind - William Richardson - Russell Jeffery - Dwain Richardson - Harrison Snoxell - Landon Jenkins - Sean Meldrum - Vanessa Thompson - Tim Young - Dylan Rynberk - Michael Oxworth - Daniel Williams - David Quick - Hunter John - Noah Toplis - AJ Gay - Ryder Wilson - Harvey Chinn - Kaelin Banner - Donavon Hendricks - Thomas O'Halloran - Charlie Kristof - Axl Denman - Tristan Mealey - Will Keys - Jiah Cosgrave - William Watt - Mitchell John - Stephen Williams - James Hubbard - Tarquin Booth - Ashley Ito - Neil Castle - Ewan John - Jayden Sambell - Andrew Schmidt - Sean Talbot - Dominic McGrath - Louis Meban - William Yon - Carter McGowan - Sally Light - Peter Yakimov - Archie Griffiths - Wade McConnon - Claire Williams - Marc Livingston - Michael Yule - Caitlin Kiel - Hayley Mather - Landon Jenkins - Gwennie Shorland-Hooper - Lachlan Smith - Chris Chalmers - Aidan Jamieson - Will Jones - Warrick McManus - Steve Mills - Shane DeYoung - Joshua Hendricks - Declan Cotter - Jack Ratcliffe - Oscar Monagas Convit - Ian Birchwood - Cooper Kristof - Max James - Chelsea Mosbey - Cassandra O'Neill - Hannah Rynberk - Aston Denman - Oliver Heathcote - Jarrod Turner - Edward Beard - Robbie Yates - Adam Hill - Taleah Duff - Monty Zylinski - Billie McCulloch - Brad Hubbard - Sophie Aledo-Cunningham - Noah Panna - Oscar Monagas Del Nogal - Ashley Geary-Smith - Aiden Reid - Miles Winton - Christopher Dean - Brendan Ratcliffe - Noah Mather - Mark Jones - Manning Davison - Jacob Smith - Simon Ratcliffe - Lotus Li - Ben Casey - Riley Skillern - Finley Shorland-Hooper - Marika Booth - Richard Ferguson - Sean O'Halloran - Shaun Irvine - Chris Williams - Matthew Brache - Stephen Johnson - Tamika Brooks - Andrew Kane - Rydge Hogan - Luke Allridge - Chase Allen - Brad Gawith - Hugo Aledo-Cunningham - Matthew Cameron - Damien Sharp - Travis Jenkins - Patrick Gawith - Oscar Monagas Del Nogal - Randy Senn - Noah Moffitt - Benjamin Morgan - Jude Thompson - Nicholas Rice - Owen Johnson - Matthew Smith - James Hubbard - Patrick Lane - Jackson Hill - Kole Halupecki - Callum Dyer - Sebastian Bangs - Bryn Harvey - Archie Shorland-Hooper - Sue Powell - Keeley Ronalds-Greatbatch - Corey Everitt - Glenn Archer - Fausto Gallego - Zienna McCulloch - Jordan Elliott - Harvey Chinn - Riley Johnson - Samuel Zsiga - Tyler van Nugteren - Steven Maggs - Anthony Theodorou - Jack Woods - Christian Reid - Paul Sadler - Anthony Neal - Reeve Sadler - Jhett John - Will Jones - Nate Bugeja - Peter Schroeders



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WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU.

THANK YOU.

CLUB SONG

Cheer, Cheer for Upwey baseball
Shake down the rafters
All through the hall

Send a mighty cheer O'High
Echo like thunder through the sky

Although the odds be great or be small
Upwey will triumph
Win overall

While our hearty teams are marching
Onward to victory!!