



TOMATO TALK

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB

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A1

Frankston 8 lost to Dandenong 12

Highlights: With only 4 'A' Graders from last year, a new look Tomatoes hit the field on a glorious day at the rah rahs but ended in disappointment with a 12-8 loss. With the rah rahs living up to their reputation especially behind the dish, the new look Tomatoes got off to a great start with 2 in the first. With Barfo on the mound and struggling with a tight zone, Dandy hit straight back with 3 of their own, from there it swung back and forth for a couple of innings then trouble started. On the back of an inning ending regulation double play that ended up nearly taking the head off 'Kevin', things only got worse when the coach put one down on the very next play. From there we lost our way for a couple of innings, but in the end we couldn't back up our pitchers in the field. I felt we lost the game they didn't win it, as we were more aggressive at the plate and too aggressive on the bases. The guys battled manfully until the last batter and we were never out of the game. Well done to Sneakaway, Blaux and Smyles on representing Victoria at the recent Australian Provincial Series in Perth.

Won 0 - Lost 1

Jonesy



A2

Frankston 3 lost to Dandenong 10

Hits: 1 - Tim Hanson, Thor Knight, Chris Love, Chris Wilson, Nick Veale.

Pitching: Stuart Brunton (4 runs) & Cody Wilson (6 runs)

Highlights: A new look A Reserve team took to the park at Dandenong on Saturday for the traditional start of season battle. We were missing a few from last year's Premiership team but the new faces of Nick Veale, Gareth Corcoran, Chris Wilson, Thor Knight and Ant Richards weren't lacking any enthusiasm or endeavor as the game got going! Lovey made a late but impressive

entrance picking up everything at third base and Stuart Brunton worked his magic on the hill. The new younger looking reserves will have to play well this season to be competitive and the game against Dandenong was a good insight in what we have to achieve this year if we want to continue with our success. Thank you to all those that made the effort to play on the weekend and that continue to make the effort. The Club is short a few players at the moment so fielding senior teams is an achievable challenge if everyone continues to help out. On field performances will improve as the season rolls on and with six teams in our competition I've no doubt we will be thereabouts come finals time! Bonbeach this weekend at the Patch, good luck to all the teams.

Won 0 - Lost 1

Tim



A3

Frankston 8 lost to Bonbeach 11

Hits: 3 - A. Jones (inc 2B), R. Davis (inc 2B). 2 - R. Clarke (inc 2B), M. Anderton. 1- D. Halls, R. Anderton, B. Tkalcevic.

Pitching: R. Clarke 6IP 9H 3K 6BB 8ER
M. Anderton 3IP 3H 4K 1 ER

Highlights: A beautiful autumn day greeted the traditional rivals for opening day down at the Patch. The crowds had gathered as word had gotten around that Frankston stalwart, Derbs was making a comeback. After looking splendid at second base making a couple of great plays and picking a walk with his first at-bat the comeback was short, when attempting to take off from second base the right hand grabbed at the back of the right leg, his day was over (also Jonesy had arrived by then so it was 'hit the showers Derbs'). The make up of the A3 team was a bit different from last year with the typical first round absentees in the higher grades, filtering down the lists. A highlight was the inclusion of Benny T, a young player just out of juniors, doing an amazing job at leftfield, running down everything and nearly pulling off a couple of fly's that would have set the crowd alight. Bonbeach came to play and certainly had the bats going early belting three home runs, (one due to the dubious placing of the leftfield cones), but our guys hung in there and it turned out to be a close

fought game, with us being a real chance of stealing the win until an unlucky infield fly call in the bottom of the 9th and the ensuing base running confusion that it caused. A huge thanks to Derbs and Sal for filling in to help us make up the numbers. Great effort by Rusty and Ando on the hill hanging in there against a good batting side, Gibbo did a great job behind the dish for 9 innings when he's probably only used to going 5 or so. Great job also by Jonesy whose pre-season consisted of arriving late after driving back from Bright from holidays, scoffing down a hot dog, getting changed then belting a double! Hopefully now the sides can start to settle down and we can get into our rhythm and try to get a couple of wins on the board. Thanks to all those that helped on Sunday.

Won 0 - Lost 1

Davo



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A4

Frankston 8 lost to Bonbeach 15

Hits: 3 - SeanO. 2 - Nick Cross (inc 3B), Brent Hura (inc 2B). 1 - Michael O'H, Fiona Glover.

Pitching: Michael O'H 5.1IP 11H 2K 0BB 15RS 3ER
 Sean O'H 1.2IP 3H 3K 0BB 0RS 0ER

Highlights: The A4 boys began their title defence with a Sunday fixture against perennial rivals Bonbeach down at the Patch. With a string of retirements, injuries, unavailables and promotions to the higher sides, the team would have a very different look about it for round 1. With a couple of new players, several of the U16's and a few of the Tomatoettes helping out to form a side, we took the field and 2009 was underway. 2008 league MVP Scoop started well on the mound shutting down the Bluejays lineup whilst our hitters put 4 runs on the board. Alas it was not to last, 6 months of summer rust started to take its toll as the Bluejays caught up, passed us and went on with the game coming out 15 to 8 winners. We played pretty well at the start and finished the game well, but we just lost our way in the middle part of the game. We'll be much better for the run though. Thanks to all those who put their hand up to help us out by suiting up. A bye faces us this week and then it's back to the Patch looking for our first win, hopefully with a side that resembles something a little closer to our best.

Won - Lost 1

SeanO

UNDER 16 BLACK

Frankston Black 4 lost to Dandenong 16

Hits: 2 - Nick Cross (inc 3B), 1 - Mat Dyer.

Pitching: Nick Cross 3IP
 Ben McEvoy 2IP

Highlights: For our first game together we played Dandenong which has teamed up with Berwick to field a U16 side. Unfortunately they had a gun pitcher who was a bit quick for our guys this early in the season. All the guys had a go when in the batters box and will be better off next week for the experience. Sam Burham had a day out in the field with a great 'this is going over his head' catch at centrefield, he then moved to thirdbase to show everybody some infield touch with some great outs. Three new players had their first run in the Tomato uniform, Will, Ben and Scott all held their own and did the team proud. Scott scoring one of our (few) runs, had the capacity crowd lifting the roof off Dandy stadium.

Won 0 - Lost 1

Peter



UNDER 16 RED

Frankston Red 4 lost to Mornington 6

We have two U16 sides this year and Frankston Red is the 'junior' side with some of the younger players who are in their first year of 16s and a couple of Under 14 players as well, so we know we have a big task ahead of us this year. Especially when we face Mornington, whose starting pitcher is about 6ft tall and throws pretty hard. To our guys credit we gave them a run for their money. After being blown away in the batting box for the first two digs we fought hard in the field, with some great pitching by Martin O'Connor who went five digs and relieved well by Matty O'Connor for the balance. Highlights in the field was a great fly by Tom Davis at second base and some heads up out fielding by Ken Pellosis resulting in a great out at second. Chris M started the offensive recovery by pulling a walk and then put the pressure on them with some aggressive base running, Josh Jones belted a line drive which advanced the runner and showed our guys that if you just concentrated on contact you could put pressure on the fielding team and anything could happen. Matty O'Connor then hit a double and we were on our way. Unfortunately we just ran out of time to put any more runs on the board. A great first up effort with the guys showing a positive attitude. Keep up the good work guys. Special mention to Davey Bonnell for his work behind the plate and in the batters box and leading the troops as all good catchers do. We have no game this week due to Anzac day. Special thanks to Marko, Rod, Sal, Matty, Pete Cross, Titta and Annette for making sure Robbie's Rd was good to play on and the canteen up and running. It is a great venue and it was great to have two junior games at once. Thanks also to Phil and Sara for their help. Let's keep training hard and keep up the positive attitude and we will win games.

Won 0 - Lost 1

Davo

UNDER 12

Frankston 19 defeated Dingley 1

Won 1 - Lost 0

Russell

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2009

Membership and subscriptions are **now due** and payable to Rod Burt (Treasurer). Game selection preference will be given to financial players. Take advantage of the savings by paying before 13 June! See the clubroom notice board for fees payable.

NEWS

- We have just been informed by the Association that the laws regarding Anzac Day were changed in June 2008 and the **Juniors** can't play this Saturday without special permission so **this weeks (25 April) Junior Competition is cancelled**. We apologise for the late notice - I think someone at the DBA made a boo boo!

Next Game - 25 April 2009

A1	A2	A3	A4
v	v	v	v
Bonbeach	Bonbeach	Dingley	Bye
Home - 2.15pm - Sat	Home - 12pm - Sat	Away - 2.15pm - Sat	
UNDER 12	UNDER 16 BLACK	UNDER 16 RED	
v	v	v	
No Game	No Game	No Game	