

# MOORABBIN BASEBALL CLUB

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## FIRSTS

*Doncaster (14) def Moorabbin (5)*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	T
<b>MBC</b>	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	5
<b>Don</b>	0	0	4	0	5	2	0	3	-	14

### Hits

2 – B. Laux, T. Williams (RBI)

1 – J. Ward, S. Wolfe, J. Isbister, A. Dewar (RBI)

### Pitching

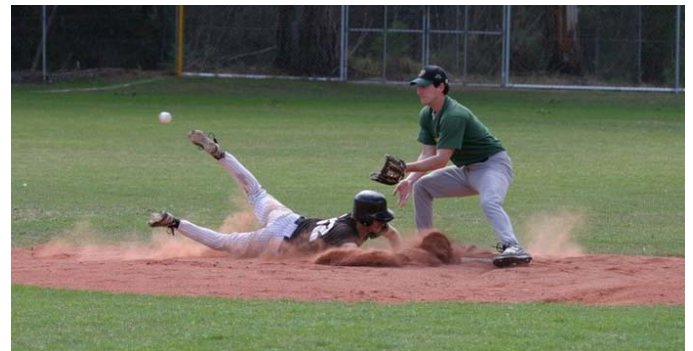
Name	Inn	H	R	ER	SO
A Dewar	4	9	7	5	6
G Snow	1.1	2	4	4	1
B Laux	2.1	2	3	1	2

Moorabbin jumped out of the box with in the first innings with the first two hitters reaching base however with runners at first and third & none out we couldn't capitalise. However, in the second the hitters continued to take control & with the Doncaster pitcher struggling for control Moorabbin scored with two out thanks to a solid hit to left field by Tim Williams which easily scored Lochy Renwick and Ben "The Tank" Laux took out the catcher at home to cause the ball to spill and also scored.

Moorabbin again scored in the third as the Doncaster walked a run in and Moorabbin took what looked to be a commanding 3-0 lead against the only undefeated Division 2 team. However, in the bottom of the third a two out blooper that fell between second base & rightfield gave

Doncaster the start they needed following up with back to back hits scoring 4 runs and taking the lead.

In the top of the fifth Andrew Dewar drove in Scott Wolfe who reached on a long ball triple which was inches away from becoming an error home run, only saved by the 3foot leaping catch by the 7foot Doncaster pitcher.



Picture of the week – Round 4

Photo – C Renwick

But proving why they are the top team Doncaster came out in the bottom of the fifth scoring five. Andrew Dewar who pitched well up until this point gave up a number of hits and 2 runs before Gareth Snow came into relieve. Unfortunately Doncaster with loaded bases produced a base clearing triple.

After this Gareth tried well in only his second appearance on the mound for the Moorabbin firsts and couldn't quite find his groove on the high Doncaster mound. The game deteriorated from there and after a very promising start the result was disappointing and shows that a sustained nine innings effort is required against the quality sides.

*Evan Williams*

## PAST & PRESENT PLAYERS DAY 2006

COME AND CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF THE PANTHERS!

SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2006

## SECONDS

### *Doncaster (7) def Moorabbin (5)*

Despite a few players being thrown by daylight savings, (boys its not a new thing!) Moorabbin started strongly scoring two runs in the first innings however with loaded bases and two outs the "blank" retired the side.

Doncaster quickly tied the score at 2 all in the bottom of the first. With a full nine to start the second innings Moorabbin again threatened with base runners but was unable to score.

In the fourth with two out Doncaster was unable to score two runs on an error. To Moorabbin's credit they fought back in the sixth and with loaded bases and none out they were able to tie the score however again left runners on base.

In the top of the seventh Moorabbin got the leadoff on but unfortunately couldn't manufacture a run so it was to the bottom of the seventh to try and tie the game.

James Watson who had thrown six strong digs got two quick outs with the curve ball finding the spot but the long stint on the hill was taking its toll and with no one in relief he was left to soldier on. After some tuff calls the next two batters walked and then a hard shot to leftfield scored two walk off runs for Doncaster.

The team has played well despite only one win and ability to reduce errors will see the seconds win more than they lose.

*Evan Williams*

## THIRDS

### *First four rounds in review*

After our 1st up win the thirds have continued on the good form. The second game at Fitzroy had us with a change or two as per our style and a Fitzroy opposition with many new faces after their year in Div 1. We had an umpire who advised us before the game he has a "liberal" strike zone - with that comment ringing in our ears we took to the field.

The first two innings failed to produce any score and in the top of the 3rd the Panthers opened the account to put on 3 runs. With the ageing battery holding control and Breen showing signs of form we thought long gone we held Fitzroy to one run in the fourth dig, The 5th and 6th innings saw us add another four runs through disciplined batting against a "liberal" strike zone. Fitzroy continued to

threaten to chase us down Gav (Neil to some) on the mound battled against the "liberal" strike zone and the field backed him up with fine defence. Another good team effort with Jack Waltham standing out for his batting and Breen in the field and the old blokes battery looking like they are still in their twenties.

Week 3 we ventured to Pt Melb in what has become a tradition. At 12.45 we had nine players and we appeared not to have an opposition with a couple of players wandering into the club house. News filtered back that Port could be in a bit of trouble fielding a team with 8 names on selection board and one was scrubbed out so that left 7. Then we saw players jump in cars and overhearing that the Port 2nds were short we were beginning to wonder if we would have a game. Just on 1 they found a couple of players from the street, one from the local takeaway and we had a game to play.

Dougo started to make up teams rules which changed throughout the day. The Pres/coach scored in a uniform from 1946 (we think it was Jack's) and in what ended up a excellent % boost for us we came away with a win. Jack Waltham continued his hitting form, Douglas line-driven a home run off the left field fence rail (lucky bounce over rather than back into play). Gav is showing signs of Claxton Shield form on the mound and his swing just keeps on and the only bloke not to get a hit was Vealey



Week 4 back home, and our old foes Doncaster. The Imlach Family came to play (pity Ryan was in the 2's) and Jack just wouldn't put a uniform on. A rousing chorus of Happy Birthday for the Pres from the hordes of supporters. Gav took the mound and Mal at the plate the battery was 98 years old and the infield was made up of the young over 40's.

As has become the standard of our games against Doncaster they came out hitting and with the "drought" obviously effecting the ground and our gloves a fumble here and there saw Doncaster open with a couple of runs. The Imlach Panthers bounced back with Vealey being hit in the head from the 2nd pitch from the Doncaster hurler. We were on our way to claw back the lead with good pitch selection we scored 3. As the game progressed Doncaster always threaten to score and we managed to hold them scoreless for a couple of digs while we managed to produce a couple more runs to continue to stretch our lead (which should have been bigger if the Doncaster shortstop knew where to field Rob Imlach was robbed of a base hit and at least 2 rbi's).

Doncaster picked up a couple of more runs and we went into the last with a 5 run lead which should have been enough, but as has happened in the past the Doncaster boys rallied with a few hits to tie the score.

With runners in scoring position, two out and Nic Imlach at the plate we were poised to be 4 wins. Nic scorched the ball and in any other game it would have scored the winning run. Alas Doncaster failed to tell shortstop where he should have been fielding and he ended the game with a catch.

Highlights:

- Pres turned 50 Happy Birthday!
- Mal Imlach, Rob Imlach, Nic Imlach, Chris Imlach on the team sheet and playing
- Gav still pitching in Claxton Shield form
- Dougo killing runners at second base on pick off plays
- Mal gunning runners stealing
- Breen turning a routine triple into a comfortable single then stealing 2nd and 3rd
- Vealey being hit in the head and body by the Doncaster pitcher and only just missing on his third attempt
- Stuart Mill taking the field after a prolonged injury absence

Greg Veale

## U/15 Girls



On Saturday 28 October the much talked about u/15 Girls comp got under way and in the 60<sup>th</sup> year of the Moorabbin panthers another piece of history was created.

6 young ladies ventured to Pt Melbourne under doubtful skies to embark on their first game. Supported by parents, brothers and Kathy Voyer and Greg Veale to provide, what some might describe, as coaching

## Annual Christmas Raffle!!

Donations are now being accepted at the canteen, or alternately contact Elizabeth Williams (9553 1914) to arrange pick up for larger items.

Your generosity of toys, vouchers, Christmas goodies etc are much appreciated with all proceeds going directly to the club.

## Make sure you check out...

[www.mastersgames.com.au](http://www.mastersgames.com.au)

**David Wood, Ross Cooen and Greg Veale are competing in the Pan Pacific Masters games with the Valley Power in the 40+ competition.**

**Good luck guys!!!!**

Our inagrual team was:

Jess Gannon	Jenn Aarons
Stef Bottrell	Jacinta Botrell
Shelby Jeal	Zoe Veale

Although we were completely out played by a much older and more experienced Werribbee side (they have 3 girls who have been at State trials) we had a lot to show. Jacinta was on the mound and we held them scoreless for the first couple of dings then we managed to score two runs to be leading and the smiles all a round grew.

With glimpses of brilliance from Jess, Stef, Shelby and Zoe and Jenn behind the plate we have a team which in time will be very good baseballers.

This week the comp is played at Moorabbin and the girls would be thrilled to have some Panther support. They will also be featured at the Past & Present Players Day on 18 November.

If you would like to see some young people having fun it is the place to be

Greg Veale

**ARE YOU CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?**

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**UMPIRING ROSTER**

Date	Day	Time	Umpire
3/11/2006	Friday	6.30pm	John Isbister
5/11/2006	Sunday	9am	Gareth Snow
10/11/2006	Friday	6.30pm	Ken Douglas
12/11/2006	Sunday	9am	Jack Waltham
17/11/2006	Friday	6.30pm	Ben Laux
19/11/2006	Sunday	9am	Lachlan Renwick
24/11/2006	Friday	6.30pm	Greg Curry
26/11/2006	Sunday	9.00am	Evan Williams
1/12/2006	Friday	6.30pm	Rob Imlach
3/12/2006	Sunday	9am	Gavan Taylor
8/12/2006	Friday	6.30pm	Rick Porter
10/12/2006	Sunday	9am	Gary Douglas
15/12/2006	Friday	6.30pm	Mal Imlach
17/12/2006	Sunday	9am	Tim Williams

If you are unable to make your rostered date, please contact Greg Curry on 0412 236 164.

If you have any news, views or reviews you would like published in the next edition of the newsletter, please send your submission to [moorabbin\\_panthers@hotmail.com](mailto:moorabbin_panthers@hotmail.com).

**KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Saturday, 18 November 2006**  
 Past & Present Players Day

**Saturday, 16 December 2006**  
 MBC Christmas Party!

**Sunday, 17 December 2006**  
 Last game before Christmas break

**Sunday, 14 January 2007**  
 Seniors resume after Christmas break

**Sunday, 25 February 2007**  
 Last game for Seconds, Thirds, Fourths

**Saturday, 3 March 2007**  
 Last game for Div 1, 2, 3 Firsts

**Sunday, 18 March 2007**  
 Grand Finals for Seconds, Thirds, Fourths

**Sunday, 25 March 2007**  
 Grand Final for Div 1, 3, 3 Firsts



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## SENIOR LADDERS

## Div 2 - Round 4, 29 Oct 2006

Team	P	W	L	D	Bye	For	Ag	Pts	Pct
Doncaster	4	4	0			27	9	8	750
Cheltenham	4	3	1			27	14	6	659
Upwey Ferntree Gully	4	3	1			25	16	6	610
Mulgrave	4	2	2			30	16	4	652
Fitzroy	4	2	2			19	15	4	559
Moorabbin	4	2	2			16	18	4	471
Preston	4	0	4			17	42	0	288
Port Melbourne	4	0	4			5	36	0	122

## Div 2 Res - Round 4, 29 Oct 2006

Team	P	W	L	D	Bye	For	Ag	Pts	Pct
Mulgrave	4	3	0	1		45	14	7	763
Cheltenham	4	3	1			27	11	6	711
Upwey Ferntree Gully	4	2	0	2		29	15	6	659
Doncaster	4	2	1	1		18	17	5	514
Fitzroy	4	2	2			26	18	4	591
Moorabbin	4	1	3			23	28	2	451
Preston	4	1	3			14	26	2	350
Port Melbourne	4	0	4			15	68	0	181

## Div 2 Thirds - Round 4, 29 Oct 2006

Team	P	W	L	D	Bye	For	Ag	Pts	Pct
Cheltenham	4	4	0			73	9	8	890
Moorabbin	4	3	0	1		45	17	7	726
Mulgrave	4	3	1			44	23	6	657
Fitzroy	4	3	1			30	16	6	652
Upwey Ferntree Gully	4	1	3			32	28	2	533
Preston	4	1	3			19	43	2	307
Doncaster	4	0	3	1		21	44	1	323
Port Melbourne	4	0	4			6	90	0	63

## Div 2 Fourths - Round 4, 29 Oct 2006

Team	P	W	L	D	Bye	For	Ag	Pts	Pct
Doncaster	4	4	0			57	23	8	713
Fitzroy	4	3	1			49	22	6	690
Cheltenham	4	3	1			46	32	6	590
Mulgrave	4	2	2			40	31	4	563
Upwey Ferntree Gully	4	2	2			32	37	4	464
Moorabbin	4	2	2			26	32	4	448
Port Melbourne	4	0	4			18	62	0	225
Preston	4	0	4			13	48	0	213

## JUNIOR LADDERS

## UNDER 18 STATE LEAGUE

	GP	W	L	D	BYE	FOR	AGST	WIN %
Waverley	2	2	0	0	1	22	5	1.000
Werribee	2	2	0	0	1	12	5	1.000
Cheltenham	3	2	0	1	0	21	4	0.833
Melbourne	3	1	0	2	0	18	16	0.667
Fitzroy	2	1	1	0	1	12	5	0.500
Newport/Sunshine	3	1	1	1	0	17	17	0.500
Geelong	3	1	1	1	0	14	14	0.500
Upwey FTG	3	1	2	0	0	16	21	0.333
Bonbeach/Moorabbin	3	1	2	0	0	13	25	0.333
Essendon	3	0	2	1	0	8	21	0.167
Preston	3	0	3	0	0	11	31	0.000

## UNDER 14 METRO EAST

	GP	W	L	D	BYE	FOR	AGST	WIN %
Waverley	1	1	0	0	1	21	2	1.000
Upwey FTG	1	1	0	0	1	18	5	1.000
Bonbeach	2	2	0	0	0	40	15	1.000
Springvale/Haileybury	2	2	0	0	0	31	13	1.000
Berwick Blue	2	2	0	0	0	17	10	1.000
Cheltenham	2	1	1	0	0	37	20	0.500
Doncaster	2	1	1	0	0	24	18	0.500
Melbourne	2	1	1	0	0	21	19	0.500
Malvern	1	0	1	0	0	8	16	0.000
Blackburn	2	0	2	0	0	15	39	0.000
Berwick Grey	2	0	2	0	0	11	45	0.000
Moorabbin B	2	0	2	0	0	4	44	0.000
Moorabbin A	1	0	1	0	0	0	9	0.000

## U/15 Girls - Round 1, 28 Oct 2006

Team	P	W	L	D	Bye	For	Ag	Pts	Pct
Essendon/Doncaster	1	1	0			18	1	2	947
Werribee	1	1	0			22	3	2	880
Moorabbin	1	0	1			3	22	0	120
Port Melbourne	1	0	1			1	18	0	53