

Castle Hill Softball Club Inc.

Squeeze Play

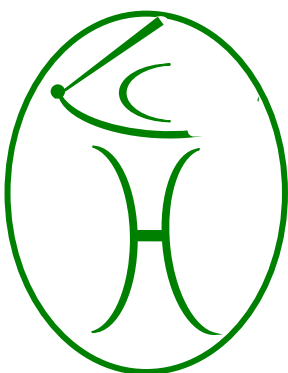


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If you are rostered on for an umpiring duty, please make sure you wear closed-in shoes and sign-on at the table outside the canteen at least 15 minutes prior to the game. Sign-on inside the canteen for canteen duties.

Failure to complete a duty may result in the club being fined.



Four success stories for Round 4!

Congratulations to our Men's Division 2 team for their first win of the season this week, our Mixed Division 3 team for their first taste of victory, and our Ladies B Grade and A Reserve teams who also walked away with wins! It was a very successful Round 4 for Castle Hill!

Next week for Round 5, all Saturday games are going to be held at International Peace Park (IPP), and the men will be playing at Blacktown International Sports Park (BISP) on Friday night. Please make note of any changes to game times and diamond allocations (emailed to you), and allow extra time before your games as the carpark will be even more chaotic than usual! That being said, because everyone will be playing at the same field this week, please take this opportunity to stay and/or come early to watch some of our other teams play. This is a great way to meet other people from the club!

To those of you who do not have a complete uniform at this point in the season - don't fret! We have been given permission from the CNSA to be out of uniform all season, as we redesign the shirts for next year. If anyone asks you about this on the Saturday, please let them know you have permission, or forward their queries to myself or another member of the Executive Committee.

For those who are interested, CNSA Representative nominations are now live on the CNSA website (for both players and officials). If you wish to trial for any of the CNSA Representative teams, please complete and submit the online application before the due date. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask either myself or email the CNSA Secretary direct at cnsasecretary@gmail.com.



This Week: 4-5 November 2016

Team	Game	Diamond	Duties	Plate
Men's Division 2	BISP Friday 7:30pm vs. Titans	2	Umpiring SG @ 9:00pm, Diamond 2	Aimee
Junior Boys Combo	IPP Saturday 11:00am vs. BYE	-		
Ladies B Grade	IPP Saturday 12:45pm vs. Phoenix	3		
Ladies A Reserve	IPP Saturday 12:45pm vs. Greystanes	5		
Mixed Division 3	IPP Saturday 2:15pm vs. Quakers Hill White	7		
Mixed Division 2	IPP Saturday 3:45pm vs. Cruisers	9		

Please Note: You must be 13 years or older to do an Umpiring or Canteen duty.

Match Reports

FRIDAY NIGHT GAME

Men's Division 2 vs. Cruisers Black

Win 10-6

MVP: Matthew Nicholls

What a fantastic game, and our first win of the season! After coming so close last week, it was really awesome to see everyone putting in 110% and coming away with the win!

Our fielding was on fire, and after they scored four runs in the first innings, we didn't let them score at all in the second and third, with only one apiece in the fourth and fifth. Rod had a blinder as pitcher, with Matt coming in at the end to finish off the game. Joseph once again had another great game behind the plate, teaming up with Allan at centre field and Matt at shortstop, to tag out the player running home and stopping what would have been a solo home run in the second dig. Our outfield team of Allan, Sabs, and Dante covered anything and everything that came their way, and teaming up with Matt and Mark at third base, Sean had an amazing game, putting out the lead runner at second base no less than five times over three innings!

We had a really sensible batting game, and I can see our base running improving every week! Honourable mentions with the bat literally go to everyone! But the best of each include: Bren (with two hits to deep left field), Joseph (a double to centre field that almost made the fence on the full), Matt (two great doubles to centre field), Allan (a single to centre field), Dante (a slammer through shortstop), Rod (a double to centre field - and he really did run to get there!), Mark (two hits to left field), and Sean (a rocket to shortstop, which the Cruisers fielder unfortunately picked up backwards!). We started out behind, but with such strong fielding innings, our run total slowly crept upwards, with one run in the first innings, three in the second, two in the third, and four in the fourth. We held them out right to time towards the end of the fifth inning, and congratulations everyone on such a great game! Hopefully we can pull it off again next week!



SATURDAY GAMES

Junior Boys Combo vs. Cruisers / Greystanes

Loss 14-8

With this week being the first round without the Zooka pitching machine, and live pitch for the whole game, the boys did a phenomenal job to come away with such a close score line against a very strong opposition. This week the team worked on their fielding; however, the batting game was the highlight, with some really great hits and great practice judging balls and strikes from a live pitch. Congratulations to all of the boys - we hear you are improving so much each week!!

Ladies B Grade vs. Eagles

Win 13-9

MVP: Kristy Camwell

This week, with only eight players, the coach made the decision to field first (but only due to the fact that we lost the toss!).

The first couple of Eagles batters made it on base, with a couple of good hits, before a great play by us with a fantastic relay from the outfield to get the tag at third base gave us our first out. A few encouraging words to Isabella at the pitchers plate was all she needed, as the next two batters were both struck out!



Zoe lead off the batting and came out swinging straight away with foul ball after foul ball, which unfortunately resulted in her eventually being called out. This was followed by the rest of the team who were also ready to bat, with safe hits to Laura, Isabella, Julie, Gina, and Kristy. More fine team batting by Caitlyn, Gabriella, and Zoe again, and we had seven runs across the plate!

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The opposition were hitting the ball well in the second innings and we did make a few errors in the field - but they were 'good' errors if there is even such a thing! The execution of the play was correct, but the skills process is still in the works. However, we did keep them to only six runs, and with loaded bases and none out we kept the seventh run from crossing with some excellent fielding defence.

In our second batting innings, Julie, Kristy, and Isabella all had singles, before great sacrifice plays by Caitlyn and Gabriella scored the runners. Taking the field again, the coach made the strange decision to bring all the players into the infield area in an attempt to secure the outs, leaving no one in the outfield. Of course, the first batter up hit a great triple - but 'stay with it' was the call from the dugout. The next batter hit a grounder to second base, with the throw to first securing the first out but allowing the runner on third to score. The next batter hit a few big foul balls that only just went wide of the line, before hitting a very high ball that was caught well by Gina at first base for the second out. The third out was also great - with open spaces available for the hitters, Isabella threw a wonderful change-up to strike out the batter!

Going into the bottom of the third innings, the instructions were 'no swinging until you have two strikes'. We were one run in front, and so we were trying to slow the game down, which is a complete opposite to what we normally do as a team. It definitely worked to our advantage though, as after scoring three more runs and loading the bases with our slow play, the siren went off to end the game for another win. The coach will definitely take on board though that the players didn't particularly like slowing the game down, especially against an opposition that were so young. But overall, well done ladies!

Ladies A Reserve vs. Eagles

Win 7-5

MVP: Laura Hickson

What a great game for the one and only time this year we will have a full team!! A really awesome game against a team with some big hitters, and the score line shows just how close it was. That being said, we were having such a great time with everyone there that we didn't even know we'd won until the end of the game!

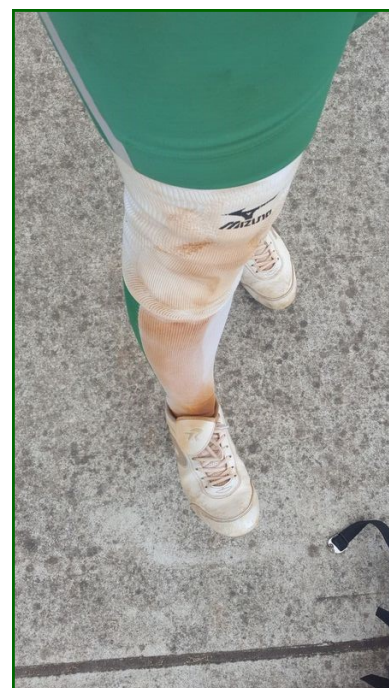
Laura had a blinder at the pitcher's plate, as did Deon in catcher, and even though Eagles had some big outfield hits in the first innings, Ange, Aimee, and Jenny covered these really well, only allowing them to score three runs across the plate. There were some great fly catches and put outs to yours truly and Emma at shortstop and third base, and Coomzy took three dives at second base in an attempt to tag out the runners (she only missed by millimetres on the first two, but got the third!). Nothing made it past Carolyn at first base either, and this was helped by almost no wild throws!

Our batting was also on fire against a tough pitcher, with special mentions to Ange (single to centre field), Aimee (single to right field), Deon (single to left field), yours truly (who was hit by the pitched ball right into her bad foot!), and our MVP Laura, who had a single to right field, as well as a stand-up triple to deep right field that made the outfield of the other game on Diamond 3 and scored our first run at the start of the game. She even stole home on a wild pitch!

Great win ladies, keep up the good work! Fingers crossed over the next few weeks while we are short some players (good luck to Laura and Coomzy at the Pan Pacific Masters Games in the Gold Coast for the next two weeks!).

Congratulations to each and every Castle Hill Softball Club team member each week! We hope you are having a great time and meeting new people, and we are sure you are always representing the green and white well and giving 110% for every game.

Good luck to everyone for your next game, and most importantly, have loads of fun! See you all out on the diamond!



Match Reports



Mixed Division 3 vs. Waratahs

Draw 11-11

MVP: Gabrielle Shanahan

We started really well this week! With only nine players (thanks for stepping up Zoe!), we scored seven across in the first innings, with good hits to Gabby, Mark B., Sean, Julie, and Gina. Issy pitched first up, even though she had already pitched a whole game for the Ladies B Grade team, but she gave them plenty to hit at and we got the three outs, including a good catch to Gabby, with only one run across.

Our second innings at bat and we didn't do as well as we would have liked, apart from Mark S. who showed really good patience before hitting a double. The next three were out from only four pitches (whoops!) and we went back out to field. Again, Issy gave the batters plenty to swing at, and the scorebook tells me that Jay took some good catches at shortstop. However, the only thing I remember from the innings is the slide into second base that took out Gabby. As a friendly reminder to all, this is Mixed Division 3 and not sheep stations, and if you are going to slide please be aware of the fielders around you, because the runner from Waratahs didn't take care and Gabby now has a broken foot!

After Gabby was carried from the field, we got another go at batting and did pretty well again - we will forgive Issy for forgetting to swing since she had done some hard work over the last two games and needed a rest! Singles to Jay, Julie, Mark S., and a double to Gina saw four runs home. Zoe holed out to centre field to see us back on the field.

Next it was Sean's turn to pitch, and he gave it a fair shot, with all of the batters being given something to hit at, even though not all took the opportunity. By the end of the dig Sean was really starting to get his eye in and starting to get some good results, and took the third out just before the siren went. Unfortunately, due to the coach not being up on the score (mea culpa!), we finished the game on a tie!

First points from play for us - well done to all! Best wishes to Gabby for a speedy recovery, and fingers crossed we will see you back out at second base later in the season!



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Mixed Division 2 vs. St. Michael's

Loss 10-0

MVP: Joseph Lunandi

The score line this week doesn't show at all just how close this game was, especially against a very strong opposition! The score was nil all for four innings, with no single runner making it past second base. However, in the bottom of the fourth as we were fielding, the heavens opened and a slippery ball made for a number of errors.

Aimee's pitching was on fire before the rain, with four strike-outs in three innings, and once it started to pour she kept it up as well as possible. Our fielding as a whole had very few errors to begin with, with a number of fly catches to Laura, Joseph, Ange, Bren, and Leanie. The rain hindered our progress a little, with St. Michael's picking the gaps in the field and a few wild throws (damn that slippery ball!) allowing our opposition to run the bases. Before we knew it they had scored seven across, and we just couldn't manage to score against them.

The skies were obviously against us for this game, as the moment we went back in to bat, the rain eased up for St. Michael's to field, and they didn't have to worry about a super slippery ball! We fought valiantly in the batter's box, but the pitching and fielding from our opposition was just too good. Special mentions go to Aimee, Joseph, Carolyn, and Allan who had safe hits, with Aimee even making it all the way to third base!

St. Michael's scored another three runs before time was called, for a final score of ten to nil. Great job everyone for a good game, and a special thank you to Allan for filling in for us from the Men's Division 2 team! Fingers crossed the weather will be nicer to us next week!

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Please send us through any photos each week of your games, so that we can include them in Squeeze Play!

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