

Comets Baseball Club 2024-25 Junior Season Report



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President's Report

Across the spring, summer and into autumn we had six teams of juniors playing in the Royal Blue and Gold of Comets. We had players in Tball, Machine Pitch, Little League and Junior League. Our Little League team went all the way to the Grand Final, just falling short on the big day, but a great effort to even get there.

I hope that all the kids had a great time playing baseball this season, making new friends, learning and developing new skills, and most importantly, having fun. That's the main reason we play this game: to have fun. Even as adults, we play this game to have some fun.

Throughout the course of the season, some of our Comets juniors were selected to play in CSJBA representative teams. Congratulations to Harrison Bolling, Jude Cross, Finn Stevens, Xavier Dunn and Jake Bolling.

It takes a large team of committed volunteers from our club to get baseball happening every weekend at Comets. Many thanks go to our canteen team, who ensure there are always food, snacks and cold drinks available at games. Our groundsmen, Dru and Liam, who put in hours of work each week to prepare one of the best fields in association. Thank you to all the coaches, managers, and scorers who give up their time each week so that our kids can play baseball. Without all of these volunteers, our games simply don't happen. So, thank you again, one and all.

Whatever you're all doing over winter, I hope you have fun. Remember, there is still plenty of local baseball happening with the Senior Winter competition. Come up and watch a game. Also keep an eye on our social media later in Autumn for details of our try t-ball/baseball sessions and our registration for next season. Invite a friend to come along and play with you!

I hope to see you all back on the diamonds next September.

Barton Peeters

President



Junior Secretary's Report

The Comets Junior teams have wrapped up another outstanding season, marked by significant achievements and a strong sense of community. This year, we proudly fielded six teams, each contributing to the vibrant spirit of our club.

Our Machine Pitched team delivered a phenomenal performance, securing the Premiership with an impressive record, marred by only one narrow loss in the final round of the season. Congratulations on a truly dominant season! The Little League Majors team also shone brightly, battling their way to the Grand Final and earning a well-deserved Runners-Up title. Their dedication and skill were evident throughout the season.

Our T-Ballers showcased the true essence of the game: fun, friendship, and continuous improvement. It was a joy to witness their progress and the sheer enthusiasm they brought to every game. We are thrilled to have three T-Ball teams, demonstrating a robust foundation for the future of the Comets. Maintaining a strong junior base is crucial for our club's growth, especially after experiencing a slight dip in numbers last year. We are committed to a focused recruitment drive in the off-season, and we encourage all current players to invite their friends to join the Comets family.

The Junior League team faced a challenging season in a highly competitive division. While the win-loss ratio wasn't ideal, their resilience and determination to compete against teams with multiple representative players were commendable. This experience will undoubtedly contribute to their long-term development.

A heartfelt thank you to all our dedicated coaches, managers, and scorers. Your unwavering commitment is the backbone of our club. Special appreciation to Pete Munro, our Club Coach, for his invaluable guidance and support. We are particularly proud of the growth of our younger senior players who stepped up to coach and assist. Their passion and dedication have significantly benefited our junior teams, and we hope they found the experience as rewarding as the players did.

Our games wouldn't be possible without our exceptional umpires, led by Max Pillington. Simon, Lucas, Byron, and Byron, your professionalism and consistency are greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you back on the field next season.

Simone Johnston and the entire canteen team deserve immense praise for their outstanding efforts. The quality and variety of offerings, including the much-appreciated gluten-free options, have set a new standard, inspiring other clubs to copy our offerings. Your hard work is truly valued.



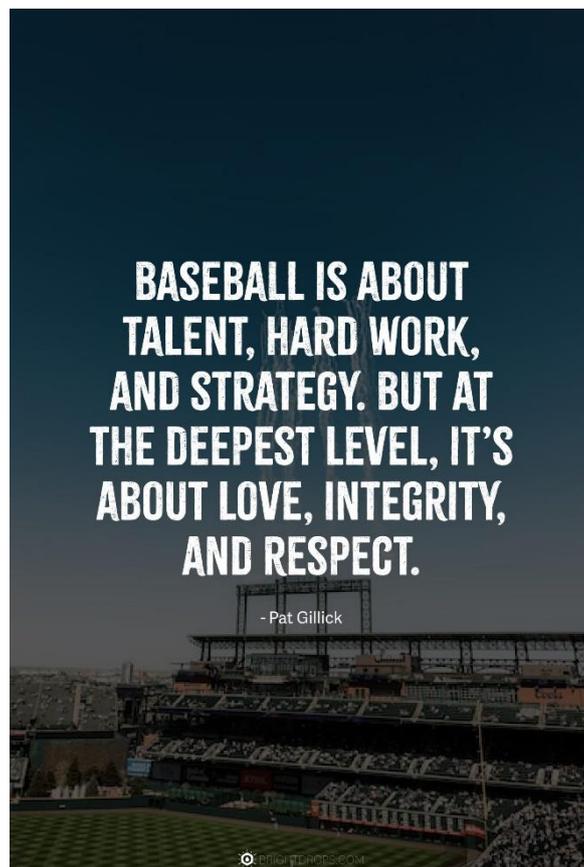
Junior Secretary's Report

Dru and Liam's dedication to field maintenance and improvements is unparalleled. The significant enhancements to the diamond, with assistance from Lucas on home plate improvements, reflect their commitment to providing top-notch facilities for our players. We are incredibly grateful for their tireless work.

Finally, the strong junior turnout at the trivia night and the support at the Bunnings BBQ were fantastic. These events are crucial for enabling us to support our junior teams. Let's build on this positive momentum, fostering a fun and competitive culture that propels the Comets to even greater heights next season!

Blake Parker

Junior Secretary





Secretary's Report

On Behalf of Michael Sant

Congratulations to everyone involved with our Juniors on completing another successful season of baseball.

Comets as a club and in particular our Juniors are certainly heading in the right direction.

A lot of work goes in to running a season, most people have been mentioned in other executive reports this year & I repeat that thanks to them, but this year the biggest compliments to our club have come from multiple external sources.

Some of the remarks repeated by different clubs' coaches, parents and supporters to us.

1. We have the best playing field in the association
2. We have the best canteen in the association
3. Our teams, (all our teams) are coached and play in the right way.
4. Our supporters are friendly fair and balanced in their support of both the Comets and its opposition team on the diamond
5. Our social media accounts and its content are amongst the best

That is something we all should be proud of.

All teams were coached by skilled & knowledgeable baseballers and that has been reflected in kids' growth and development this year. It is a focus of the club to keep experienced baseball coaches in every team year in year out, as it really does make a big difference in the development of our Juniors which then hopefully flows into our senior teams years later.

The good feeling around the club continues to grow, baseball is fun, the kids, parents and supporters are smiling win lose or draw.

We encourage anyone who has a friend or family member not playing baseball to bring them down try out or join a team next season and see for themselves what the Comets have to offer as a club.

For those asking, we are already in the planning stages for season 2025/26. Multiple try baseball / Tball afternoons will be held in the leadup to the main try ball day Mid/Late June.

Grading night(s) will be held before registration commences to ensure we have time to recruit and/or arrange friendships and/or joint ventures. This will help to ensure we have the correct players in the correct teams in the correct grades, a lot goes on behind the scenes to make this happen, thanks to all involved. More info will be sent out over the coming months.

Finally thanks to the club's executives, Barton, Nick, Michael, Alex and Blake for their efforts in keeping us as a club moving forwards.

Craig Nancarrow

On behalf of the Club Secretary



Team Reports

TBall Minor

Coaches: Mick Everett (Gold) – James Gill (Royal)

Assistant Coaches: Andrew Kroenert (Gold) - Finlay Nancarrow (Royal)

Manager: Sarah Edwards

Scorer: Cameron Small (Gold) – Stephen Gibling (Royal)

Team: Logan Bender, Elijah Small, Dylan Collins, Bailey Broomham, Edison Gill, Louis Brosnan, Jack Wyatt, Noah Gibling, Tommy Kroenert, Forrest Edwards, Max Lacey, Hank Garten, Elijah Everett

As we wrap up this season of T-ball, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the growth and accomplishments our team has achieved. From the first practice to the final game, each player has shown tremendous effort, enthusiasm, and a true love for the game. It has been a joy watching each of you improve your skills, whether it was learning to hit the ball, crocodile jaws fielding with confidence, or working together as a team.

One of the highlights of this season was seeing the sportsmanship and friendship among the players. Everyone supported each other, cheered each other on, and shared in the victories and challenges. These are the qualities that matter most, and we are proud of the character each player displayed on and off the field. Our season motto of play fair, play safe, and play fun anchored us throughout the year and our club is now the lucky recipients of 12 huge personalities including max the monster, nitro noah, hank the hulk and turbo tommy to name but a few.

Thank you to all the parents for your support, whether it was through cheers from the sidelines, stepping in during Wednesday afternoon training, helping out with equipment or being team mascot each Saturday morning. This season would not have been the same without you. No wonder our boys have the spirit they do with such great support around them.

To fellow coaches in James, Finn and Andrew – the calm, collected and patient crew you were. Absolute pleasure learning with you all and working our way through the first 39 minutes of each training and game session...before we threw on the 5 point harness and strapped in for whatever was next to come. If only we were able to record the conversations on and across the field, some real memories for life.



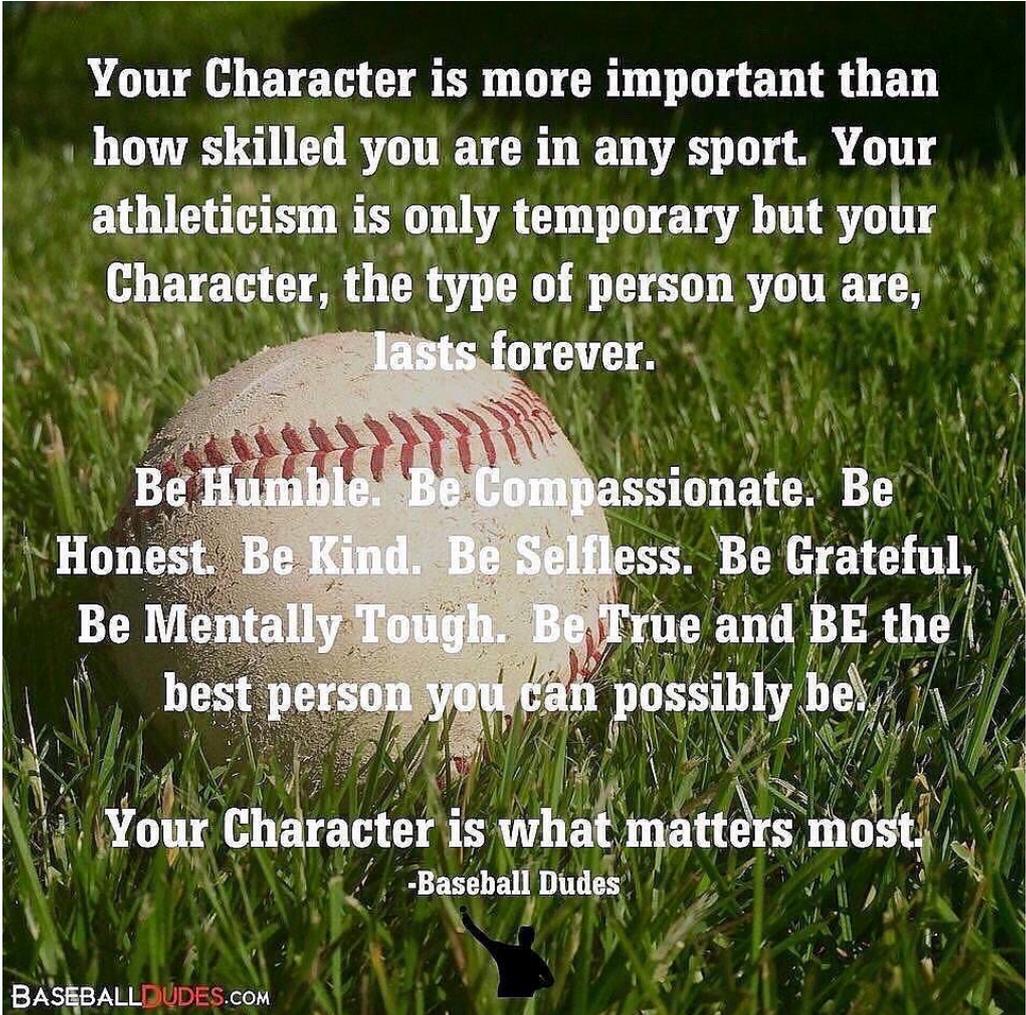
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To Sarah and Heidi; your coordination and focus as our managers made sure things happened as they should and I dare not think what it would've been like without you both! Sarah your endless energy, eternal optimism and fantastic communication that kept us all engaged and in the loop from Day 1. Equally to our scorers who have probably never written 4 as many times in one sheet each week. Truly, the games and the season simply wouldn't have occurred without you all. Thankyou so much, all of you.

The clubs standards and culture is clear and so finally it's a big thanks to head coach Pete, Junior Secretary Blake (and Craig during transition), plus the countless friendly faces at the clubhouse every Saturday. You all set the standard we aspire to, and enjoy being around.

I hope you all leave this season with a sense of accomplishment, some new friendships, and a love for the game. Keep practicing, keep playing, and always remember to have fun!

Mick Everett



Your Character is more important than how skilled you are in any sport. Your athleticism is only temporary but your Character, the type of person you are, lasts forever.

Be Humble. Be Compassionate. Be Honest. Be Kind. Be Selfless. Be Grateful. Be Mentally Tough. Be True and BE the best person you can possibly be.

Your Character is what matters most.

-Baseball Dudes



Team Reports

TBall Major Div 2

Coach: Bryce Fisher

Assistant Coach: Adrian Snelling

Manager: Samuel Cordoba

Scorer: Justine Inglis

Team: Finlay Brell, Archie Lacey, Hunta Dragarski, Joshua Gill, Scarlett Fisher, Elijah Haidar, Huxley Inglis, Ari Sallis-Miller, Elijah Cordoba, Charlie Snelling

As the season comes to a close, it's clear how much our team has developed both individually and as a group. Each player has grown in their basic skills of hitting, catching, and throwing as well as an overall improved confidence on the field.

The biggest highlight has been the growth in teamwork and communication. Early on, our players were focused on their individual plays, but by the end of the season, they were supporting each other, calling for the ball, and celebrating each other's successes. The positive attitude and sportsmanship displayed by our team was truly inspiring. You all understood that Tee ball is about having fun, working together, and showing respect for others. I am so proud of each player for their efforts this season.

A big shout out to everyone that assisted this season whether it was helping coach/ manage the kids or bringing them to training and game day each week. A special mention to Mark and Justine, Andrew and Adrian for all your support and help this year.

See you all next season.

Thank you,

Bryce Fisher

Coach



Team Reports

Little League Machine Pitch Div 1

Coach: Mike Turner
Coach: Pete Munro
Manager: Lana Turner
Scorer: Rowena Dunn

Team: Jude Douglas, Jayden Papachristos, Arthur Turner, Finn Stevens, Walter Brell, Jude Cross, Jordan Brain, Cooper Bosson, Noah Piggott, Luca Dunn, Ryan Taylor, Thomas Harris

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Team Reports

Little League Major Div 2

Coach: Nick Bernath
Assistant Coach: Xavier Nancarrow
Manager: Callum Smith
Scorer: Lorraine Hall & Deb Newton

Team: Baily Nupier, Hanna Stevens, Isla Potter, Fletcher Nobbs, Harry Byrne, Patrick Stratton, Lachlan Entwistle, Hamish Brell, Arlo Taylor, Harrison Bolling, Nico Eizenberg, Bodhi Spendlove

Another summer has flown past in what was a very successful and enjoyable season for Little League Majors.

With the focus coming into the year on player development and improvement, working through all different techniques with each week. Through the course of the year, all players showed dedication to work on their abilities and enhanced their overall performance, resulting in commendable progress individually and a team as a whole.

After a difficult start in quite a strong 12 team competition, Div 2 was split down the middle and saw a much more competitive competition for our team to play.

As a result of each and every player's commitment to develop individually and as a team, week on week we saw results start to go our way and the team reach the Grand Final. Unfortunately the day didn't go our way, but we could not be prouder of how far the team came this year.

We would like to thank Lorraine Hall and Deb Newton for giving their time each week to ensure all aspects ran smoothly behind home plate while putting up with all our positional changes and incorrect pitch counting from the dugout.

Callum, Xavier and I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you back next year to continue to grow and develop our skills together, but more importantly, to continue having fun and enjoying the game of baseball!

Nick Bernath
Coach



Team Reports

Junior League Div 2

Coach: Blake Parker

Assistant Coach: Kuean Geldenhuis

Manager: Paul Mignacca

Scorer: Nicky De Ridder

Team: Ruben De Ridder, Nathan Griffen, Tyler Mignacca, Byron Parker, Ethan Croxson, Blake Beaton, Liam Taylor, Elijah Dragarski, Cooper Frost, Alystar Fraser, Logan Wane, Arin Plodthao, Jack Harris

The 2023 season was a tough one for the team. We faced more losses than we hoped for, and the standings weren't where we wanted them to be. But, and this is important, we never let it break our spirit. We played every game with heart, and we learned a lot about ourselves as a team. This season was about building a foundation, and we believe we've done just that.

We had moments of brilliance at the plate. We saw players step up and show what they're capable of. There were some big hits, and all of the team really started to find their rhythm towards the end of the season. It was great to see the improvement throughout the season with contributions throughout the lineup against some very good pitching

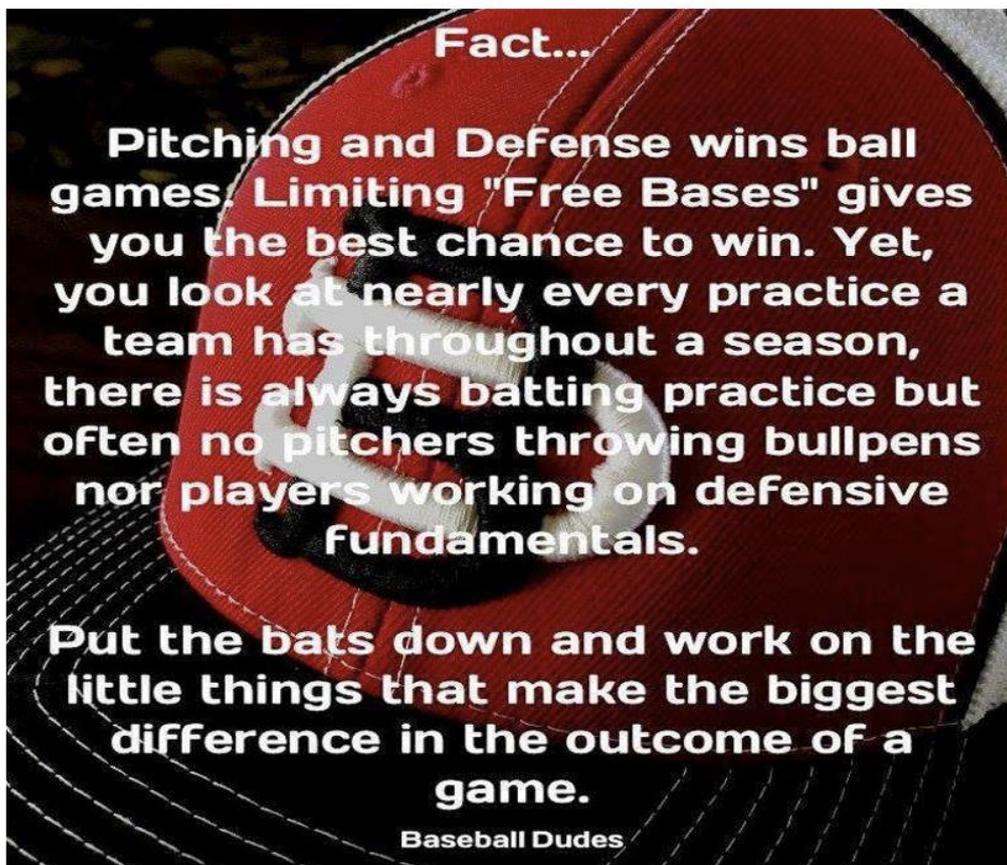
Reflecting on the season I am most proud of our improvement in the field. Our defence was a story of real growth. We started the season with some struggles, but we put in the work, and it showed. We saw a huge improvement in our fielding as the season went on. We became a much stronger defensive team, and that's something we're really proud of. The dedication and effort the team put into improving their fielding was very clear.

The unwavering effort and refusal to give up, even when things were tough. The incredible improvement in our defence. A big part of this attitude was thanks to Assistant Coach Kuean Geldenhuis with his knowledge of the game and passion to make the players better. Paul Mignacca as always was Manager extraordinaire who was hands on at training to help the continual growth for the team. Frosty was also on hand when needed to give the team a rev up or inspirational talk to keep the team on point. A massive thankyou to our much appreciated scorer who would even turn up for duties when his son wasn't playing, thanks very much Nicky.



Team Reports

I hope we demonstrated that we are a team that our fans/parents can be proud of. This season was a challenge, but we learned from it. We have a group of players who are determined to succeed, and we're confident that we'll be stronger next year. We want to thank our amazing fans for their continued support and we can't wait to see you at the ballpark next season!





2024 – 2025 Awards

Most Improved Pitched Team

Jimmy McDonald Award

Junior Member Award

Junior Team Coach

Family Award

**Junior Representative Players –
Playing in a junior comets team**

Jessica Clay Award

Little League Major Div 2

- MVP
- Batting Average

Junior League Division 2

- MVP
- Batting Average

Grand Finalists

Little League Major Div 2

Liam Flynn

Finlay Nancarrow

Michael Everatt

Johnston Family

Harrison Bolling, Finn Stevens, Jude
Cross

Jayden Papachristos

Harrison Bolling
Fletcher Nobbs 0.600

Arin Plodthao
Liam Taylor 0.600

Little League Major Div 2