

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BASEBALL LEAGUE.

ANNUAL REPORT - SEASON 1932.

To the President and Members of the South Australian Baseball League.

Gentlemen,

It is with much pleasure that I present the Annual Report of the South Australian Baseball League for the 1932 season.

COMPETITIONS.

As in the previous year the League consisted of "A", "B", and "C" grades, together with the week-end section in "B" grade. A further advance was made in 1932 with the establishment of a schoolboys' competition, the matches being played on Saturday mornings.

The "A" grade competition was contested by ten teams, which concluded the minor round in the following order, viz., Goodwood, University, West Torrens, Adelaide, Sturt, Port Adelaide, Kensington, East Torrens, Glenelg, and Prospect. The semi-final games were won by Goodwood and University, and Goodwood proved victorious in the final. This game was marred to a certain extent by the unfortunate accident sustained by Alex Smith, the University pitcher, when his team was in an excellent position. Goodwood suffered only one defeat during the season, and our heartiest congratulations are extended to this team on winning the premiership for the fifth time in the past six years.

Ten teams also participated in "B" grade, finishing the minor round in the following order, viz., Glenelg, Sturt, Goodwood, West Torrens, Port Adelaide, University, Y.M.C.A., East Torrens, Adelaide, Kensington. Goodwood and West Torrens won the semi-final games, and Goodwood won the final. As Glenelg had won the minor premiership, a challenge final was necessary. This game was also won by Goodwood, which team thus won the premiership.

Only six teams entered for the week-end section, finishing in the following positions:- Goodwood, Glenelg, Sacred Heart College, Port Adelaide, East Torrens, Adelaide. The winners of the semi-final games were Glenelg and the College, and the final was won by Glenelg. This team won the premiership by defeating Goodwood in the challenge final.

Nine teams were nominated for "C" grade, the minor round resulting as follows:- Glenelg, Goodwood, Sturt Blue Sox, Underdale, Sturt Royals, West Torrens, University, Port Adelaide, Y.M.C.A., Glenelg and Underdale won the semi-final games, and by winning the final, Glenelg annexed the premiership, which was thoroughly deserved, as the team had not been beaten during the season.

The schoolboys' competition brought six teams into the field, two each from the Adelaide High School, Unley High School, and Goodwood Central School. The premiership was won by Adelaide High School No. 2 team, and the cup donated by Mr. S. J. Jacobs was presented to the Captain of the team at a school assembly. Baseball can only progress by interesting the younger boys in the game, and the success attending the inauguration of this competition is a happy omen for the future.

To the winners and runners-up in all sections the League extends its congratulations. Our grateful thanks are also offered to the donors of the various trophies.

AUSTRALIAN BASEBALL CARNIVAL.

The carnival was held in Melbourne during the first week in August, and although South Australia was represented by an excellent team, it failed to record a win. We congratulate the Victorian team on winning all four games in which it participated, and thus securing the honours for the second successive year. New South Wales was successful in winning both its games against South Australia.

As in the previous year, South Australia extended its opponents to the utmost, but weak batting and faulty base-running again spoilt our chance of victory. The members of the team had a most enjoyable trip, and we sincerely thank the Victorians for their generous hospitality.

AUSTRALIAN BASEBALL COUNCIL.

The scheme for home-and-home interstate matches proposed by the New South Wales Baseball Association is still in abeyance. Although this League is in favour of its adoption, the Victorian Association is opposed to it, and it seems most improbable that the scheme will be adopted.

INTER-UNIVERSITY CARNIVAL.

We again have pleasure in congratulating the Adelaide University on gaining the honours at the Inter-Varsity Baseball Carnival. This is the third consecutive year in which the Adelaide team has proved successful.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

We are pleased to note the increasing popularity of baseball in the country districts. Associations from Mt. Gambier, Mt. Barker, and Port Pirie are now affiliated with the League. Frequent visits have been made by League clubs to Mt. Barker and Port Pirie, and it is hoped to arrange for a visit by a League team to Mt. Gambier during the coming season.

UMPIRES' AND SCORERS' CLUB.

This club, with Mr. G.W. Chapman as President and Mr. S.W. Smith as secretary, is serving a useful purpose in bringing together the umpires and scorers. We trust that the club will continue to receive the support it deserves.

PUBLICITY.

We thank the various newspapers and sporting writers for the publicity we have received, and trust that this valuable service will be continued.

JAPANESE FLEET.

During the visit of two Japanese warships in May last, a match was played against a team of officers, on the Adelaide Oval. The visitors, although displaying a sound knowledge of the game, were lacking in match practice, and the South Australians won an interesting game by 11 runs to 4.

Following the baseball match, the S.A. Soccer Association played a game with the Japanese. At the conclusion of this game, the Baseball League, in conjunction with the Soccer Association, entertained the visitors at tea at the Oval, and in the evening at the York Theatre. Members of the S.A. Baseball and Soccer teams and office-bearers were invited to the reception on board the flagship, and those who attended spent a very enjoyable and interesting afternoon.

We extend our thanks to the ladies who so willingly assisted us in the entertainment of the visitors.

JUNIOR BASEBALL.

While in Melbourne with the carnival team, Mr. Poole invited the Victorian Baseball Association to send a team of schoolboys to Adelaide during 1933. The Victorian Association is favourable to this proposal, and it seems most probable that this visit will eventuate.

FIELD DAY.

A field day was held at Adelaide Oval No. 2 on 6th June, but the lack of interest shown by most clubs was very disappointing. For those who participated the event was most enjoyable, and the competition keen.

SMOKE SOCIAL.

The Annual Smoke Social was held at the Returned Soldiers Club, and was attended by about 70 baseballers. The premiership trophies and Field Day awards were presented at this meeting.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

At the Annual Meeting in 1932 Mr. W. H. Buchanan was appointed a life member of the League. Mr. Buchanan has been a prominent member of the League for nearly 25 years, has represented the state on numerous occasions, and has always been a keen and energetic worker for the advancement of Baseball. We trust that his interest in the game will be retained for many more years.

GENERAL.

Seven meetings of delegates were held during the year, with an average attendance of nineteen. There were also eight meetings of the Executive Committee.

Most of the clubs take an active interest in the affairs of the League, but it is regrettable that a small minority seem most apathetic. This is no doubt due to lack of interest on the part of the club secretaries, and it is to be hoped that clubs will have exercised greater judgement in the election of their officers for the coming year.

It was most unfortunate that the Kensington Club, through the loss of several players, was compelled to forfeit a number of its "B" grade matches in the latter part of the season. We trust that every endeavour will be made to prevent a recurrence of this trouble in the future.

FINANCIAL.

Although the season was opened with a credit of £51-12-3, this had been reduced to £13-5-10 by the end of the year. The year's deficit has been caused mainly by the failure of four clubs to meet their liabilities to the League. The amount of their indebtedness is £33-7-8. A resolution has been passed that these arrears must be paid before the commencement of the 1933 season.

To the Assistant Secretary, Mr. L.C. Poole, our thanks are due for many services, particularly in the organisation of the schoolboys' competition. Mr. W. Wiles has also been of valuable assistance in this connection.

The various committees play an important part in the carrying on of the League's affairs, and we must also thank the members of these committees for their valuable work.

We trust that the League will continue to be served by such enthusiasts.

OBITUARY.

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of Mr. Sharpe, the father of Rupe and Ron Sharpe. We offer our deepest sympathy to the members of the family in their sad bereavement.

A. T. LUKE.

Hon. Sec.

49 Waymouth Street, Adelaide.

27th March, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM.

To
From

Adelaide, 16th August, 1932.

SUBJECT S.A. AVERAGES, INTERSTATE BASEBALL CARNIVAL, 1932.

B A T T I N G.

| <u>Batter</u> | <u>Innings.</u> | <u>Safe Hits.</u> | <u>Runs Scored.</u> | <u>Walks.</u> | <u>1st OR Error.</u> | <u>Average.</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Smith A.H. | 13 | 5 | 2 | 2 | - | .384. |
| Hutton N.H. | 9 | 3 | 1 | - | - | .333 |
| Wiles W. | 17 | 5 | - | 1 | 1 | .294 |
| Sharpe R.M. | 14 | 4 | 1 | - | - | .285 |
| Booth M.E. | 12 | 3 | - | 2 | - | .250 |
| Fuller G.R. | 12 | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | .176 |
| Nelson M.A. | 17 | 2 | 2 | - | - | .133 |
| Cole A.E. | 15 | 2 | - | - | - | .111 |
| Swanson S. | 9 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Farrelly B. | 3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Doolland P.L. | 5 | - | - | - | - | - |
| LeCorm L. | 7 | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| | <u>133</u> | <u>29</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>2</u> | |

Team Average .216

F I E L D I N G.

| <u>Fieldmen.</u> | <u>Put Outs.</u> | <u>Assists.</u> | <u>Errors.</u> | <u>Average.</u> |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Booth M. E. | 4 | - | - | 1.000 |
| LeCorm L.W. | 1 | 2 | - | 1.000 |
| Fuller G.R. | 3 | - | - | 1.000 |
| Hutton N.H. | 2 | - | - | 1.000 |
| Cole A.E.N. | 49 | 10 | 2 | .960 |
| Wiles W. | 8 | 11 | 1 | .947 |
| Smith A.H. | 3 | 11 | 1 | .933 |
| Doolland P.L. | 10 | 4 | 1 | .900 |
| Swanson S. | 11 | 7 | 2 | .868 |
| Nelson M.A. | 6 | 2 | 1 | .863 |
| Sharpe R.M. | 1 | 18 | 3 | .750 |
| Farrelly F. | 0 | 3 | 1 | |
| | <u>98</u> | <u>57</u> | <u>12</u> | |

Team Average .928

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SUBJECT S.A. AVERAGES, INTERSTATE BASEBALL CARNIVAL, 1932.

B A T T I N G.

| <u>Batsmen.</u> | <u>Innings.</u> | <u>Safe Hits.</u> | <u>Runs Scored.</u> | <u>Walks.</u> | <u>Errors.</u> | <u>Average.</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Smith A.H. | 13 | 5 | 3 | 2 | - | .384. |
| Hutton N.H. | 9 | 3 | 1 | - | - | .333 |
| Wiles W. | 17 | 5 | - | - | 1 | .294 |
| Sharpe R.M. | 14 | 4 | 1 | 1 | - | .285 |
| Booth M.E. | 12 | 3 | - | 2 | - | .250 |
| Fuller G.R. | 12 | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | .250 |
| Nelson M.A. | 17 | 3 | 2 | - | 1 | .176 |
| Cole A.E. | 15 | 2 | 2 | - | - | .133 |
| Swanson S. | 9 | 1 | - | - | - | .111 |
| Farrelly B. | 3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dooland F.L. | 5 | - | - | - | - | - |
| McCorm L. | 7 | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| | <u>133</u> | <u>29</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>2</u> | |

Team Average .218

P I E L D I N G.

| <u>Fieldsmen.</u> | <u>Put Outs.</u> | <u>Assists.</u> | <u>Errors.</u> | <u>Average.</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Booth M. E. | 4 | - | - | 1.000 |
| McCorm L.W. | 1 | 2 | - | 1.000 |
| Fuller G.R. | 3 | - | - | 1.000 |
| Hutton N.H. | 2 | - | - | 1.000 |
| Cole A.E. | 49 | 10 | 2 | .960 |
| Wiles W. | 8 | 11 | 1 | .947 |
| Smith A.E. | 3 | 4 | 1 | .933 |
| Dooland F.L. | 10 | 7 | 1 | .933 |
| Swanson S. | 11 | 2 | 2 | .900 |
| Nelson M.A. | 6 | 18 | 1 | .888 |
| Sharpe R.M. | 1 | 3 | 3 | .863 |
| Farrelly F. | 0 | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| | <u>98</u> | <u>57</u> | <u>12</u> | |

Team Average .928

To The

South Australian Baseball League

Gentlemen

As Manager of the Interstate Team that recently visited Melbourne to take part in the Australian Baseball Carnival I hereby submit the following report.

The Team left Adelaide on Aug 14th and were met at the Spencer S. Station by a large number of Officials of the Victorian Baseball Association and were escorted to our Hotel where later in the day we were, together with the New South Wales Team ~~was~~ officially welcomed to Melbourne. During the morning we practised on the Amateur Sports ground and afterwards the Team had a swim in the Y M C A Baths where the water is kept at a temperature of 72 degrees throughout the winter.

A meeting of players was held at the Hotel at 9 P.M. after which everyone was glad to get to bed.

We played our first game at 1-15 P.M. on the 6th and were beaten by Victoria 4 to 3.

On Sunday we were taken to Lakeside to dinner and afterwards went on to Mt. Bendenong. It was a very fine outing and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Monday was ~~a~~ ^{an} ~~amazing~~ ^{amazing} day but most of the Members had their time taken up by the hospitality of the Victorians.

Tuesday morning was spent at the Y M C A. Richards was the main attraction. After lunch in their Cafeteria we once more went to the Albert ground to meet New South Wales who beat us 4 to 2. The same evening the whole party attended a Ball given in honor of the Victorians at Leonard's Baths. St.ilda's it was a wonderful turn out and every one had a glorious time.

Wednesday was taken up mostly by private trips. In the evening several took advantage of a kind invitation of the Frabellum Club to see Lincoln play billiards. We accepted invitations to Theatre parties.

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Thursday morning was again spent at the Y M C A & thence to the Albert Ground to meet NSW a second time.

In this game we were ~~defeat~~ beaten by 5 to nil. The side never looked like being in the game.

In the evening we were entertained at the State Theatre by the Victorian Baseball Association.

Friday was spent quietly with the Victorian players & expending quite a lot of time with ~~the~~ different players Saturday as usual most of the players spent the morning at the Y M C A, after lunch to the ground for the final match, which after a disastrous first innings was a good even match the scores being 9 to 5 in Victoria's favour. Almost every one in the party had social functions to attend in the evening. Mr Fuller & the Manager were the only ones left at home.

On Sunday about ten of the party were motored around the Bay to Frankston where we had dinner, immediately after the meal we came back to Melbourne. got our baggage & made for the train at the station. A big crowd of Baseball enthusiasts were ~~there~~ to bid us farewell.

* On the Monday evening we were entertained with Mrs South Wales at a smoke night given by Mr Ayl Cant. President of the Victorian Baseball Ampere Association. It was a large gathering & was held in the Y M C A. I think our League should acknowledge the splendid way (mainly through Mr Ayl Beckerfield) that the Y M C A made us Non Members during ^{our} stay in Melbourne and the team enjoyed all the ^{privileges} that the local members have.

At the conclusion of the last game the Captain (Mr Skoppe) presented me on behalf of the party with an Entire Duck suitably inscribed. ~~For which~~ I am very grateful for their kind action. The behaviour of the team was splendid. There was

