

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BASEBALL LEAGUE.

ANNUAL REPORT - SEASON 1933.

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

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting the
Annual Report of the South Australian Baseball League for the
1933 season.

COMPETITIONS.

The season was opened with the record
number of 34 teams. Ten teams competed in each of "A" and "B"
grades, and thirteen in "C" grade. The week-end section of
"B" grade was also contested by five of the regular teams,
with the addition of Sacred Heart College.

After a very keen race, the minor premier-
ship in "A" grade was won by Goodwood, (26 points), which
team with Prospect (24), University (23) and Glenelg (20),
contested the semi-final games. A very high standard of
play was reached in the Goodwood - University semi-final game,
Goodwood winning by 2 to 1 after 16 innings. In the other semi-
final, Prospect defeated Glenelg by 10 to nil. Goodwood
annexed the major premiership by winning the final from
Prospect by 4 to 2.

"B" grade also provided a close contest,
Glenelg winning the minor premiership with 31 points, from
Goodwood (30), University (24) and Sturt (23). In the semi-
finals Glenelg and Sturt were victorious over University and
Goodwood respectively, and in the final Sturt defeated Glenelg
by 7 to 6. In the challenge final Sturt again defeated
Glenelg by 6 to 3, and thus won the premiership.

In the week-end section of "B" grade
Sacred Heart College gained the minor premiership. In the
semi-final games the College won from Goodwood, and Glenelg
beat Port Adelaide. Glenelg won the final match by 6 to 5,
but the College turned the tables in the challenge final,
winning the game and the premiership by 8 runs to 1.

The thirteen teams engaged in "C" grade
could almost be divided into two sections, as the first five
teams showed marked superiority over the others. Goodwood
and Sturt Blue Sox were at the head of the list with 30 points
each, Goodwood taking precedence on percentage of runs. They
were closely followed by Glenelg (26), and Prospect and West
Torrens (24 each), Prospect having the better percentage.
In the semi-final games Goodwood and Sturt Blue Sox defeated
Glenelg and Prospect respectively, while Sturt Blue Sox beat
Goodwood in the final. Goodwood reversed this decision in
the challenge final and so won the premiership.

The following tables show the positions
of the clubs at the conclusion of the minor rounds.

"A" GRADE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.	Runs.
Goodwood	18	13	5	-	26	
Prospect	18	12	6	-	24	
University	18	11	6	1	23	
Glenelg	18	10	8	-	20	94-83
West Torrens	18	10	8	-	20	97-93
Kensington	18	8	9	-	18	
Adelaide	18	8	9	1	17	
Sturt	18	8	10	-	16	
Port Adelaide	18	5	13	-	10	
East Torrens	18	3	15	-	6	

"B" GRADE.

Glenelg	18	15	2	1	31	
Goodwood	18	15	3	-	30	
University	18	11	5	2	24	
Sturt	18	11	6	1	23	
Port Adelaide	18	11	7	-	22	
Y.M.C.A.	18	8	9	1	17	
West Torrens.	18	6	12	-	12	
Adelaide	18	4	14	-	8	
Kensington	18	3	14	1	7	
East Torrens.	18	2	14	2	6	

"B" GRADE NO. 2.

Sacred Heart College	10	9	1		18	
Glenelg	8	6	2		12	
Goodwood	8	5	3		10	
Port Adelaide	9	4	5		8	
Adelaide	8	2	6		4	
East Torrens	9	-	9		-	

"C" GRADE.

Goodwood	17	15	2		30	239-83
Sturt Blue Sox	17	15	2		30	232-88
Glenelg	17	13	4		26	
Prospect	17	12	5		24	200-93
West Torrens	17	12	5		24	180-131
Underdale	16	9	7		18	
Port Adelaide	16	7	9		14	212-167
Sturt Royals	16	7	9		14	175-189
East Torrens	17	5	12		10	
Mount Barker	16	4	12		8	158-218
University	16	4	12		8	131-238
Underdale Colts	17	3	14		6	
Y.M.C.A.	17	2	15		4	

The heartiest congratulations of the League are extended to the winners and runners-up in each grade. Goodwood deserves special commendation for its feat in winning the "A" grade Premiership for the third year in succession, and for the sixth time in seven years. Special mention must also be made of the progress made by the Prospect Club, which finished at the bottom of the list in 1932, but which advanced to runner-up in 1933.

To donors of the various trophies we offer our very grateful thanks.

SCHOOLBOYS' BASEBALL.

Eight teams entered for the schoolboys competition, which was divided into two sections owing to the marked difference in the standard of the teams. The premiership of the senior section was won by Norwood Central School, and the junior section by Unley High School No. 2 team.

As these games are played on Saturday mornings it is difficult to get a sufficient number of experienced players to umpire and coach. More assistance of this nature is essential if the game is to progress. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. W. Wiles for his untiring efforts, and also to those other baseballers who have assisted him.

We were very pleased to have a visit from a team of Victorian schoolboys under the management of Mr. Alf. Beckefeld. The visitors played four games, resulting as follows:--

Victoria	3	Sacred Heart College	2
S. Aust.	9	Victoria	8
Victoria	24	South Australia	13
Victoria	9	South Australia	8

The boys displayed ability and knowledge of the game, and this was particularly gratifying in respect to the local players, as baseball is only in its second year in the schools.

AUSTRALIAN BASEBALL CARNIVAL.

The S.A. Baseball League is very proud of the achievement of its 1933 Carnival team, which defeated N.S.W. for the first time in the history of the game. The carnival was held in Sydney, and resulted in the competing teams, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, each recording two wins, and sustaining two defeats, the carnival being concluded with honours even.

The results of the games were:--

N.S.W.	4	South Australia	2
N.S.W.	11	Victoria	0
Victoria	7	South Australia	3
South Australia	7	Victoria	4
South Australia	2	N.S.W.	1
Victoria	11	N.S.W.	6

The members of the South Australian team were:-- P.A. Ohlstrom (captain), W. Wiles (vice-capt), C. Puckett, R. Sharpe, J. Ray, P. Dooland, W. Taylor, K. Gillespie, F. Lee, G. Burton, M. Booth and G. Fuller, with Mr. S. W. Smith as manager,

We offer the thanks of the League to the N.S.W. Baseball Association for their hospitality, Mr. S.W. Smith, manager, Mr. R.C. Scott, scorer, and Mr. Alf. Beckefeld for his kind efforts towards the comfort of the team during the short stay in Melbourne.

AUSTRALIAN BASEBALL COUNCIL.

The Annual meeting of the Australian Baseball Council was held in Sydney, when it was decided to disband the Council, and to distribute the funds equally between the affiliated associations. Future carnivals and interstate matches will be arranged mutually between the states.

UNIVERSITY CARNIVAL.

Once again we offer our congratulations to the Adelaide University Baseball Club, which won the inter-varsity series for the fourth successive year.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

The Mount Barker Club nominated a team for the "C" grade competition, and matches were played at Mt. Barker and Adelaide on alternate Saturdays. Port Pirie and Mt. Gambier Baseball Associations retain their affiliation with the League.

A carnival was held on the King's Birthday holiday, and included a match, Port Pirie versus Mt. Barker, and also Combined Country versus Combined "B" and "C" grade team. Matches against metropolitan teams will do much to improve the standard of the game in the country, and it is hoped to arrange an annual country carnival.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

Social Functions arranged by the League included the Annual Dance, Smoke Social, and other events to assist the finances of the League.

With the exception of two or three clubs, little interest was shown in these events, which would have been a complete failure but for the enthusiastic support of the few. We regret this lack of interest in the League's affairs, and would remind members that the success of the League is entirely dependent on the support of the clubs.

Gross receipts from the Queen Competition organised by the League amounted to £85, of which total, £42 was raised by the Goodwood Club, and £26 by the Sturt Club. These clubs are to be highly commended for their praiseworthy efforts, and we offer our sincere thanks to the nominated queens, Mrs. Bressler, Goodwood, and Mrs. Bartlett, Sturt, for their co-operation.

FINANCIAL.

Although every consideration has been given to clubs to enable them to pay their affiliation and other fees, the whole of last season's fees have not yet been collected. The clubs in default are asked to realize their responsibilities to the League and to the other clubs, and to make every effort to pay off the arrears before the commencement of the coming season.

GENERAL.

Seven general meetings were held, with an average attendance of seventeen delegates. There were also five meetings of the Executive Committee.

The work of the League is helped very considerably by the various committees, to the members of which we extend our grateful thanks. We also thank the Treasurer and Assistant Secretary for their untiring efforts on behalf of the League.

We also wish to express our appreciation of the publicity given to baseball by the press, and hope for the continuation of this valuable service.

27th March, 1934.

A.T. LUKE.

Hon. Sec.

Flinders Street,
ADELAIDE.

2nd September, 1933.

The South Australian Baseball League,
ADELAIDE.

Gentlemen,

As Manager of the Interstate Team which played in the Carnival at Sydney from 5th to 12th August I respectfully make a report on same.

Prior to the team leaving; three practice matches were played at the Sacred Heart College.

The Selectors Messrs. W.Buchanan, G.Chapman and myself chose the following twelve players; P.Ohlstrom, Captain and Coach; C. Puckett, and R.Sharpe, Pitchers; J.Ray and P.Dooland, Catchers; W.K.Taylor, first base; K.Gillespie, second base; F.Lee, third base; W.Wiles, short stop; G.Burton, left field; M.Booth, Centre field and G.Fuller, right field.

The team left Adelaide on the Wednesday afternoon 2nd August. On arrival at Melbourne a large number of Victorians met us. At the invitation of Mr. Alf. Beckefield the team went direct to the Y.M.C.A. where a swim in the baths was greatly enjoyed by most of the team.

Left Melbourne the same evening and arrived at Sydney about 11 o'clock Friday morning. The Victorian Team had travelled by the same train. A large number of baseballers met us at the Central Railway Station. Later both teams met at the Sydney Town Hall where we were accorded a Civic Reception by the Lord Mayor.

On Saturday 5th we met New South Wales and were beaten by 4 runs to 2 after a good game. In the evening the team attended the Dance at Petersham. On Sunday we were taken for the Harbor Trip.

On Monday the team played Victoria and were defeated by 7 runs to 3. On Tuesday we visited the Bronte Stadium. On Wednesday we visited Nestles Factory at Abbotsford. In the evening we visited the State Theatre.

On Thursday we again met Victoria and won by 7 runs to 4. We were unfortunate in this game as we had 4 runs on in the last innings and no one out when the game was called owing to light. In the evening we attended the Waverley Club Dance.

On Friday Messrs. Ohlstrom, Poole and myself attended the meeting of the Australian Baseball Council. On the Saturday we met N.S.W. and won by 2 runs to 1. All the matches were played at the Petersham Oval. On percentage the teams finished in the following order N.S.W., South Aus. and Victoria.

I respectfully ask that a letter be sent to Mr.E.Kent C/o The Amateur Sports Club, Martin Place, thanking him and his Committee for kindnesses extended to my team.

The South Australian Baseball League,

2nd Sept., 1933.

I also desire to record the splendid advice and assistance rendered to the team by our Captain, Paddy Ohlstrom.

Mr. Len Poole kindly presented a bat which the Judges awarded to Ron. Sharpe, Mr. Wendell Bill also presented a ball which was awarded to Frank Lee. The other members of the team had also played their positions well and my team are to be congratulated on their success.

Of the general conduct of the team while on the trip as Manager, I would like to say one could not have wished to have been in charge of a finer lot of fellows.

Yours faithfully,

Sydney W. Smith
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P.S. A visit to the Glass Works was also kindly arranged by Mr. Ron Scott.

S O U T H A U S T R A L I A.

Season 1933.

<u>Batsman</u>	<u>At Bat</u>	<u>Safe Hits</u>	<u>AVERAGE.</u>
F. Lee	9	4	.444
W. Wiles	17	6	.353
P. Ohlstrom	6	2	.333
R. Sharpe	16	5	.312
J. Fuller	14	4	.285
A. Booth	16	4	.250
C. Puckett	16	3	.187
K. Gillespie	16	3	.187
G. Burton	8	1	.125
K. Taylor	15	1	.066
E. Dooland	3	-	--
J. Ray	3	-	--

Team Batting 242

Fielding.

	<u>Put Outs.</u>	<u>Assists.</u>	<u>Errors.</u>	<u>AVERAGE.</u>
K. Gillespie	9	17	0	1.000
R. Sharpe	5	6	0	1.000
P. Ohlstrom	1	8	0	1.000
J. Ray	8	0	0	1.000
M. Booth	4	1	0	1.000
K. Taylor	5	1	2	.956
C. Puckett	6	8	1	.933
W. Wiles	2	14	4	.600
G. Burton	3	1	1	.600
E. Dooland	5	1	2	.750
F. Lee	4	4	4	.666
J. Fuller	1	-	-	--

Team Fielding .921

NEW SOUTH WALES V. VICTORIA.

Season 1953.

Fielding.

	<u>Put Outs</u>	<u>Assists.</u>	<u>Errors.</u>	<u>AVERAGE.</u>
Kemp	5	2	-	1.000
Goodwin	0	2	-	1.000
Delaney	1	2	-	1.000
Stone	20	3	1	.958
Yum	18	0	1	.947
Mould	0	6	1	.857
Mould	5	7	3	.800
Graham	5	1	2	.750
Perryman	1	0	1	.500
Waters	0	0	1	--
		Team Fielding	.883	

NEW SOUTH WALES V. SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Fielding.

	<u>Put Outs.</u>	<u>Assists.</u>	<u>Errors.</u>	<u>AVERAGE.</u>
Lambert	34	0	0	1.000
Strickland, J.	0	11	0	1.000
Agnew	4	7	0	1.000
Symes	3	5	0	1.000
Heher	2	6	0	1.000
Kennett	2	0	0	1.000
McGill	2	0	0	1.000
Ellern	2	0	0	1.000
Lawrence	5	2	2	.777
		Team Fielding	.977	

NEW SOUTH WALES V. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Season 1933.

Batting.

	<u>At Bat.</u>	<u>Safe Hits</u>	<u>AVERAGE.</u>
McGill	A. 7	3	.428
Lambert	L. 7	3	.428
Kennett	H. 7	2	.285
Strickland	J. 6	1	.166
Heher	H. 6	1	.166
Symes	K. 6	1	.166
Agnew	D. 7	1	.142
Ellern	O. 7	-	--
Lawrence	W. 7	-	--

Team Batting .200

NEW SOUTH WALES W. VICTORIA.

Batting.

	<u>At Bat.</u>	<u>Safe Hits</u>	<u>AVERAGE.</u>
Graham	G. 8	6	.750
Goodwin	V. 3	2	.666
Yum	E. 9	4	.444
Mould	A. 10	4	.400
Perryman	M. 10	4	.400
Mould	D. 9	2	.222
Kemp	C. 11	2	.181
Delaney	R. 6	1	.166
Waters	V. 10	1	.100
Stone	H. 9	-	--

Team Batting .305