



**SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA**

**2011 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR**

Date: October 4, 2011

Venue: Santa Ana College, Los Angeles

Game #: 16

Result: **Santa Ana 3 def. Australia 2**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
<b>V</b>	Australia	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0				2	6	3
<b>H</b>	Santa Ana	1	0	0	1	0	0	0					3	6	1

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	R. Ihle	SS	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
2	J. Guyer	CF	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	J. Klemm	C	4	0	0	3	0	0	0
4	R. Schwarz	LF	4	2	1	0	0	0	0
5	A. Sloan	1B	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	N. van der Linden	SS	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
7	B. Leslie	RF	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
8	N. Hass	SH	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	A. Stuart	3B	3	0	0	1	0	0	1

**Pitchers**

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
C. Tilini	3	0	2	0	1	1
J. Spence	1	1	1	1	1	1
M. Simon	2	1	1	0	0	0
J. Silvi	1	0	0	0	0	0
A. Sloan	0.67	0	2	0	1	0

Our hitting began similar fashion to the first game with us failing to score in the first three innings, with again Ihle getting our only base hit.

Tilini had thrown the first three innings for us, and after a shaky start in which he gave up a run in the first, had then settled into the game very well.

Spence replaced him on the mound for the 4<sup>th</sup> and gave up a run on a lead off walk, followed by a double and we were down 2 – 0. Silvi came on for Spence in the 5<sup>th</sup> and threw a tidy scoreless innings.

Finally we got on the scoreboard ourselves in the 6<sup>th</sup> when Stuart walked and Guyer got on base with an infield error. Stuart came home on a pass ball and Guyer with a great display of heads up baserunning went from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> on the same play. Schwarz then got a clutch single to bring him home and the score was now tied up at 2 – 2.

Simon had come on to pitch in the 6<sup>th</sup> and kept the opposition scoreless and the scores were now level going into the final innings.

Both teams failed to score in the 7<sup>th</sup> and so we were now into extras. In the 8<sup>th</sup> innings we threatened with two hits but some poor bunt execution and baserunning cost us and we didn't score. Santa Ana then got two runners on with base hits, but with two out, a sharply hit ball got past our infield and we'd lost the game 3 – 2.



## 2011 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Date: October 4, 2011

Venue: Santa Ana College, Los Angeles

Game #: 15

Result: **Santa Ana 5 def. Australia 0**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
<b>V</b>	Australia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	1	2
<b>H</b>	Santa Ana	0	2	1	0	2	0						5	10	1

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	R. Ihle	SS	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	C. Barnes	CF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	J. Klemm	C	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	R. Schwarz	LF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	A. Sloan	3B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	R. Perkins	C	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	B. Leslie	RF	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	L. Papanicolaou	DH	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	N. van der Linden	SS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
D. McGrath	5	1	9	2	5	4
S. Holland	1	0	1	0	0	0

McGrath started for us and after a scoreless first innings, Santa Ana scored twice in the second putting together three hits and a walk.

Then in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, they got another three base hits and scored a run, and then added a further two runs in the 5<sup>th</sup> to now lead 5 – 0. After five innings we had not looked like troubling the scorer, our only base hit being Ihle as our lead off hitter of the game way back in the 1<sup>st</sup> innings. In fact, this ended up being our only hit of the entire game.

Holland then threw the 6<sup>th</sup> and Santa Ana failed to score and the final game score was 5 – 0 in their favour. We had been comprehensively out played with their hitting, defence and pitching being better than ours on the day.

As this was the first game of a double header, coach Hanrahan got the boys together between games and asked for one big final effort from them for their last game on the tour.



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**2011 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR**

Date: October 2, 2011

Venue: Cal State Fullerton, Los Angeles

Game #: 14

Result: **Australia 6 def. Placentia 3**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
V	Placentia	1	1	1	0	0	0	0					3	4	0
H	Australia	0	0	3	0	3	0						6	11	0

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	R. Ihle	SS	4	3	0	1	0	0	2
2	C. Barnes	CF	4	2	0	0	0	0	1
3	J. Klemm	C	3	2	3	0	0	0	2
4	R. Schwarz	LF	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
5	A. Sloan	3B	3	2	2	0	0	0	0
6	N. van der Linden	SS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	B. Leslie	RF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	D. McGrath	1B	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
9	N. Hass	DH	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Pitchers**

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Spence	3	3	2	3	3	3
M. Simon	4	3	2	1	0	0

We started the game really slowly. Spence was our starting pitcher and the first three innings for them were literally repetitions of each other. They got a lead off runner on in each innings, moved him to a scoring position and then either base hit or sacrifice flied him in to score. So after the third we were down 3 – 0.

Spence came out after the 3<sup>rd</sup> and was replaced by Simon. He admitted afterwards that he'd really struggled with the heat and just felt flat.

Just when it looked like the game was going to get away from us, we rallied superbly in the bottom of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. With two outs, hits to Ihle, Klemm, Schwarz and Sloan saw us score three and the game was now tied up at 3 – 3. Simon was going great guns on the mound, keeping Placentia scoreless in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Then in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup>, we blew the game open with the top part of the order again generating the runs. Ihle and Barnes both singled and then Klemm smashed a ball that hit three quarters of the way up the left centre field wall to score them both. Sloan then singled to score Klemm and the three runs meant we were now leading 6 – 3.

Simon, aided by some great defence, finished off the game strongly and that was the final scoreline.

Ihle had a great day with the bat getting five hits in the two games, Sloan got four hits and another four RBIs and Klemm had clutch hit when it really counted.



It had certainly not been our finest performance of the tour ... the kids looked a little flat and tired and this was compounded by the baseball gods seeming to be against us. But full credit to Danville who took their limited opportunities and won the game as a result.



## 2011 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Date: October 1, 2011

Venue: Cal State Fullerton, Los Angeles

Game #: 12

Result: **Australia 9 def. Danville 1**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
<b>V</b>	Danville Hoots	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			1	4	3
<b>H</b>	Australia	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	3				9	10	2

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	R. Ihle	2B	4	2	0	0	0	0	1
	A. Stuart		1	0	0	1	0	0	1
2	C. Barnes	CF	5	2	1	1	0	0	2
3	J. Klemm	3B	5	1	1	2	0	0	2
4	R. Schwarz	LF	5	3	1	2	0	0	2
5	A. Sloan	1B	5	1	3	0	0	0	0
6	B. Leslie	RF	4	1	2	1	1	0	0
7	R. Perkins	C	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	L. Papanicolaou	DH	4	0	0	3	0	0	1
9	N. van der Linden	SS	4	0	0	0	0	1	0

### Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
S. Holland	4	3	1	1	0	0
J. Silvi	5	3	3	2	1	0

We opened the scoring in the 1<sup>st</sup> when Ihle and Schwarz hit safely, and Leslie walked with loaded bases to get us an early 1 – 0 lead.

Holland, who'd had a few arm problems on the tour, was our starting pitcher and was in total control for the first three innings. We added another run in the 3<sup>rd</sup> when Barnes led off with a double and scored on a pass ball to extend our lead to 2 – 0.

Silvi replaced Holland on the mound at the start of the 5<sup>th</sup>. Holland had thrown a commanding four innings, not allowing an opposition runner to second base.

We went to a 3 – 0 lead in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> when Schwarz doubled down the left field line and Sloan was able to score him.

Then in the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup>, two costly errors with two out gave Danville a very much unearned run and the score was now 3 – 1.

In the 7<sup>th</sup> we gave ourselves some breathing space scoring three runs when Ihle led off with a double to the centre field fence, Klemm and Schwarz walked, Sloan singled to score the first two and Leslie sacrifice flied to deep right field to bring home our third run of the innings and we were now 6 – 1 up.

Again in the 8<sup>th</sup> we scored three runs when Papanicolaou and Stuart walked, then Barnes, Klemm and Schwarz all hit consecutive base hits and it was now 9 – 1 in our favour.

Silvi shut Danville out in the final innings, and he too had thrown a strong game.

All up, it had been a very dominating performance. Our offence had been powerful led by Ihle, Barnes, Schwarz and Sloan, the defence apart from the two blemishes in the 5<sup>th</sup> had also been very good, and Holland and Silvi had combined to throw an authoritative game.

Tomorrow we play a double header, game times are 10.00am and 1.00pm.



## 2011 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Date: September 29, 2011                      Venue: Fullerton Junior College, Los Angeles

Game #: 11

Result: **Australia 11 def. Fullerton JC 8**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
<b>V</b>	Australia	0	0	0	0	4	5	2					11	12	2
<b>H</b>	Fullerton JC	2	2	2	0	1	1	0					8	15	3

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	R. Ihle	SS	5	3	3	0	0	1	2
2	C. Barnes	CF	5	1	0	1	1	0	1
3	J. Klemm	C	5	2	4	2	0	1	2
4	R. Schwartz	LF	5	0	1	1	0	0	0
5	A. Sloan	3B	4	3	2	0	0	0	0
6	B. Leslie	RF	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
7	R. Perkins	DH	4	1	0	1	0	0	2
8	S. Holland	1B	4	0	0	1	0	0	1
9	A. Stuart	2B	4	1	1	1	0	0	3

### Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
C. Tilini	2.67	2	7	1	6	6
D. McGrath	2.33	2	5	1	1	1
J. Spence	1	1	2	0	1	1
J. Silvi	1	1	1	0	0	0

Fullerton got off to a flier in the 1<sup>st</sup> when they got consecutive hits with two out to score two runs and take an early lead. They then strung together more hits in both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> innings to score four more runs and we were behind 6 – 0, and again struggling to stay in the game. McGrath replaced Tilini on the mound during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and he was able to stem the flow of runs.

After really not looking like scoring, we rallied in the 5<sup>th</sup> when Ihle, Klemm and Sloan all hit safely, Barnes walked, Schwarz got an RBI and we had scored four but then ran ourselves out of the innings while still threatening. It was now a 6 – 4 game. Fullerton got one back in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> with a solo shot home run to go back out to a 7 – 4 lead.

Then in the 6<sup>th</sup>, we continued our comeback when Perkins and Holland led off the innings with walks, singles to Stuart and Ihle, a sacrifice bunt by Barnes, and hits to Klemm (to give him his 4<sup>th</sup> RBI of the game) and Sloan, and we had scored five runs to go to the lead for the first time in the game at 9 – 7.

McGrath came out of the game and was replaced by Spence to throw the 6<sup>th</sup> innings and Fullerton got one run back on two hits of their own, and it was now just a one run ball game 9 – 8 our way going into the last.

We gave ourselves a few insurance runs in the 7<sup>th</sup> when Perkins led off with a double, Stuart walked, and Ihle hit them both in to give us a three run lead. Silvi threw the 7<sup>th</sup> innings and a smart double play finished the game for us and we had staged a really good comeback from 6 – 0 down to win 11 – 8.

Klemm had again led the way with the bats getting two hits and four RBIS, and has backed up by Ihle with three hits and three BBIs, and Sloan with three hits and two RBIs.

We had again struggled early but the kids showed a lot of heart to come back from way behind late in the game. It had been a long day with 14 innings of baseball played on one of those very hot Southern California days, so to raise such a mighty effort late in the day speaks volumes for the kids' character.

We have a day off tomorrow (going to see an NHL pre-season game), then play one game on Saturday and then another double header on Saturday, the venue for these being Cal State Fullerton, one of the leading baseball colleges in the country, and their Goodwin Field is meant to be something quite something special.



## 2011 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Date: September 29, 2011      Venue: Fullerton Junior College, Los Angeles

Game #: 10

Result: **Fullerton JC 4 def Australia 2**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
<b>V</b>	Australia	0	0	1	1	0	0	0					2	4	3
<b>H</b>	Fullerton JC	1	1	0	2	0	0						4	6	1

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	N. van der Linden	SS	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	C. Barnes	CF	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	J. Klemm	3B	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	R. Schwartz	LF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	A. Sloan	1B	3	1	0	1	0	0	1

6	R. Ihle	2B	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
7	R. Perkins	C	3	2	0	1	0	0	1
8	L. Papanicolaou	DH	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
9	B. Leslie	RF	3	0	0	1	0	0	0

## Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Guyer	4	2	5	2	4	1
M. Simon	2	0	1	0	0	0

Guyer started on the mound and the first two innings were similar for Fullerton – some walks, hits and costly errors by us saw them score a run in both innings and we were behind 2 – 0 and playing poorly.

At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, coach Hanrahan gave the kids a bit of a rev up and it had the desired effect when Perkins led off the 3<sup>rd</sup> with a double and was scored on a Papanicolaou sacrifice fly to make it a 2 – 1 game.

We scored again in the 4<sup>th</sup> when Sloan smashed a double to the centre field fence and was able to scramble home on a pass ball to tie the game up at 2 – 2.

But then in the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Fullerton were threatening with runners on second and third with two out, and just when we looked like getting out of the innings, a very costly throwing error saw them score both those runners and we were again behind at 4 – 2.

We had loaded bases in the 5<sup>th</sup> but left them stranded and didn't score. Simon replaced Guyer in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> and again threw very well in his two innings.

There was no further score in the game and we'd got beaten 4 – 2. It had probably been our most disappointing game of the tour. Perkins had been our best player, having his best game of the tour with the bat. The kids had not been there mentally ready to go at the start of the game of the game, and the very hot day made them more lethargic. But no excuses, we had played poorly and I hope that the kids can make a better fist of the second game of our double header today.



## 2011 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Date: September 25, 2011      Venue: Goss Stadium, Oregon State University Campus, Oregon

Game #: 9

Result: **Australia 6 def. NorthWest Juniors 0**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
V	NorthWest Juniors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	3	2
H	Australia	1	1	0	3	0	1						6	6	1

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	N. van der Linden	SS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0



2	C. Barnes	CF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	J. Klemm	RF	3	0	0	1	0	1	1
4	R. Schwartz	LF	3	2	1	0	0	0	2
5	A. Sloan	1B	3	1	1	1	0	0	1
6	R. Ihle	2B	3	1	0	1	0	0	2
7	N. Hass	C	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
8	S. Holland	DH	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
9	A. Stuart	3B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Spence	3	5	3	2	0	0
L. Papanicolaou	2	1	0	0	0	0
J. Silvi	1	1	0	0	0	0
M. Simon	1	0	0	0	0	0

In the 1<sup>st</sup> we again got out to an early lead when Klemm got on, and was then scored when Schwarz doubled to the centre field fence and we were in front 1 – 0.

We scored again in the 2<sup>nd</sup> when Sloan led off with a single and Hass hit a deep double to centre field to take us out to a 2 – 0 lead.

Spence, our starting pitcher, came out of the game after three innings and had kept his perfect tour record intact. He was replaced by Papanicolaou who threw a scoreless 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> innings.

We blew the game open in the 5<sup>th</sup> scoring three runs on hits to Schwarz and Ihle, aided by a couple of NorthWest fielding errors. Then added another run in the 6<sup>th</sup> when Sloan led off with a walk and Holland got his first hit of the tour (with great scenes of jubilation on the bench) to bring him home and we now led 6 – 0.

Silvi and Simon both threw a tidy innings each in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> to wrap up the game, and we had won our second 6 – 0 victory of the day.



## 2011 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Date: September 25, 2011      Venue: Goss Stadium, Oregon State University Campus, Oregon

Game #: 8

Result: **Australia 6 def. NorthWest Juniors 0**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
<b>V</b>	Australia	1	0	1	0	3	0	1					6	6	0
<b>H</b>	NorthWest Juniors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	3	0

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	N. van der Linden	SS	4	1	0	0	0	0	2
2	C. Barnes	CF	4	1	3	1	1	3	1
3	J. Klemm	LF	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	R. Schwarz	3B	4	2	2	0	0	1	0
5	A. Sloan	1B	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	N. Hass	DH	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
	J. Guyer		1	0	0	0	0	0	
7	B. Leslie	RF	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
8	R. Perkins	C	3	0	0	2	0	1	1
9	R. Ihle	2B	3	1	1	1	0	1	2

### Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
D. McGrath	4	7	1	1	0	0
C. Tilini	3	4	2	1	0	0

We got on the board in the 1<sup>st</sup> when van der Linden led off with a walk and was driven in by Schwarz for us to take a 1 – 0 lead. McGrath was our starting pitcher.

Then in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ihle led off with a walk, stole second, was moved over to 3<sup>rd</sup> by van der Linden and then scored on a sacrifice fly by Barnes ... a perfectly manufactured run in baseball terms and we were now in front 2 – 0.

In the 5<sup>th</sup>, Perkins walked and Ihle doubled to right field to bring him in. Van der Linden then beat out an infield hit and Ihle moved over to third. Barnes then doubled to score them both and we had scored three for the innings to extend our lead to 5 – 0.

McGrath came out of the game after four innings of real quality pitching, having thrown only to twelve hitters, picking off the two hitters who had got on base. Tilini replaced him on the mound and got into his groove straight away.

We went further in front, scoring one further run in the 7<sup>th</sup> when Barnes walked and Schwarz drove him in. Tilini then closed out the game and we had recorded a very convincing win.

Our pitching had been terrific, we'd played errorless defence, and had done a great job with the bat with runners on. It was probably our most solid all-round game of the tour.



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Date: September 23, 2011      Venue: Linn Benton College, Albany, Oregon

Game #: 7

Result: **Australia 5 def. Linn Benton 3**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
<b>V</b>	Australia	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0			5	12	1
<b>H</b>	Linn Benton	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			3	10	2

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBI's	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	<b>C. Barnes</b>	<b>CF</b>	5	1	0	1	0	2	0
2	<b>N. Hass</b>	<b>C</b>	5	3	1	0	0	0	1
3	<b>J. Klemm</b>	<b>3B</b>	5	1	0	1	0	1	1
4	<b>R. Schwarz</b>	<b>LF</b>	5	0	0	2	0	0	2
5	<b>D. McGrath</b>	<b>1B</b>	5	0	0	1	0	0	0
6	<b>R. Ihle</b>	<b>SS</b>	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
7	<b>A. Sloan</b>	<b>DH</b>	4	3	3	0	0	0	0
8	<b>B. Leslie</b>	<b>RF</b>	4	2	0	0	0	0	1
9	<b>A. Stuart</b>	<b>2B</b>	4	0	0	0	1	0	0

**Pitchers**

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
<b>J. Guyer</b>	8	11	5	4	3	3
<b>A. Sloan</b>	1	1	0	1	0	0

Guyer started slowly on the mound in the first and they had scored one run and loaded bases, all still with none out. But he did fight back to limit the damage to only one more run and we were down 2 – 0.

Then in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Hass hit a lead off single, and Klemm and Schwarz both walked. Ihle hit one in, and Sloan continued to generate runs, singling to right field to score both Klemm and Schwarz and the scoreline was now 3 – 2 in our favour.

We extended our lead in the 5<sup>th</sup> when Schwarz walked and Sloan doubled to bring him in, and make it 4 - 2. This was Sloan's third hit of the day and also his 3<sup>rd</sup> RBI.

In the meantime, Guyer had now settled into the game really well, not giving the opposition a sniff of a scoring opportunity until the 6<sup>th</sup> innings when Linn Benton put together consecutive hits to score a run and only a great tag play at the plate by Hass stopped them scoring another one, and it was now a one run ball game at 4 – 3.

We gave ourselves a bit of breathing space in the 8<sup>th</sup> when Leslie led off with a single, was bunted through to second by Stuart, and then Hass scored him to make it 5 – 3.

Guyer came out of the game after the 8<sup>th</sup>. After a very shaky start in the 1<sup>st</sup>, he had thrown superbly striking out 11 hitters and only giving up the one run in his last seven innings.

Sloan then came on in the 9<sup>th</sup> to close it out and we had won the game 5 – 3.

Best players today were obviously Guyer on the mound, Sloan got three hits and three RBIs and also got the save, Hass had his best game of the tour with the bat, as did Leslie, and Ihle had a very solid game at shortstop.

We have a day off tomorrow and the kids are pretty much hanging out for it after playing seven games in seven days with LOTS of travelling thrown in. We're going to the Oregon State University (OSU) vs. UCLA football game. College football is just huge over here and a sellout crowd of 45,000 will be watching the OSU Beavers in action ... remarkable really when Corvallis has a population of only 37,000.

Then on Sunday we play our final games in Oregon with a double header against NorthWest Baseball Juniors. This is a team drawn from all over Oregon made up of players in their second last year of school, similar to our Year 11. The venue is Goss Stadium which is right in the heart of the OSU campus and a beautiful looking field. OSU have been College World Series champions on a couple of occasions in the past decade and their baseball program is one of the best in the country so as you can imagine their facility is right up with the best of them. The boys are certainly looking forward to it.



## 2011 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Date: September 22, 2011      Venue: Chemeketa College, Salem, Oregon

Game #: 6

Result: **Australia 10 def. Chemeketa 8**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
<b>V</b>	Australia	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	3	3			10	12	1
<b>H</b>	Chemeketa	0	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	0			8	10	3

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	N. van der Linden	SS	5	0	0	1	1	0	1
2	C. Barnes	CF	5	0	1	1	1	0	1
3	J. Klemm	3B	5	2	2	0	0	0	0
4	R. Schwartz	3B	5	2	0	1	0	0	1
5	D. McGrath	DH	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
	L. Papanicolau		3	2	1	1	0	0	3
6	A. Sloan	1B	5	2	4	0	0	0	1
7	B. Leslie	RF	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
8	R. Perkins	C	5	0	0	0	0	0	1
9	R. Ihle	2B	4	2	0	0	0	0	2

### Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
M. Simon	5	2	7	2	3	3
S. Holland	1.67	4	3	4	5	5
J. Spence	2.33	4	0	1	0	0

Simon started on the mound for us and after a scoreless first innings, Chemeketa were the first to score when they got two runs on three hits to take an early lead 2 – 0 lead.

We got them back straight away in the 3<sup>rd</sup> when Perkins got on with an error, Stuart hit safely, and they both ended up scoring to tie the game up

Then in the 5<sup>th</sup>, Stuart got another base hit, Barnes walked and Klemm, who is on an absolute tear at the moment, tripled to score both of them and we were in front 4 – 2. Chemeketa then got one back and at the end of five, it was 4 – 3 our way.

Simon came out of the game after a really good outing, and was replaced by Holland. We then went through a couple of innings where the world seemed to be against us. In the 6<sup>th</sup>, they scored twice and hit one ball out of the infield ... a dropped third strike, two absolutely brutal calls on the bases (for the second time on tour, the umpire apologized afterwards for getting it wrong ... little consolation really), and a bleeder over first base and we were behind 5 – 4.

Then in the 7<sup>th</sup>, it just seemed as though the plate umpire simply refused to call a strike if one of their hitters let it go. Everything Holland threw was called a ball. Perkins, our catcher, said there were eight calls like this throughout the innings where he didn't move his glove but it was still called a ball. Chemeketa scored another three runs and Holland came out of the game. Despite what the stats say, he had thrown really well. Spence was now the pitcher, and he was immediately balked for them to score again and quite honestly all we could do was just shake our heads at the umpiring. So at the end of seven innings, we were behind 8 – 4.

Coach Hanrahan got the kids together for a team talk at the top of the 8<sup>th</sup>, stressing for our guys to keep their heads and that we're going to have to win the game with our own bats. The boys responded, and after Schwartz and Papanicolaou had both walked, Sloan hit safely, Perkins' hard bit ball was errored, and we had got three runs back to make it 8 – 7 going into the last.

They then brought on their specialist closer, a 200cm giant who is what we call a submarine pitcher, i.e. he delivers the ball in a sidearm action from almost ground level. This kid was the real deal ... plenty of velocity and movement on the ball. Van der Linden led off with a walk and was bunted through to second by Barnes. Our next hitter struck out, and so we were down to the final out of the game. With two out and two strikes on him, Papanicolaou drove the ball into the gap between first and second, van der Linden scampered home and the game was tied up at 8 – 8. Schwartz beat out an infield hit, and then Sloan had what was simply the best at bat of the entire tour so far. He fouled off three pitches with two strikes and was really battling hard against this quality pitcher. Then he just smashed a line drive to right field to score both Papanicolaou and Schwartz and we had come back to take the lead 10 – 8.

Spence, who threw particularly well, then closed out the game in style in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> and we had pulled off a magnificent victory, against many odds.

In the vans on the way home (another 50 minute trip) the kids were still pumped, singing along to everything on the radio, and it was one of those magical times in sport when you're on the road and everyone had pulled together to win the game, and the feeling was you wouldn't want to be anywhere else in the world or doing anything else in the world, than what we were doing right at that particular time.

Tomorrow's game is a 1.00pm start against Linn-Benton College which is in Albany, the nearest neighbouring town, and only about 15 minutes way, which is also something we're looking forward to.



**SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA**

**2011 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR**

Date: September 21, 2011

Venue: Mt. Hood College, Portland, Oregon

Game #: 5

Result: **Australia 8 def. Mt. Hood 7**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
<b>V</b>	Australia	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	1			8	9	3
<b>H</b>	Mt. Hood	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0			7	7	0

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	<b>N. van der Linden</b>	<b>SS</b>	5	1	0	1	0	0	1
2	<b>C. Barnes</b>	<b>CF</b>	5	1	1	2	1	0	1
3	<b>R. Perkins</b>	<b>C</b>	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>B. Leslie</b>	<b>RF</b>	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	<b>R. Schwartz</b>	<b>3B</b>	5	1	0	1	0	0	2
5	<b>A. Sloan</b>	<b>1B</b>	5	1	2	0	0	0	0
6	<b>J. Guyer</b>	<b>LF</b>	4	2	0	0	0	0	1
7	<b>N. Hass</b>	<b>DH</b>	4	0	0	2	0	0	2
		<b>P</b>							
8	<b>J. Klemm</b>	<b>RF</b>	4	2	2	1	0	0	1
		<b>C</b>							
9	<b>R. Ihle</b>	<b>2B</b>	4	1	1	1	0	0	0

**Pitchers**

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
<b>C. Tilini</b>	3	3	3	4	5	3
<b>D. McGrath</b>	4	5	3	1	2	0
<b>N. Hass</b>	2	1	1	2	0	0

In the top of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, we opened the scoring when Schwartz rifled a lead off double to left field and was then scored by Sloan. Hass walked and he scored when Klemm tripled to the left field fence, continuing his hot streak with the bat. So after two innings, we had taken an early 2 – 0 lead with Tilini looking very comfortable in the starting pitcher’s role.

Then in the bottom of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mt. Hood rallied with three hits, Tilini lost a little control, and again we made some unforced errors and all of a sudden we were down 5 – 2.

McGrath came on to pitch for the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup>. In the top of the 5<sup>th</sup>, Hass led off with a walk, Klemm doubled for his second RBI of the game and it was 5 – 3. Ihle then walked, van der Linden singled and Barnes’ sacrifice fly brought in another run and it was now just a one run ball game, 5 – 4 in their favour.

But straight away in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Hood got those runs back, when we again gave up two cheap runs after making two errors and they were again out to a three run lead at 7 - 4

However, we kept fighting back and in the 6<sup>th</sup>, Schwartz walked, and Sloan, Guyer and Ihle all hit safely to score two runs and were now behind 7 – 6.

Then in the 7<sup>th</sup>, we were able to tie the game up when Barnes led off with a single and scrambled home on a pass ball. McGrath came out of the game at the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> and had thrown a terrific four innings giving up no earned runs. He was replaced on the mound by Hass for the start of the 8<sup>th</sup>, and he immediately got himself into trouble loading the bases with none out. But under huge pressure, he pitched himself out of the situation to hold Mt. Hood scoreless and so the scores were tied going into the last.

In the 9<sup>th</sup>, we ourselves also had loaded bases and none out when van der Linden, Barnes and Leslie all walked. Only van der Linden was able to score but we had now hit the lead by one run going into the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup>. Again, Hass showed great composure and shut down the opposition hitters and we ran out winners 8 – 7.

This had really been a tremendous effort to fight back from three runs down late in the game. The best thing about the day was that we were able to score in five separate innings, something which we'd been struggling to do the past few games. However, our defence again let us down at crucial times and really the game should not have been that close if we had made all our outs. This is something we certainly have to improve on. McGrath and Hass both pitched well, and Klemm and Barnes continue to be our best hitters.

Our next game is tomorrow against Chemeketa College in Salem, a night game starting at 6.00pm.



## 2011 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Date: September 20, 2011                      Venue: Corban University, Salem, Oregon

Game #: 4

Result: **Corban 7 def. Australia 2**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
<b>V</b>	Australia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0			2	7	3
<b>H</b>	Salem	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	1				7	6	2

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	<b>N. van der Linden</b>	<b>2B</b>	4	2	0	0	0	1	1
2	<b>C. Barnes</b>	<b>CF</b>	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
3	<b>R. Perkins</b>	<b>C</b>	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>A. Sloan</b>		1	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	<b>D. McGrath</b>	<b>1B</b>	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	<b>R. Schwartz</b>	<b>3B</b>	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	<b>N. Hass</b>	<b>DH</b>	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
07	<b>B. Leslie</b>	<b>RF</b>	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	<b>J. Klemm</b>	<b>LF</b>	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
9	<b>A. Stuart</b>	<b>SS</b>	3	0	0	0	0	2	1

### Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs

<b>J. Silvi</b>	2.67	3	4	3	4	2
<b>L. Papanicolau</b>	4.33	0	2	0	2	0
<b>R. Ihle</b>	1	0	0	2	1	0

Silvi was our starting pitcher and for the first two innings looked in complete control. Then in the third, a combination of four hits, two walks, a poor call at second and a crucial error saw Corban score four runs to go out to a 4 – 0 lead.

Papanicoalaou, in his first pitching appearance for the tour, relieved Silvi on the mound and threw superbly for just over four innings. In the sixth, Corban again put together consecutive hits, and we should have got out of the innings with no runs against us. But another bad error with two out, allowed both runners to score and their lead was now 6 – 0.

Our hitters in the meantime had struggled to really threaten and whenever someone had got a safe hit, there was nothing to back that up and runners continued to be stranded on base. We did eventually score twice ourselves in the eighth, when Stuart got on with a lead off error, then van der Linden hit and Sloan RBId.

Ihle came on to pitch in the 8<sup>th</sup> and Corban scored one more run, again unearned because of an error and the final scoreline was 7 -2 against us.

In reality, this had been our most disappointing game played so far. We had actually outhit them but hadn't been able to put any together. Corban had only got hits in two innings but that meant multiple runners on, and both times we made an error at crucial times that allowed them to score additional runs. As you can see from the stats, only two of their seven runs were earned (for the non-baseball people out there, that means those runs wouldn't have scored if we had not made a fielding error during the innings).

We have a long day tomorrow, playing Mt. Hood College, an a hour and a half's drive away. Game time is 4.00pm and that means we won't be back here in Corvallis until pretty late, but that is the life of a baseballer on the road, and that's one of this tour's main objectives ... to show the kids that if you want to play over here, this is what you have to do.



## 2011 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Date: September 19, 2011      Venue: Clackamas Community College, Portland, Oregon

Game #: 3

Result: **Australia 4 def Clackamas CC 2**

	<b>Inn / Team</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>V</b>	Australia	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			4	6	2
<b>H</b>	Clackamas	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0			2	7	2

Bat	<b>Australia</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>Hits</b>	<b>RBIs</b>	<b>Walks</b>	<b>Sacs</b>	<b>Stolen Bases</b>	<b>Runs Scored</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>N. van der Linden</b>	<b>SS</b>	4	0	0	1	0	1	0
<b>2</b>	<b>C. Barnes</b>	<b>CF</b>	4	2	2	0	0	0	0
<b>3</b>	<b>J. Klemm</b>	<b>1B</b>	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>4</b>	<b>B. Leslie</b>	<b>RF</b>	4	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>5</b>	<b>R. Schwartz</b>	<b>3B</b>	4	1	1	0	0	0	1



6	R. Ihle	2B	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
7	L. Papanicolaou	DH	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	N. Hass	C	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
9	A. Sloan	1B	4	1	0	1	0	0	1

## Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Guyer	4	4	5	3	2	0
J. Spence	4	6	1	0	0	0
M. Simon	1	0	1	0	0	0

The game opened up in the top of the 2<sup>nd</sup> when Leslie led off with a walk, and scored when Schwartz smashed a triple to right centre. Ihle brought in Schwartz, and then with two out and none on, Hass and Sloan hit consecutive singles and then Barnes doubled to score them both and we were up 4 – 0.

We threatened again in the top of the 4<sup>th</sup> having runners on first and third with one out, but pretty much ran ourselves out of the innings and didn't score. Guyer was our starting pitcher and kept Clackamas scoreless until the 4<sup>th</sup> when they scored twice and it was now a 4 – 2 ball game.

Spence then came on to pitch in the top of the 5<sup>th</sup> and threw a superb four innings, striking out six and giving up no runs. Simon then came on in the 9<sup>th</sup> and closed out the game in pleasing fashion.

So the final scoreline was 4 -2 in our favour. We had a few scoring opportunities throughout the last few innings and this was probably the only disappointing aspect of today's game, in that we didn't fully capitalize on them and left few runners out there. But our three pitchers all did a really good job and were backed up some very strong defensive work. Barnes was our best hitter.

After the game we drove an hour and a half south to Corvallis, where we will be based for the next week. Tomorrow's game is against Corbin University at Salem.



## 2011 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Date: September 17, 2011      Venue: Wilsonville High School, Portland, Oregon

Game #: 2

Result: **Australia 4 def NorthWest Baseball Seniors 3**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
V	NorthWest Baseball	0	0	2	0	0	1	0					3	4	2
H	Australia	0	0	0	0	1	0	3					4	3	0

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	J. Klemm	LF	4	1	1	1	0	0	1

2	R. Ihle	2B	4	1	1	1	0	1	1
3	R. Perkins	1B	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	A. Sloan	3B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	N. Hass	DH	3	0	0	0	0	1	1
6	J. Guyer	CF	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
7	R. Schwartz	LF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	L. Papanicalaou	C	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
9	A. Stuart	SS	3	1	0	0	0	0	1

## Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
D. McGrath	4	6	3	3	2	2
M. Simon	2	3	1	0	1	1
J. Silvi	1	1	0	0	0	0

This was a game literally completely the opposite of the first game. We were never really in the hunt and did not look like winning the game, with the opposition pitchers completely shutting down our hitters and they had a collective no hitter going into the last innings. But then with two out and no runners on, we put together three hits in a row and pulled off what was really a miracle victory 4 – 3.

McGrath was our starting pitcher and was dominating early, but then in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, on the back of a hit, a walk and a dubious baulk call, NorthWest scored two runs to lead 2 – 0. We scrambled a run back in the 5<sup>th</sup>, again when a dubious baulk call, but this time in our favour, went our way and now it was a 2 – 1 ball game.

NorthWest got that run back straight away, but again with some controversy. Sloan had tagged a runner out at 3<sup>rd</sup> for side away but the umpire ruled he had dropped the ball while making the tag and declared the runner safe. The next batter hit safely to score that run and make it 3 – 1 in their favour. The umpire, by the way, apologized to our coach and player after the game, admitting he got the call wrong !!

So we headed into the last two runs down, and as I said earlier, not recording one safe hit as yet. Our first two hitters struck out in the 7<sup>th</sup>, then Stuart line drove up the middle for our first hit of the game. Klemm then smashed a triple to the right field wall to score Stuart and it was 3 – 2. Ihle then hit one in the hole to shortstop and beat out the throw, allowing Klemm to score and the game was tied up. Ihle then advanced to second, then third on the back of two wild pitches. Perkins drove a ball hard at 3<sup>rd</sup> base and the fielder bobbled the ball a little, rushed the throw and threw it wild to first base and Ihle came home and somehow we had got completely out of jail and had won the game 4 – 3. So at the end of the day, there had been two games, both with a 4 -3 scoreline, and both times these seemingly better team had lost the game. But as the baseball saying goes, it ain't over till it's over, and never was that truer today.

It was a good hitout first up against quality opposition, and 17 of our 18 players got on the field today. The only who didn't was Josh Spence, and he is one of our starting pitchers tomorrow.

Tomorrow, we play another double header, this time against NorthWest Juniors. Like today, they are made up of players from all over the state of Oregon, but these are kids who are in their second last year of schooling.



Date: September 17, 2011

Venue: Wilsonville High School, Portland, Oregon

Game #: 1

Result: **NorthWest Baseball Seniors 4 def Australia 3**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
V	Australia	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0				3	8	1
H	NorthWest Baseball	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1				4	7	1

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	N. van der Linden	SS	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
2	R. Perkins	C	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
3	D. McGrath	DH	4	2	0	1	0	1	1
4	B. Leslie	RF	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	A. Sloan	1B	4	1	1	1	0	0	0
6	C. Barnes	CF	4	1	1	0	1	0	1
7	N. Hass	3B	4	2	1	0	0	0	0
8	J. Guyer	LF	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	A. Stuart	2B	4	0	0	1	0	0	0

### Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
C. Tilini	5	3	3	4	1	0
S. Holland	3	4	4	2	3	3

We played well but in the end it was a disappointing result. It was one of those games where we appeared to be in control, but the opposition scored two runs in the last innings to tie it up, and then we lost in extras.

At the top of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, consecutive doubles to Barnes and Hass gave us an early 1 – 0 lead.

Then in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Perkins led off with a double down the left field line and was scored by a McGrath single. Sloan then singled, and McGrath scored on a sacrifice fly by Barnes and we had extended our lead to 3 – 0.

Tilini, our starting pitcher, was going great guns on the mound, and backed up by some sharp defence, particularly from van der Kinden and Stuart whom turned a couple of crucial double plays, had held the opposition scoreless until the 5<sup>th</sup> innings, when they got two hits to record their first run and make it a 3 -1 game.

Holland came on in the 6<sup>th</sup> to relieve Tilini and he shut them out in the 6<sup>th</sup> and we had a two run lead going into the final inning. But with two swings of the bat, a double followed by a home run saw the game tied up at 3 -3 at the end of regulation play (because we were playing a double header today, both games were only seven innings) and so we went into extras.

Again, NorthWest combined two hits in the 8<sup>th</sup> innings and they scored a run to win the game 4 – 3. It was the only time in the whole game they'd been in front.

It had been a high quality game where we'd jumped to an early comfortable lead but then our bats went to sleep for the last five innings and full credit to NorthWest for the way they fought back to win the game.