



SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA BASEBALL

USA TOUR 2009

Date: September 25, 2009 **Game # 1:** vs. Linn Benton Community College
Venue: Linn Benton Community College, Albany **Result:** **Linn Benton 6 def Australia 2**

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E	LOB
V	Australia	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1			2	8	3	8
H	Linn-Benton Community College	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0			6	6	1	6

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	SS	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	S. Moon G. Wade	2B	3 1	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
3	K. Perkins L. Parish	C	3 1	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
4	D. Lee	3B	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	W. Lee	1B	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
6	M. Williams	LF	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
7	T. McDonald C. Albrecht	DH	3 1	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	1 1	1 1
8	D. Muggleton	RF	4	1	0	0	0	1	0
9	T. Zammitt	CF	4	2	1	0	0	1	0

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
A. Sookee	3	2	6	0	0	0
J. Kilby	1	2	0	3	0	5
T. Shaw	2	1	3	1	0	0
J. Warner	1	0	1	2	1	1
C. Albrecht	1	1	1	0	0	0

Even though we got beaten today, this was a productive day first up in that we got 16 out of our players on the field at some stage. It was obvious that a few guys had some nerves in their first appearance in Australian colours and this, his coupled with the jet lag factor (we only arrived in the U.S. yesterday), meant it was always going to be a tough day.

We used five pitchers, all of whom threw well, particularly Sookee who threw a masterful first three innings. Our hitting was somewhat disappointing but we still actually out-hit the opposition. However one bad innings where we made a couple of errors allowed the opposition to score five runs. At this level, you simply cannot afford to give the opposition any extra outs and that is the main thing to take out of today's game.

We have a rest day tomorrow and then play a double header against a Kansas City Scouts team on Sunday.



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Date: September 27, 2009

Game # 2: vs. Kansas City Scouts Team

Venue: Goss Stadium, Oregon State University

Result: Kansas City Scouts 10 def Australia

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	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E	LOB
V	Australia	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1			1	3	3	
H	Kansas City Scouts	4	0	0	0	0	6	0	0				10	12	0	

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	SS	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
2	C. Albrecht L. Wade	2B	3 1	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0
3	K. Perkins	C	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	W. Lee	1B	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
5	A. Sookee	DH	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
6	M. Williams L. Parish	LF	3 1	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
7	D. Lee	3B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	D. Muggleton	RF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	T. Zammitt	CF	3	1	0	1	0	1	1

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
T. McDonald	5.33	8	3	4	6	7
T. Shaw	0.67	2	0	2	2	3
J. Warner	2	2	4	1	0	0

The opposition today was a high quality team selected from players from Oregon and two surrounding states, and a further couple of players from Canada.

Our starting pitcher, Travis McDonald, started shakily and gave up four runs in the first innings. We scored one in the 3rd on consecutive hits to Zammitt and Jordan McDonald to narrow the scoreline to 4 – 1. McDonald was now throwing very effectively and the scoreline remained the same until the 6th when the opposition bunched together a lot of hits and blew the score out to 10 – 1.

Josh Warner threw a terrific final two innings to end the game.

Overall, our hitting was again disappointing and it's this facet we just have to improve if we're going to meet with success on the tour.



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Date: September 27, 2009

Game # 3: vs. North West Oregon All-Stars

Venue: Goss Stadium, Oregon State University

Result: Australia 4 def North West 3

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E	LOB
V	North West All-Stars	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0			3	5	3	
H	Australia	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1			4	9	1	

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	T. Zammitt	CF	5	1	0	0	0	1	1
2	L. Wade	2B	5	1	0	1	0	0	1
3	K. Perkins	1B	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
4	L. Parish	C	5	1	0	1	0	0	0
5	A. Sookee	DH	5	2	1	0	0	0	0
6	M. Williams	LF	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
7	D. Lee	3B	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
8	D. Muggleton	RF	4	2	1	1	0	1	0
9	S. Moon W. Lee	SS	3 1	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	0 0

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
J. Kilby	4.33	3	4	6	3	3
T. Shaw	4.67	2	6	2	0	0

Another game against strong opposition, this time an older All-Star team selected from the north-west region of Oregon.

After a bit of a rev-up from Head Coach Hanrahan between games, the boys came out in a much more aggressive mood with the bat and the results were shown in the 2nd when hits to Sookee and Daniel Lee were followed up by a double from Muggleton which scored Sookee. Moon then brought Lee home on a sacrifice fly and we led 2 – 0.

North West hit back straight away in the top of the 3rd to score a run and it was a 2 – 1 scoreline. In the bottom of the 3rd Wade led off with a deep triple to centre field and was scored by a Perkins single, and again we had a two run lead 3 – 1.

Our starting pitcher, Kilby was doing a good job and throwing hard but in the 5th innings was relieved by Hook who threw extremely well to get us out of a tight situation but not before two runs had been scored and the game was locked up at 3 – 3.

The game was only to go 7 innings but it was still tied then so we then went into extras.

In the bottom of the 9th Zammitt showed great speed to beat out an infield hit, Wade then walked, Perkins got an with an error and we had loaded bases with two out. Sookee then hit a ball to shortstop and again showing a great turn of foot, there was a bang-bang play at 1st and he was called safe and we had won the game 4 – 3.

Hook had done a magnificent job in relief keeping the opposition scoreless and was undoubtedly our man of the match. The boys really savoured the win and are now in much better shape for the upcoming games this week throughout Oregon.



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Date: September 28, 2009

Game # 4: vs. Lane Community College

Venue: Lane Community College, Eugene

Result: Australia 7 def Lane C.C. 4

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E	LOB
V	Australia	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2			7	15	2	
H	Lane Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1			4	6	0	

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	3B / P	5	5	3	0	0	1	0
2	L. Wade	2B	5	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	K. Perkins	1B	5	2	0	0	0	0	2
4	L. Parish	C	5	2	0	0	0	0	1
5	C. Albrecht	SS	5	2	0	0	0	1	1
6	M. Williams	LF	5	1	2	1	1	0	0
7	W. Lee	DH / P	5	0	0	1	0	0	0
8	D. Muggleton	RF	5	2	1	1	0	1	1
9	T. Zammitt	CF	4	0	0	1	0	1	2
	S. Moon	3B	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
A. Sookee	6	2	12	2	0	0
W. Lee	2	2	2	3	2	3
J. McDonald	1	2	1	2	1	1

In the top of the second, our offence really opened up. Albrecht led off with a line drive single, he stole second and was moved over to 3rd by Williams. Muggleton then drove him in, and in turn Muggleton and Zammitt both scored on a Jordan McDonald double and we were out to a 3 – 0 lead.

We extended our led in the 6th to 4 – 0 when another McDonald double bought in Zammitt. Sookee was absolutely dominating on the mound and in 6 quality innings of pitching, the threw 12 strikeouts and gave up just the two hits. Indeed in the 4th innings, he threw 9 pitches for 3 strikeouts. His control and command of his various pitches was simply outstanding.

Our lead became 5 – 0 in the top of the 7th when Albrecht hit a double and then scored courtesy of Williams. Sookee was relieved in the 7th by Wilson Lee but a couple of errors proved costly as Lane then got two hits and scored three runs to make it a tight 5 – 3 ball game.

In the top of the 9th we gave ourselves a bit of breathing space scoring two runs on hits to Perkins, Parish and Muggleton and our lead was now 7 – 3.

Jordan McDonald then came on to close out the game in the 9th and we were holding our breath little when Lane scored a run and actually had loaded bases when we got the final out.

Sookee had thrown a superb six innings, his second great outing for the tour. Jordan McDonald starred with the bat going 5 for 5 with 3 RBIs. Parish also hit well, and was again very tidy behind the plate. Muggleton and Williams also made important offensive contributions.

This was certainly our best day with the bat so far on tour, collecting a total of 15 hits and doing a pleasing job with runners in scoring position.



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Date: September 29, 2009

Game # 5: vs. Chemeketa Community College

Venue: Chemeketa Community College, Salem

Result: Australia 17 def Chemeketa C.C. 7

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E	LOB
V	Australia	2	2	4	1	0	0	2	3	3			17	19	4	
H	Chemeketa Community College	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	1			7	8	2	

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	3B	7	2	3	1	0	2	2
2	C. Albrecht	2B	6	1	1	1	0	0	0
3	K. Perkins	C	5	3	4	1	0	0	2
	J. Warner	P	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
4	L. Parish	DH / C	6	1	1	3	0	1	1
5	T. McDonald	1B	6	2	2	0	0	0	2
6	L. Wade	LF	6	3	0	0	0	1	3
7	M. Williams	CF	6	2	2	2	0	2	2
8	J. Kilby	RF	6	2	2	2	1	1	3
9	S. Moon	SS	6	3	2	1	1	0	1

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
M. Trau	2	2	2	2	0	2
T. Shaw	4.67	5	3	5	4	4
J. Warner	1.33	0	1	0	0	0
D. Muggleton	1	1	1	2	1	1

In the 1st we jumped to a 2 – 0 lead when Perkins line drove a home run over centre field, scoring himself and Jordan McDonald. Our lead got bigger in the 2nd when McDonald continued his hot streak with a double off the left field fence to score Williams and Kilby and we were up 4 – 0.

Trau, in his first outing of the tour, threw two solid innings –a scoreless 1st innings and then two unearned runs in the 2nd.

Then in the 3rd we had our best offensive innings of the tour scoring four runs on consecutive hits to Perkins, Parish, Travis McDonald and Williams. This was followed by a Kilby sacrifice fly and a hit by Moon and we had scored four runs to take a 8 – 2 lead.

The 4th innings saw us extend our lead further to 9 – 2 when Jordan McDonald led off with another hit and was brought in on an Albrecht hit.

Chemeketa replied with two runs of their own in the bottom of the 5th to make the score 9 – 4.

In the 7th, Perkins recorded his third hit of the day and fourth RBI, when he drove in Kilby and Moon and the scoreline was out to 11 – 4.

Shaw, who had come on to pitch in the 3rd innings, threw just under five very valuable innings and was relieved in the bottom of the 7th with the score at 11 – 6, by Warner who, in a short appearance, again threw the ball hard with great control and command of his pitches.

We then kept the scoreboard moving in the 8th against a full submarine pitcher, who none of our guys had ever faced one of his type before in their career. Wade led off with a single, Williams was hit by a pitch ball and then two consecutive hit run plays were executed perfectly by Kilby and Moon to score two runs. Jordan McDonald then got his 3rd RBI of the day by bringing in Kilby to make the score 14 – 6.

Another 3 runs were added in the 9th on hits to Travis McDonald, Wade and Williams and a sacrifice fly by Moon. Muggleton came on to pitch in the bottom of the 9th and Chemeketa scored one run with the final game score being 17 – 7 in our favour.

This was certainly the best we have played on tour, tidy pitching backed up by great offence. Every member of the starting team got at least one hit and we had a total of 19 for the day in accumulating our 17 runs.

This was our final day in Corvallis (home of the Beavers remember !!) as we are leaving here tomorrow and travelling to Portland where we will be based for the next three days.



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Date: October 1, 2009

Game # 6: vs. Clackamas Community College

Venue: Clackamas Community College, Oregon City

Result: Australia 7 def. Clackamas C.C. 5

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	SS	5	0	0	2	1	1	1
2	D. Muggleton	RF	5	2	3	0	0	1	1
3	K. Perkins	DH	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	L. Parish	C	5	1	2	0	0	0	0
5	D. Lee	3B	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	T. Zammit	CF	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	W. Lee	1B	4	0	0	2	0	0	2
8	L. Wade	LF	4	2	0	0	1	1	1
9	S. Moon	2B	4	2	2	1	0	1	1

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
J. Kilby	4	2	1	6	3	3
C. Albrecht	1	1	0	3	1	1
J. Warner	4	2	4	3	1	1

In the 1st, Jordan McDonald led off with a walk and stole second. Muggleton singled and Parish converted McDonald to give us an early 1 – 0 lead.

Zammit led off in the 2nd and got on base with an error. Wilson Lee walked, Wade laid down a perfect bunt to load the bases. Moon walked which brought home Zammitt and then Muggleton doubled to deep left centre to score three runs. Parish's single then scored Muggleton and our lead was out to 6 – 0.

Clackamas replied with two runs of their own to make it a 6 – 2 ball game.

We again scored in the 3rd when Wilson Lee beat out an error, Wade singled to left field and then Moon also singled which scored Lee and it was now 7 – 2. Again Clackamas responded with two hits to score one run and it was 7 – 3.

Kilby, our starter, didn't have his best stuff on the mound today but battled really hard. He was relieved after four innings by Albrecht, who threw just the one innings and, in turn, was relieved by Warner. Again, Warner wasn't as dominant as in previous performances, getting himself into and out of trouble on a few occasions.

The final score was a 7 – 5 victory in our favour, but to be truthful it was not one of our better performances. Our bats went to sleep after three innings and our pitchers threw a total of 12 walks (including hit batters). But in saying that, our opposition today is ranked in the top three of junior colleges in the region. To be able to play below our best and still come away with the win shows how far we've come on tour.

Tomorrow's game is against Mt. Hood Community College, who are the top ranked local team. It should be a bit of a challenge for our boys.



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Date: October 2, 2009

Game # 7: vs. Mt. Hood Community College

Venue: Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham

Result: Australia 7 def. Mt. Hood C.C. 1

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E	LOB
V	Australia	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	2			7	8	1	
H	Mt. Hood Community College	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			1	3	4	

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald D. Lee	3B	4 1	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 1
2	D. Muggleton	RF	5	1	0	0	0	1	2
3	K. Perkins	C	5	0	0	2	0	0	2
4	L. Parish	DH	5	2	1	0	1	0	2
5	C. Albrecht	2B	5	2	2	0	0	1	0
6	T. Zamitt	CF	5	0	2	0	2	0	0
7	M. Williams	1B	4	1	0	0	0	1	0
8	L. Wade	LF	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
9	S. Moon	SS	4	1	0	0	1	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
A. Sookee	9	3	8	2	1	1

A very tight ball game early on with no runs being scored until the 4th. We opened the scoring when Parish singled, got to 2nd on a wild pitch, Albrecht moved him over and Zamitt hit a deep sacrifice fly to score him and we took a 1 – 0 lead.

Aaron Sookee, our starter, had thrown a terrific scoreless three innings and in the bottom of the 4th gave up his first two hits of the game for Mt. Hood to score one and tie the game up at 1 – 1.

The scores remained locked until the 6th when Perkins led off with walk, was bunted through to second by Parish, and then scored on an Albrecht single to give us a 2 – 1 lead.

Then in the top of the 8th, Muggleton led off with a single, stole second, Perkins walked and then Parish doubled to score Muggleton. Perkins then scored on a wild pitch and Zamitt got his second RBI of the day with another sacrifice fly to score Parish and we had blown the game open to lead 5 – 1.

In the top of the 9th, we again scored when Dan Lee led off with a walk and then consecutive errors by their second baseman and another RBI single by Albrecht saw us score 2 runs to extend our lead 7 – 1, which was the final scoreline.

This was a tremendous performance against opposition generally regarded as the best in the region. Our defence was great, we did a terrific job with runners in scoring position, with Parish, Albrecht and Zamitt in particular doing a good job with the bat. But the undoubted man of the match was Sookee whose pitching was simply awesome. He pitched the entire nine innings, giving up only 3 hits and 2 walks against some very tough hitters.

So after opening the tour with two straight losses, we've now won five in a row to have a 5 – 2 record going into our first break. We leave Portland tomorrow morning at 6.00am (heaven help us !!) and fly to LA where we will be based in Anaheim. We're going to a Dodgers- Rockies game tomorrow night at Dodger Stadium, and then a Padres – Giants game on Sunday in San Diego. So our next game is not until Monday when we play a double header starting at 5.00pm and I will write again then.



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Date: October 5, 2009

Game # 8: vs. Placentia Mustangs

Venue: Champions Sports Complex, Placentia

Result: Australia 2 def. Placentia Mustangs 0

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	3B	4	2	0	0	0	0	1
2	D. Muggleton	RF	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
3	K. Perkins	C	4	0	1	1	1	1	0
4	L. Parish	DH	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
5	C. Albrecht	2B	4	0	0	2	0	1	1
6	T. Zamitt	CF	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
7	L. Wade	LF	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
8	M. Williams	1B	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
9	S. Moon	SS	3	0	1	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
T. McDonald	7	4	6	3	0	0

This was the first game of a double header and it was a very tight nil all ball game until we opened the scoring in the 5th when from one out and none one, Jordan McDonald singled, Muggleton then hit a deep ball to the right field fence which the right fielder dropped allowing McDonald to advance to 3rd. Perkins then hit sacrifice fly to bring him home and we led 1 – 0.

In the next innings, the 6th, we scored another run when Albrecht got hit by a pitch leading off. Zammit then bunted for a base hit and Wade advanced both of them with well executed bunt. Moon then drove in Albrecht to make it 2 – 0.

This was an excellent win against some good opposition. There was some great defence on both sides (Williams diving catch from 1st base would not have been out of place in the Majors, and Moon started a great double play from deep in the hole at shortstop).

Jordan McDonald and Muggleton were our best with the bats but undoubtedly our MVP was Travis McDonald who threw the full 7 innings in a terrific performance. His stats read 6ks, 3 walks, 4 hits off and no earned runs.

This was our second consecutive game where our starter has gone the full game and this has been of great benefit to the rest of our pitching staff as we're carrying a couple of injuries at the moment.



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Date: October 5, 2009

Game # 9: vs. Placentia Mustangs

Venue: Champions Sports Complex, Placentia

Result: Australia 7 def. Placentia Mustangs 3

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	DH	4	2	2	1	0	0	0
2	L. Wade	LF	4	1	0	1	1	0	2
3	K. Perkins	1B	4	3	1	0	0	0	1
4	L. Parish	C	4	3	1	0	0	0	2
5	C. Albrecht	SS	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	M. Williams	CF	3	0	2	2	1	0	1
7	D. Lee	3B	3	1	0	1	0	0	1
8	J. Kilby	RF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	S. Moon	2B	3	0	1	1	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
W. Lee	5	3	4	7	0	0
D. Muggleton	2	1	3	2	0	0

In the bottom of the 1st, Wade singled, Perkins executed a perfect hit-run, Parish singled, and Williams walked with loaded bases to give us an early 1 – 0 lead.

Placentia responded with three runs of their own in the 2nd with three hits and a couple of walks, and they went ahead 3 – 1.

In the bottom of the 3rd, Perkins led off with a line drive double and ended up scrambling home on a shallow sacrifice fly by Williams to make it a 3 – 2 game.

Then in the 5th, Parish led off with a single, Williams was hit by a pitched ball, Dan Lee walked, and then Moon walked to score a run. McDonald then singled to bring in both Williams and Lee, and we'd scored three runs to regain the lead 5 – 3.

In the bottom of the 6th we scored again when Wade led off with a walk. Perkins then smashed a triple to deep centre field (his 3rd hit of the game) to score Wade and Parish singled (also his third hit) to bring in Perkins and the two runs extended our lead to 7 – 3 which was the final score.

Wilson Lee threw five innings and got himself in and out of a lot of trouble, aided by some great defence. Muggleton, doing a great job for the team, then pitched the last two scoreless innings.

Perkins had a wonderful game with the bat getting a single, a double and a triple. Parish also got three hits and continues to impress behind the plate, which he has done all tour.

The best thing about this performance was we showed we could come from behind against some good quality pitching.

Our tour record now stands at 7 and 2, which is highly commendable considering we lost our opening two games.



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Date: October 6, 2009

Game # 10: vs. Fullerton Junior College

Venue: Fullerton Junior College

Result: Fullerton Junior College 4 def. Australia 1

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	3B	5	1	0	0	1	0	0
2	D. Muggleton	RF	5	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	K. Perkins	C	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
4	L. Parish	DH	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
	A. Sookee		2	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	C. Albrecht	2B	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
6	T. Zammit	CF	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
7	L. Wade	LF	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	M. Williams	1B	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
9	S. Moon	SS	3	1	0	2	0	0	0
	S. ook		1	0	0	1	0	0	1

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
J. Warner	4	4	3	4	1	2
T. Shaw	3	3	0	1	2	2
D. Lee	1	1	1	0	0	0

A game against an older junior college team of talented 19 – 20 year olds who could throw and swing the bat hard.

We had a lot of scoring opportunities throughout the game and had a runner on 2nd with none out on four separate occasions throughout the game but didn't convert any of them. Indeed, our only run came in the last innings when Perkins doubled to score Hook.

All three pitchers used did a sound job in limiting the opposition hitters but our offence simply didn't produce today when it mattered.



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Date: October 6, 2009

Game # 11: vs. Fullerton Junior College

Venue: Fullerton Junior College

Result: Fullerton Junior College 11 def. Australia 4

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	SS	4	1	0	1	0	0	1
2	S. Moon	2B	3	0	0	1	0	0	1
	S. Hook		1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	K. Perkins	RF / C	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
	C. Albrecht	P	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	L. Parish	C	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
	D. Muggleton	RF / C	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	W. Lee	DH	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
6	T. Zammit	CF	3	1	0	0	0	1	2
7	D. Lee	3B	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
8	T. McDonald	1B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	M. Williams	LF	3	1	1	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
J. Kilby	0.33	3	0	4	5	5
L. Wade	2.33	4	0	4	3	4
A. Sookee	2.33	0	3	0	0	0
C. Albrecht	1	3	1	1	2	2

The second game of our double header and the boys looked and played tired. This was their 4th game in less than 24 hours and it showed in their performance.

In the 1st, Jordan McDonald led off and got hit with a pitched ball, was advanced by Moon and scored on a throwing error by the shortstop and we took an early 1-0 lead.

We really struggled in the 1st, giving up five runs on three hits, four walks and a couple of errors. Fullerton continued their attack in the 2nd and 3rd innings, bunching together more hits and scoring a further four runs.

We'd got one back in the 2nd when Zammit scored on a Williams single, and we scored another run in the 3rd when Moon and Perkins led off with walks, Muggleton moved them over and Wilson Lee scored Moon, but we were down 9-3 after three innings.

Sookee came on for a couple of innings and as always looked impressive on the mound and shut down their hitters. We scored a run in the 6th on consecutive hits to Zammit and Dan Lee to make it 9-4 but Fullerton got their bats going again in the 7th and ran out winners 11-4.

There is now no game scheduled for tomorrow and we leave on Thursday morning to take part in the final games of our tour in a tournament called the Arizona Fall Classic which is being played in Phoenix. Our first game there is on Friday.



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USA TOUR 2009

Date: October 9, 2009

Game # 12: vs. Calgary

Venue: Peoria Sports Complex, Phoenix, Arizona

Result: Australia 9 def. Calgary 1

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	3B	4	1	0	1	0	0	1
2	D. Muggleton	RF	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	K. Perkins	C	3	2	1	0	0	0	1
4	L. Parish	DH	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
5	C. Albrecht	2B	3	0	0	1	0	0	1
6	T. Zammit	CF	3	1	0	2	0	1	3
7	L. Wade	LF	3	1	0	0	1	0	1
8	M. Williams	1B	3	0	0	1	1	0	1
9	S. Moon	SS	3	3	5	0	0	0	1

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
T. Shaw	5	4	5	0	0	1

The boys started nervously and in the top of the 1st Calgary went to an early 1 – 0 lead on the back of two hits and two pass balls.

In the bottom of the 2nd we hit back when Albrecht led off with a walk, Zammit singled and Wade's attempted running bunt moved them over. Moon then singled to score both runners and we were in front 2 – 1.

Two innings later in the 4th, Zammit walked, Wade beat out an infield single and then Moon, with his second hit of the day, drove in the two runs and we now led 4 – 1, with Moon producing all 4 RBIs. Jordan McDonald then singled and Perkins tripled deep to left to score McDonald. Parish then line drove a single up the middle to score Perkins. This had been a great offensive innings which scored five runs and gave us a 7 – 1 lead.

Then in the bottom of the 5th, Zammit walked again, getting on base for the third time in as many plate appearances. Williams walked and Moon again singled to bring in yet another RBI. A wild pitch then saw us score our ninth run and the tournament eight run mercy rule after five innings kicked in, with the final score being 9 – 1.

Shaw had pitched extremely well throwing the entire game with a low pitch count. Using just the one pitcher is always a great bonus in a tournament situation. Others to do well today included Zammit who scored three times, Parish and Perkins both hit well but it was Moon who starred with the bat going 3 for 3 with a career-high 5 RBIs.



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USA TOUR 2009

Date: October 9, 2009

Game # 13: vs. Arizona Athletics

Venue: Peoria Sports Complex, Phoenix, Arizona

Result: Australia 7 def. Arizona Athletics 2

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	3B	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
2	D. Muggleton	RF	4	1	2	0	0	0	2
3	K. Perkins	1B	4	1	3	0	1	0	1
4	L. Parish	C	4	2	0	0	0	1	0
5	C. Albrecht	2B	4	0	0	1	0	1	0
6	T. Zammit	CF	4	1	0	0	0	1	0
7	L. Wade	LF	4	1	0	1	0	0	1
8	D. Lee	DH	3	1	0	1	0	0	1
9	S. Moon	SS	3	1	1	1	1	0	1

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
T. McDonald	5	4	4	4	0	0
J. Warner	1	1	2	0	1	1
W. Lee	1	1	0	2	1	1

No runs were scored by either side in the first two innings and our starting pitcher, Travis McDonald, was doing a good job on the mound. Then in the top of the 3rd, Daniel Lee was hit by a pitched ball and was bunted through to second by Moon. Jordan McDonald then hit a sharp line drive to right field and we had runners on first and third. Muggleton then tripled down the right field line to score our first two runs. Perkins then hit a deep sacrifice fly to bring in Muggleton and we had taken the lead 3 – 0.

In the 5th, Moon led off with a walk, Muggleton hit a hard ground ball which forced an error, Perkins then doubled to left field to score both runners and get his 3rd RBI of the game. Parish singled and Perkins scored on a wild pitch for our third run of the innings to increase our lead to 6 – 0.

Travis McDonald pitched five innings, giving up no runs which was great effort in the heat. He got himself into trouble on a couple of occasions, but initiated a double play to get himself out of it both times.

The 6th innings saw us score another run when Wade walked, Daniel Lee doubled and Moon singled to bring in Wade and we were up 7 – 0.

Warner pitched the 6th innings and Wilson Lee the 7th and although Arizona were able to get a run in each, we ran out comfortable winners. This means we are leading our pool as the only undefeated team but still have to win tomorrow to ensure a place in the play-offs.

Tomorrow morning we are visiting Arizona State University for a tour of their facilities, where the players will be addressed by Josh Spence (a young Australian pitcher who went on the Australian Schools tour in 2005). He's going to talk to our boys about college life and what to expect. Josh was recently a third round pick in the Major League draft and was offered \$US300,000 to sign on but instead opted to go back to college for one more year and complete his degree. It will be very interesting to hear his thoughts on how he came to this decision.



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USA TOUR 2009

Date: October 10, 2009

Game # 14: vs. Southern California Outlaws

Venue: Peoria Sports Complex, Phoenix, Arizona

Result: Australia 14 def. Southern California Outlaws 2

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E	LOB
V	Australia	0	2	0	0	0							2	3	3	
H	Southern California Outlaws	8	3	3	0								14	9	1	

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	SS	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
	C. Albrecht		1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	D. Muggleton	RF	4	0	0	3	0	0	1
3	K. Perkins	1B	3	1	3	0	1	0	1
	S. Hook		1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	L. Parish	C	4	1	0	2	0	3	3
5	W. Lee	DH	4	0	0	1	0	0	2
6	T. Zammit	CF	3	2	3	0	1	1	2
7	L. Wade	LF / 2B	3	2	2	0	0	1	1
8	D. Lee	3B	3	1	2	0	0	2	2
9	S. Moon	2B	2	1	1	1	0	0	1
	M. Williams	LF	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
J. Kilby	5	3	3	5	1	2

This was a must win game to ensure we placed first in our pool and the boys really came out swinging in an aggressive mood. In the 1st, McDonald got on base with an error, Muggleton walked and Perkins, continuing his hot streak with the bat, tripled over centre field to score two runs and he was then balked home to give us a 3 – 0 lead. Parish then walked, consecutive hits to Zammit, Wade and Dan Lee, Moon walked, McDonald singled and Perkins sacrifice flied for his third RBI of the innings and we had exploded out to an 8 – 0 lead.

Southern California got two of their own back in the 2nd to make it 8 – 2.

In the bottom of the 2nd, Parish led off with a single, Wilson Lee got on with an error and Zammit scored Parish with a sacrifice fly. Dan Lee also got on base with an error and was scored on a Moon single and our lead was out to 11 – 2.

A great double play by Dan Lee at 3rd base shut down Southern California when they were threatening with loaded bases in the 3rd.

We scored a further three runs in the 3rd from two out and none on with Zammit and Wade both hitting doubles and getting RBIs, increasing our lead to 14 – 2 which was the final score. Offensively, pretty much everybody contributed with all nine starters scoring a run and Williams stealing three bases in his pinch running role.

Kilby did a tidy job on the mound and by throwing the full game has given us a few more pitching options for the play-offs which start tomorrow.

This means we came first in our pool which was our first major goal. Our first game tomorrow is at 8.00am (yes you read that right !!) and then if we win, we keep playing. So we have a minimum of one and a maximum of three games.



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USA TOUR 2009

Date: October 11, 2009

Game # 15: **Quarter Final** vs. San Diego

Venue: Peoria Sports Complex, Phoenix, Arizona

Result: Australia 4 def. San Diego 2

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	3B	4	1	0	0	0	1	1
2	D. Muggleton	RF	4	1	0	1	0	1	0
3	K. Perkins	C	4	0	0	1	0	0	1
4	L. Parish	DH	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
5	C. Albrecht	2B	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	T. Zammit	CF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	L. Wade	LF	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
8	M. Williams	1B	3	1	0	1	0	1	2
9	S. Moon	SS	3	1	1	1	1	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
A. Sookee	7	9	4	2	2	2

In the 1st innings with two out and none on, Perkins got on with a catcher's interference, Parish then hit a routine ball to second base who threw it away and Perkins scored all the way from first to give us a real bonus run and a 1 – 0 lead.

San Diego responded with a run of their own in the bottom of the innings to make it 1 – 1. Then in the 2nd, they strung together three successive hits to score a run and take the lead 2 – 1.

The opposing pitcher was doing a really good job on our hitters and we didn't record a hit until the 5th when Williams led off with a running bunt single, Moon bunted him through to second. McDonald singled and in stealing second, Williams was able to come home on the catcher's throwover to score and tie the game at 2 -2. Then in a great piece of clutch hitting, Parish singled to centre field with two out to bring home McDonald and we'd taken the lead back 3 – 2.

In the top of the 6th we scored again when Williams got on base with a fielder's choice and then stole second. Again with two out, our hitters came through in the clutch with Moon singling to bring home Williams and we were up 4 – 2.

That was the final scoreline and put us through to the semi-finals of the tournament. This was a game against high quality opponents and our kids did a great job to fight back from behind late in the game.

Aaron Sookee again covered himself in glory by again throwing a complete game to just top off what has been an outstanding tour for him. In every appearance he has been in control, throwing a variety of pitches with good velocity and control for an extremely low ERA. He would undoubtedly be the tour's MVP.



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USA TOUR 2009

Date: October 11, 2009

Game # 16: **Semi Final** vs. Colorado

Venue: Peoria Sports Complex, Phoenix, Arizona

Result: Colorado 4 def. Australia 3

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	H	RBI	BB	Sac	SB	Runs
1	J. McDonald	3B	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
2	D. Muggleton	RF	4	0	0	2	0	1	1
3	K. Perkins	C	4	1	0	1	0	1	0
4	L. Parish	DH	4	0	0	1	0	0	1
5	C. Albrecht	2B	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
6	T. Zammit	CF	3	1	1	0	0	1	1
7	L. Wade	LF	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
8	M. Williams	1B	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
9	S. Moon	SS	3	1	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	IP	Hits Off	K2s	Walks	Earned Runs	Runs
J. Warner	5	5	2	5	4	4
T. Shaw	2	1	1	0	0	0

We went ahead early with two runs in the 1st on walks to Muggleton and Parish and an Albrecht single to take a 2 – 0 lead.

Colorado responded with hits in the 2nd and 3rd to score a run in each innings and tie the game at 2 – 2.

In the bottom of the 4th, Albrecht led off with a single which the right fielder errored and he ended up on third. Zammit then singled to bring Albrecht home and we led 3 – 2.

Colorado responded immediately in the top of the 5th with consecutive hits and a walk to load the bases and they batted in two of the runs to retake the lead 4 – 3.

Warner, our starting pitcher, had done a mighty job in the heat (34 degrees) and was relieved in the 5th by Shaw who then threw two scoreless innings to finish the game.

This was one of those games where the baseball gods just seemed to be against us. They scored a couple of their runs on bleeders that just fell over the infield whereas we must have hit at least six or seven line drives straight at fielders. Even in the bottom of the last, we were fighting hard with runners on second and third with two out and a base hit would have won us the game. Parish absolutely nailed a line drive to right field but he didn't have to move and it was game over. A couple of metres either side and we win. But that is tournament baseball where you only need the breaks to go against you slightly in one game and it's all over.

Our kids had certainly done us proud making the last four in the 32 team tournament and really helping showcase Australian baseball. Along the way, we'd beaten teams from Canada, California and Arizona and were beaten by a team from Colorado.

That has brought the baseball section of our tour to a close. We finished with an 11 – 5 win – loss record and has been a magnificent experience for all concerned.