



2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 1 vs Clackamas Community College

Date: September 12, 2014 Oregon City, Oregon

Result: Australia 9 def. Clackamas Community College 6

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	M. Neunborn	2B	4	2	0	0	0	0	1
2	D. Frew	SS	4	0	0	2	0	0	2
3	J. Turnbull	DH	4	1	0	1	0	0	2
4	J. McCallum	CF	4	1	2	1	1	1	2
5	J. Rawlinson	3B	4	2	1	0	0	0	1
6	M. Holding	C	4	0	0	2	0	0	1
7	T. King	1B	4	2	4	0	0	0	0
8	T. Leskiw	LF	4	1	0	1	0	1	0
9	C. Quirk	RF	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D. Bourke		1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
M. Barrett	3.33	4	3	5	5	5
W. DeJong	3.67	2	4	0	1	1

Barrett was our starting pitcher and retired the first three hitters in good style. Rawlinson got our first base hit in the 2nd innings but didn't score. Clackamas opened the scoring in their 2nd on the back of two hits and a walk to take an early 1 – 0 lead.

Leskiw and Neunborn both hit safely in the 3rd but again we couldn't score. Barrett threw a tidy third to shut them out, so at the end of three innings, we were still behind 1 – 0.

In the 4th we tied it when McCallum walked, stole second and scored on Rawlinson's base hit up the middle. Rawlinson was then able to move over to third on Holding's deep fly ball to left field and scored on King's single to right field, so we were now in front 2 – 1. Then a couple of hits and some hit by pitch balls saw DeJong relieve Barrett on the mound, but some damage had been done and Clackamas scored four for the innings and were now back in front 5 – 2.

We responded in great style in the 5th when Neunborn led off with a single, Frew walked, Turnbull singled and we had loaded bases with none out. McCallum then doubled to left centre to score two, and then a wild pitch and an overthrow on the same play, resulted in Turnbull and McCallum both coming home and we had scored four of our own to take the lead back 6 – 5.

Clackamas were able to tie it up again in the 6th, so going into the final innings the game was locked up at 6 – 6.

Frew drew a lead off walk, and then Turnbull also walked. McCallum laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt to move them over to second and third. With two out, Holding also walked and then King, in a great piece of two out clutch hitting, doubled to right centre to score all three and we had retaken the lead. Dejong then shut them down in the 7th and we had taken out the first game of the tour 9 – 6.

DeJong had thrown a great game coming on during the 4th and finishing the game. King had starred with the bat with two hits and four RBIs, all with two out.

I write this report between games, as the second game of today's double header is due to start in about 20 minutes, and I'm sure it's going to be a real challenge for our guys considering we only got off the plane yesterday and a bit of tiredness might kick in.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 2 vs Clackamas Community College

Date: September 12, 2014 Oregon City, Oregon

Result: Clackamas 9 def. Australia 1

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	A. Whitehead	2B	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	D. Frew	SS	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
	J. Rawlinson		1	0	0	0	0	0	
3	J. Turnbull	C	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	J. McCallum	CF	3	0	0	1	0	1	1
	M. Neunborn		1	0	0	1	0	0	
5	M. Holding	DH	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
		RF							
6	T. King	1B	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
7	T. Leskiw	LF	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
	C. Quirk		1	0	0	0	0	0	
8	R. Whitley	RF	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
		P							
9	D. Bourke	3B	3	1	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Hendrickson	3	0	4	2	5	5
M. D'Avoine	2	1	3	4	3	3
R. Whitley	1	0	2	0	1	1

We opened the scoring in the second when McCallum walked and stole second. Holding moved him over to third and then he scored on King's fielder's choice. Clackamas replied straight away with two runs so they were now in front 2 – 1.

Clackamas bunched together another bunch of hits in the 3rd to score another three and the scoreline was out to 5 – 1.

D'Avoine came on to pitch for the start of the 4th and after keeping them scoreless that innings, Clackamas were then able to score a further three runs in the 5th and it was now 8-1 their way. Our own bats were struggling a little with only three base hits in the first five innings.

Clackamas scored a further run in the 6th and the final scoreline was 9-1.

So this meant we had split our double header today. We'd played great in the first game to come back and win, and to be honest we ran out of gas a little in the second, not surprising considering our travel.

But no excuses and we play another double header tomorrow, this time over the border in Washington State.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 3 vs Showtime Baseball

Date: September 13, 2014 Venue: Battle Ground, Washington State

Result: Australia 5 def. Showtime 2

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	M. Neunborn	2B	4	2	0	0	0	0	1
2	D. Frew	SS	3	2	1	0	0	0	1
3	J. Turnbull	DH	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
4	J. McCallum	CF	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
5	M. Holding	C	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
6	T. King	1B	3	0	2	0	2	0	0
7	J. Rawlinson	3B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	T. Leskiw	LF	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
9	C. Quirk	RF	3	2	0	0	0	0	1

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Enciondo	6	6	3	3	2	0
A. Whitehead	1	1	0	0	0	0

Playing today's games in the quaintly named town of Battle Ground, which is over the border from Oregon in Washington State. Our opponents were an outfit called Showtime Baseball which is a travelling team made up of the better high school prospects from the local cities. The game was played in unseasonably hot weather for this area, and indeed the forecast for the next week is literally perfect for each day.

It was a real pitcher's duel to start with the first three innings being scoreless from both teams. Enciondo was our starting pitcher and he was doing a great job, striking out four without conceding a hit.

Then in the 4th innings our bats really came to life when our first five hitters in Neunborn, Frew, Turnbull, McCallum and Holding all hit consecutive singles. We did leave loaded bases out there but scored three runs to take the lead 3 – 0.

Quirk singled to lead off the 5th and was moved to second on Neunborn's hit-run. Frew then singled to bring Quirk home and we had extended our lead to 4 – 0.

We scored again in the 6th in what Head Coach, Peter Giles, calls a team run. McCallum led off with a double, then Holding ground out the opposite way to move him over to third, and he scored on King's sacrifice fly. Showtime opened their account in the 6th mainly due to two costly fielding errors and scored twice to make it a 5 – 2 scoreline going into the last innings.

Enciondo came out of the game after throwing six innings and giving up only three hits while striking out six, and giving up no earned runs. Whitehead came on to start the 7th and threw a tidy innings to close out the game down and we'd run out winners 5 – 2.

It had been a good team performance highlighted by Enciondo's pitching. The only disappointing aspects were our three fielding errors over the last two innings.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 4 vs Showtime Baseball

Date: September 13, 2014 Venue: Battle Ground, Washington State

Result: Australia 13 def. Showtime 3

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
V	Australia	0	0	2	0	1	3	7					13	13	1
H	Showtime Baseball	0	0	0	1	0	2	0					3	8	1

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	A. Whitehead	2B / P	5	2	2	2	0	1	2
2	D. Frew	SS	5	3	3	0	0	1	3
3	J. Turnbull	C / 3B	5	0	0	3	0	1	1
4	J. McCallum	CF	3	2	0	0	0	0	2
	R. Whitley	RF	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
5	M. D'Avoine	DH	4	2	2	1	0	0	1
	M. Holding	1B	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
6	T. King	1B / C	5	2	2	0	0	0	1
7	D. Bourke	3B / 2B	5	1	0	0	0	1	1
8	T. Leskiw	LF	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
9	C. Quirk	RF / CF	4	0	0	2	0	1	2

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
R. Steedman	3.33	3	4	0	1	1
J. Rawlinson	2.67	5	4	2	2	2
A. Whitehead	1.00	1	0	0	0	0

Whitehead led off the game with a double, and Turnbull walked. A successful double steal saw us with runners on second and third but we left them both out there. Steedman started for us and was immediately on song striking out three in his first two innings.

We got on the scoreboard in the 3rd when Frew led off with a single and then stole second. Turnbull moved him over to third and Frew, in a great piece of heads up running, was able to score on a pass ball which really didn't get that far away from the catcher. McCallum then smashed a double to right field, moved to third on a wild pitch, and was scored on a nice piece of team hitting by D'Avoine. In the meantime, Steedman was doing a great job keeping the opposition hitters quiet and so at the end of three innings we were up 2 - 0.

In the 4th, Steedman gave up a run and was relieved by Rawlinson. He'd been terribly unlucky with a cheap error, a chinker over second base, and a soft ground ball which King had covered at first but it hit the base and deflected away from him.

Rawlinson did a terrific job coming on with loaded bases and one out and not allowing another run to score. He was helped out by Quirk who threw a runner out at home plate from right field. So at the end of four innings it was 2 – 1 our way.

We gave ourselves a little insurance run in the 5th when McCallum and D’Avoine hit consecutive doubles to extend our lead to 3 – 1. Rawlinson then struck out three hitters to take us into the 6th.

Another three runs in the 6th and we were out to 6 – 1 courtesy of three walks and a hit to Frew. Showtime hit back with two runs of their own but were aided by a couple of infield hits and an error from ourselves.

Then in the 7th, we scored seven runs to blow the game apart with three walks and hits to King (two for the innings), Whitehead and Frew. Rawlinson came out of the game and he’d done a sterling job coming in in a tough situation and really getting us out of trouble. For the second time today, Whitehead came on to pitch in the 7th and had another cheap innings to finish off the game in which we’d run out winners by 13 – 3.

All three pitchers had done a really good job and eight out of the nine starters had scored a run, and seven different guys had got a base hit so it was a real team effort. Frew did well with the bat collecting three hits and three RBIs. Also worth noting that Tristan King now has 8RBIs from our four games so far.

We have a rest day tomorrow and then play another double header on Monday, again across the border in Washington State, about 1.5 hours drive away.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 5 vs Lower Columbia Community College

Date: September 15, 2014 Venue: Longview, Washington State

Result: Lower Columbia 10 def. Australia 0

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
V	Australia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	5	1
H	Lower Columbia	0	1	4	0	0	5						10	13	0

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	Walks	RBIs	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	A. Whitehead	2B	4	1	1	0	0	2	0
2	D. Frew	SS	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	J. Turnbull	DH	3	2	0	0	0	1	0
4	J. McCallum	CF	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
5	M. Holding	C	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
6	T. King	1B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	T. Leskiw	LF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	R. Whitley	RF	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
9	D. Bourke	3B	3	1	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
M. Barrett	2.33	1	6	4	5	5
W. DeJong	3.67	2	7	0	5	5

Our opposition today, Lower Columbia College, was a very strong team who has been divisional champions (i.e. champions over the neighboring states of Oregon, Washington State, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana) for 10 of the past 13 years. When I say they could really play, it is somewhat of an understatement.

Barrett was our starting pitcher and threw well until getting into a bit of trouble in the 3rd when he was relieved by DeJong. Columbia were 5 –0 up at this stage.

Our hitters were unable to bunch together any hits and this was a product of quality opposition pitching, combined with some superb defence. Their outfielders took three great diving catches which if not caught would have resulted in some runs for us.

DeJong threw brilliantly to keep the same score line going until with two out and none on in the 6th, when a bleeder over first base, followed by another soft ground ball that hit first base and deflected away from our fielder, started off a rally that produced seven base hits in a row that scored five runs.

So suddenly a 5 – 0 score line went to 10 – 0, the final score. But it really wasn't really a true reflection of the game as we'd had a large number of quality at bats against some superior pitching.

As I said earlier, the opposition were a very talented team whose kids were quite a few years older than ours, but were also a lot faster and stronger. But it's games like this that are sometimes the greatest lessons. It makes our guys realize what is required to play at this level if they aspire to be in programs like this in the U.S.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 6 vs Lower Columbia Community College

Date: September 15, 2014 Venue: Vancouver, Washington State

Result: **Australia 4 drew with Columbia 4**

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	RBI's	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	J. Rawlinson	3B	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	D. Frew	SS	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	J. Turnbull	C	4	1	0	1	0	0	1
4	J. McCallum	CF	4	3	0	1	0	0	1
5	M. Holding	DH	4	0	0	1	0	0	1
6	T. King	1B	3	2	4	0	0	0	1
7	T. Leskiw	LF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	C. Quirk	RF	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
9	D. Bourke	2B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Hendrickson	3.0	2	3	4	2	1
A. Whitehead	4.0	5	2	1	2	1

Columbia scored twice in the first when a routine out early in the innings ended up proving to be costly. Hendrickson, in a much improved outing, threw the first three innings and it was still 2 – 0 when he came out of the game.

Whitehead came on to pitch at the start of the 4th and had a quick three up three down innings.

W threatened in the top of the 5th and went close to scoring after hits to McCallum and King and a Turnbull walk, loaded the bases but we left them out there. Then Colombia, with a walk, a hit and another costly error scored a further two runs to extend their lead to 4 – 0 and we were staring down the barrel of defeat.

But in the 6th, we loaded the bases again after singles to Turnbull and McCallum, and Holding drew a walk. Then King stepped to the plate, and with one swing of the bat, tied the game up with a monster grand slam home run over left centre. This means he now has 12RBIs in just six games.

Whitehead was continuing to shut down the opposing hitters and in the last innings we had a chance to win the game after McCallum tripled with two out but we were unable to bring him in. Whitehead shout out the game and so it ended at a 4 – 4 draw. We chose not to play extra innings as we have to play another four games over the next four days and our pitching depth was already going to be challenged.

I was very proud of our kids to fight back in the manner they did against such a good team. McCallum had got three hits for the game, Whitehead had done an outstanding job in relief, but the highlight was obviously King’s grand slam. It had been an extremely hot day for this time of year, and a few of our kids really struggled in the conditions after such a heavy workload of games, which made our result even more meritorious.

It gets a little easier in that we play the next four days in a row, but they are just the one nine innings game each day.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 7 vs Clarke College

Date: September 16, 2014 Venue: Longview, Washington State

Result: Clarke 7 def. Australia 2

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	J. Rawlinson	3B	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	M. D’Avoine	DH	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	J. Turnbull	LF	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
4	J. McCallum	CF	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
5	M. Holding	1B	3	0	0	1	0	1	1
	A. Whitehead		1	0	0	0	0	0	
6	T. King	C	3	0	1	1	1	1	0
	T. Leskiw	P	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	R. Whitley	RF	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	C.Quirk	P	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	D. Bourke	SS	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
9	M. Neunborn	2B	3	1	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
R. Steedman	6.0	3	6	2	4	3
T. Leskiw	0.0	0	0	3	2	2
R. Whitley	2.0	1	4	1	1	1

Steedman was our starting pitcher and shout out Clarke in the 1st.

McCallum led off with a single in the 2nd and Holding's hard hit ground ball forced an error, which allowed McCallum to scamper through to third. Our RBI machine, Tristan King, then hit a deep sacrifice fly to centre field to bring him home and we'd taken an early 1 – 0 lead. Clarke hit back straight away with two hits and a walk to load the bases with none out. An infield single scored one, and then another two hits and an error, a further three runs, and so at the end of the 2nd we were down 4 – 1.

Despite getting our lead off hitter on in the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th innings we couldn't score a run. In the meantime, Steedman was doing an outstanding job keeping Clarke also scoreless and so at the end of six innings it was still a 4 – 1 game.

Again in the 7th we got our lead off on via a Holding walk but this time he ended up scoring on Bourke's infield ground ball so it was now 4 – 2. Leskiw came on to pitch for the start of the 7th but unfortunately threw three straight walks to load the bases with none out. Whitley came on to relieve Leskiw and was able to minimize the damage to two runs which meant we were now down 6 – 2.

Clarke added another in their 8th to make it 7 -2 and that was the final score. Steedman had pitched well but our bats didn't really perform. Unbelievably, we'd got our lead off hitter on for seven consecutive innings but only scored twice, a very poor conversion rate in baseball terms.

Tonight is our last night in Portland as tomorrow morning we pack up and go to play at Mt Hood (about an hour's drive away and another very strong college). After the game, we then drive to Corvallis about 1.5 hours' drive, where we're based until next Monday.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 8 vs Mt. Hood College

Date: September 17, 2014 Venue: Gresham, Oregon

Result: Mt. Hood 13 def. Australia 4

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
V	Australia	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0				4	9	3
H	Mt. Hood	5	0	1	0	0	2	0	5				13	14	0

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	J. Rawlinson	3B/P	3	0	0	2	0	0	1
	D. Bourke	3B	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	D. Frew	SS	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	J. Turnbull	C	4	2	2	1	0	0	1
4	J. McCallum	CF	4	0	0	1	0	0	1
5	M. Holding	DH	4	3	1	1	0	0	1
6	T. King	1B	4	3	1	0	0	0	0
7	C. Quirk	RF/P	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	R. Whitley	RF	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	M. Neunborn	2B/3B	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
9	T. Leskiw	LF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	A. Whitehead	2B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	L. Baker	DH	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs

J. Enciondo	0.67	2	5	3	5	4
M. D'Avoine	5.0	7	4	2	3	3
J. Rawlinson	2.0	1	5	3	6	3
C. Quirk	0.33	0	0	0	0	0

Played today at a picturesque field at Mt. Hood with the home run fence covered in ivy all the way round. We got away to the worst start possible when Enciondo, our starting pitcher, hit the first two hitters and then walked the next. A number of hits and one error followed, and we went of the innings already five down and now having to play catch up baseball. D'Avoine had come on in relief and got the final out of the innings.

Holding walked and King singled to lead off the second, and we had runners on first and third with none out, but our hitters failed to convert and we didn't score.

Then in the 3rd, Rawlinson got hit by a pitch and Turnbull hit a towering home run deep over the right field fence to score two runs. McCallum walked, Holding singled and King's single brought home McCallum. So we had reduced the deficit to 5 - 3. Mt. Hood got a run back straight away and so it was 6-3 their way after three innings.

D'Avoine was doing a terrific job on the mound keeping the Mt. Hood hitters quiet, and when Holding led off our 6th with a home run over left field into the tall trees, the deficit was down to two runs at 6 - 4. But they replied with two runs off their own when from two out and none on, a base hit and a home run produced two runs and they were back out to 8 - 4 in front. Rawlinson came on to pitch and finished the innings.

In the 8th and again with two out, Mt Hood bunched together some hits to score three runs, and Quirk came on to pitch for Rawlinson. A throwing error gifted them another two runs and it was now 13 - 4, which was the final score.

Again, it looks like a bit of a blow out, but after a terrible start, our kids had fought back hard to be right back in the game but then they scored seven runs in their last few innings, all with two out. We've just got to learn to play hard every out, every innings, every game and give them no cheap outs.

I write this from the car as we're now on our way to Corvallis, about 1.5 hours' drive away where the boys meet their new families who will be hosting them for the next five nights.

Tomorrow we play Chemeketa College, another quality team, about 45 minutes' drive from Corvallis. It's a late start at 4.00pm and I think everyone is going to appreciate a bit of a sleep in.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 9 vs Chemeketa Community College

Date: September 18, 2014 Venue: Salem, Oregon

Result: Chemeketa 6 def. Australia 1

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	M. Neunborn	2B	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
2	D. Frew	SS	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	J. Turnbull	DH /1B	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
	J. Rawlinson		1	0	0	0	0	0	
4	J. McCallum	CF	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
	M. D'Avoine		1	0	0	0	0	0	

5	L. Baker	3B	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
6	M. Holding	1B / DH	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
07	T. King	C	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
8	C. Quirk	RF	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
9	R. Whitley	LF	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
	A. Whitehead		2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D. Bourke		1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Hendrickson	4	1	5	4	5	5
W. DeJong	3	4	1	3	1	0
T. Leskiw	1	0	0	3	0	0

Starting for us on the mound was Josh Hendrickson who just happened to be celebrating his 17th birthday today. He threw a tidy first innings, highlighted by Whitley's diving catch at left field.

In the 2nd, King doubled, Quirk beat out an infield hit and Whitley's bunt scored King for us to score the first run of the game. A cheap blooper to the infield and a walk, kick started Chemeketa and then they bunched some hits which saw them score five runs, all again with two out (which is proving to be something of a nemesis for us), and so they were now in front 5 – 1.

Hendrickson then threw two good innings to keep Chemeketa scoreless, but in the meantime our bats were also failing to produce, and so when DeJong relieved Hendrickson for the bottom of the 5th it was still 5 – 1. He got into trouble immediately when a walk, a base hit and a balk meant they had runners on second and third with none out, but responded magnificently with two strikeouts and a ground ball to get out of the innings with no runs.

A lead off error in the 6th, followed by a botched pick off attempt and then a base hit, gave Chemeketa an easy but unearned, run to make it now 6 – 1 in their favour.

De Jong came out of the game and was replaced by Leskiw who threw a scoreless final innings.

So the final scoreline was 6 – 1 to Chemeketa and to say the five run second innings killed us would be an understatement. We were only actually out hit six to four but they'd got most of their hits with runners in scoring position. But in saying that, our hitters never really set the world on fire today, and if you only score one run in nine innings you're not going to win too many ball games.

Tomorrow's game is against Linn Benton College which is in the neighbouring town of Albany, so it's only a 15 minute drive. Game time is 2.00pm.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 10 vs Linn Benton Community College

Date: September 19, 2014 Venue: Albany, Oregon

Result: Australia 8 def. Linn Benton 4

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	J. Rawlinson	3B	5	1	0	0	0	0	2
2	D. Frew	SS	5	1	0	2	0	0	0
3	J. Turnbull	RF	4	2	3	0	0	0	1
	C. Quirk		1	0	0	1	0	0	1
4	J. McCallum	CF	4	0	0	1	0	0	1
5	L. Baker	3B	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
6	M. Holding	C	4	2	3	0	0	0	1
7	T. King	DH	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
8	T. Leskiw	LF	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	D. Bourke	2B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	M. Neunborn		1	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	M. D'Avoine	2B	4	0	0	1	0	1	1

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
M. Barrett	5	3	4	3	3	2
A. Whitehead	4	5	3	4	1	1

We got off to another slow start when their lead off got on via a slow chopper to third base. A walk, then a throwing error on the second part of a double play allowed a run to score. Then a triple brought in another two and at the end of the first we were down 3 – 0.

To our credit, we hit back straight away when McCallum led off with a walk, Baker singled and Holding hit his second home run of the tour, a laser-like line drive over left centre to tie the game up at 3 – 3.

Barrett was now in his groove and retired Linn Benton without scoring in the 3rd and 4th. Then in the top of the 5th. D'Avoine got on via a walk and stole second, Rawlinson's ground ball was errored, and D'Avoine scored on the play. Frew walked and then Turnbull smoked a double to right centre to bring home both Rawlinson and Frew and we were in front for the first time in the game at 6 – 3.

Barrett again shut them down in the 5th and was replaced at the start of the 6th by Whitehead who threw two strikeouts in a scoreless innings.

Rawlinson led off the 7th with a double which hit the left field fence on the full. Turnbull then hit a sharp single to right field for his 3rd RBI of the game to bring in Rawlinson and we were out to a 7 – 3 lead.

Again in the 8th we got a lead off single, this time from Holding. Quirk pinch ran for Holding and was moved over to second by King. Quirk then got to third after getting a good read on a ball in the dirt and the catcher threw the ball away attempting to get him out, bringing him home and it was now 8 -3. Linn Benton replied with a run of their own in the 8th courtesy of two hits, so it was 8 – 4 our way going into the final innings.

Whitehead then shut them down in the 9th and we'd run out winners by the four runs.

The team played very positive, aggressive baseball today and thoroughly deserved their win. Was probably made even better by coming back from a three run deficit early on. Barrett had thrown a terrific game, bouncing back after a slow start and was backed up by another four very solid innings from Whitehead. Turnbull had got two hits and three RBIs, and Holding had smashed a three run home run.

Tonight, the boys are off to watch a high school football game in which their host high school is playing the other school in town and it's meant to be THE grudge match of the season. By the way, a crowd of about 2,500 is expected !! No game tomorrow as we're off to see a college football game between Oregon State (the Beavers) and San Diego State which everybody is looking forward to bigtime.

We next play on Sunday, a double header at Goss Stadium, a beautiful ball park right in the heart of the Oregon State campus. Our opponents are Corban University, which is a four year school who swing metals bats as well, so it's really going to be a very big challenge for our kids.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 11 vs Corban University

Date: September 21, 2014 Venue: Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

Result: Australia 9 def. Corban 8

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
	J. Rawlinson	3B	3	1	0	1	0	1	1
	D. Bourke		2	1	1	0	1	0	0
	D. Frew	SS	5	1	0	1	0	1	1
	J. Turnbull	DH / C	5	0	0	3	0	0	3
	J. McCallum	CF	5	1	1	1	0	0	1
	L. Baker	DH / C	5	3	3	0	0	0	2
	M. Holding	C / DH	5	0	1	1	0	0	0
	T. King	1B	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	M. Neunborn	2B	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	A. Whitehead		2	0	0	1	0	0	0
	T. Leskiw	LF	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
	R. Whitley		2	0	0	1	0	0	1
	C. Quirk	RF	4	0	0	1	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Enciondo	5	1	5	1	4	3
R. Steedman	1	1	4	2	4	3
W. DeJong	4	3	3	2	0	0

It was agreed before play that instead of playing a double header of two seven innings games, we would play just one ten innings game. This was because Corban were playing another two games after us today and they simply didn't have the pitching for that sort of workload.

We got off to a great start when three walks loaded the bases. McCallum's infield ground ball scored a run, as did Baker's single. Two pass balls followed, and at the end of the innings we had scored four runs. Corban hit back straight away with four hits of their own, plus a walk and an error, which saw them get four runs also, and so the scores were locked up at 4 – 4 at the end of the 1st. I should add that Corban are a four year university who swing metal bats, and it was VERY obvious the difference between their metal and our wood.

Enciondo threw a very tidy 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th innings to hold them out, but we were also failing to score ourselves, and so it was still tied up at the end of five innings.

Then in the 6th, Turnbull and McCallum both drew walks, and Baker singled again for another RBI to score Turnbull, and we had taken the lead 5 – 4. Steedman came on to replace Enciondo and it was almost like deja vu to the first innings when four hits, an error and two walks saw Corban score four runs for them to take the lead for the first time in the game at 8 – 5.

Whitley started things for us in the 7th with a pinch hit walk, and then Bourke also came in to pinch hit, and had a great at bat which resulted in a single to score Whitley and we'd got a run closer at 8 – 6. DeJong replaced Steedman on the mound for the start of the 7th.and kept them scoreless.

Turnbull led off the 8th with a walk (his third of the day) and McCallum dropped down a great running bunt for a safe hit. Baker hit safely again to get his 3rd RBI of the game to score Turnbull, and McCallum moved over to third on the play and Baker was able to get through to second. A bad balk by the pitcher and a wild pitch scored both McCallum and Baker, and our three runs for the innings saw us retake the lead 9 – 8. Dejong held them out in the 8th and we had another scoring opportunity in the 9th when Quirk drew a leadoff walk and Bourke bunted him through to second but we couldn't get him in.

Corban really threatened in the last innings when a walk and a hit meant they had runners on second and third with one out. We deliberately walked the next hitter to load the bases and create a force situation. Dejong then came through under great pressure, forcing a pop up fly to second base to make it two out, and then an infield ground ball for the final out and we had won the game 9 – 8.

It really was a great performance, up against significantly older kids who swing metal bats, and coming back from a three run deficit. Enciondo had done a great job after the 1st, and Dejong was fantastic for the last four innings. Baker starred with the bat having three hits and three RBIs.

The game was played at Goss stadium, a beautiful field right in the heart of the picturesque Oregon State University campus. OSU, by the way, have won two College World Series in the past few years and, as you can imagine, their facilities are awesome. Our kids were given a tour of them before the game and that in itself was just wonderful. After the game, the OSU Strength and Conditioning coach also spoke to the team at length about their programs, and our kids are indeed fortunate being exposed to such experiences.

The Oregon leg of the tour has now wrapped up. We've played eleven games against tough opposition and our win-loss record is now 5.5 – 5.5. Tomorrow we drive back to Portland and fly to LA, where we're based for the next part of our tour.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 12 vs Fullerton College

Date: September 23, 2014 Venue: Fullerton, California

Result: Fullerton 9 def. Australia 3

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	J. Rawlinson	3B	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D. Bourke		1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	D. Frew	SS	3	0	0	1	0	0	1
3	J. Turnbull	C/DH	3	2	1	0	0	0	2
4	J. McCallum	CF	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
5	L. Baker	DH	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
6	M. Holding	DH	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	T. King	1B	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	R. Whitley	LF	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	C. Quirk		1	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	T. Leskiw	RF	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
9	M. Neunborn	2B	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
M. Barrett	1.33	3	4	2	4	3
M. D'Avoine	2.67	3	3	1	4	2
J. Rawlinson	2.00	1	1	1	1	1

Today's opponent was another strong college who we've played on the previous two tours, and to make it even more challenging for us, they were also swinging metal bats for the first time. The temperature was also in the mid 30s.

Barrett started for us, and their lead off hitter got a single to start the game. The next two batters were both hit by pitched balls. All three runners ended up scoring and so after only one innings, we were down 3 – 0. Fullerton duplicated that in the second innings also when they bunched to together some base hits although some poor defensive options from us helped certainly helped their cause. D'Avoine came on to replace Barrett during the innings.

We got two runs back in the 4th when, with two out, Frew walked and was brought in by a Turnbull double down the right field line. McCallum then singled to score Turnbull and the score was 6 – 2. Fullerton got those two back straight away when an infield error with two out allowed them to score.

Rawlinson came on to pitch for the bottom of the 5th when Fullerton then scored a further unearned run, this time on the back of an outfield error to make it 9 – 2 their way. Rawlinson then threw another good innings to shut them down.

In the 7th, Turnbull hit his second double of the game, this time down the left field line. Baker, then had a great bat, fouling off several strike two pitches before doubling over the left fielder's head to score Turnbull. That was the final scoreline, a 9 – 3 loss.

To be honest, it certainly hadn't been one of our better performances on tour. We'd only got four hits, of which Turnbull got two, and we'd made three errors which had cost us three runs.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 13 vs Fullerton College

Date: September 23, 2014 Venue: Fullerton, California

Result: Fullerton 15 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						3	7	0
H	Fullerton	3	4	3	3	2							15	16	0

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
	M. Neunborn	2B	3	2	0	1	0	0	1
	M. D'Avoine	DH	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
	J. Turnbull	LF	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D. Frew		2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	J. McCallum	CF	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
	L. Baker	C	3	2	1	0	0	0	1
	M. Holding	1B	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	W. DeJong		1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T. King	DH	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
	A. Whitehead		1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	J. Rawlinson	3B	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	C. Quirk	RF	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

D. Bourke	SS	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
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Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Hendrickson	1.67	2	7	2	7	7
A. Whitehead	1.33	1	4	1	3	3
T. Leskiw	1.00	1	3	2	3	3
R. Whitley	1.00	0	2	2	2	2

We got off to what seems to be our usual slow start when three hits and a pass ball got Fullerton three runs and we were once again 3 – 0 down early in a game.

We got one back in the 2nd when McCallum was hit by a pitched ball, Baker singled and then King singled to score a run. But Fullerton kept their own score ticking over when a walk and another four hits scored another four runs. So at the end of the 2nd it was 7 – 1 their way. By the way, it was very obvious how much difference there is between swinging metal and wood bats. Their hit ground balls were consistently getting through the infield due to the initial speed off the bat. Their bats seemed very lively.

Consecutive singles to Bourke and Neunborn saw us with runners on first and second with none out. D’Avoine’s double then scored Bourke and Baker’s single brought in another run. So the score was now 7 – 3. But Fullerton put together four base hits to score another three and it was now back out to 10 – 3.

Leskiw came on to pitch for the 4th but still the runs came with another four Fullerton runs, all coming with two out. Whitley then threw the 5th for a further two runs. The game finished early at a 15 – 3 score line.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 14 vs Irvine Valley College

Date: September 25, 2014 Venue: Irvine, California

Result: Irvine Valley 4 def. Australia 0

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
	M. Neunborn	2B	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
	D. Frew	SS	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
	J. Turnbull	DH	4	1	0	0	0	1	0
	M. Holding	1B	4	0	0	3	0	0	0
	L. Baker	C/DH	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
	T. King	DH/C	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T. Leskiw	CF	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
	D. Bourke	3B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	C. Quirk	RF	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
	M. D’Avoine		1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	R. Whitley	LF	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
	J. Rawlinson	P	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Enciondo	2	2	3	4	2	2
W. DeJong	2	0	1	0	0	0
R. Steedman	2	0	1	0	0	0
J. Rawlinson	1	0	0	0	0	0
R. Whitley	1	0	2	0	2	0

Have never played this college before so it was like going a little into the unknown. Irvine Valley turned out be a nice part of the world, pretty much halfway between Anaheim and Laguna Beach. Beautiful looking, green campus and a nice ball park. Our pitching plan for today was to throw quite a few of our guys for not too many pitches in order to have our entire staff available for the tournament in Arizona this weekend.

With Enciondo starting for us, Irvine got away to a good start when a two walks and a hit scored a run to give them an early 1-0 lead. We didn't help our own cause when both of our runners who'd got on in the first, were picked off on base.

Irvine did much the same things with the bat again in the second and were able to score another run. DeJong came on to relieve Enciondo for the start of the 3rd. He did a good job to keep Irvine quiet for the next two innings but in the mean time, we were not troubling the scorers ourselves. So at the end of four complete innings, it was still 2-0 their way.

Steedman came on for DeJong and, he too, threw two tidy scoreless innings but we continued to fail to score and so through six innings, it was still a 2-0 game. Rawlinson also chipped in with a tidy innings to keep it that way until the end of the 7th.

We had limited opportunities but threatened in the 8th when Neunborn singled and Frew's ground ball was errored and we had runners on first and second with none out, but again we ran ourselves out of the innings. Irvine were finally able to score another two runs in the 8th, both unearned, and the final score was 4-0.

It had been a tight game of baseball where our pitching had been pretty good and we'd hit a large number of line drives straight at fielders. Again, the other team swang aluminium bats and it's always going to be super challenging when high school kids swinging wood, are up against guys who are, on average, two years older, and swinging metal.

Tomorrow we have no game as we're driving to Arizona (about 5 hours away) to play in a tournament in Phoenix over the weekend. Tomorrow night we're going to a big league game as guests of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Last night we were lucky enough to be in attendance at Dodger Stadium when the Dodgers clinched their division it was a pretty special night, 53,000 in attendance and believe me the joint was jumping.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Chandler Bat Fall Classic Tournament

Game #: 15 vs Placentia Mustangs

Date: September 27, 2014 Venue: Tempe Diablo Stadium, Phoenix, Arizona

Result: Australia 2 def. Placentia 1

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	M. Neunborn	2B	4	1	0	0	1	0	0

2	D. Frew	SS	4	3	1	0	0	0	0
3	J. Turnbull	C	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	J. McCallum	CF	3	0	0	1	0	1	0
5	L. Baker	3B	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
6	M. Holding	DH	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
7	T. King	1B	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
8	M. D'Avoine	RF	3	0	0	1	0	0	1
9	T. Leskiw	LF	3	1	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
M. Barrett	7	4	3	1	1	1

This was the first game of the tournament that we are playing in Phoenix at the Angels spring training complex which has seven baseball fields. Our game today was on the main stadium, an absolute pristine ball park with a 10,000 seating capacity.

Pitching was on top early with neither team scoring a run in the first two innings. D'Avoine led off the third for us with a walk. Leskiw laid down a perfect bunt for a base hit then Neunborn put down a perfect sacrifice bunts so we had runners on second and third with one out. Frew's hard hit ball was knocked down by the shortstop but D'Avoine was able to score and so we'd taken the lead 1 – 0.

Barrett was our starting pitcher and was in control from the outset, keeping them scoreless for the first three innings.

We threatened again in the 4th when walks to McCallum and Holding and King's infield single loaded the bases with one out but they turned a sharp double play to finish the innings and keep us from scoring. They then looked dangerous when a lead off walk and a single meant they had runners on first and second with none out but Barrett and our defence responded in great style to shut them down.

We again left runners out there in the 5th after singles to Neunborn and Frew, so it remained at a 1 – 0 score line. They got a lead off single who ended up scoring on a pass ball to tie it up at 1 – 1. At this stage we'd left something like seven runners on base to their two but it's the runners that cross the plate that count.

Baker led off the 6th with a triple down the left field line. Holding then hit a clutch double with two strikes to bring him in and so we were now in front 2 – 1. Barrett was continuing to keep Placentia scoreless so it was still a one run ball game going into the last.

Placentia got a lead off single and ended up with the tying run on third with one out. Barrett, as he continued to do all game, responded under great pressure to again keep them out and we had ended up winning 2 – 1.

We had played some good defence, had left a lot of runners out there, but overall, we deserved the win. Frew hit well to get three hits on the day, but the star of the game was undoubtedly Max Barrett who threw the entire game in what was easily his best performance of the tour. The game was extensively scouted by both professional and college scouts, many of who had come to specifically see him pitch, and he has undoubtedly left a good impression.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Chandler Bat Fall Classic Tournament

Game #: 16 vs Adam Kennedy Baseball

Date: September 28, 2014 Venue: Tempe Diablo Stadium, Phoenix, Arizona

Result: Australia 6 def. Adam Kennedy Baseball 1

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	RBI's	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	M. Neunborn	2B	3	1	1	1	0	0	1
	D. Bourke		1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	D. Frew	SS	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	J. Turnbull	LF	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
4	J. McCallum	CF	3	0	1	1	1	2	1
5	L. Baker	DH	3	1	1	0	0	1	1
6	M. Holding	C	3	1	0	1	0	1	2
7	T. King	1B	3	1	0	1	0	1	0
8	J. Rawlinson	3B	3	0	1	2	1	0	1
9	C. Quirk	RF	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
	A. Whitehead		1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Enciondo	5	4	3	2	1	1

Because of yesterday's rain out, the tournament was rescheduled so that we had to play three games today, back to back to back, and at different fields within the complex. It was going to be a real challenge as the day is very hot with a high degree of humidity. There were a bunch of games to catch up from yesterday so today's games were all time limits at one hour 45 minute play. Our opponents in game one are a team called Adam Kennedy Baseball, who are a traveling team of prospects from Southern California.

Neunborn, Frew and Turnbull drew consecutive walks to start the game. McCallum's line drive fly ball to centre field scored Neunborn but disappointingly we failed to score again. Adam Kennedy themselves also scored a run on the back of two hits and two walks off our starting pitcher, Enciondo. It could've been even more, but some good defence got us out of trouble. So at the end of the first, it was locked up at 1 - 1.

Finally in the 3rd we put a few things together offensively. McCallum drew a walk and stole second and third. Baker drove him in, Holding singled and Rawlinson walked to load the bases. Quirk then smashed one to centre field to bring in two runs. Neunborn followed up with another single to score Rawlinson, and by inning's end we'd scored four runs to open up a healthy 5 - 1 lead. Enciondo continued to throw well and so that was the score line at the end of three innings.

We added another run in the 5th when Holding drew a lead off walk, King singled and Rawlinson's sacrifice fly scored Holding to extend our lead to 6 - 1. Enciondo continued to shut them down and that was the final score.

Enciondo, like Barrett yesterday, had thrown the complete game in extremely hot conditions and we'd done enough offensively in one big innings to take out the game.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Chandler Bat Fall Classic Tournament

Game #: 17 vs California Dawgs

Date: September 28, 2014

Venue: Diablo Tempe Stadium, Phoenix, Arizona

Result: Australia 7 tied with California Dawgs 7

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	D. Frew	SS	3	2	2	0	0	1	1
2	J. McCallum	CF	3	0	0	2	0	0	1
3	J. Turnbull	1B	3	3	1	0	0	1	2
4	L. Baker	3B	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
5	M. Holding	DH	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	T. King	C	3	1	1	1	0	1	1
7	M. D'Avoine	RF	3	2	0	0	0	0	1
8	T. Leskiw	LF	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	D. Bourke	2B	2	1	1	0	0	0	1

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
R. Steedman	0.67	1	2	5	3	3
W. DeJong	1.67	1	3	1	4	2
A. Whitehead	2.67	3	0	2	0	0

We started the game in great fashion when Frew led off with a single, McCallum walked, Turnbull singled to drive in a run, Baker sacrifice flied to bring in another, and King singled to score a third, and so we were up 3 – 0. The Dawgs (great name) quickly hit back and scored three of their own. Steedman had started the game but some hits and a number of walks saw DeJong come on in relief and get the last out of the innings.

We failed to score in the 2nd and the Dawgs led off with a base hit followed by a triple and ended up scoring two runs to take the lead 5 – 3. Then in the 3rd, King walked and D'Avoine singled. Successive doubles by Bourke and Frew scored three and we had retaken the lead 6 – 5. Dawgs then responded and a hit and a walk saw Whitehead relieve DeJong on the mound. We should have got out of the innings, but a costly error with two outs ended up costing us two runs and so at the end of the 3rd we were again behind 7 – 6.

In the 4th, Turnbull singled up the middle (his third hit for the game) and stole second. He was moved over by Baker and ended up scoring when King's ground ball to third base was errored. Whitehead had found his groove on the mound and had a three up three down innings, so at the end of the 4th the scores were locked up at 7-7.

In what was the final innings of the game, we failed to score and Whitehead threw another good innings to hold them out also and the game finished tied at 7 -7. With the limit restrictions in place today, there was no provision for extra innings. Turnbull had gone 3 for 3 with the bat, and Whitehead had done a good job in shutting down the opposition hitters over the last few innings.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Chandler Bat Fall Classic Tournament

Game #: 18 vs SoCal Victory

Date: September 28, 2014 Venue: Peoria, Phoenix, Arizona

Result: Australia 9 def. SoCal Victory 1

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	AB	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
	D. Frew	SS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	J. McCallum	CF	3	0	0	2	0	1	2
	J. Turnbull	DH	3	1	3	1	0	0	1
	L. Baker	C	3	0	0	1	0	0	1
	M. Holding	1B	3	2	2	0	0	0	1
	T. King	DH	3	0	1	1	1	0	0
	M. Neunborn	2B	3	0	0	1	0	0	1
	R. Whitley	LF	3	2	2	1	0	0	1
	D. Bourke	3B	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
	C. Quirk	RF	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
	T. Leskiw		1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Hendrickson	4	4	3	3	1	0
J. Rawlinson	2	1	0	1	0	0

Josh Hendrickson started on the mound for us in what was our third game of the day. It was tight early on with the first run coming from Victory in the top of the 2nd, after an infield error. Then in the 3rd, Whitley led off with a towering double to deep left centre and was followed up by Bourke singling down the left field line. Quirk then laid down a perfect bunt for a base hit which also scored Whitley. McCallum walked to load the bases and Turnbull kept his hot streak going with his double to right field clearing the bases. Holding then singled to score Turnbull and we'd scored five for the innings.

Hendrickson shut them down again in the 4th and then came out of the game. It had easily been his most impressive performance of the tour and he came out of the game with a 5 – 1 lead. He was relieved by Rawlinson for the start of the 5th who kept them scoreless.

In the bottom of the 5th, McCallum led off with a walk and stole second. Baker also walked and Holding doubled to right field, scoring McCallum and moving Baker over to third. King's sacrifice fly scored Baker. Neunborn walked and then Whitley smashed his second double of the game over left field's head to bring in Holding and Neunborn. The four runs for the innings meant we were now in front 9- 1. Rawlinson then threw a tight last innings to seal our victory. Whitley and Hendrickson had been our best performers for the game and Turnbull had got 3RBIs.

Our 3.5 / 0.5 win / loss record also meant we were the winners of the tournament. It had been an eventful, challenging and ultimately, successful weekend. It also meant that we were back to .500 for the tour with 8wins, 8 losses and 2 ties from our 18 games.

Back to LA tonight, Disneyland tomorrow then a double header in San Diego on Tuesday

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 19 vs San Diego City College

Date: September 30, 2014 Venue: San Diego, California

Result: San Diego City 3 def. Australia 2

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	RBIs	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
	J. Rawlinson	3B	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D. Frew	SS	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
	J. McCallum	CF	3	1	0	0	0	2	1
	J. Turnbull	C	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
	T. King	1B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	L. Baker	DH	3	2	1	0	0	0	1
	M. Holding	DH	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
	A. Whitehead	2B	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
	C. Quirk	RF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	R. Whitley	LF	3	0	0	1	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
M. D'Avoine	5	6	4	2	3	1
T. Leskiw	1	2	0	1	0	0

San Diego City College is a community college (a two-year school) a short distance from downtown San Diego. We haven't played them before, yet we met their coach in Arizona working with our California host, Todd Rogers. We knew we were in for a tough time when we saw no fewer than 50 players warming up! At the top of the first we saw a genuine 90+ mph fastball from our opponent. Marcel D'Avoine started for us.

Very quickly we found ourselves behind after a couple of hard-hit balls found the gap, and we didn't do ourselves any favours with a muffed pop fly behind second base with two out. A couple more hard drives with the tin bats and we found ourselves down 3-0.

D'Avoine quickly found a great rhythm, however, and shut down the opposition. His 6Ks over 5 solid innings made sure we had a chance. In the 4th, McCallum led off with a drive to right field. He subsequently stole second and then third, putting pressure on the defence. Baker's line shot up the middle brought McCallum in.

We had runners on again in the sixth, when Frew started with a single to centre, but it wasn't until the last that we had some real chances against some very good pitching. Here, Baker got on with a high pop-up that fell between three players in shallow right. Whitehead doubled down the left field line to bring him home, and an error at third off a hard hit shot from Whitley gave us a sniff. But it wasn't to be, and San Diego City held on for a close win.

This put our win / loss record at 8-9-2. It was a real shame that our sole error turned out to be the difference in the game. But that's baseball. Game two of this double header to follow.

2014 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASEBALL USA TOUR

Game #: 20 vs San Diego City College

Date: September 30, 2014 Venue: San Diego, California

Result: Australia 6 def. San Diego City 0

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

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	RBI's	Walks	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
	M. Nuenborn	2B	4	2	1	0	0	0	1
	D. Frew	SS	4	1	0	1	0	1	1
	J. Turnbull	1B	4	1	2	0	0	0	0
	T. King	DH	3	1	1	0	0	1	1
	M. Holding	C/DH	3	2	0	1	0	0	0
	L. Baker	DH/C	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
	J. Rawlinson	CF	3	0	0	2	0	0	1
	D. Bourke	3B	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
	T. Leskiw	LF	3	2	0	0	0	0	1
	C. Quirk	RF	2	2	1	0	0	0	1
	M. D'Avoine	PH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	R. Whitley	LF	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	Runs	Earned Runs
J. Hendrickson	1	0	1	0	0	0
W. DeJong	4	3	0	0	0	0
A. Whitehead	2	3	1	0	0	0

Once again, San Diego City College threw a range of quality pitchers against us, seemingly aware that we would fight them all the way. Hendrickson's great outing on the weekend at the Chandler Bat Classic earned him the honour of starting today, pitching just the one inning before the relievers took over. Hendrickson continued his stellar form, allowing just the one baserunner (who he promptly picked off!).

The first two innings were very tight for both sides, and it wasn't until Rawlinson led off the third with a walk that hopes were high for runs. Bourke bunted Rawlinson over, then Leskiw singled to put our runners in the corners (a great arm in right field for San Diego prevented Leskiw collecting the RBI). Quirk then put down the perfect bunt to score Rawlinson, making it safely to first and advancing Leskiw.

More was to come in the 4th, when Frew got on with a fastball in the back, stole second and scored on King's line shot up the middle. King also stole second and was advanced to third by a single from Holding. Baker hit a deep shot to right field, allowing King to score on the sacrifice.

In the 5th, with DeJong continuing to work his tidy craft on the hill, Leskiw, Quirk and Nuenborn all collected hits before a double to deep centrefield by Turnbull broke the game open. This inning saw us rack up three runs, all but putting the game beyond San Diego's reach.

Whitehead relieved DeJong in the sixth, and dominated their hitters to close the game out.

Coach Giles remarked at the end of the game that it was the best the team had played the whole tour, and that he is proud to be skipper of such a committed and capable group. We'd come a long way since Chemeketa!

Tomorrow's game against Placentia is cancelled (due mainly to their scheduling), putting our final win / loss tour record at 9-9-2.