

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 06 August – 12 August 2011

The Australian Baseball Federation recently announced the 2011 Australian AA Team which will travel to Lagos Del Moreno in Mexico to compete at the AA (under 17) World Championships from the 19th-28th August.

SASI athlete Shaun Wright has been selected to represent Australia and will flight out to Mexico next Monday. Head Coach Tony Harris said after seeing the level of players at this year's MLBAAP he is excited about the teams prospects at this year's World Championships.

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 14 May – 20 May 2011

Graduate Update

SASI Graduate Kyal Williams just finished his second year at Riverland CC in Minnesota he returned this year as Captain of the Baseball Blue Devils Team. Kyal and his team coming up a little short in the State Championship so their season is now over.

Congratulations to Kyal as he was named to:

All Conference Team

All Region Team

All-State Team

Also

Co-Southern Conference "Player of the Year"

Named Riverland CC Male MVP Athlete of the Year.

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 30 April – 06 May 2011

It's been a busy 3 weeks with the postponed Youth Nationals been completed and the Under 23 Championship conducted over the Easter weekend so here is the wrap up:

The SA Bite Under 18's and Under 16's have returned home from the rain affected 2011 Youth Championships. The SA Bite U18's finished in third place and our SA Bite U16's finished in 5th position.

Due to rain effecting the second week of the championships, many of the playoff games were abandoned, with only a small number of games being able to be played during the final 5 days of the tournament.

Congratulations to **Jarryd Klemm** who was named in the Under 18 All-Star team at 1st Base and **Matt Scharenberg** who was named in the Under 16 All-Starr team in the outfield.



2011 U23 Champions

The SA under 23's are the 2011 Champions after finishing the round robin stage of the championships in first place. Unfortunately rain effected the final days of the championships which resulted in the playoff rounds being abandoned, played at Blacktown NSW over Easter.

Congratulations to **Jo Atkins** (Catcher), Sonny Beaumont (Outfield) and James Young (Designated Hitter) who were named in the All-Star Team. During the Youth Nationals in Lismore which is heavily scouted by professional US MLB Clubs SA catcher/1st base **Joe Atkins** has signed a Professional Contract with the Kansas City Royals. Joe will attend Instructional League in the US later this year then return home to complete his year 12. Then prepare for Spring Training early in 2012.

SASI Graduate Stefan Welch went 4 for 4 in an 8-2 game one win, and then 1 for 3 in game two as the St. Lucie Mets swept both ends of a double header from the Jupiter Hammerheads in Florida State League action on Monday.

Welch the first baseman on the Mets smacked four singles and drove in a run in game one. While in game two he had a single as the Mets scored both their runs in the opening inning and held on to beat the Hammerheads 2-1. Welch is now sporting a .292 average after 18 games with one home run and 13 RBI.

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 25 March – 01 April 2011



SASI graduate Stefan Welch saw some action for the major League New York Mets in a spring training game against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Stefan entered the game in the 7th innings as a defensive replacement made 2 defensive put outs and one assist. Welch went down on swinging strikes in his only plate appearance.

Initially signed to a professional contract in 2005 by Bite Manager Tony Harris, who at the time was a scout for the Mets, Welch has played in the Mets minor league system since 2007. He has been a regular member of the south Australian Claxton shield and now the newly formed Adelaide ETSA bite.

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 26 February – 04 March 2011

Adelaide ETSA Bite lost the deciding game of the inaugural Australian Baseball League championship series, going down 1-7 to the Perth Heat at Barbagallo Ballpark.

The Bite managed a tight 4-3 win to open the series on Friday and then lost Saturday's second match-up 2-9, before going down in the final game of the season. Manager Tony Harris told the guys before the game, win or lose, we've been with these guys [Perth] all year, and it's been a real dogfight. They clearly are the champions this year, but we are proud of our guys, because we got here. "And no matter what happened, in my mind, we are still a champion team. Credit to those guys for the way we got here, through the play-off system, which has been a tough three weeks, and we are a tough ball team."

Below is a link to view a highlight package of the first final series in Adelaide, check out the current and former SASI athletes as they do their thing.

<http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au/sasi/baseball.html>

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 11 February - 18 February 2011

Just a quick final wrap up from our World Championship Qualifier. SASI athletes James Snelgrove, Nico Van Der Linden and SA player Matthew Scharenberg were members of the victorious Team.

Australia has gone through the Oceania Qualifying Tournament undefeated and our goal of qualifying for the AA World Championships in Mexico in August has been achieved.

Game Scores:

Australia: 11	New Zealand: 0
Australia: 10	Guam: 0
Australia: 20	Guam: 0
Australia: 12	New Zealand: 2
Australia: 23	Guam: 3

There was a short Closing Ceremony afterwards and the players received a gold medal for winning which they all thought was pretty cool. We were also awarded the champion's trophy. Tommy Maxfield was awarded the Championship MVP. He hit .600 and led the tournament in hits and RBIs.

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 1st January - 4th February 2011

Program Update

SASI athletes representing Australia in the AA National Team.

Matthew Scharenberg, Nico van der Linden, both from the West Torrens Baseball Club and James Snelgrove from the East Torrens Payneham Baseball Club, have been selected to represent Australia at the 2011 AA Baseball Confederation of Oceania Championship.

The Championship was hosted by New Zealand from 24 to 29 January 2011 and featured teams from Australia, New Zealand and Guam.

The winning Country will then move on the World AA Championships to be held later this year in Mexico as Oceania's representative.