

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 14th October 2005

As the 2005-06 season is well underway the Junior SA State squad has been selected and all eligible SASI athletes have been selected (total 21). The final teams of 18 will be announced in November.

Six (6) current SASI athletes have been selected in the Senior State (Claxton Shield) squad. Brendan Pett, Shaun Pearce, Jeremy Cresswell, Stefan Welch, Peter Golotta and Nick Talbot. The final team will be selected at the end of December.

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 9th SEPTEMBER 2005

XXXVI World Cup

SASI Graduates **Paul Mildren**, **Tom Brice** and **Adrian Burnside** were recently selected into the Australian Senior Team and competed in the Baseball World Cup. The XXXVI World Cup was held in Holland between the 2nd-16th September. 18 countries (which were split into 2 pools of 9) participated in the Tournament which was played in Haarlem, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Almere and Eindhoven.

Australia finished the Pool round with a record of 4 and 4 finishing 5th in their pool and did not advance to the medal round.

SASI Squad Heads to the South East

The SASI baseball squad participated in a pre season tournament in Mt Gambier on the weekend (17th and 18th September) against SABL Division 1 Clubs Kensington, Golden Grove and Sturt. It was a very valuable weekend for the young squad and they were more than competitive in all games.

SASI finished the weekend winning one game and losing two. In the two losses, the oppositions winning runs came in the last innings which illustrates just how close the games were.

Australian Schoolboys Team

Two SASI athletes **Stefan Welch** and **Ben Onofrio** departed on Tuesday for a Tournament in South Africa with the Australian Schoolboys Team. We wish both athletes all the best.

2005 Senior World Cup

The Senior Australian Team is currently competing in the World Cup in Holland in which 20 countries are participating, running from the 2nd – 19th September.

SASI graduates **Paul Mildren**, **Tom Brice** and **Adrian Burnside** are part of the 24 players in the World Cup Team.

Results so far:

Australia	df.	Puerto Rico (4 - 2)
Nicaragua	df.	Australia (2 - 0)
U.S.A.	df.	Australia (4 - 6)
Australia	df.	Czech Republic (0 - 14)

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2nd SEPTEMBER 2005

AA's wins Bronze at World Championships

SASI Baseball Head Coach **Warwick Marks** and SASI baseballer **Tom Fiebig** joined the Australian AA's (Under 17's) at the AA World Championships in Monterrey, Mexico and have won the bronze medal.

The hard work from both the players and coaching staff culminated in an 11 - 2 win against Japan in the bronze medal game. It was a 2 -1 ball game going into the 8th but the young Aussies really stepped up when it mattered, and the Japanese defence simply crumbled under the onslaught.

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 12TH AUGUST 2005

Australian Team Selections Announced

As the MLBAAP Academy comes to a close this Saturday the Australian Teams have been announced and include a number of SASI representatives.

Tom Fiebig has been selected in the AA team (under 17) to travel to Mexico. SASI Baseball Head Coach **Warwick Marks** will be travelling with the team as an assistant coach.

Stefan Welch and **Jeremy Cresswell** have been selected into the AAA Team (under 19) to travel to Taiwan.

Ben Onofrio and **Stefan Welch** has been selected into the Australian Schoolboys Team to travel to South Africa.

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 10th JUNE 2005

SASI Graduate named in All-Star Team

The 2005 Florida State League All-Star teams were announced on Thursday 2nd June, and four members of the Jupiter Hammerheads were selected including SASI Graduate Paul Mildren. Mildren is in his fourth year of service in the Marlins farm system. He was signed as a non-drafted free agent in 2001. This year, Mildren has compiled a record of 6-1 and has posted an ERA of 2.86.

SASI graduate Tyrone Hambly has been selected into the All-conference team as the third baseman. Selection came after a year at Grayson Community College in the North Texas Junior Conference, where his batting average was (.318), hits (47), doubles (10), triples (1), home runs (12) and runs batted in (48). His College finished top in the conference by six games.

In his first season at William Woods University, Zac Stokes earned distinction as an American Midwest Conference All-conference First Team selection, 2005. He ranked second in the league in batting average (.429), runs (38), and doubles (20). Stokes racked up team-highs of 84 hits, 4 home runs, 45 RBI, 117 total bases, and a .597 slugging percentage.

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 29 April 2005

SASI tryouts

Open tryouts for the SASI 2005/06 Baseball Program were held on the 16th and 17th April at SASI, with the first day concentrating on sports science testing and the second baseball specific. A total of 56 athletes were tested with ages ranging from 13 to 17. The new squad will be announced within the week.

Off to Japan

Ben Wigmore, **Daniel Wilson**, **Scott Gladstone**, **Marc Taintey** and **Sam Tibbits** depart for Japan on Monday the 2nd May for a 4 month stay playing in the Japanese industrial league.

National Junior Coaching Appointments

After a long and extensive application process, the Australian Baseball Federation has appointed the following individuals to the various coaching and support staff positions within the National Junior programs. All appointments are for two (2) years and the positions will be readvertised at the completion of the appointment period.

HEAD COACH - [Tony Harris](#) (SA)

ON FIELD COORDINATOR - [Damian Shanahan](#) (ACT)

ASSISTANT COACH - [Jason Hewitt](#) (WA)

PITCHING COACH - [Warwick Marks](#) (SA)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER - [Neil Barrowcliff](#) (NSW)

AA National Team to compete in Mexico

The 2005 AA National team will be participating in the IBAF World Championships from the 19 - 30 August in Monterey, Mexico. The team will be selected from the MLBAAP being staged on the Gold Coast from the 30 June - 14 August.

National Coach, Jon Deeble, to Debut as 1st Australian to Coach in the Major Leagues

The 2005 Major League Baseball season gets underway Sunday night (Monday morning Australian time) as the 2004 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox return to the Bronx, New York, to visit their arch rivals the New York Yankees. The Red Sox and Yankees kept sports fans around the world on the edge of their seats last October as they battled to the final game of their best-of-seven American League Championship Series. After coming back from three games down the Red Sox went on to win the AL title and the World Series – their first championship since 1918.

[Jon Deeble](#), Australian Olympic coach, will join the Red Sox as they take the field Sunday night as their new 1st Base Coach so becoming the first Australian to coach at the Major League level. During games, Deeble's responsibilities include guiding Red Sox base runners when they reach or pass 1st base; outside games he will fulfil whatever coaching responsibilities assigned to him by the Red Sox field manager, Terry Francona. Major League Baseball clubs generally have a six-man coaching staff under their field manager.

Reacting to Deeble's appointment CEO of Australian Baseball [Don Knapp](#) said:
"Australian baseball has every reason to be very proud of Jon and his achievements. As the Head Coach of our Silver Medal winning team in Athens, and now the first ever Australian to coach at the Major League level, Jon has become the highest achieving coach in the history of Australian baseball."

Capps Medal Presentation evening

With an attendance of over 400 people including Life Members, Previous CAPPS Medalists, Sponsors, Board Members and Clubs, the South Australian Baseball League held the Capps Medal Presentation Evening last Wednesday night. Winners included:

Max Puckett Memorial Award - SASI Outstanding Scholarship Holder - [Scott Gladstone](#)

Division 1 - Youth Elite Award (rookie of the year) - [Stefan Welch](#) (SASI)

Capps Medal Winner - [John Challinor](#)

The following SASI graduates were selected to the All-Star Team:

Pitcher - [John Challinor](#)

1st Base - [Craig Watts](#)

3rd Base - [Damien Norsworthy](#)

Short Stop - [Leigh Chenoweth](#)

Centre Field - [Marc Taintey](#)

Right Field - [Simon Galpin](#)

Middle Reliever - [Darren Fidge](#)

Closer - [Jay Zierch](#)

Designated Hitter - [Michael Forbes](#)

ABF wins Ausport Award

The Australian Baseball Federation has won the Ausport Award for growth and strength of Australian sport in the Performance category of the 2005 Ausport Awards.

Mr Espeland said the Australian Baseball Federation has made an outstanding contribution to driving continuous improvement in high performance sport.

'The ABF has demonstrated a commitment to improving their management practices and to introducing initiatives to enhance high performance sport,' Mr Espeland said.

The ABF put in place a comprehensive high performance structure across the whole-of-sport to further the training and development of its elite administrators, athletes, coaches and umpires. This included the introduction of a Major League Baseball Australian Academy program, recovery programs and performance analysis systems for the development of its elite athletes.

Australian Baseball enjoyed its greatest success at the 2004 Athens Olympics winning a silver medal.

Five athletes selected to play in Japan

The ABF has developed a strong relationship with the Taiken Wellness Corporation, A Japanese business headed by Mr Michio Shibaoka. The aims of the the Taiken Wellness team is to field competitive, winning teams under the name of the Taiken Wellness group and therefore bring increased exposure to the company in Japan and also to provide playing and coaching opportunities for Australian personnel in international markets as a part of their high performance development pathway. The ABF and Taiken Wellness jointly selected five South Australians to make the trip to Japan and play this season including:

[Scott Gladstone](#) - Current SASI athlete

[Ben Wigmore](#) - SASI Graduate

[Dan Wilson](#) - SASI Graduate

[Marc Taintey](#) - SASI graduate

[Sam Tibbits](#) - West Torrens

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 25 FEBRUARY 2005

Australian Academy Squad selection

The 2005 MLB Australian Academy squad has been selected and 7 SASI athletes have received first round offers. They include [Tim Day](#), [Tom Fiebig](#), [Brendan Pett](#), [Jeremy Cresswell](#), [Peter Golotta](#), [Stefan Welch](#) and [Nick Talbot](#). The Australian Academy runs from the 30th June till the 14th August on the Gold Coast.

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 4 FEBRUARY 2005

SASI Athlete signs with New York Mets

SASI infielder [Stefan Welch](#) has signed to join the New York Mets organisation. Welch's signing was helped by a strong performance in the Under 18 National Championships in Geelong, Victoria. Welch hit .375 for the series, had 10 RBI's, hit 7 doubles and had a slugging average of .521. All this whilst providing exceptional defence from short stop where he fielded .925 for the series. Signed by the New York Mets Aussie scout Tony Harris, Welch now has the opportunity many young ball players dream about - to play in the Major Leagues. Welch has been a member of the SASI baseball team for the last 3 years, representing SA in every under 14, 16 and 18 team as well as representing Australia at the age of 11 in the Cal Ripken World Series, USA.

The Youth Nationals were held in January 2005, with the Under 18's finishing third after the first round then losing in the semi final to finish 4th overall. Both the under 16's and under 14's had a disappointing series both finishing outside the top four.

The list of players who will be offered a scholarship to the Australian Academy will be announced by the end of February.

South Australian Claxton Shield team finished second after the first round but were defeated by the eventual winner NSW in the Semi Final 2-0.

SASI athlete [Paul Mildren](#) and two SASI graduates [Ben Wigmore](#) and [Adrian Burnside](#) were selected into the Australian Team to Play the Korean Major League Team 'LG TWINS' in a three game series starting on February 1st.

BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 1 JANUARY 2005

18 SASI athletes selected into junior State teams to contest the Nationals in 2005