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2021/22 VSBL Season

It's been a great first month of summer baseball and now there are just two weeks left before the break as the 2021/22 VSBL season continues. We wish everyone the best of luck this weekend!

Don't forget you can check all fixtures, results, and standings <u>HERE</u>, and follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for the latest updates. There's also live scoring on <u>GameChanger</u> for Division 1 Firsts and Seconds.

Malvern and Ormond Glenhuntly Women's Derby

Malvern and Ormond Glenhuntly hit the field for a special Women's Derby Round on Wednesday in support of Respect Victoria's <u>Respect Women: Call It Out Campaign</u> and the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

Both VSBL Women's Division 3 North East teams showed their support by wearing orange accessories and filling out the "to me, respect is..." cards from <u>Respect Victoria's toolkit</u>, highlighting how grassroots baseball can influence gender equality and respectful relationships.

Read more about the big night of women's baseball HERE.

BV Aces Academy Coaches Corner

BV Aces Academy athletes continue to work on their skills and track their progress with high-level technology like Rapsodo, Blast, and Driveline TRAQ. This week, Aces Academy had an amazing lineup of standout coaches at Melbourne Ballpark, including:

- Tim Ballard (Seattle Mariners scout/Sandringham and Aces Academy pitching coach)
- Graeme Lloyd (former Major Leaguer, World Series winner, and ABL coach/manager)
- Peter Moylan (former big leaguer, new Melbourne Aces manager, and analyst with the 2021 World Series Champs Atlanta Braves)
- Jon Deeble (Aces director of baseball operations and Los Angeles Dodgers scout)

Thank you to these dedicated coaches for sharing their wisdom and experience with Aces Academy.

While these athletes stay hard at work in this player development program, some of their favourite academy training drills are available on BV TV. Click HERE to watch our YouTube training videos.

Rosters Announced for 2022 National Showcase Series – Victoria

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce the rosters for the 2022 National Showcase Series – Victoria, which will take place at Melbourne Ballpark from Monday 10 January – Sunday 16 January 2022.

Click HERE to read more about the Victorian Showcase and view the U16 and U18 rosters.

2022 Australian Women's Championship and Youth Invitational

As a reminder, the Australian Women's Championship will take place in West Beach, Adelaide from 15-21 April 2022. The Youth Women's Invitational is also set for 16-20 April in South Australia.

Click <u>HERE</u> to read the full announcement and click <u>HERE</u> to register for the women's tryouts.

Registration Open For 2022 BV School Holiday Camps

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce 'Fun in the Sun' baseball camps for U12 and U14 age groups over the January holidays.

Led by coach Keli'i (Zee) Zablan, these camps will help players develop their baseball skills as they take part in fun games and activities.

"We're looking forward to an awesome week of school holiday fun and can't wait to work with young baseballers to boost their skills and make new memories on the field," Zee said. "It will be an action-packed week at Melbourne Ballpark so we hope to see lots of players getting involved in the baseball fun with their friends and teammates."

Camp 1 - U12: Monday 24 January & Tuesday 25 January 2022 Camp 2 - U14: Thursday 27 January & Friday 28 January 2022

Venue: Melbourne Ballpark Time: 9am – 2pm across all days

Learn more and click **HERE** to register today.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria has saved over 200 lives this year as part of the <u>Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams</u> <u>Program</u>. Thank you to everyone in the Victorian baseball community who has gotten involved in this valuable cause as Lifeblood delivers life-saving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians every year.

Australia needs 31,000 blood donations every week, and we'd love to continue saving lives with the help of our awesome baseballers. Please sign up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team HERE.

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