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Latrobe Valley Wins Under 18 State Winter Championship in Wangaratta

With a grand final score of 7-6 over Geelong, Latrobe Valley prevailed as winners of the 2024 Under 18 State Winter Championship, played at Wangaratta Rangers Baseball Club from 6-7 July.

Congrats to the finalists and well done to everyone involved on a fantastic weekend. A special shoutout to MVPs Austin McConville (LV), Callum Boltan (Bendigo), Nate D'Atri (Diamond Valley), Josh Wells (NEBA), Ebony Sutherland (Ringwood), and Riley Peoples (Geelong).

Thank you to Wangaratta Rangers and North Eastern Baseball Association for the wonderful hospitality.

Check out Field of View Sports Photography images [HERE](#).



2024 Under 16 State Winter Championships Head to Latrobe Valley

For the third straight year, the Under 16 State Winter Championships will be hosted by Latrobe Valley Baseball Association at Morwell Cougars and Traralgon Red Sox Baseball Clubs.

The U16 SWC will run from 13-14 July, with Morwell hosting Division 1 games between City West, Dandenong, Diamond Valley, Geelong, and Ringwood.

Over at Traralgon, Latrobe Valley, Bendigo, Diamond Valley, North East, and Ringwood will play in Division 2.

"We've had a great time at all our State Winter Championships so far, and we can't wait to see what the Under 16 teams bring to the table as they play hard and have fun," BV Tournament Officer Tony McPherson said. "Thank you to Latrobe Valley Baseball Association and all the dedicated volunteers at Morwell and Traralgon Baseball Clubs who are making this event possible."

Click [HERE](#) for more details and follow along on GameChanger: [Under 16 Division 1](#) and [Under 16 Division 2](#).

2024 Barclay Cup Tryout Registration

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce the opening of tryout registrations for the 2024 Barclay Cup program. This year's program will include the newly revamped Prospects program, now specifically aimed at youth women aged 13 to 16.

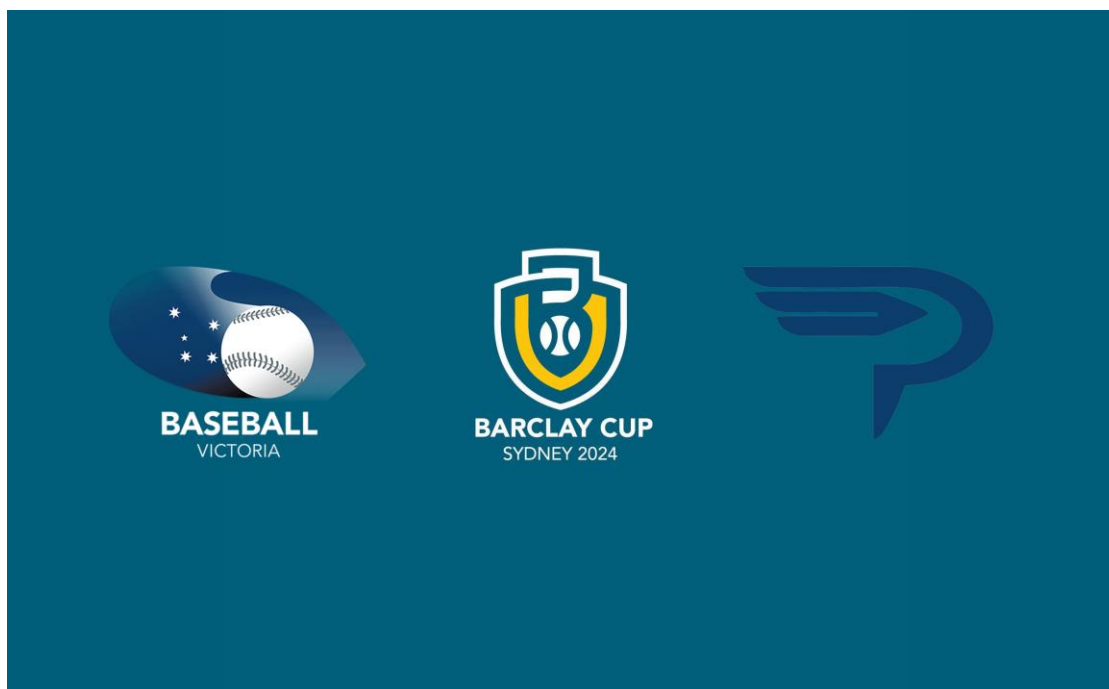
Previously, the BV Youth Women's Prospects program catered to players aged 16-21. With this revamp, it will exclusively be available for female players selected to participate in the Barclay Cup teams, forming the core of their training in preparation for the tournament.

The Barclay Cup/Youth Women's Prospects Development program goes beyond the existing club programs, offering participants the chance to further develop their core skills. The program will run over eight weeks under the leadership of Samantha Hamilton, Victorian Women's Head Coach and Australian Women's Assistant Coach.

"We're thrilled to announce the Barclay Cup/Youth Women's Prospects. Our main objective is to provide young female athletes with more opportunities to sharpen their skills," Hamilton said. "We are focused on reinforcing key aspects of their game and preparing them to compete at the next level."

"The potential within Victoria's emerging baseball talent is incredibly promising, and we're excited to be a part of their ongoing path to growth and achievement, both within the game and beyond. We're also committed to upskilling coaches within the Baseball Victoria Coaching Panel, ensuring a holistic approach to player development."

Click [HERE](#) to read more about the program and register for this exciting opportunity.



Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events

We are enjoying a busy month of baseball with Prospects/Select and State Winter Championships. View our events calendar [HERE](#) and [follow Field of View Sports Photography](#) for photos. Make sure to check out the new [BV Performance Pathway Instagram](#) for a behind-the-scenes look at our programs, too!

Victorians Head to USA for 2024 Perfect Game 14U Wood Bat Tournament

Baseball Australia has two teams entered in the 2024 Perfect Game World Wood Bat Association Championships in Hoover, Alabama. It's a tournament for some of the best players aged 14 & Under in the United States, and ten Victorian players are taking part.

The Mighty Termites team is made up of players from Victoria and South Australia, who will get to play at the historic Rickwood Field, America's oldest ballpark, on 15 July in the USA (16 July in Australia).

Check out the [tournament hub](#) for roster, schedule, and more tournament details. Good luck everyone!



TEAM AUSTRALIA 14U - PERFECT GAME WOOD BAT TOUR

Team 2

WILLIAM FERGUSON, VIC	LACHLAN VINE, SA
PARKS HALASZ, VIC	OWEN HUGHES, SA
BRODY STOKES, VIC	PARKER RAWSON, SA
JACK THOMAS, VIC	BEN PERKINS, SA
EUAN CLARKIN, VIC	MATTHEW DUNN, SA
HARRISON BRODIE, VIC	ISAAC GIRO, SA
THOMAS HILL, VIC	ASHER JEFFERY, SA
NED RICHARDS, VIC	FINN FULLER, SA
CHASE POTTS, VIC	OLIVER BREACH, SA
SAM STAFILIS, VIC	

COACHED BY BEN LAUX (VIC), BRANDON MANZELLA (SA), JAMES RAWSON - EO (SA)

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Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. Level 2 Scoring Clinics

Registrations are now open for 2024 Level 2 scoring clinics, offered online via Zoom with Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. These sessions will take place over the next three Thursday evenings (18, 25 July and 1 August) from 6:30-8:30pm.

Click [HERE](#) for more information, including prerequisites, registration, and Level 2 Exams.

Club News: Ormond Glenhuntly Assistant Coaching Opportunity

Ormond Glenhuntly Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for a playing coach to assist alongside head coach Geoff MacDonald in the 2024/25 summer season. Coming off a grand final loss in State League last season, the club is putting the appropriate resources in to go one better next year.

Their ideal playing coach has an emphasis on development, an effective training program, and strong leadership skills on game day. Please email sam@jimsbuildinginspections.com.au to learn more.

Club News: WWCC and Child Protection/Sports Integrity

If you have children at your club, whether it be for junior competitions or family events, please keep in mind the updated [Working with Children Check](#) and Child Protection/Sports Integrity guidelines.

All club volunteers, including committee members, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, and canteen staff, must have a valid WWCC with a list regularly maintained by the club.

We ask that all club committee members also complete the [11 Child Safe Sport Modules](#).

2024/25 ABL Season

The 2024/25 Australian Baseball League Season Schedule has been released with opening games set for Friday 15 November. Check out the full schedule [HERE](#) and order tickets for Aces games at Melbourne Ballpark [HERE](#).

Baseball Training on BV TV

Practice your baseball skills at home with [BV TV](#) videos, including [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Top Throwing Drills](#). Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) for more fun training clips and resources.



Baseball Victoria and Salesian College Sports Academy Team Up in New Partnership

Baseball Victoria is pleased to partner with Salesian College Sports Academy in Chadstone, which plans to introduce a baseball program by Year 7, 2025, subject to student enrolment. We hope Salesian College will become a hub for secondary school students to pursue their academic and baseball goals in Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

Learn more about [Salesian College Sports Academy](#) and click [HERE](#) to book a tour.

Families interested in enrolling or who have already done so are encouraged to contact Sports Academy Coordinator Stephen Sellwood at ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au to ensure they also complete a Sports Academy application.

Baseball Victoria War Service Honour Rolls

Baseball Victoria is committed to creating and maintaining an honour roll of baseball players who have served in war and peacekeeping missions since 1915. It is difficult to imagine a modern-day player's career being interrupted so dramatically, and we will be forever grateful for their service and sacrifices in our Australian armed services. Visit [our website](#) for more info.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Last year, our Australian Red Cross Lifeblood team saved 195 lives with blood and plasma donations. You can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#) as we keep saving lives in 2024.

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