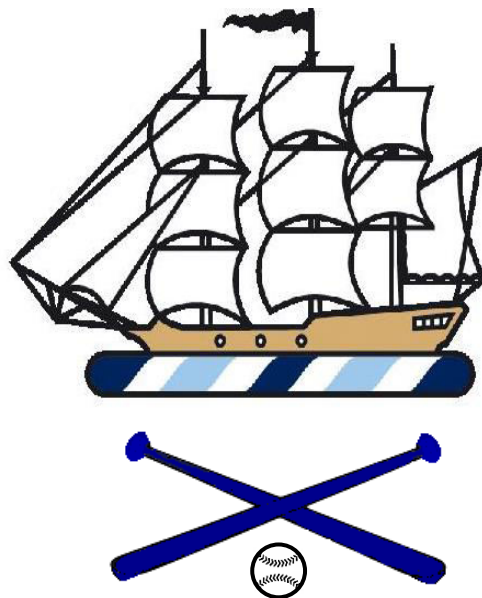


# Flinders University Baseball Club



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1971

*The News*  
15-5-71

# Baseball jolt for Glenelg

*by Arthur Radbone*

**Flinders university, taking advantage of Glenelg's errors, surprised by defeating the Bays 4-3 in today's winter baseball.**

Greg Chappell was the batting star with three hits for Glenelg in a poor hitting game.

Nine errors spoilt what could have been a good game.

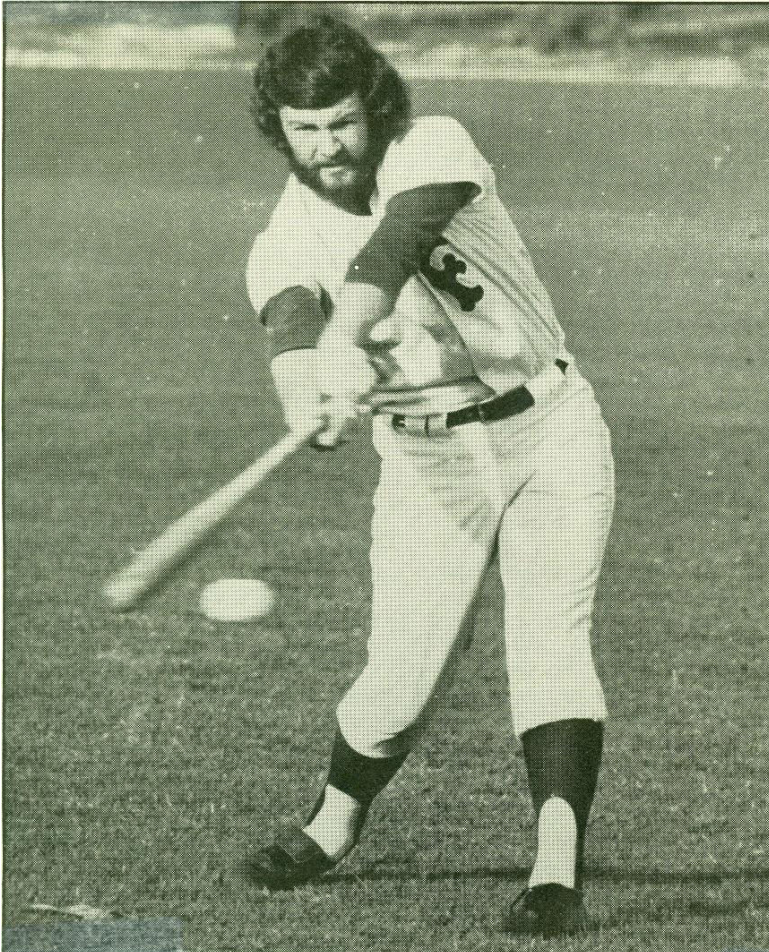
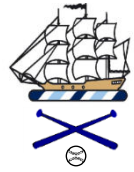
Glenelg's Colin Alexander pitched well, keeping Flinders to two hits, but his field let him down.

Glenelg scored their three runs in the third inning, mainly off Flinders errors.

Flinders had Ian McMillan pitching, and he controlled the Bay batters, except for Chappell.

Flinders scored a total of three runs in the third and fourth innings on hits by McMillan and Goodwood star David Gooley.

Gooley also starred in the sixth by stealing third and home to score Flinders' winning run.



## ***Our 'Babe'***

### **David Gooley**

In the United States right now, baseball fans are anxiously awaiting the opening of the 1974 campaign to see star batter Hank Aaron break the career record of 714 home runs scored by the legendary Babe Ruth.

All of which has nothing whatsoever to do with Flinders University ... aside from providing On Campus with a cue to talk about baseball in general, and David Gooley, in particular.

David, 24, an economics teacher at Urrbrae Agricultural High School, is captain-coach of the Varsity baseball team which, this year, for the first time since its inception in 1966, carried off its first premiership in the Winter Competition organised by the S.A. Baseball League.

David, who gained his B.Ec. in 1971 and his Dip. Ed. last year, is back at Flinders doing a part-time Arts course.

Away from school and campus, he rates as one of the State's star batters.

A District player – Goodwood – since 1966, he will go out this coming season as captain-coach of Sturt.

Two years ago, he was in the State Team which went to Brisbane and sustained S.A.'s first loss in five years. Although in the State Squad last year, he was passed over when the final selections were made, despite the fact – as newspaper sports writers were quick to note – he had played brilliantly all season and was the leading batter in the Competition.

Which might explain why S.A. was beaten out of the Final by Victoria.

This year David is once again in the State Squad and hopeful of winning a berth in the Team, as this would enhance his prospects of selection in the Australian side to go to Japan in March, 1975.

David received his Blue in 1971 and in his baseball career at Flinders has worn three inter-varsity and three All-Australian caps.



1974

*Sunday Mail*  
Sep 1974

# FLINDERS ... IN A THRILLER

*by Arthur Radbone*

**It looked a certain Flinders University premiership into Adelaide University's last Inning In yesterday's winter baseball grand final.**

Adelaide University, taking advantage of erratic pitching by Geoff Hastwell, scored three to tie the scores 6-6.

With two down in their ninth inning, Maurie Wetherall hit safely and Warwick Stewart followed with a left field smash and the game belonged to Flinders.

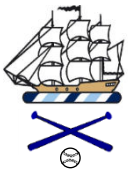
Adelaide University had pitcher Don Jeffrey on top and he was backed by a sometimes brilliant field.

Flinders later took a firm early grip when hits by Lucas and Stewart, plus two walks and a two-bagger by Graeme Oliver, saw four runs cross and Flinders jumped to a 4-1 lead.

Chronis hit his third double in Adelaide University's sixth and eventually scored on a wild pitch.

They scored again in their seventh to trail 3-4.

Flinders deserved their 7-6 victory in what was a high-class grand final, well umpired by Warren Charles.



1975

Sunday Mail  
3-8-75

# 13-1 as students go wild

by Arthur Radbone

**Playing with purpose, Flinders University thrashed International 13-1 in yesterday's Division 1 winter baseball to move into the grand final.**

Flinders, superb in the field, had the game won as early as the third innings.

They scored four in the first inning, one in the second, and ran riot for five runs in the third.

International, who had beaten Flinders twice this season, did not have the pitching nor the fielding to hold the Students.

Doug Hendy started on the mound, but with the damp ball was hit freely and could not find the plate.

Marshall relieved in the third, but Hendy returned and did better, preventing any further rally.

Flinders had five batters – Lovegrove, Roeger, Gooley, Ryan and Lucas – with two hits apiece, but it was their ability to bunch hits which proved too much for International.

Flinders, who won last season's premiership, must be hot favourites to take another title.

# Flinders bat their way to premiership

by Arthur Radbone

**Flinders University batted their way to a winter baseball premiership yesterday.**

They annihilated a disappointing Glenelg 10-1. Glenelg's captain-coach Bob Hunt gave his team a brilliant start when he hit a long home-run over left field.

It wasn't to last as Flinders' pitcher Geoff Hastwell, fought back and took control.

Pitching for Glenelg, Bob Hunt was strong early, but the strain was too much and Flinders batters found some openings.

The bubble burst in the third inning when Flinders raced on with four runs.

Hastwell led off with a double to left field. Steve Gara followed with the same, pushing Hastwell across the plate to even the scores.

Lovegrove walked, and doubles to David Gooley and Craig Roeger completed the run spree.

Two innings later Flinders added a further run, and another in the seventh, before they completed the rout.

They scored a further four runs in the eighth with hits to Chris Smith, Steve Gara, Ian Lovegrove and Craig Roeger.

Despite this batting onslaught, Glenelg's infielding was first-class, with third baseman Ralph Richardson outstanding.

Sunday Mail  
17-8-75



1976 (1)

# FLINDERS WILL SET PACE

by Arthur Radbone

**Flinders University, under former State utility David Gooley, look to be the team to beat in the winter baseball season.**

Matches start on May 22 and will be played in two grades.

Organiser of the winter games, Mr. Stan Scarman, announced details yesterday.

There will be two rounds of matches with the normal final round of semi-finals, preliminary final and grand final.

Single games start at 2pm and will be played over nine innings.

Double-header matches are at 1pm and 3pm, and will be of 100 minutes duration.

Glenelg has entered two teams, and two sides known as International and Pirates, are from the Northern Districts Club.

Many players involved in cricket during the summer will be playing in winter baseball sides.

*The News*  
3-5-76

# Old rivals will clash

by Arthur Radbone

**Despite the loss of two of their star players, last year's winter baseball premiers Flinders University will field almost an A-grade side.**

Flinders clash with their keen rivals, Adelaide University, in the opening round games next Saturday.

State and Sturt outfielder Craig Roeger, and former State utility David Gooley will give the side a big lift.

How Flinders will cope with the loss of Geoff Hastwell, who pitched particularly well last year, is problematical.

Hastwell is teaching at Woomera and their other loss, Terry Ryan, also a teacher, is at Toowoomba.

Flinders will be looking to Martin Smee and Graeme Oliver to do the pitching.

Their infield looks good, with Goodwood catcher Maurie Wetherall directing affairs.

Another Goodwood player, Steve Gara, will be at shortstop with possibly David Roxby at third.

Gooley and Roeger, who should be capable of leading the batting, will be at second and first base respectively.

Gooley will have a busy season as he will also be running special training sessions for Goodwood's promising young players.

Gooley is on a three-year contract as playing coach of major club Goodwood in summer baseball.

*Sunday Mail*  
16-5-76

*The Advertiser*  
5-6-76

International, for the second week in succession, find themselves playing a pressure game.

They meet the other undefeated side, Flinders University, at Flinders at 3pm.

Flinders would hold their own with some major summer baseball teams, especially in batting

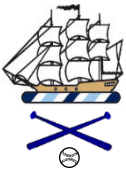
*Sunday Mail*  
6-6-76

Flinders University, kept in control by International early, broke away in their fifth and sixth to win 10-1.

Flinders, the strongest batting side in the winter competition, scored three and four runs in these two innings.

In the fifth, the highlights were Wetherall's triple, Roeger's single, and Lovegrove's home run.

Doubles to Walsh and Gooley, together with loose pitching, saw Flinders cross for four runs in the sixth.



1976 (2)

# TIGER PITCHER WILL NEED HELP IN THE FIELD

by Arthur Radbone

The News  
18-6-76

**Glenelg pitcher Bob Hunt will need all the fielding and batting support he can get to stop Flinders University in tomorrow's winter baseball.**

Both teams are undefeated and their clash at Glenelg should be the season's highlight.

Top batters in any company – David Gooley, Craig Roeger, Maurie Wetherall and Ian Lovegrove – give Flinders great drive.

The will put pressure on Hunt and he will have to be at his top to stop action on the bases.

While Flinders could be gathering runs, Glenelg should also be capable of worrying Flinders pitchers – Oliver and Smee.

The Bays must find safe hits because Flinders' fielding is usually immaculate.

Batters in the class of Doonan, McHugh, McNamara, Wilby, McDonald and Donaldson should get some runs for Glenelg.

Flinders are chosen because they are the better-balanced nine.

# PITCHER CLINCHES VICTORY

by Arthur Radbone

Sunday Mail  
20-6-76

**Flinders University can thank their pitcher Graeme Oliver for their 4-2 victory over Glenelg in yesterday's winter baseball.**

Oliver not only pitched well, but starred with the bat, driving in three of Flinders' four runs.

Flinders are the only unbeaten side in the competition.

They scored first with one run in their second inning and, with two out, scored two more in their third.

Craig Roeger singled, Ian Lovegrove doubled, and they both scored on Oliver's smash to the outfield.



GRAEME OLIVER

Glenelg gathered a few scattered hits, but found Oliver and the excellent Flinders' fielding, too much.

The Bays did come back with one run in each of their eighth and ninth innings, but were never really in a position to win.

These two teams, undefeated before yesterday, appear the likely finalists even at this early stage.

Flinders however, under top coach David Gooley, are a well-balanced nine and a great fielding side.

# South Wiped

by Arthur Radbone

Sunday Mail  
27-6-76

Flinders University annihilated South 30-2 in yesterday's winter baseball.

Led by State players Craig Roeger and David Gooley with four hits each, Flinders recorded one of the biggest scores in winter baseball.

South had no answer to such a concerted batting display and were down 25-0 at the end of the third inning.



1976 (3)

*The News*  
16-7-76

If International can continue their good batting form, they could worry Flinders University in tomorrow's winter baseball.

Schofield, Veale, Edwards, Greaves and Halligan have been putting bat to ball against all comers in recent weeks.

However, they will need to be at their very best when face Flinders' pitcher, Martin Smee, who is the form pitcher in the competition.

#### **Problem**

Their biggest problem will be to control Roeger, Gooley, Wetherall, Oliver and company when they step into the batting box for Flinders.

*The News*  
23-7-76

Flinders University will remain undefeated when they clash with second-placed Glenelg in tomorrow's winter baseball.

The overall team strength of Flinders has proved too much for all comers this season – including when these two sides last met, and tomorrow will be no exception.

*Sunday Mail*  
25-7-76

Steve Gara, with three safe hits, including two long home runs, was the outstanding player in Flinders' 14-7 victory over Glenelg.

After scoring five runs through good batting by Gooley, Roxby and Roeger, Gara sealed victory in the fifth inning with a long home run for a further three runs.

#### **Runs flow**

Despite Hunt replacing McKeon on the mound for Glenelg, they were unable to stop the flow of runs.

The Tigers fought back later in the game with two runs in the third and five in the fourth innings, through strong batting by McHugh, Fox, Hunt, Donaldson and Doonan, but were unable to make up the leeway.

*The News* 13-8-76

# ***BAYS FACE TWO BIG PROBLEMS***

*by Arthur Radbone*

**For Glenelg to defeat unbeaten Flinders University in tomorrow's winter baseball semi-final, they must solve two major problems.**

The first, and most important, is that pitcher Bob Hunt has to keep the powerful Flinders batters well in control.

A sizeable contract when you find seven hitters batting over .300.

The most troublesome to Hunt will be State players Craig Roeger (hitting .486) and David Gooley (.389), Maurie Wetherall (.419), David Roxby (.400), Steve Gara (.370), and John Lucas (.333).

It is the strongest batting array seen in winter baseball and Flinders will get runs.

Glenelg's main problem is whether they can find enough hits and runs to keep in touch.

The Bays have capable batters in Doonan, Hunt, Donaldson, McHugh, McNamara, and Wilby, but they lack batting depth and consistency.

Martin Smee has pitched reasonably well for Flinders and is backed by an immaculate fielding side.

*Sunday Mail* 15-8-76

# **BAYS IN UPSET WIN**

*by Arthur Radbone*

**Glenelg, with pitcher Bob Hunt controlling the strong Flinders University batting side, caused the upset of the winter season by winning yesterday's baseball semi-final.**

The Bays won 5-4 and their runs all came in a one-inning rally.

Flinders, previously undefeated, started with two runs in their first from hits by David Gooley and Craig Roeger.

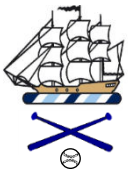
They led 4-0 after their sixth inning when Gara and Gooley singled and Wetherall sacrificed.

At this point, the Bays came into the game when Hunt and Doonan (his second) found hits.

After a Flinders error, Wilby flied out and McHugh walked.

This was McDonald's big moment when his three-run triple brought Glenelg up to Flinders score.

The winning run came when Peter Fenwick singled to score McDonald.



1976 (4)

*The News*  
20-8-76

# ***FLINDERS TOO CLASSY***

*by Arthur Radbone*

**Flinders university, despite losing their first match for the season last Saturday, should defeat International in tomorrow's winter baseball preliminary final.**

Flinders, to Glenelg pitcher Bob Hunt's credit, never achieved their normal batting pattern last week.

International do not have a pitcher of Hunt's experience but judging on 18-year-old Rob Stacey's form last week he could put some pressure on Flinders.

The Stacey-Clark battery however will have an unenviable task.

Flinders' batting has great depth and their fielding makes runs difficult for the opposition.

One of Flinders' worries is whether pitcher Martin Smee can hold International batters for a full game.

However, Graeme Oliver is back in the side and will be called on if trouble looms.

# **UNI'S TITLE - FOUR IN A ROW**

*by Arthur Radbone*

**Flinders University returned to their batting peak to defeat Glenelg, and win their fourth consecutive winter baseball grand final yesterday.**

It was a hard-hitting and entertaining final producing 23 safe hits.

Flinders was the better side and always looked winners, especially early when they led 8-0 after their fourth innings.

Lovegrove, a strong left-handed batter, started Flinders second-innings rally, with Roxby and Smee also finding hits.

Flinders, finding Glenelg pitcher Bob Hunt spraying them each side of the plate and walking Gooley and Roeger, added two more in the third.

Maurie Wetherall, a most reliable batter, brought in Gooley and Roeger with the first of his three hits.

Wetherall also caught well when his two pitchers - Smee and Oliver - were under pressure.

Flinders virtually won the game in the fourth, scoring four runs from hits by Gara, Gooley, Roeger, Lovegrove and Wetherall.

Hunt, never allowed to get on top, was relieved by Doonan in the fourth but returned later.

Glenelg scored their first runs (two) in their fourth inning from a powerful smash to left field by Bob McHugh off pitcher Smee.

Smee pitched well early to be in control, but weltered under pressure and gave way later to Graeme Oliver.

## **Double**

Flinders added three runs in their sixth from walks and a double to Roeger to lead 11-3.

Although the Bays added two in their seventh and one in the last, they didn't seriously challenge Flinders' sound defence.

They had chances to improve their score, but some of their batters were found wanting.

*Sunday Mail*  
29-8-76



Woomera  
"Gibber-Gabber"  
16-6-77

## Baseball ... Flinders Uni v. Woomera

**If we look at the results, it was a disaster ... 14-1, 15-5, 10-6 down in each of the three matches played.**

All those who participated however, and perhaps some of the spectators, will agree that the scores do not detract from the overall enjoyment of Flinders University's visit last weekend.

Hosts and visitors got to know each other on and off the field in a variety of sporting and social situations.

For example, Woomera came to dread the tall Flinders batter who arrived at the plate too often for comfort.

Those who saw Craig Roeger hit three home runs will not be surprised that he is an A-grade summer 'ball player and a strong contender for the State Claxton Shield team.

Apologies to the high school for any damage done to the Art room roof - please send an account for all damages to Bill Jones, Woomera West.

Speaking of Woomera coach Bill, he provided a display of sorts in his own right.

We won't mention any in particular ... no doubt the crowd who expressed much amusement during the Saturday game will provide their own examples.

Poor John (JL) Lucas, Flinders' utility player and second baseman, will not forget our somewhat erratic pitching for a long while - he was 'cleaned up' by at least three wild throws during his times at bat.

As for the dreaded Moriarty, Flinders outfielder, we suspect that he may have some difficulty recalling his last few innings.

For Joe thought he would be resting in the final Sunday game and 'put away' a few cans in the meantime.

When Flinders coach David Gooley sent him in to bat, the somewhat blurry-eyed Joe had trouble taking his stance at the plate. Let alone picking balls and strikes.

A long-standing custom among the Flinders team is to pick a 'play of the series', a task modestly performed by JL.

A fear of his teammates' wrath prevented him selecting his own spectacular diving, pirouetting catch at second base as praiseworthy.

Instead he chose a very good outfield relay to throw out Bill Mitchell at home plate as the play best executed by the Flinders side.

It all had to end of course, but not before Flinders issued an invitation for a re-match with the Woomera team - this time in Adelaide.

Tentative dates for this are July 8 and 9, so that Ralph Ingram and Mike McCasky can participate before leaving the Village.

We hope - indeed demand - that practices for the Woomera team get under way soon, so that even if we don't manage a win in Adelaide, the score will at least look a little more respectable.

To sum up - a very successful weekend, enjoyed by all involved.

Thank you Lew Moore and Greg Henderson, officiating umpires, and to our indefatigable scorer, Clare Williams.

Thank you also to the RSL and Village Club for catering for the visitors ... we had some most enjoyable evenings.

And finally, thank you all those who put up the Flinders visitors.

They will remember your hospitality for a long time, knowing them, reciprocate in turn if the Adelaide rip eventuates. Let's hope it does.

*The News 17-6-77*

## ***GLENELG BATS MUST NOT FAIL***

*by Arthur Radbone*

**Glenelg cannot afford to miss one opportunity with their batting if they are to defeat Flinders University in tomorrow's winter baseball.**

These teams currently hold the top two positions on the premiership table.

The Bays must use their leading hitters, McHugh, Fox, Szostak, McAllister and Hunt to bunch the safe hits and have runs on the board.

If they fail to do this, Flinders will win because they have the strongest batting array in the competition.

Glenelg pitcher and coach, Bob Hunt, knows this and realises he must be at his top and have support in the field.

Flinders won all games last weekend at Woomera against an American side because of their strength with the bat.

State outfielder Craig Roeger, hit a home run in each game and with David Gooley, Steve Gara, Ian Lovegrove and Ian McMillan in the line-up, Flinders will be hard to beat.

With rain this week, the ground at Flinders will be slow and the respective infields may have to make the play on the ball.

*Sunday Mail 19-6-77*

## **Flinders 'pip' Glenelg**

*by Arthur Radbone*

**Flinders University squeezed home the winning run in the last inning of a great game against Glenelg in yesterday's winter baseball.**

Flinders scored their first run in the fourth.

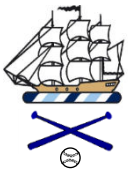
Glenelg equalled that in the eighth, but Flinders won 2-1 in the ninth.

On a muddy ground, with batters hitting into the wind, the pitchers held command.

A wild throw by the Bay's shortstop let Flinders score in the first inning.

Glenelg, with Fox and Bastian hitting doubles, brought the scores level in the eighth inning.

Hunt was astray in Flinders last inning, setting up an opportunity for Steve Gara to successfully bunt home the winning run.



1977 (2)

# UNI BASEBALL RECORD INTACT

by Arthur Radbone

**Flinders University maintained their unbeaten record by whitewashing second team International 4-0 in yesterday's winter baseball.**

Flinders scored two runs in their first inning to put pressure on International.

International had a chance to get back into the game in their sixth with first and third occupied and only one out.

They were down 0-4 at the time.

But Flinders playing coach David Gooley stopped what looked certain to be two runs with a magnificent catch at second base.

Gooley turned the play into a double to stop a breakthrough.

Flinders' two runs in their first came from an error, a safe hit to Gooley, a sacrifice fly by Lovegrove, and a great bunt by Wetherall.

Two more runs in Flinders' sixth from safe hits by Roxby and Gara, plus two walks, gave them a grip on the game.

*Sunday Mail*  
3-7-77

# Uni baseball men to fire

by Arthur Radbone

**Adelaide, badly wanting premiership points to stay in the four, could miss out in tomorrow's winter baseball clash with top team Flinders University.**

This main game of the day will be played on the excellent surface at Flinders University.

Adelaide, with a good blending of experience and youth, did well last week with Rod Venn on the pitcher's mound.

A repeat of that performance – especially if schoolboys Martin, 16, and Brown, 15, can handle the accurate pitching of Martin Smee – will boost Adelaide's chances.

If former State outfielder John Gooley plays, this will also greatly assist Adelaide

## CURVE

Venn, a good curve-ball pitcher will match Smee but he faces a most formidable batting line-up – Gara, Walsh, Roxby, Roeger, and Gooley.

*The News*  
8-7-77



1977 (3)

# UNI JUST MAKE A DRAW

by Arthur Radbone

**Adelaide had chances to cause the upset of the season when they drew with top team Flinders University in yesterday's winter baseball.**

Flinders, scoring one run in the fourth inning and two runs in the sixth, looked set for victory.

In the seventh, Adelaide had John Gooley on third but a squeeze play was missed.

Then Adelaide, out to correct the mistake, took to Flinders pitcher Martin Smee in the eighth inning.

Safe hits to Ingham and coach McDonald, followed by a home run from catcher Graham Mathlin, saw Adelaide tie the score.

Flinders were in trouble when Rod Venn doubled – still with one out.

However a magnificent piece of fielding by David Gooley at second base for Flinders threw out his brother John at first.

Had this ball got through to right field, Adelaide would have won.

The next batter, Paul Ross, grounded out for the draw.

If Adelaide had lost, they could have blamed two dropped outfield catches which allowed Flinders to score its two runs in the sixth.

Sunday Mail  
10-7-77

## Baseball ...

# Woomera plays in Adelaide

**We're getting better - In two baseball matches played against Flinders University in Adelaide last weekend, Woomera scored more runs than in the three matches here on the long weekend in June.**

Perhaps practice does make perfect. Anyone who may doubt this adage can ask coach Bill Jones, who not only gave his team a fine batting example, but also performed well in the field.

Not that he was alone in this.

Both Gary Kelly and Greg Bennett produced wonders in the outfield. Eddie Gilbert on third, took a 'screamer' (without using his chest).

Rueben and Larry, our two catchers, worked hard ... as did our much-tested shortstop, Mike McCasky.

Batting honours for the series go to Jim McElvee, who pounded out a number of safe hits and was robbed of a home run only by the left field foul line.

The team's newcomer, Horace Banks, certainly didn't take long to get acclimatised to Australia. He hit several nice drives for Woomera and moved fast in the outfield – but please, get some baseball shoes Horace!

Flinders of course, got the 'big blue machine' going once more, perhaps aided by John (JL) Lucas' battle song, 'The Mighty Blues'.

And mighty they were, as their batters, headed by Ian Lovegrove, again gave our pitching a torrid time.

Was the strikeout of Craig Roeger luck, or a gift from the gods?

We'll never know, but the fateful moment when Craig took a called third strike will live long in the memories of those who witnessed it.

No, we didn't win either of the two games, but as I said, we're getting better - watch out next time!

Scores were ... morning match 13-7 down ... afternoon match 17-7 down.

Again, results receded in significance with the mutual enjoyment of the weekend.

A very pleasant smorgasbord on Saturday evening was followed by song, film and merriment at Steve Gara's home – thanks Steve and Helen.

Sunday saw a beautifully laid out barbecue and salad lunch, which just might have put paid to Bill's chances of an errorless series. Was that a can of Southwark you washed your chop down with?

Before departure that night, the Woomera and Flinders players gathered at the Lovegrove's for a farewell tea.

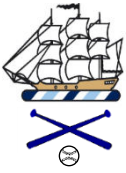
Master of Ceremonies was JL, who followed his lyrical comments on the games with the distribution of the 'golden ball' awards.

These much-vaunted trophies, he informed us, were given in recognition of outstanding pieces of play in both matches.

Flinders coach David Gooley thanked us for our effort in making it down for the weekend, and mentioned the possibility of games later this year or early next year.

Thank you, Dave and the 'Blues' and all who made us so at home in Adelaide. We're expecting a meeting sometime in the not too distant future.

Woomera  
"Gibber-Gabber"  
14-7-77



# ***GLENELG MUST LIFT BATTING***

*by Arthur Radbone*

**Glenelg must lift their batting to stay with Flinders University in tomorrow's semi-final of winter baseball.**

These two top sides, who play at Flinders University at 2pm, have the double chance.

The winner moves to the grand final, while the loser plays the winner of the other semi-final between International and West Torrens.

Flinders, who have won the last four winter premierships, are a talented side with many players capable of holding a place in any 'ball side.

Their batting, led by Gooley, Roeger, Gara, Wetherall, Walsh, Roxby, Lovegrove and McMillan will be a problem for Glenelg.

The Bay's pitcher and coach, Bob Hunt, is fully aware of his hard task, but believes he will succeed.

Flinders will probably score runs but whether Glenelg can match those runs is debatable.

They have good hitters in Fox, McAllister, Wilby, Carman, Szostak, McHugh and Street who should succeed against pitcher Martin Smee.

International meet an improved West Torrens side.

They batted for 13 hits against Adelaide last week, but a repeat performance against the little-used but good pitcher for Torrens, Stephen Rex, would surprise.

International have lost the services of catcher Bruce McLachlan and possibly Ray Edwards – both injured.

Brian Shepherd at his best, could prove West Torrens' stumbling block but the Eagles, who scraped into the four, may cause the surprise.

# **UNI ARE IMMACULATE**

*by Arthur Radbone*

Flinders University, fielding immaculately, white-washed Glenelg 6-0 in a great game in yesterday's winter baseball semi-final.

West Torrens, who now meet Glenelg in next week's preliminary final, crushed International 16-1 in the other semi-final.

The Flinders University – Glenelg game was tight without a score for the first four innings.

Ian McMillan's two-run home run in the fifth started Flinders in their quest for a grand final berth for the fifth consecutive season.

David Gooley, Flinders coach and second baseman, who was involved in four double plays, started his team on a three-run sixth inning.

Gooley singled, Roeger walked, then Ian Lovegrove homered for three runs.

Flinders' last run came from doubles by Gooley and Roeger in the best game for the season, according to umpire Frank Woods.

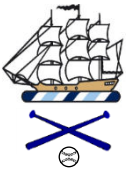
Glenelg, with pitcher Bob Hunt doing well early, were never able to get into the game.

West Torrens' victory was a great triumph for coach and pitcher Stephen Rex and his young side.

They only found eight safe hits, but were assisted by loose pitching and fielding from a disappointing International nine.



**DAVID GOOLEY**



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*The News*  
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# TORRENS AIM FOR BASEBALL FLAG

*by Arthur Radbone*

**West Torrens, who made the top four for the first time at the end of the minor round, have a great chance of winning tomorrow's winter baseball grand final.**

They clash with Flinders University, who have won the last four titles.

The game will be played at Adelaide University's ground at West Beach at 2pm.

Stephen Rex, Torrens coach and pitcher, will have an enormous job because Flinders are a most capable team.

Their batting is second to none and prepared for the big games, and their defence is superb.

Flinders batting list is headed by proven top players in Roeger (.407), Walsh (.400), Gara (.394), Gooley (.366), Roxby (.333), and Lovegrove (.300).

If Rex can control this band of hitters, and at his best he will go close, it is then up to the Eagles batters.

Torrens are not the longest-hitting side, but they have been consistently punching out their hits.

They face a good honest pitcher in Martin Smee, who in 68 innings has given up 48 hits and only 15 walks with 48 strikeouts.

Torrens' .300 batters are Rex (.355), Wright (.333), B. Jones (.314), Clarke (.308), and A. Jones (.300).

Torrens' teamwork when batting has been a feature, and against Smee they should be able to place the ball to their advantage.

To terminate Flinders' mortgage on winter premierships, West Torrens must do everything right and play immaculate baseball.

The teams in fielding order are ...

Flinders - Smee to Wetherall, Roeger, Gooley, Roxby, Gara, McMillan, Lovegrove, and Walsh.

Torrens - Rex to Wright, B. Jones, Clarke, A. Jones, D. Smith, Black, Hancock, and Curnow.

# WINTER 'BALL TO FLINDERS

*by Arthur Radbone*

**Flinders University won their fifth consecutive winter baseball premiership from West Torrens, 13-12 in yesterday's thrilling grand final.**

It was coach David Gooley's ball game when he smashed a long home run to win the game in the last inning.

Gooley also finished on the pitcher's mound to shut Torrens out in their last two innings.

Flinders looked all over a winner when they led 7-0 after the third inning.

## **Astray**

At this stage, and until Torrens opened their account in the fifth, the Eagles did not play well, and their pitcher Stephen Rex was astray.

In fact, the pitching from both teams left a lot to be desired, with Flinders using Smee, Lovegrove and Gooley, and West Torrens using Rex and Wright.

The inaccurate pitching by both sides took the shine off the game, with Flinders walking eight and West Torrens walking seven.

Flinders fielded brilliantly early to keep Torrens at bay, especially outfielders Ian McMillan and Ian Lovegrove, and shortstop Steve Gara.

To the Eagles' credit, they fought back with three runs in their fifth and two in the sixth inning.

## **Trailed**

They still trailed Flinders 11-5 at the even sixth.

Then they exploded in the top of the seventh to score seven runs from only three hits (A. Jones, Smith, and Black) plus three walks and two Flinders errors.

The scores were subsequently locked at 12-all, after Flinders crossed for one run in the bottom of the seventh.

Both sides were kept in control in their last two innings until Gooley won it with his homer.

*Sunday Mail*  
4-9-77



Sunday Mail  
9-4-78

# Flinders hot tips

by Arthur Radbone

**A record 20 teams, three non-metropolitan, in three divisions will play in this year's winter baseball.**

It is the biggest competition since the sport first made summer its main season in 1969.

Winter organiser Stan Scarman said matches would start on April 29.

The three non-metropolitan teams are Murray Bridge, Bridgewater, and an RAAF side from Edinburgh.

Henley and Grange, the strong minor league's North, Juniors, and Centrals are the new suburban Clubs.

Flinders University, West Torrens (last season's grand finalists), Glenelg, International, Brownhill Bears, and Henley and Grange will play in Division I.

International consists of mainly Northern Districts players and a new club, Brownhill Bears, are almost Sturt's top side.

Flinders University, chasing their sixth successive premiership, will have former State players David Gooley and Craig Roeger heading their batting.

With star top summer players Ian McMillan and Ian Lovegrove, and proven Division I players in Wetherall, Roxby, Gara, Walsh, Lucas and Smee, the University line-up will again be favourite.

Glenelg pitcher Bob Hunt will look after the Bay side and Stephen Rex guides West Torrens.

Redsox Russell Martin heads the International list, with Barry Grieves, Rick Beale, Brian Shepherd, Ian Begg and Ray Edwards, all claiming A-grade experience.

The three near-city clubs will play in Division II with Glenelg, Braves, Flinders University, Pirates Red, and Adelaide.

Kensington's Fred Faulkner will coach Murray Bridge and two country lads, Bruce Johnston from Port Pirie and Ron Watson from Whyalla, will be in their line-up.

Redsox infielder, George McKinlay, will coach and pass on his experience to the Bridgewater nine who impressed last year.

## Score

League leaders Flinders University had a scare, winning only 5-4 from International.

Flinders found touch in their third, scoring three runs from hits by Gara, Roxby, and sacrifice hits by Gooley and Wetherall.

International looked good in their fifth with three runs on hits by Shrive, Martin and Lenzi.

Flinders fielding probably saved them from defeat when two magnificent throws cut off runners at the plate.

Sunday Mail  
21-5-78

# Glenelg tackle the premiers

by Arthur Radbone

**Glenelg played well last week to defeat the Bears, but they will have to lift their game to greater heights to defeat Flinders University in Saturday's winter baseball.**

This game, at Glenelg at 3pm, could prove the day's highlight.

Flinders, last season's premiers and the only unbeaten team so far, are again proving the measuring stick for all clubs.

Glenelg, with Greg Elkson pitching to 18-year-old Chambers, face a formidable Flinders batting line-up.

Hitters who have the capabilities of Roeger, Gooley, Roxby, Lovegrove, McMillan, Gara, Lucas and Wetherall, will always be a handful for any pitcher.

While the Bays have proven batters in Doonan, Sjostak, Wilby, Elkson, Cox and Chambers, they still have to break through the best fielding side in the business.

The Bears, keen to open their winning account, meet Henley and Grange at Mitcham.

The Bears were expected to prove a thorn in the side to both of last season's grand finalists - Flinders and West Torrens - but have disappointed.

Henley used slow curve pitcher Taintey last week, but could come back to Steve White on Saturday.

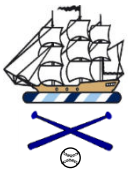
West Torrens, surprisingly beaten by Henley and Grange last week, play International at Prospect.

The Eagles were not happy with last week's defeat and could be a different proposition against International.

International, coached by Redsox infielder Russell Martin, gave plenty of cheek against Flinders last week to lose by the odd run.

If they can find hits with men on base and put Torrens under pressure, the two points could be theirs.

The News  
25-5-78



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Sunday Mail  
28-5-78

# Elkson the star in shock win

by Arthur Radbone

**Glenelg, with pitcher Greg Elkson starring, inflicted Flinders University's second defeat in two years in yesterday's winter baseball.**

Flinders lost only one game last season, to West Torrens, and took out the premiership.

But yesterday, they could not cope with the Bay's strong hitting and lost 2-4.

Elkson and State player Dave Doonan shared the Bay's batting honours with Wilby and Cox, in one of the best games of the season.

Elkson showed plenty of speed on the mound and only former State players David Gooley and Craig Roeger could handle him.

Glenelg scored single runs in their first, third, fifth and eighth innings, from timely hits and one Flinders error.

The News ... 9-6-78

# Battle for top honours

by Arthur Radbone

**West Torrens realise they must bat well and provide a tight defence to defeat Flinders University in Saturday's winter baseball.**

The clash of last season's grand finalists at Flinders University promises to be a great game.

Both teams have lost only one match but Flinders' batting appears to be stronger and their fielding is usually first class.

Flinders' experienced hitters, Craig Roeger, David Gooley, Ian Lovegrove, Ian McMillan, Maurie Wetherall and Steve Gara are always hard to control.

For West Torrens, Stephen Rex, Les Buller, David Hookes, David Hatchman, Neville Wright, Barry and Allan Jones, and Geoff Monahan usually figure in their winning sorties.

Sunday Mail ... 11-6-78

# Flinders Draw

by Arthur Radbone

**Flinders University were under pressure from a hard-hitting West Torrens side but escaped with a 2-2 draw in yesterday's exciting winter baseball.**

Both teams found seven safe hits, but Flinders' good fielding kept them in touch.

Flinders scored one in their first from hits by Steve Gara and David Gooley.

Torrens equalised with Allan Jones, Barry Jones and Stephen Rex batting well.

Gara and Gooley again figured in Flinders' second run in the fifth.

Torrens found the tying run in their seventh, with hits by Wright and Black, and a sacrifice bunt by Hookes.



1978 (3)

## BASEBALL ... UNIVERSITY GAVE LOCALS LESSON

**Last weekend, the boys in blue did it again**

No, not the police, the Flinders University baseball team. Again they came north, again they humbled the Woomera Whites.

Results - 11-3, 10-5 - went comfortably Flinders' way in the two games played, and they concluded the tournament by taking us on at slow-pitch softball.

"No worries", chuckled the Whites. "They've never played this before, we'll thrash 'em".

What happened ?

Flinders must be fast learners, because they cleaned us up 13-3, much to our surprise.

Some highlights of the series were firstly, the Flinders batting.

Coach David Gooley set an example to his team with ( at baseball) six hits from eight times at bat. Hugh Franke 4-from-6, and Ian Lovegrove 4-from-9.

The occasional piece of brilliant fielding from both teams also drew comments.

In particular, Woomera's third baseman Eddie Gilbert was congratulated by Flinders for his Brooks Robinson-like performance in knocking down screamers, though one of the University wags suggested this might be because he couldn't get out of the way in time !

Even the best teams have occasional lapses however.

Reference is made here to Dave Wainwright, Flinders' left-fielder in the second game.

When Joe Horton smashed a long drive to the outfield, Dave began to chase it.

The, with the umpire signalling a fair hit and Joe rounding second, he stopped and began walking back to his position.

Joe meantime, jogged home for the only home run of the tournament.

We found out afterwards from a very embarrassed Dave that he had mistaken the markings of the football centre-square for the foul line, and assumed the ball was out of play.

### COMIC

The slow pitch game was perhaps the piece-de-resistance of the weekend.

With several dubious decisions by the umpire (who may have fared better with his beanie pulled over his eyes), the antics of Flinders' rookie first-baseman Marty Smee, not to mention his lovely replacement Desley Edwards, both sides had many occasions to laugh.

With luck, we'll have a rematch at Flinders ground sometime around the end of July.

And for those who heard about rain on the road, don't worry. A phone call on Monday evening assured that all got back safely.

Many thanks to all those who helped make the weekend a goer, particularly Eddie and Nancy and their kids for the barbecue at their house. To Clare for doing her stuff with the scorebook, to the line-marking gang, and to umpires Greg Henderson, Bert Brock, Don Moore, Al Weber and Marg Neale.

As for the Village Club and its hardworking ladies who provided tea for us - you were great, and so was the meal.

Now we're looking forward to July, and again it has to be said ... "watch out Flinders". The Whites are going to get some more practicing done in the meantime.

As the Beatles sang - "It's getting better all the time".

*Woomera  
"Gibber-Gabber"  
8-6-78*

## Knee injury stops SA star

*by Arthur Radbone*

**Craig Roeger, Sturt's leading player and former State player, is unlikely to play baseball again.**

Roeger, only 26, who plays winter baseball for Flinders University, has a serious knee injury.

He has injured ligaments in his left knee and will undergo surgery within the next few weeks.

Roeger's specialist has told him he would be foolish to play again.

Roeger, a fine outfielder and one of Sturt's few powerful hitters, represented SA in 1975 and 1976.

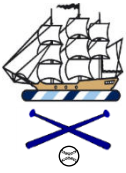
He has, with David Gooley, starred with the bat for Flinders University in their four consecutive winter premierships. Flinders, who suffered their third defeat in two years last Saturday, have also lost David Roxby.

They meet the Bears at Flinders Oval at 2pm on Saturday and the Bears will be without Australian pitcher Warwick Dooland, who is interstate.

The Bears, now in devastating batting form with top Sturt players John Gooley, Nick Kuring and Craig Trenerry in touch, are going to test Flinders. Garry Wood, who was in the Australian under-18 side to visit the U.S., will probably replace Dooland on the pitcher's mound.

Without Roeger and Roxby, Flinders must get more batting drive from experienced league players in Ian McMillan (Glenelg) and Ian Lovegrove (North).

*The News  
22-6-78*



1978 (4)

*Sunday Mail ... 16-7-78*

# Powerful burst gives Bays win

*by Arthur Radbone*

**Top team Glenelg won their game yesterday against Henley and Grange with a seven-run burst in the first innings, to take the winter baseball minor premiership.**

West Torrens surprise defeat cost them second spot to the Bears.

The final four is Glenelg, Bears, West Torrens and Flinders University.

Glenelg, playing errorless baseball behind pitcher Dave Doonan, found 19 hits in a fine batting display.

The Bays, with top pitcher Greg Elkson on the mound, will be hard to beat if they continue in their present form.

Eleven batters were in the batting box for six hits in Glenelg's first inning for their seven runs.

Dave Doonan's home run highlighted the Bays three-run second inning, aided by Yeo's double.

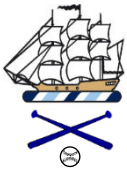
To Henley and Grange's credit, they fought out the game despite the Bays early break and a weakened side.

Flinders University surprised by defeating West Torrens 4-1.

Last season's premiers were back to their best with three double plays.

If Flinders can lift their batting, and they could with their good line-up, they will be a force in the finals.

Flinders' highlight in their fourth inning came when Faulkner singled and scored from first on a bunt by Lucas.



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# Bears grab close game

*by Arthur Radbone*

**The Bears took advantage of loose pitching to defeat Glenelg 10-8 in yesterday's opening winter baseball round.**

Both sides, last season's grand finalists, batted strongly in a lively game.

Derek Robertson started the Bears' four-run first inning with a home run and Peter Catt and Craig Trenerry also hit safely.

Glenelg kept in touch with four runs in the third.

The Bears threatened in their third with loaded bases and none out.

However a double play by Glenelg saved runs, although loose pitching still found the Bears scoring.

Australian pitcher Greg Elkson, was not ready to pitch, and played right field.

Flinders University showed they will again be a force with their 6-0 win against International.

They only found five safe hits, but their use of the short game and intelligent base-running, was too much for International.

Flinders scored two in the third from a walk, two International errors, and Ian Lovegrove's safe hit.

They clinched it in the fourth inning with three runs on two walks and well-paced bunts by Gooley and McMillan.

*Sunday Mail*  
29-4-79

# Easy 'ball stroll for Bays

*by Arthur Radbone*

**Glenelg, with strong batting which included three home runs, won comfortably from Flinders University in yesterday's winter baseball.**

Glenelg, obviously the team to beat in the competition, are holding top place.

Glenelg started their scoring spree in the second inning when Fenwick singled, Sands walked and eventually stole home.

In the fifth, Elkson, who pitched well to keep Flinders to three hits, doubled and Thomas homered to score for Glenelg.

Steve Gara's home run in the third was Flinders' only run.

*Sunday Mail*  
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*Sunday Mail ... 11-5-80*

## Batters take over control

*by Hugh Franke*

**Batters dominated all three games in yesterday's winter baseball, with Henley and Grange and Glenelg both collecting 14 safe hits.**

Flinders University also outhit International at Bedford Park to run out comfortable winners 4-2.

With Ian McMillan and Peter Faulkner hitting back-to-back doubles in the first inning, Flinders raced to an early two-run lead.

Mick Regan opened with a double in International's third inning, and scored on a long centrefield hit by Russell Martin.

Martin tied the scores in the top of the fifth when he collected his second hit to score Edwards from third.

Flinders coach David Gooley collected his second double in the even inning, followed by a Graham Davison walk.

They both scored on Ian McMillan's drive to give Flinders a 4-2 victory.

*Sunday Mail ... 29-6-80*

## Flinders 'barrel' the Bays

*by Hugh Franke*

**Glenelg was "steamrolled" by Flinders University in the last innings of their winter baseball game at the Bay yesterday.**

Consistent batting by the Tigers produced a 3-1 lead going into the last inning but, with the prospect of their first defeat looking very possible, the Flinders batters found a new determination.

With bases loaded and none out, Tigers pitcher Rick Hassan lost control and walked a run across the plate.

Two wild throws enabled a further two runs to score.

With Gara scoring on Davison's left field double, Sands was recalled to the mound, only to be greeted by a towering three-run homer by the consistent Ian McMillan to put Flinders five runs ahead.

Not to be outdone, Maurie Wetherall immediately repeated the action by collecting his third homer in as many weeks to give the Blues a 9-3 win.

West Torrens moved back into second place with a 2-0 win over International at West Beach.

With Eagles' pitcher Peter Hoare dominating, the International's hitters were unable to put the Torrens field under any pressure.

The other game at West Beach was a tense low-scoring match, with opposing pitchers Moody (Adelaide) and Salisbury (Henley and Grange) maintaining tight control.

A timely hit by Adelaide's Moody in the top of the first inning brought Brown across the plate for the only run of the game.

*Sunday Mail ... 3-8-80*

## Flinders still unbeaten

*by Hugh Franke*

**Flinders University (Div 1) and Port Adelaide (Div 2) maintained unbeaten records when they won their respective matches in yesterday's winter baseball competition.**

Flinders knocked Henley and Grange out of the four, winning 12-1 at Bedford Park, while Port Adelaide ended Woodville's chances of playing in the finals with a 7-5 win at Semaphore.

Leading 1-0 after Graham Davison's home run in the first, Flinders was unable to add to its score in the next two innings, due to some fine pitching by Henley and Grange's Brian Salisbury.

The result was put beyond doubt in the fourth when the first nine Flinders batters scored without an 'out' being made.

Making good use of the soft ground, Flinders mixed well-executed bunts with brilliant base-running to completely overrun the Rams.

International moved into fourth place at Henley's expense when they defeated Adelaide 4-0 at West Beach.

West Torrens made sure of third place when they beat Centrals 5-0 at Woodville.



1980 (2)

*Sunday Mail ... 24-8-80*

# Uni's revenge hits Torrens

*by Hugh Franke*

**Flinders University powered its way into next week's grand final with a commanding 9-1 victory over West Torrens yesterday.**

Smarting from their only loss of the season in last week's semi-final, Flinders put the result beyond doubt in the first inning.

Although Torrens opened the scoring with one run from hits to Voysey and Hodge, Flinders quickly replied in the even innings when Gara and Gooley walked, and were both brought home on a double by McMillan.

Wetherall then reached first on a West Torrens error, and scored with McMillan when Faulkner smashed a hard drive into left field, taking the inning tally to four runs.

Despite hits by Hoare and Clarke in the second and third innings, the other Torrens batters were unable to get the ball past the reliable Flinders infield.

Consecutive hits by McMillan, Wetherall and Faulkner, increased the Flinders lead to 5-1 by the end of the third.

Picking up two hits per inning, Flinders scored a run in each of the next four innings while restricting Torrens to only two hits in their last six. Batting a "thousand" with three-from-three, Peter Faulkner led the Flinders batting, while Ian McMillan and Maurie Wetherall also got three hits each.

Tight control by Flinders pitchers Smeed and Jameson, restricted Torrens to scattered hits with Mick Voysey the only batter to collect two.

*Sunday Mail ... 31-8-80*

# Flinders take sixth pennant

*by Hugh Franke*

**Flinders University won their sixth winter baseball premiership in eight years when they defeated Glenelg 12-5 in yesterday's grand final.**

Out to avenge their defeat in the semi-final, Flinders opened strongly when lead-off batter Steve Gara slammed the third pitch of the game past centrefield for a stand-up double.

## Doubles

Further doubles to Davison and Wetherall, and a single by Faulkner, boosted Flinders' tally to three runs in the top of the first.

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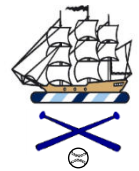
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Despite a pitching change by Glenelg, Flinders were determined to keep hitting, and five hits and two walks produced another five runs in the top of the eighth.

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# FLINDERS TAKES OUT BASEBALL TITLE



*Flinders University Baseball Club ... Division I premiers, 1980*

*Back Row (left to right) : Maurie Wetherall, John Lucas, Graeme Jameson, Marty Smee, Graham Davison*

*Front Row (left to right) : David Gooley, Geoff Hastwell, Ian McMillan, Steve Gara, Peter Faulkner*

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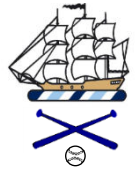
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# Peevish pow-wow costly for Indians

by Hugh Franke

Sunday Mail  
26-7-81

**West Torrens made sure of fourth place with a well-earned win against Glenelg in yesterday's winter baseball.**

Goodwood Indians' chances of taking fourth place from the Eagles received a jolt when they not only lost a close game to Flinders University, but also lost top pitcher Eric Stacey, who was removed from the game for abusing the umpire.

With an automatic two-week suspension for Stacey, Indians face an uphill battle to make the finals.

Eagles opened well when their first four batters all crossed in the first inning.

Although Glenelg came back with one run in the even frame, the Eagles slammed on another two runs in the second to take a match-winning lead.

Flinders were struggling to find runs against the Indians and were trailing 0-3 at the end of the second inning.

When Stacey left the game after walking two batters in the third, Flinders levelled the score when Davison tripled over right field, and scored on a wild throw by the catcher.

Back-to-back hits by Peter and Leon Faulkner produced the winning run for the Blues in the even fifth frame.

# Port reaches grand final

by Hugh Franke

Sunday Mail  
23-8-81

**Last-innings wins highlighted yesterday's winter baseball semi-finals.**

Port Adelaide qualified for the grand final when it came from behind to snatch a one-run win over Flinders University, while Goodwood Indians stole their match from the State Tourists in the even ninth.

Flinders battled its way to a 5-2 lead at the end of the fourth inning, but constant pressure by the Magpies forced fielding errors, and the score was tied 6-all at the end of the sixth.

Although Flinders regained the lead with one run in the eighth, the Magpies snatched the game in the last when their first two batters made base on errors and were batted in by well-placed outfield hits.

State Tourists were in trouble for most of the game against Indians' Eric Stacey, who claimed 15 strikeouts while restricting the Tourists to scattered hits until the last frame.

Back-to-back hits by Bahnert and Frost, followed by a well-executed bunt by Gregg, enabled the Tourists to level the score at 3-all.

Indians snatched victory in the even innings when coach Don Masters scored on Graham White's mishit with two out.

# Uni's sights on seventh title

by Hugh Franke

Sunday Mail  
30-8-81

**Flinders University will be trying for their seventh winter baseball title in nine years when they meet Port Adelaide in next week's grand final.**

## Revamped Indians

Minor premiers Flinders withstood a determined bid by a 'revamped' Goodwood Indians nine to win yesterday's preliminary final 5-4.

Indians scored two runs in the top of the first inning on Con Geurriero's double to centre field.

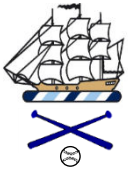
Flinders however, levelled the score in the even frame when Leon Faulkner crossed on David Gooley's bunt, and Steve Gara scored from second on a wild throw.

Flinders snatched the lead in the third inning with two runs that were scored on Indians' errors.

Both teams forced one run across in the fourth inning, and then Indians scored another run in the fifth to trail by just one.

With errorless baseball by both sides for the remaining four frames, Flinders ran out winners by the narrowest of margins.

Pitching honours went to Flinders Graeme Jameson, who pitched with much tighter control than Indians' Eric Stacey, who gave up ten walks.



1982

## Confounded

*Sunday Mail*  
23-5-82

Flinders University's perennial pitcher Marty Smee confounded the experts when he collected two hits in the game against Varsity at Bedford Park.

Not usually noted for his prowess with the bat, Smee batted in three of the Blue's 21 runs.

Making a rare appearance on the mound, Flinders' coach David Gooley produced an amazing variety of pitches to completely confound the Varsity batters, after Smee had claimed seven strikeouts in the first three innings.

HUGH FRANKE

## Uni holds top in narrow win

*Sunday Mail*  
30-5-82

*by Hugh Franke*

**Flinders University retained top position in Red Division baseball by narrowly defeating Henley and Grange at Bedford Park yesterday.**

Henley jumped Flinders in the opening inning when its first two batters scored on a long hit to centrefield by their catcher Roger Smoker.

Back-to-back hitting by David Gooley, Peter Faulkner and Ian McMillan, followed by a sacrifice bunt then a long drive to leftfield by John Gooley, enabled Flinders to establish a 4-2 lead in the even third inning.

Henley scored again in the fifth when Smoker crossed on Seymour's smash to centrefield.

However, it blew its chance to level the score in the last inning when Gilder popped up a squeeze bunt for an easy double play, thus allowing Flinders to run out winners 4-3.



1987

# Another title to Flinders

by Hugh Franke

Sunday Mail  
13-9-87

**Reigning champion Flinders University claimed its 10<sup>th</sup> winter baseball championship in 15 years when it beat Kidman Park Dodgers 8-1 at Glenelg yesterday.**

Controlled pitching by Barry Harris, backed by the Blues' usual sound fielding, made scoring almost an impossibility for the Dodgers.

Although Harris was hit hard, the Flinders outfielders accepted ten catches to deny Dodgers many scoring chances.

Flinders opened the scoring in the second when Paul Harris tripled and then crossed on a wild pitch.

His brother Barry walked, Anthony Coxon doubled and they were both brought home on a hit by Simon Gooley, to put the Blues three runs up.

David Gooley added another run for Flinders in the third when he crossed on his brother John's rightfield hit.

Marty Smee doubled in Flinders' fourth and increased their lead to five when he scored on a hit by David Gully.

A pitching change of Trevor O'Brien for Steve Pearce brought a change of fortune for the Dodgers as he was able to deny Flinders any runs for the next four innings.

O'Brien led off the fifth for the Dodgers with a single, made second on a dropped tag, then scored on Grant Weinert's double through the middle.

Dodgers found themselves in trouble again in the ninth when loose pitching and a dropped catch allowed Flinders to increase their lead to the final score of 8-1.

1989

# Uni's 11<sup>th</sup> title

by Hugh Franke

Sunday Mail  
3-9-89

**Flinders University captured their 11<sup>th</sup> winter baseball premiership with a hard-fought 5-3 win over Kidman Park Dodgers at Glenelg yesterday.**

With two runs separating the teams in their previous four games this season, the tension mounted from the first inning when both teams scored two runs.

Dodgers snatched the lead in the second as Sean Doudle scored on a wild throw to home plate.

Paul Harris tied the score when he crossed on Craig Gillespie's outfield hit in the fourth.

With Flinders' Gillespie and Dodgers' Doudle both pitching strongly, runs became scarce.

Dodgers paid the penalty for poor fielding as Flinders moved into the lead with a run in the seventh and another in the eighth – both as a result of wild throws.

In typical fashion, Dodgers slammed three hits in the last off a tiring Gillespie but a base-running error plus tight fielding by the Blues, eclipsed the threat for Flinders to take out the Stan Scarman Trophy with a 5-3 win.

1990

# Uni defies odds

by Hugh Franke

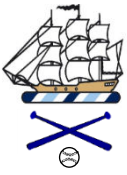
Sunday Mail  
2-9-90

**Flinders University defied the odds to take winter baseball's Stan Scarman Trophy with a 12-4 win over the Bluesox yesterday.**

Inflicting only the second loss of the season on the talented Sports Institute team, Flinders claimed back-to-back premierships.

The Blues started disastrously, making four fielding errors to concede three runs in the first inning.

A lion-hearted pitching effort by Flinders' Craig Gillespie shut down the normally strong Bluesox line-up, permitting only one run in the remaining eight innings.



*The News ... Sep '91*

## Family duo hits high spots

*by Roger Vaughan*

**Graham and Nathan Davison never would claim to be as good as Ken Griffey senior and junior.**

But these father-and-son baseball combinations have one thing in common after this week's round of the SA winter baseball competition.

Both have achieved the rare feat of father and son hitting home runs in the same inning.

The Griffey's are famed outfielders for the Seattle Mariners in the US Major Leagues.

Ken jnr., 21, is one of the most exciting prospects in the majors.

They hit consecutive home runs last season after Ken snr. had moved to Seattle from the Cincinnati Reds.

Nathan Davison, 20, is best known locally as the Adelaide Giants' promising third baseman in the Australian Baseball League.

Graham, 43, coaches Adelaide in the summer SA district league.

They were playing for division one winter team Flinders University at the weekend, against an SA Sports Institute development side, the Junior Giants.

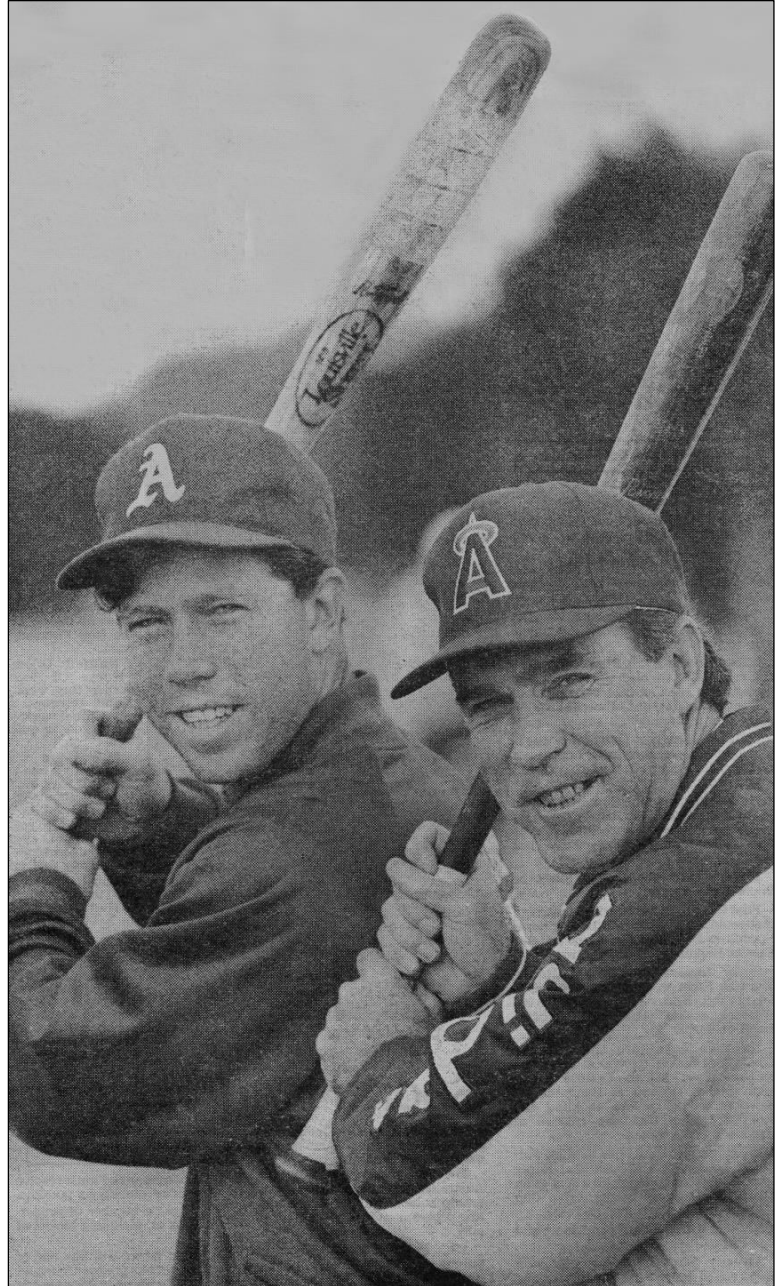
Graham hit truly over left field on a 3-2 pitch from Stuart Crutchley for two runs.

That made the score 2-2, and Nathan came to the plate two batters later.

He swung and missed but, on the second pitch, again belted part-time pitcher Crutchley over left field.

"I was pretty chuffed with my hit because it tied the game. The thing is, Nathan's hit was so much bigger than mine", Graham said.

The SASI side won 8-6, and plays Flinders this weekend in the semis.



Nathan (left) and Graham Davison ... sure hits.

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