



Australian Baseball Team International Competition Game Summary

Opening Round - Game 1
Nicaragua 3
def.
Aust. 2

Date: 30 August 2019

Tournament: Under 18 World Cup

Venue: Gijang Hyundai Dream Ball Park
Busan, Korea

AUSTRALIA vs. NICARAGUA

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
V	Nicaragua	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	7	1
H	Australia	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	7	1

Bat	Australia	Pos	At Plate	Hits	RBI's	Walks / HPB	Sacs	Stolen Bases	Runs Scored
1	T. Bazzana	2B	4	1	1	1	0	0	0
2	J. Rae	LF	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
3	C. Myles	RF	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	L. MacDonald	1B	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	C. Burke	C	4	2	0	1	0	0	1
6	S. Maguire	CF	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
7	J. Stevens J. Burns	3B PH	3 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
8	B. Armstrong	SS	4	1	0	1	0	0	1
9	L. McCallum	DH	3	1	0	0	1	0	0

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	HPB	Runs	Earned Runs
W. Sherriff	8	8	5	2	0	1	1
B. Cavill	1	0	2	1	0	2	2

This was our opening game of the tournament, played under blue skies with a very sticky temperature of 28 at game time of 2.00pm.

Will Sherriff was out starting pitcher and was on target from the get go, throwing a very tidy scoreless first two innings. Burke hit a double down the right field line in the 2nd but was stranded at third and so it was still a scoreless ball game.

Then in the bottom of the 3rd, Armstrong drew a lead off walk and was scored on consecutive singles to McCallum and Bazzana to give us an early 1 - 0 lead.

In the top of the 4th, Nicaragua challenged for the first time when consecutive walks and a base hit loaded the bases with one out. Then a sacrifice fly to the outfield saw a run score the plate and tie the game up.

Bottom five saw Stevens get on base in quite bizarre circumstances. With one out, he hit a hard ball to shortstop, who when moving to make the play knocked his own glove off and made the

play bare handed but threw it away. He then got through to second on a wild pitch but we left him out there and so at the end of five completed innings the scores were still locked up at 1 - 1.

The pitchers from both teams were still doing a great job and the 6th innings saw no runs scored. Sherriff held them out again in the 7th and we gave ourselves a chance when Burke walked and Maguire singled, but a tidy double play saw them shut us out. So it was still a tight, high quality 1 - 1 game going into the 8th.

Sherriff then threw what was arguably his best innings so far, striking out all three hitters he faced. He was reaching the maximum number of allowable pitches and so came out of the game at that stage. He'd thrown an absolutely fantastic game, striking out eight with only two walks, while giving up just the one run in eight innings. We had a golden opportunity in the bottom of the 8th when Armstrong singled, Bazzana was deliberately walked and then Rae singled to give us loaded bases with one out. Myles was hit by a pitched ball but the umpire refused to give him first base. Mmmm an interesting and game changing call. But again we just couldn't seal the deal and they got out of it. So it was till 1 - 1 going into the 9th.

Cavill came on for the 9th and a lead off walk was bunted through to second. A wild pitch then got him to third. They then messed up a squeeze bunt and we got the runner out at the plate. A base hit and an infield chopper saw them threatening again, and then a base hit scored two to give them a 4 - 2 lead going into the bottom of the 9th. Burke led off with his second double of the game and was eventually brought home by Maguire but the one run wasn't enough and we ended up on the wrong end of a 4 - 3 score line.

We'd had way more runners on base and scoring opportunities than Nicaragua but at this level, you've simply got to take them when you've got the chance. Today we failed to do so and paid the penalty.

But the thing about tournament play is that this game is done and out of the way already, because you've simply got to quickly move on and come out ready to play the next day.

We play Korea at 6.00pm tomorrow night and it should be a great atmosphere with a big crowd in attendance.