



Australian Baseball Team International Competition Game Summary

Opening Round - Game 3

Aust. 13

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China 2

Date: 1 September 2019

Tournament: Under 18 World Cup

Venue: Gijang Hyundai Dream Ball Park
Busan, Korea

AUSTRALIA vs. CHINA

	Inn / Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
V	Australia	0	6	0	2	0	3	2			13	16	1
H	China	0	1	0	0	0	1	0			2	1	2

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

Pitchers

Australia	Innings Pitched	Ks	Hits	Walks	HPB	Runs	Earned Runs
B. Bidois	6	6	1	2	1	2	1
K. Wynyard	1	1	0	0	1	0	0

We just heard that Netherlands beat Nicaragua in an earlier game today which was a good result for us. So it makes this game a must win to really capitalise on last night's victory.

We were the away team for the first time and in the top of the 1st, Rae and Burns hit consecutive singles but we couldn't bring them in. Brandan Bidois was on the mound to start the game for us, with Jake Burns catching, in his first appearance of the tournament. He had a quick three up three down to keep it at nil all.

Into the 2nd a bit of Australian baseball history was made. Armstrong led off with a walk and Maguire's single moved him over to third. Maguire then stole second so we had runners on second and third with none out. But then it was two out still with both runners out there when Bazzana hit a sharp ball up the middle. Their shortstop made a good play and he was called out at first and it was side away with no runs scored. For the first time ever in international baseball, we asked for a video review and the decision was overturned and he was called safe. This meant

Armstrong scored on the play. Bazzana then stole second and Maguire sprinted home on the catcher's throw. Rae and Burke then singled, and Bazzana scored on a throwing error. Myles drew a walk, and MacDonald was hit by a pitched ball to bring in a run. Armstrong then singled up the middle to score another two and at the end of innings we'd scored six. A very worthwhile review I reckon. China got one back after a walk and an error, so it was 6 - 1 after two innings.

We failed to score in the 3rd and China got a runner on via a walk, but Burns made a great throw to get out the attempted steal.

With two out and no one on, Myles beat out an infield single. MacDonald then rifled one to right field who charged and missed the ball. Myles scored on the error and MacDonald also ended up scoring, displaying a nice side step to get around the catcher. It was now 8 - 1 in our favour. Bidois kept them scoreless again, helped out by a great running catch by Skepton at right centre.

A scoreless 5th was followed by another multiple run inning for us in the 6th. Rae led off with a walk, and Burke singled. MacDonald was hit by a pitched ball (again!!). Armstrong's sacrifice fly scored Rae, and then Maguire smashed a triple to right field to bring home another two and we had extended our lead out to 11 - 1. China got one back to make it 11 - 2 after a hit by pitched ball, a base hit (their first one) and a sacrifice fly.

Then in the 7th, Stevens drew a pinch hit walk and Rae got his third hit of the game. Cavill also came on to pinch hit and smashed the first ball he faced to right field to score a run. MacDonald also singled to bring in run number thirteen.

Wynyard then came on to relieve Bidois for the 7th. He'd had thrown a great game (our third starter in a row to do so), striking out six, giving up just the one hit and the one earned run. Wynyard threw a very tidy inning and we'd taken out the game 13 - 2, shortened to seven innings by the mercy rule. So it was case of mission accomplished. We'd won the game, had hit well putting together sixteen in total, led by Rae and Burke with three each. Our defence had again been very good, and our pitching effective and efficient.

We're now two and one for the tournament and our destiny is definitely in our own hands. A far better position than two days ago when we dropped that first game to Nicaragua. BIG game against Canada tomorrow (who were beaten by Korea today). Game time is midday.