

The Henley & Grange Baseball Club started as the Grange Baseball Club on 28 April 1945!

Opening day of the 1945 baseball season was recorded in the Adelaide Advertiser on 28 April 1945. The last score to be recorded was Goodwood (8) v Grange (6). Below is the article, the first game scorebook and the location of the ground in the south parklands...Police South!

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Baseballers In First Games

The baseball season opened today with an impressive ceremony at South Parklands.

ABOUT 230 players assembled in V formation and were addressed by the president of the Baseball League (Mr. F. S. Mann). Two minutes' silence was observed in memory of players killed in action.

National anthems of Allied nations were played, followed by the "Last Post."

Hard grounds marred good baseball, and many errors were made.

In the early game, Sturt, making good use of all free passes, overcame the students' defence to win an even game. Brown, O'Connell, and Taylor shone with the bat for Sturt, while Doug Otham batted well for Varsity.

Prospect, playing better baseball, easily defeated Goodwood Ramblers. The three Puckett brothers struck form with the bat, and Jim Puckett circled the diamond. Holmesby played solid baseball for Ramblers.

Glencig, batting more strongly than the maggots, failed to take full advantage of their hits. Port, assisted by home-runs by Bryant and Pearce, won an even game.

Goodwood's batting rally in the seventh innings left Police trailing by 10 runs, the cadets making 14 errors. Vaughan struck out 14 Goodwood batters, and Ron Brealey (Goodwood) pitched well to strike out 12 batters. Home runs were hit by Brealey and White (Goodwood), and Hale drove in two for Police.

West Torrens, batting strongly, comfortably defeated the city nine. Alf Norman regained his old form by recording five hits. LeCormu hit a home run in the sixth. Neville batted well for Adelaide, scoring four of their runs.

SECTION 1

Port Adelaide, 13; Glencig, 11. Safe Hitters—Port: Bryant, Charles (each 2), Roberts (2), Howe, Pearce, Cameron, Glencig, Reissert, Krane (each 3), Butler, Brown, Campbell, Hanley, Deque (each 2), Harman.

Goodwood, 18; Police, 8. Safe Hitters—Goodwood: Brealey (3), Chappell, Colman (each 2), White, Hart, and Applekamp. Police: Hale, Vaughan (each 2), Heinrich, Robertson.

West Torrens, 17; Adelaide, 8. Safe Hitters—Torrens: Norman (3), M. LeCormu (3), Harrison, Gubbins, Lyle (each 2), Sands, Branstrom, Sykes, Ramsay, Adelaide: Neville, Goodwin (each 3), Canute (2), McKenna, Hicks, Clarke.

Prospect, 8; Goodwood Ramblers, 1. Safe Hitters—Prospect: T. Puckett (3), Stock, A. Puckett, J. Puckett (each 2), Craig, Ramblers: Irwin, Holmesby, Mordaunt.

Sturt, 11; University, 7. Safe Hitters—Sturt: Brown (3), O'Connell, Taylor (each 2), Maskell, University: Otham (2), Page, Fahey, Ball.

DIVISION II

Railways, 15; University, 8. Safe Hitters—Railways: Green (4), Lake (2), Call, Dowd, LeBis, Kelton, Caray, University: Wicks, Sharp (each 3), Broken-sha (2), Dudley, Wylie, McDonald, Sutton.

Goodwood Ramblers, 15; Kensington, 12. Safe Hitters—Ramblers: Miles (3), Houre (2), Fowler, Anderson, Brooker, Hall, Kensington: Green (2), Fuller, Rickett, Colmer, Garnish.

Sturt, 17; West Torrens, 11. Safe Hitters—Sturt: Taylor (3), Ewer, Gray, Whitford, Miller, Woods, Torrens: Rogers, Daniels, Perry, LeCormu, Har-wood.

East Torrens, 21; Goodwood, 9. Safe Hitters—Torrens: Roberts (4), Wauchope, Clarke, Penwick (each 3), Draper, Woodcock, McGill (each 2), Holden, Sampson, Williams, Goodwood: Mordaunt (3), Hubble, Lunnis (each 2), McLean, Giles, and Ewer.

DIVISION 3

Prospect, 11; Port Adelaide, 6. Safe Hitters—Prospect: Leahy (2), Priest, Martin, Watson, Humble, and Tyson. Port Adelaide: Chambers, Maloney, Mitchell.

Seri Blue Sox, 15; Adelaide, 4. Safe Hitters—Sturt: Shields, Mitchell (each 2), Maskell, Paul, Oully, Cline, Adelaide: Quintrell (2), Peake, Thomas, Inglis.

Goodwood, 16; Y.M.C.A., 2. Safe Hitters—Goodwood: Fidoek (3), Balson, Brooks, Fraser, Hewitt (2 each), Y.M.C.A.: Day, Everett, Jolley.

Railways, 13; Goodwood Ramblers, 10. Safe Hitters—Railways: Holt, Dickson, Brealey (each 2), Dooley, Musgrave, Dowd, Ramblers: McGee (2), Churchett, Quintrell, Hansen, Skewes, Cam.

West Torrens v. Glencig declared "no game"—less than five innings played.

SECTION 4

Prospect, 5, drew with Savings Bank, 5. Safe Hitters—Prospect: Scott (3), Sherwell, John (2), Neal, Savings Bank: Southwell, Noblet, Nitschke.

West Torrens, 20; Goodwood, 3. Safe Hitters—Torrens: Payne (3), Thompson (3), Wellington, Earle, Goodwood: Bannister, Coker.

Goodwood Ramblers, 20; Railways, 13. Safe Hitters—Ramblers: Mildren (3), Bartsch, Kleeman, McDonald (2), Herbert, Brooks, Railways: Clayton (4), Whittington, Bayliss (2), Knightly, Marcom, Morris, Poole.

Sturt, 10; Police, 16; Kensington, 2. Safe Hitters—Sturt: Leonard (4), Dawes, Hainsford (2), Martens, LeCormu, Branstrom, Kensington: Fawcett.

SECTION 5

Edwardstown, 9; West Torrens, 0. Safe Hitters—Edwardstown: Phillips, Coulson (2), McMahon, Thredgold, Wirih, West Torrens: Backler.

C.Y.M.S., 23; Goodwood Ramblers, 2. Safe Hitters—C.Y.M.S.: Lewis (4), Baf-

C.Y.M.S., 25; Goodwood Ramblers, 7.
Safe Hitters—C.Y.M.S.: Lewis (4), Barrett (2), Moran, Sutherland, Magin, Davoren, Moyle, Bath, J. Davoren, Goodwood; Davis (2), Guymer, McKellin, Kinnaird, Barlow, Kearvell.
Goodwood, 8; Grange, 6. Safe Hitters—Goodwood: Lattin (2), Omond. Grange: Phillips.

At Baseball Opening



THE president of the South Australian Baseball League (Mr. F. A. Mann) addressing players and spectators at the official opening of the 1945 baseball season in the South Parklands this afternoon.

Here is the reference to the first game.

Goodwood v Grange 28 April 1945

Phillips the only player with a safe hit.

* FIRST GAME

M.S.D. BASEBALL SCORE BOOK

LOST
8-6
TO GOODWOOD

Home Team George

Where Played Police Stn

Date 28 / 4 / 1965

No.	A.	E.	No.	NAMES.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	AB	R	IB	S.B.	S.H
4				Phillips L.	1		7	5								3	1		1	1
2				Buckley K.	2		3	5								3	1		2	0
3				Goble J.	3			5								3	1		2	0
6				Lindell B.		5	5	1	3							3	1		2	0
1				Eardman K.		5	5	5	5							1	2		5	0
5				Stevens G.		1		5	5							1			1	1
7				Bratchell R.		1		5	5							2			0	0
8				Wilby J.		3		5	5							1			0	0
9				Arach B.		5	5	5	5							1			1	0
Totals					2	1	1	1	2	4	6					6				1

Game 1. In 40 m.

Ended 2 h 55 m



Police South was a ground located in the South Parklands.