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The Batting Cage Has Been Completed



A then and now shot of the cage – THEN: the beginning of the 2010 season and NOW: ready for the 2011 season. **(REMINDER NO CLEATS, ONLY RUNNERS OR TURF SHOES)**

Josh Spence and Nick Paine head to the Gold Coast



Despite the constant bad weather I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was satisfying to see how I stacked up against other top players my own age, but to also prove to myself that I can compete at the next level. A highlight was to attend hitting instruction with the Brisbane Bandits. I found it very informative and plan to use that training in my own hitting approach. I now look forward to the U/18 Nationals in January.

As the nationals swiftly approach we thought it necessary to travel to the Gold Coast for extra work and game practice due to this being our off season. Despite the weather making training and playing difficult I feel the trip has been a great success. I have enjoyed my experience and now look forward to the upcoming tournament in January and the challenges it will bring.



Next month: Jesse Woolrich makes the Australian Men's Provincial team to travel to Japan.

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Geoff said, "It's time to do some work to diamond # 2."



With the start of the 2011 season and the U/18 National Schoolboys' Tournament just around the corner, the race is on to complete the long list of things to be done

You May Remember Some Of These ex Eagles That Have Gone On To Realize Their Dream

Bernie Pramberg BASEBALL

AMERICAN teenager Tyler Brady was born with one good arm, but his love of baseball has hit the disability out of the ballpark.

Tyler, 18, surprised and inspired seasoned baseball fans with his athleticism and skill for the American Eagles team which has just completed a tour of Queensland.

"This kid is a phenomenal

athlete," said Tom Nicolson, boss of Major League Baseball in Australia.

Born with his left arm ending just below the elbow, Tyler is a strong right-arm pitcher who bats left-handed.

When pitching he tucks the mit in the crook of his left arm and then rapidly switches the glove on to his right hand after delivering the ball.

"There's nothing I can't do that I'd like to do," he said. "I've hit pretty well and pitched well

on the tour. I plan to continue my career to see how far baseball will take me."

Brady's goal is to emulate fellow Californian Jim Abbott, a baseballer also born without a hand, who played 10 years in the major leagues for four clubs.

"I've met Jim Abbott a couple of times and would love to achieve what he did in the game," he said.

Brady, who finished high school this year and will start college when he returns to the US, first picked up a bat as a

two-year-old.

"My dad had me hitting off a tee as soon as I could stand up," he said. "I've played the game ever since."

Between games against the Queensland Under-18 squad on the Gold Coast, Tyler had time to indulge in his other sporting passion, surfing.

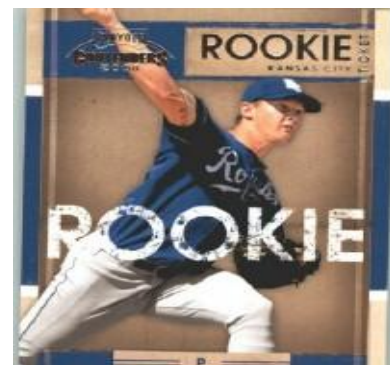
"I enjoyed a couple of days on the board off Point Danger but the surf was pretty flat," he said.



Tyler Brady

- Eric Sheridan here in 2003 was drafted in the 15th round by the Houston Astros in 2005.
- Brian Capon here in 2003 was drafted in the 48th round by the Texas Rangers in 2004.
- Both players played at Saddleback College – the same college that **Greg Wicks** briefly played at for Coach Jack Hodges (former Eagles Coach).

- **Matt Mitchell** here in 2004 is now a top pitching prospect for the Kansas City Royals organization.



Matt Mitchell