

The Third Man's Report

Check out our new web site

Have a look at the new Baulko web site. All the news about club events, fixtures, results, ladders etc are all available at the following web site – www.baulkocricicket.com.au

To see your team's results, go to baulkocricicket.com.au, select 'Team Pages' then select your team.

From there you can see the ladder by selecting 'Tables'. All the results from Round 1 are already there.

To all Captains, Coaches and Managers

Match Results

I need match results in by **Sunday afternoon** following the conclusion of the game, so they can be submitted to the PDCA. You can either drop them off at the club or email them to me at results@baulkocricicket.com.au If no results are submitted you get **NO POINTS and may be fined!** It is up to you to get the results to me – I will not be chasing anybody. When putting in players' names, can you put in their first name as well so that I can pass this onto the PDCA.

Team Reports

Team reports for this newsletter can be put in the box at the Club or emailed to me at results@baulkocricicket.com.au by Tuesday night after the game. Newsletters will be published during the week after a game.

PDCA Newsletter

The PDCA Newsletter is now available on their web site at the following link: PDCA Cricket News

Team Performances:

B4	Outright win after losing on first innings	13/1	7/253
B5	8 dec 294	13/2	Outright win
B12	Outright win	10B	10 for 190
14/1	5 for 312		

Individual Achievements

Andrew Pittman	B1	96	Chris White	B9	5/47
Mitch Walters	B1	93	G Leeson	B11	106
Glen Mulvaney	B1	5/40	A Fahey	B11	5/46
Trent Hession	B4	63 no	G Korry	B12	109
John Walters	B4	59 no	B Boland	B12	74no
Simon Joyce	B5	117	C Thorndyke	B12	56
Andrew Joyce	B5	80	Troy Higginbotham	16/1	8/17
B Stapleton	B7	55 no	Luke Palmer	15/1	5/27
Ben Dooley	B8	103 no & 5/0	Tom Gurka	14/1	114
M Bracken	B9	71	Owen Butler	14/1	72
James Chatman	B9	57 no	Nick Bertus	13/1	65

Canteen Roster – Ted Horwood Oval

Teams are reminded to have people available to man the canteen at Ted Horwood Reserve. The canteens raise valuable funds for our club, which help us to keep the fees down. The following teams are rostered in the next few weeks –

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
25 September 2004	B5	Under 14/1
02 October 2004	No Junior Matches	Under 14/2
09 October 2004	B6	Under 13/1
16 October 2004	B7	Under 13/2
23 October 2004	B9	Under 12/1
30 October 2004	B11	Under 12/2
06 November 2004	B12	Under 11/1
13 November 2004	B13	Under 11/2
20 November 2004	B14	Under 10 White A
27 November 2004	B2	Under 10 White B

Meat Raffle Roster – At The Sporto

Most teams, both senior & junior, will be rostered to sell tickets back at the Sports Club on one Saturday. You only need two or three people to sell the tickets and it only takes about 30 minutes. Please ensure you turn up on your rostered night.

DATE	TEAM
25 September 2004	B1
02 October 2004	B2
09 October 2004	Under 16/2
16 October 2004	Under 15/1
23 October 2004	B4
30 October 2004	Under 15/2
06 November 2004	B5
13 November 2004	Under 14/1
20 November 2004	B7
27 November 2004	Under 14/3

Caught in Slips (all the juicy stuff!)

Dill of the week goes to Griggys from the B5's. I know he's recovering from a broken collarbone after being hammered playing Aussie Rules – but you gotta wonder about some people. Haven't you been told when you drive to keep two hands on the wheel? Well guys, when you go to the bathroom, remember, your hands should not be on the mobile sending an SMS. Otherwise you might drop your phone into the "water". We still don't know how drunk he was but he fished it out and complained later that it wouldn't work. Rumours that he put it on the BBQ to dry out have yet to be confirmed.

Apologies to Luke Palmer (U15/1). At the club BBQ, the microphone man mucked it up big time, calling him Luke Dempsey when announcing his figures of 5/27. Must the old age catching up! Well done Luke.

The club was saved a couple of bats when Andrew Pittman (96) & Mitch Walters (93) were both out short of their tons in the B1's last week. Even their own player at square leg could not save them, as they were both stumped. Bad luck guys.

Looks like a certain committee member is pretty happy with England's win over the Aussies. Well, it has been a long time coming!

Remember, if you have any stories for this column, contact the Owzatt Editor (owzatt@baulkocricicket.com.au) or the president (president@baulkocricicket.com.au).

Baulko News

Have a look at our new website that is up & running. Just go www.baulkocricicket.com.au & follow the links. You can find all the results and ladders from the Team Pages. The site will be updated regularly, and the club history will be added during the season.

There have been some changes to the committee this season. You can find a list of the committee members on the website.

Congratulations to outgoing President Neil Boyle & Junior Secretary George Wasyluk, who were both awarded Life Membership of the Cricket Club at the June AGM. It was well deserved.

Thanks to Bankstown District Sports Club who have reimbursed us with a large sum of money for last year's costs for the juniors. We encourage everyone to come back to the club after the game & support both the cricket club & the Baulkham Hills Sports Club.

After a number of seasons, David Todhunter has stepped down as canteen manager. Jeremy Billings has stepped up & we thank him for taking on the role. Now all we need to do is find out who broke into the Ted Horwood canteen last Friday night! Great start to the season.

The new wicket is now in operation at Charles McLaughlin Reserve. It is used by the U10's & is in the lower oval. Now you can come along & watch two juniors games on a Saturday morning & at the same time enjoy some refreshments from the canteen.

The committee hope you all enjoy your season & wish everyone all the best.

Social Committee

MEAT RAFFLES

The Meat Raffles continue every week back at the Sports Club after the Senior games. Ticket sales usually commence by about 6:30pm.

Krispy Kremes Partnership Cards

As part of the fund-raiser conducted on Registration Day, the club has some Krispy Kreme partnership Cards for sale. The cards get you a free dozen doughnuts, with any purchase of a dozen. The cards are valid until 2007 and can be used up to 10 times. They are \$12, and can be purchased back at the club on Saturday nights during the Meat Raffles.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

First winners:

September 11: Craig Moreman 4/8

September 18: Andrew Pittman 96 & Mitch Walters 93 – joint winners

Remember you have to be in attendance at the meat raffle to win the award, so make sure you come back to the club & socialise with your club-mates.

Melbourne Cup Trifecta

We will again be running our Melbourne Cup Trifecta competition this season. Tickets will be given to each team in early October. They cost just \$2 & if you have the winning ticket you will collect \$1500.

Other Events

Other events will include the Trivia Night in February & the meat raffle every week at the Sports Club. Full detail of the events will be given out at the next Captains & Manager's meeting. Check the will site regularly as details will be available once they are finalised.

CRICKET CLUB NOTICE BOARD

We now have our own notice board at the Sports Club. It is on the door, opposite the main bar. It will contain the player of week winners as well as the draw. Have look next time you are in the club.

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	6 for 190	Kings Langley	8 for 88	Win on averages
<p>Great batting display for the start of the season getting a total of 190. Major contributors with the bat were Blake scoring 32 his highest score, Geoffrey 18 his highest (I think) and Nicholas with 14. Well done to Hannah who had her first ever bat. Our first bowl of the season went well with Jonathon taking the honours with 2 for 2 and wickets to Mitchell Webb, Nicholas, Geoffrey, Blake, Matthew & Gaj, and well done to the rest of the team who tried hard. Our first catch went to Todd who took a blinder at mid off.</p> <p>Our wicketkeepers Mitchell Webb and Gaj did very well behind the stumps only conceding 3 byes, well done boys.</p> <p>Overall a great start to the season with a lively bunch of kids.</p>				

10 Red	9 for 86	Norwest	11 for 104	Tie
<p>Baulko bowled first with Don and Lachlan opening the bowling. We struck early with Don clean bowling the Norwest opening batsmen. Amar and Sanju kept the pressure up with Amar taking a wicket followed by a run out next ball. Unfortunately we could not grab a team hat trick.</p> <p>Pavan (2), Ramit (1) and Cody (3) all took wickets whilst all our other bowlers maintained the pressure on the Norwest batsmen. Both Lachlan and Sumedh took great catches.</p> <p>When it was Baulko's turn to bat Cody (7 runs) and Joshua got us off to a flying start, our middle order of William, Shanan, Ramit, Pavan and Owen all contributed and Sumedh showing us a wonderful range of shots (6 runs). With the runs continuing to flow we lost a couple of late wickets that saw the game end in an exciting tie.</p> <p>All the boys had a great game and we are looking forward to the rest of the season.</p>				

10 White A				

10 White B	5 for 69	Kings Langley	17 for 63	Win on Averages
<p>White 'B's won their first game of the season against Kings Langley with some outstanding performance with the bat and the ball.</p> <p>White 'B's batted first and scored 69 runs for the loss of 5 wickets. Nicholas (6 runs including a four) and Yadhavan (5 runs including a four) batted very well. All the other players batted well defending their wickets.</p> <p>White 'B's restricted Kings Langley to 63 runs and defeated the opposition players 17 times. Yadhavan, Sachin and Nicholas excelled with the ball claiming two wickets each. Ricky, Utkarsh, Owen, Vidushan and Yuvin bowled well chipping in with a wicket each. White 'B's performed very well in the field taking four run outs (direct hits by Nicholas and Owen, Sean/Sachin and Sean/Owen). Sachin took a catch of his own bowling. Owen and Sean did a good job with the gloves too.</p>				

11/2	10 for 31, 10 for 83	Winston Hills	3 dec 130	Outright loss
<p>A much-improved batting performance in our second innings saw us nearly treble our first innings score. This was aided by a fine opening stand of 25 between Anoop and Ben, followed by good contributions from John, Aidan, Jake, and Greg.</p>				

11/1	7 for 136	Pendle Hill Colts	6 for 240	First innings loss
<p>After winning the toss and bowling we had Pendle Hill Colts 4-85 at drinks. A good start to the year. However the boys got tired, and after drinks the bowling was not as good. Pendle Hill ended the day at 6-240. Best bowling was Sam Shiel 2-23. The next week saw an excellent opening partnership of 77. After being 0-77 at drinks we ended the day at 7-137. A great effort by all. Jack Dwyer made 44. Sanjitha made 18 and batted for 3 hours. Well done to all.</p>				

12/2	4 for 96	Hills Barbarians	10 for 84	First innings win
<p>Baulko lost the toss and we were sent into bowl. It was evident from the outset that the boys had a new found maturity for this season. The enthusiasm in the field was fantastic and we soon had the opposition on the ropes with 5 quick wickets. Our guys were irrepressible for the entire day's play and without an excellent innings of 47 from one of the Barbarian's they would have been out for a very low score. However they set us 84 to over haul which was something to aim for. Our experienced bowlers in Stanley, Vrushank, Matthew N, Toby, Nealan and Daniel C lead the assault with Toby being the best of a good bunch with 2 for 15 off 6 overs. We also had 3 new boys playing their first game of cricket in Matthew F, Shivang and Jason who all bowled very well, with Matthew F taking out the coveted bowling award with 2 for 10 off 6 overs. Great effort Matthew in your very first game. On the whole the fielding was of a good standard although we need to work on getting the knee down to cut off boundaries, and our overhead catching. Special mention goes to Daniel M for some excellent keeping, and of course Jarred who gets the fielding award for 4 magnificent catches. Well done Jarred.</p> <p>The second week saw us batting and we were determined to show the concentration needed to build an innings, which is something that was missing last season. The 6 guys who batted showed great resolve and batted patiently to overhaul the target with much poise and purpose. Vrushank compiled a nice 12 but could have made much more if he stayed in as he was looking very accomplished. Matthew N, Stanley and Daniel M all looked comfortable until their dismissals and applied themselves well. Matthew F in his first game also showed some good form, which was pleasing. However the stand out batsman was Toby scoring 21 not out and proving that concentration is the main quality needed to build a score.</p> <p>Congratulations to Toby Davis on being named Captain and Daniel Marlow Vice Captain for the season and I look forward to your leadership both on the ground and at training.</p> <p>A promising start to the season guys, now let's use it as a platform to build on.</p>				

12/1	5 dec 127	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 43, 4 for 108	First innings win
<p>Raveen 29 & 2 for 0 Matheesha 22 Aaron 2 for 5 Ornob 2 for 1</p> <p>A good effort for the first round. Our effort in the field on day one was great rolling Pendle Hill for only 43 runs. Two wickets each to Aaron, Raveen & Ornob backed up by good fielding led by keeper Matt saw us right on top. Batting looked very solid with Raveen , Matheesha & Ajay batting with good confidence.</p> <p>Striving for an outright we took to the field on day two, but bowled far to short. A good line & length will undo most batsmen and unfortunately our bowlers couldn't obtain this, although we still stayed very positive in the field which was good to see. Round 2 is a one dayer where line & length will be required to keep the runs down. All in all a good result for our first game of the season.</p>				

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13/2	5 dec 117	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 57, 10 for 46	Outright win
<p>What a great way to start of the season!</p> <p>Mason stepped up to the mark as our captain for the match, won the toss and sent the opposition into bat. Last year's opening bowlers of Adam and Kieran gave the team a great start once they found their line and length. Adam clean bowled Wenty's opening batsman who was starting to look quite dangerous. Then Kieran claimed his first wicket of the season with a good ball and a great catch by Tiarne at square leg to have Wenty under pressure at 2/8.</p> <p>It took another 8 overs before we claimed another wicket with Aleem rattling the furniture. The team needed to be patient for their next wicket as Wenty's batsmen started to find their range until Kieran took a great above-the-head catch at square leg off Robert's bowling to have the opposition exposed at 4/36. Then the team really found their target with wickets falling very quickly to have Wenty all out just after drinks for 57.</p> <p>Great tight bowling by Adam and Kieran, Robert with a hat trick opportunity but ending with the impressive figures of 3/10. Then the big improver during the off-season was Matthew coming in and claiming a wicket with his first ball and ending up with 2/5. Tiarne with 1/5 and 2 great catches.</p> <p>With the team sensing a first innings win on the first day, they set about their run chase superbly. Aleem was unlucky to get out for 7 hitting out at a good ball. Adam had his eye in from the first ball and produced a fantastic 25 runs for the team. Cameron got caught out early, and then Kieran and Mason steadied the ship to finish the day at 3/60.</p> <p>On the 2nd day, the team was given an hour to see what sort of lead they could produce and boy did they produce! Kieran and Mason ripped into the opposition's bowling attack and punished every loose delivery. Great effort boys and good sportsmanship in retiring without question to give your other team mates a go. In the end we declared at 5/117 after exactly one hour.</p> <p>Now with a 60 run lead the guys went about their business, capturing the first wicket in the second over. That's when it all came together with Keiran claiming 3/7, Mason 3/13, Adam 2/11 and Matthew 1/0 to have the opposition bundled out for 10/46, giving us an innings and 14 run result.</p> <p>Great catching by everyone in the team and good accurate bowling. Most pleasing was how well Joel and Matthew bowled and how well Tiarne settled into the team with 3 great catches and match stat's of 2/7.</p>				

13/1	7 for 253	AKA Sports	10 for 78	First innings win
<p>Welcome to Jarryd Sainty who has joined our 13/1's team.</p> <p>AKA won the toss and sent us in to bat. Nick and Sean opened with Sean sending the first ball of the day to the boundary. For the next 77 minutes Nick and Sean welcomed AKA to Division 1 with a great opening partnership of 91 runs. Well batted Sean (38). Next in was Brendan who took the score to 140 when Nick was caught by an excellent catch, finishing with 65 runs. Daniel came in next taking the score to 180, scoring a quick 28 from 30 balls before edging a ball onto his stumps. Brendan (26), Gabriel (15 from 21 balls), Ben (18 from 26 balls) all batted very well. Jarryd came in next and was looking good but unfortunately had to retire sick. Josh looked good with the bat but unfortunately gave them half a chance and they took the catch. Sam (24) and Samira (2) both finished not out at stumps. Sam played some great shots, including 3 fours and given more overs would have gone on to get a big score.</p> <p>With Trent and Teshan away Daniel and Sean opened with good tight bowling. Sean knocked over the stumps in his 4th over to have AKA 1/17 at the end of 8 overs. Gabriel bowled next, knocking over the stumps on his second and third ball and went close to a hat-trick with a top edge going just too high over slips. At this stage AKA closed shop and it took 25 overs to get the next wicket with a caught behind by Nick from Sean's bowling. Sean bowled very tight, picking up another wicket to finish with 3/11 from 8 overs. Daniel, Ben, Jarryd, Matthew, Josh, Brendan and Sam all bowled tight but the best bowling came from Samira who took the last 4 wickets for only 3 runs to have AKA all out for 78 runs. Well bowled Samira, 4/14 from 8 overs, and Gabriel 2/2 from 5 overs, including 4 maidens. A great team effort and a great start to the season.</p>				

14/3	10 for 104	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 101	First innings win
<p>An encouraging start to the season, a close game in which the whole team contributed to a well deserved win. After winning the toss, we sent Seven Hills into bat getting off to a good start to have Seven Hills 7/45 after 25 overs. However we were unable capitalise on our chances in the later half of their innings with their tail-enders managing to add another 56 to produce a respectable total of 101. Our catching and fielding were a bit rusty, but there were very pleasing performances from all bowlers. Those worth particular mention were Christian (3/5), James (2/9), and Josh (2/16). Pranav, Garath and Alex took the remaining wickets all with one a piece.</p> <p>The start of the second day's play saw us at the crease at 1/28 after 9 overs. Steady batting helped us to pass Seven Hills total in the 37th over, with one wicket in hand. Our batting performance was anchored by a good captain's knock from Pranav who batted through the majority of the innings for a well-deserved 37. His efforts were well supported by cameo performances from James (11), Josh (8), Gareth (9) and Satinder (8).</p> <p>Well done guys!</p>				

14/1	5 for 312	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 201	First innings win
<p>What a great start to the season! A fantastic game of cricket and a good win. We batted first and a very positive start by our openers soon dampened the new season enthusiasm of the Wenty bowlers. Alex scored an explosive 12 and Owen went on to score a swashbuckling 72. Luke D kept the scorers busy with a quick 26. This brought Tom and Evan together for the consolidation period. They put on a very tradesman like 95 run partnership. Evan falling for 32 and Tom going on to score a very impressive 114. Luke M finished off our overs with a cavalier 34 for us to finish with the excellent figures of 5/312 off 60 overs.</p> <p>Our fast bowlers started the second week in fiery form. Luke D took an early wicket but then the Wenty batsmen dug in. All our bowlers continued to bowl a tight line denying Wenty many runs but the wickets were hard to find. Eventually consistency paid off for Azaan who captured the vital breakthrough. After this the wickets kept coming at a steady rate, bowling Wenty out for 201. Bowling figures – Azaan 8 overs 2/18, Alex 7 overs 0/17, Luke D 8 overs 1/36, Luke M 3 overs 0/6, Owen 6 overs 1/16, Evan 5 overs 0/13, Tom 3 overs 0/11, Hari 6 overs 0/20, Aaron 5 overs 0/37, Andrew came on as our 10th change bowler and took 4 quick wickets to end their innings. Well done Andrew and team.</p>				

15/2	10 for 186	Winston Hills	10 for 135	First innings win
<p>We won the toss, and elected to bowl. At the drinks break we had the opposition for 5/101. After the drinks, from some dedicated bowling and fielding we managed to bowl the opposition out for 135 runs. We then went in to bat, and at the close of the days play were 2/36. At the resumption of the second days play we had passed their total by the drinks break and decided to have some batting practise for the remainder of the days play. Outstanding achievements include: bowling - Mitchell (3/13) Andrew (3/24) Damir (3/30) batting - a brilliant knock by Andrew Casey - 80 runs (your ton awaits you at your next game), well supported by Theyy, Mitchell, and Animesh, Taimoor. Great first win, keep up the intensity, hoping we move on to bigger things.</p>				

15/1	6 for 229	Kings Langley	10 for 162	First innings win
<p>A great start to the season with a solid team performance. With our two opening bowlers unable to take the new ball and losing the toss we struggled to maintain a consistent line and length. The pre drinks highlights being an LBW to Neeraj and a good catch by Blake as Kings Langley cruised to be 2/120 at the break.</p> <p>After a refreshing beverage and reassurance by the coach the boys returned to the field a different team. Luke Palmer produced his best spell of bowling ever to take 5/27 off eight overs and was well supported by Primod 2/7 and Tim tying down one end with 5 miserly overs. Great catching by Kartik and excellent ground fielding enabled us to dismiss the opposition for 162.</p> <p>With 50mins to bat both Kevin and Primod showed great application and sensible stroke play to advance us to 42 without loss. This was further enforced the following Saturday as they progressed to 85 before Primod was caught out for a fine 32. Kevin continued to push for runs and was eventually dismissed for 47. A solid partnership between James 39 and Neeraj 32 ensured we collected first innings points. We batted out the remainder of the day with Matt unbeaten on 17 as we finished at 6/229. Overall a good performance which enabled us to “blow away “ the winter cobwebs.</p>				

16/2	10 for 139, 4 for 89	Kings Langley B	10 for 128, 4 for 31	First innings loss
<p>The season started promisingly when Tim comprehensively won the toss and sent the opposition into bat. After 15 overs and 45 minutes Kings Langley had moved to 0-90. The bowlers then tried a shock tactic of bowling at the stumps and 15 overs later they were all out for 138. Simon 3-31, Tim 3-32 and Bryce 2-17 doing most of the damage. An excellent run out from Kate helped her to take 3 points in the fielding award. 2 points to Keith who was given a solid workout behind the stumps and 1 to Chris who chased hard all-day and good catches to Michael and Maiwand.</p> <p>Our charge started somewhat slowly with two wickets falling in the first over. This was followed by a really good innings from Reece of 39 and he was well supported by Tim and Keith.</p> <p>Day two started with a wicket in the second over and with the score at 6-66 the punters were placing all their money on Kings Langley. The game then took another twist with Bryce 9, Michael 11, Maiwand 9 and David 20 not out moving in on the total. In the end the gallant chase fell 11 runs short but we claimed the moral victory with 102 runs off the bat to 101.</p> <p>Kings Langley then thought they would have some batting practice until Recce with 3-11 and Michael with a screamer of a catch destroyed that idea. Then in a moment of optimism, kings langley declared and tried to dismiss us in one hour. In the end Simon and Tim batted out the last half hour and only time prevented an outright victory.</p>				

16/1	10 for 109	Greystanes	10 for 175	First innings loss

B14	10 for 95, 2 for 92	NSW Tamils	10 for 170	First innings loss
<p>On a day that saw Peter Touzel and Adam Williams open the batting it was the right hander, Williams, who took control. His 37 came with him struggling with a bad knee. Nil Perera joined him, after Touzel was dismissed for 9, in a classy 68 run partnership that hinted at a promising year ahead. Perera's 32 not out was patient and yet relentless as the two brought the score up to 92 before the game concluded. Too bad that was the second innings boys.</p> <p>The first day of play began with the forging of a Baulkham Hills team that has the potential through youth, experience and specialist slips fielders to make great strides into the B14 PDCA competition.</p> <p>The first toss of the season was lost to the NSW Tamils captain who elected to bat on our home ground, Masonic Oval. The first wicket of the day was taken by Nil who bowled throughout the day to close with figures of 15 overs 2/ 54. The best figures of the day fell upon the Baulko Captain Craig Moreman, 6 overs 4/ 8.</p> <p>Three players reached double figures for the Tamils, two 30's and a classy but somewhat lucky innings of 62. The top scorer managed to survive two run out decisions, one of which sent his partner packing, and an escape from deep mid- off's clutches who retained after the innings closed that he never saw the ball. Better stop the excuses boys.</p> <p>Other mentions remain with the red headed keeper who took leave at the thirty over mark due to sore hands. The most promising sight goes to the teams fielding performance, potential is there boys.</p> <p>And that concludes a rather subdued match report. Perhaps next game will call for some harsher calls as the team gets settled.</p> <p>Man of the Match: Fielders.</p> <p>Special Note: First Innings High Scorer, Sundries 16</p> <p>Wall of Disgrace:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Keeper (Gorman) sore hands, retired his duties at thirty over mark (thankful not to get a pair for the game) o Scollay, Pittman, Shanahan, de Ridder- Sent Packing aka Clean Bowled o Williams and Thomas almost collided going for a catch. o de Ridder- the deep mid off fielder o First innings batsmen o Chesher did nothing on second day, top job mate! 				
B13	10 for 132	Kings Langley	10 for 161	First innings loss
B12	3 dec 194	Kings Langley	10 for 81, 10 for 39	Outright win

B11	10 for 161	Wenty Leagues	10 for 122	First innings win
Performances: Greg Leeson 106, Adam Fahey 5-46				
<p>Yet another season and the B11 team heading into it's third year together with little change are looking to do one better this year and make it their first grand final. With a new opening pair we lost the toss and were sent into to bat. While off to a not so great start, Wenty definitely had come prepared when Craig Sparks was run out (2) with a direct hit from boundary, a rare occurrence in B11 cricket. However our number 3, Greg Leeson picked up the new ball early and begun his devastation of the Wenty bowling attack, scoring 106 before drinks on day one. Greg's first century of the season as well as a 70 run, 10th wicket partnership between Greg Leeson (106) and Damien Norris (19) were the only real highlights with bat. We struggled to reach 161 but knew this was defendable. With Wenty taking up the bat late on day 1, we knew the dark conditions were in our favour. This was not so, Wenty smashed 62 runs with the fall of 1 wicket in no less then 10 overs. Day 2 we had to turn things around and we did. A depleted bowling line up meant that our not so regular bowlers started the day, however the dividends did paid off. Paul Morris with 2 wickets in his 1st 2 overs and Adam Fahey with one in his 1st put Wenty on the back foot early. And with the help of some very sharp catches and great commitment in the field the boys backed up their bowlers whilst Adam Fahey terrorised the mid-lower order to finish on 5-46 and grant the Baulko B11 side their 1st win for the season.</p> <p>Men of the Match – Greg Leeson and Adam Fahey</p>				

B9	7 dec 206	NPCC	10 for 205	First innings win
<p>A great start to the season for the B9's with a hard fought first innings victory. Despite a strong opening partnership of 70 runs from NPCC, the boys stayed in the game with line and length bowling and good quality fielding. James Chatman made the breakthrough dismissing both openers, albeit at different ends of the innings. Andrew took 3 wickets on the back of some tight frustrating spells for the batsmen from Ashish and Adrian, as well as being hit for two of the biggest sixes you're likely to see, before Chris cleaned up the middle and lower order, opening his season's account with 5/49.</p> <p>Set 205 for victory, the Daniel brothers started confidently, allowing the new Captain Matt to do what he does best, punishing anything loose from the bowlers. He lead from the front with a strong 71, supported sublimely by James. Their 86 run partnership broke the spirits of NPCC, as their supreme strokeplay and lightning quick running between the wickets swiftly took the game away from the bowlers. A mini-collapse 60 runs away from the target had the no. 10 and 11 concerned, but had no effect on the cool younger Chatman, who made an unbeaten 57no to seal the game with good help from Adrian, who made an aggressive 31.</p> <p>The Man of the Match was James for a matchbreaking contribution with bat and ball. Now the onus is on the Senior Chatman to prove it's all genetic. Good Win Boys.</p>				

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B8	7 for 210	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 195	First innings win
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B7	6 for 181	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 176	First innings win
<p>We won the toss and sent the opposition in. We bowled out Seven Hills to 176. Unfortunately we dropped a few early catches and some aggressive lower order batting allowed Seven Hills into the game. Cameroon Booth bowled very well with 3 wickets for the match after coming back this season after traveling around Europe. Brett McLaren the new boy in the side bowled very well, unfortunately did not take a wicket but impressed with his handy medium pacers. Harry and Roger did well late in the afternoon to be 0 for 20 at the end of the first day's play.</p> <p>On the second day well lost a couple of early wickets. A great partnership with Brian and new boy Brett McLaren who made 40 put us into a good position. The star with the bat was once again Brett Stapleton who knocked up an unbeaten 50 to guide the team to a four wicket victory in our first game of the season. Keep it up boys.</p>				

B6	10 for 150, 0 for 61	Hills Barbarians	7 for 259	First innings loss
<p>Keenan Galas: 47 & 41n.o. Dave Higginbotham: 4/47</p> <p>We started and finished well, it was the 65 overs in the middle where we tapered off.</p>				

B5	8 dec 294	Merrylands Social	10 for 174	First innings win
<p>Good start to the season for the newly formed B5's. With a few new additions making our batting line-up look more like a bible story (Matthew, Mark, John..... we don't have a Luke.... Yet!). The cap won the toss and against all his urges decided to bat. The openers started well, seeing off the new ball before losing their wickets. But it then turned into a repeat of last years season opener, with the Joyce boys piling on a 174 run partnership. Junior was eventually out for a well played 80 with Simon falling 2 balls later for 117. New recruit John was given out cheaply before Hushy and Jono put on a 64 run partnership for the 6th wicket. In this single innings Hushy scored as many runs as he did all of last season. We lost an over to the bad light and finished 8/294 Dec.</p> <p>The second week saw us take the field and pick up where last season finished. Junior pick up a wicket in each of his first 2 overs before a partnership began to form, with a little help from a few lucky near misses. Another new comer Smitty was thrown the ball and produce a tidy 7 over spell to finish with 1/10. The spell was highlighted with a large array of chin music that had Ads cheering for more. Merrylands were finally dismissed for 174 with both Joyce's claiming the majority of the wickets.</p> <p>A good first up win, easing us back into the game. Special thanks to Mick (Tony) Ristuccia for filling in. For a guy who hasn't played weekend cricket for at least 4 season, his bowling was threatening and his fielding was making some of us regulars look like amateurs.</p>				
Batting		Bowling		
S.Joyce – 117		A.Joyce – 4/44		
A.Joyce – 80		S.Joyce – 2/34		
C.Hush – 40		D.Smith 1/10		

B4	9 for 126, 2 for 139	Guildford Leagues	10 for 174, 3 for 89	Outright win after loss on first innings
<p>Once again, our traditional start to the season. A first innings loss and an outright win, all in the same game.</p> <p>A competent, yet boring display of batting from the Guildford Chipmunks on the first week saw us chasing 175 in the second. Our only highlights on the first week came in the form of Hards and Phil, both picking up 3 wickets each, and of course Hoge's brilliant diving grab at square leg.</p> <p>The second week saw cricket as the winner. A top opening partnership between J-Dub and Scarlet saw us pass 50 in no time. Some luck from the opposition and complacency from us led to a dismal 125 on the board at the end of our first dig resulting in a first innings defeat.</p> <p>Embarrassed and playing one batsman short, we argued that it was home time and the Chipmunks thought they had an opportunity for an outright. We were forced into the field and got belted around the park until Junior slowed the run scoring with some quality leg-spin.</p> <p>This left us with a around 140 runs to get at around a run a ball. Two of our batsman walking back to the pavilion in the early overs didn't help the cause. Bag (63n.o) joined J-Dub (59n.o) at the crease. 125 runs later, the game was over. An outright win to us. The poor Chipmunks didn't know what had hit them.</p> <p>10 points and sitting pretty at the top of the table. Ye-ha.</p> <p>In closing, a warm welcome to our new recruits, Dave "Pup" Burnes and Graham "Barge" Baker. Pup will provide speed and aggression to our bowling attack and Barge will give tremendous weight to our batting order. Best of luck for the season.</p>				

B2		Kellyville		Won on Forfeit
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B1	4 dec 248	Kings Langley	10 for 145, 4 for 95	First innings win
<p>Andrew Pittman 96, Mitch Walters 93 Glen Mulvaney 5/40 Lost the toss and were sent into field on a fairly windy day. Nathan and Tarin opened the bowling and although bowling tight were unable to get a wicket. Glen took first change and had immediate results with a wicket in each of his first three overs. He bowled stump to stump and was rewarded with 3 LBWs and 2 bowled to finish 5/40. Nathan came back on at the other end and this seemed to assist his swing action. Nathan ended the day with 3/36 off 13 overs. Steve Hobbs and Mitch pitched in with a wicket each. Our first hit in the middle started well with Andrew and Brendan opening and having to face 12 overs in the fading light. Both batted well and we were 0/55 off 12 before bad light had us off the park.</p> <p>Week two saw Andrew and Brendan trying to consolidate their first week's score. However, a few runs later, Brendan bottom edged a ball back onto his stumps. Andrew Denlow came in but was soon back in the sheds having scored 3. At the same time Andrew Pittman was starting to hit some solid runs and putting on a handy score. Gavin came in and left with a flourish scoring 7, after having been dropped twice. Mitch entered the match and with Andrew starting compiling a handy partnership of 140. Mitch was trying his hardest to catch Andrew with some lofty hitting and solid stroke play. Drinks came and the ensuing discussions were on how much more time we needed to bat before declaring. With Andrew fast approaching his century a 20 minute time frame was set. Alas, Andrew was stumped on 96 coming down the track to an ordinary spinner. Attention then turned to Mitch was hitting his way to a very quick century. Taking in the drinks break, Mitch was in the 90's within the hour. However he too succumbed to the spinner and was stumped on 93. At this time we declared 4/248 a lead of 103. The second innings of Kings Langley started poorly with both Nathan and Tarin taking a wicket in their first over to have the opposition at 2/0. Both bowlers took another wicket, but Kings Langley settled in and the game was called off at 5.20pm with the opposition 4/95. An excellent first innings win and a good start for the B1's. Next week is at home on McLaughlin.</p>				

A	10 for 154	Hills Barbarians	7 for 159	First innings loss
<p>Welcome to the new season and to Nick Connellan and Chris Springall, joining last years A Reserve side in A grade.</p> <p>We started well, winning the toss and batting on a windy day. At 4/40 things were looking grim until Nick Connellan (29) joined Sumit Kalia (48) at the crease to stabilise the innings. They proceeded to put on 62 runs before another collapse began. At 9/120 the worst was feared until Craig Sinclair (23) put on 32 for the last wicket with David Cope.</p> <p>We were able to bowl 11 overs at the "Barbars", Richard Cope capturing two early wickets, having them 2/19 at stumps.</p> <p>On the second Saturday, positive play was on the agenda. All bowlers "put in" but it was not to be, our opposition passing our total 7 wickets down. Richard Cope (2), Nick Connellan (2), Craig Sinclair and David Cope shared the wickets taken. We can not forget to mention a direct-hit run out by Chris Springall either....well done Chris !</p> <p>Whilst we exceeded our own expectations and the game was close, a few more runs on the board may have been the difference. In the end, we played positively and with "kooka spirit". Let's keep that going !!</p> <p>One the upside, we are well in front "on the punt" with skipper Peter Micali jaggig a 10k slice of a Sydney Quadrella on the first day. Onya Pete and all the lads thank you for the Crownies !</p> <p>See you in round 2 against Wenty Leagues</p>				