

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:

A	Outright win	12/1	Outright win
B1	9 for 328	10B1	0 for 103
B11	Outright win		

Individual Achievements

Brendan Jansz	B1	114	S Fernandez	B13	6/20
Andrew Denlow	B1	69	M Homsey	B13	7/88
Nathan Blake	B1	6/39	Ian Scollay	B14	63
M Micallef	B2	90	Troy Higginbotham	16/1	63
Ben Atkins	B6	5/11	David Smith	16/2	132
Daryl Hinton	B6	70 no	Kate Whittacker	16/2	52
Ian Renton	B11	77	D Smith/K Whittacker	16/2	137 p/ship
Greg Leeson	B11	57	Alex Mihalyka	14/1	89
C Thorndyke	B12	5/39	Sean Abbott	13/1	93
A Jolley	B13	86	Gabriel Joseph	13/1	82 no

Canteen Roster – Ted Horwood Reserve

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
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

Canteen Roster – Charles McLoughlin Oval

Teams are reminded to have people available to man the canteen at Charles McLoughlin Oval. The canteens raise valuable funds for our club, which help us to keep the fees down. Please ensure you turn up when rostered for these duties. It puts pressure on others, should you not turn up. The following teams are rostered in the next few weeks –

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
23/10/04	Under 16/1	B1
30/10/04	Under 10 Red	B1
06/11/04	Under 15/1	A Grade
13/11/04	Under 10 Blue	A Grade
20/11/04	Under 16/1	B1
27/11/04	Under 10 Red	B1

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. It puts pressure on others when you don't.

DATE	TEAM
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

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Latest winners:

October 16:	Michael Homsy (B14) 7/88
October 9:	Ian Renton (B11) – 77
October 2:	no meat raffle held

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.

Have-A-Go Clinic

Once again we will be running the Milo Have-A-Go clinic for 5 to 8 year olds on Friday nights. The clinic begins with a Registration Night on Friday October 29, at Charles McLoughlin Oval. Jeff Warland and Kate Webb will again run the clinics, along with their merry band of assistants. The cost will be \$35 per player.

If you have any queries, you can contact Jeff by e-mail at haveago@baultkocricicket.com.au or check out the Have-A-Go page on our web site.

Caught in Slips (all the juicy stuff!)

Meat Raffles & Canteen Duty. Please ensure you turn up when rostered for these duties. It puts pressure on others, should you not turn up.

Melbourne Cup tickets. Please ensure you sell the tickets, as this is a major fund raiser for our club. Remember that money is required by October 30 & any unsold tickets should be returned this Saturday.

Good to see our world travellers – the Kennaway's have returned home. Sounds like a great trip, including a visit to Old Trafford to watch United play Liverpool. Ferocious support for the home side was the order of the day (go the blue half of the city – Editor's Note: This is the president's opinion only). If you think football supporters take it seriously here, then get over there and see how football is more important than life!

Some great performances in the last round, none better than A grade who turned a first innings loss into an outright win. Well done to those players from B1, B4 & B5 who filled in & helped get the victory. A large crowd had turned up to watch the game, with a rumour that Steve Waugh was playing for Guildford Leagues. Who was it that spread the rumor – any ideas Nick?

Best wishes to the guys from A grade who are getting married over the next few weeks. The pre-nuptial celebrations and the weddings are causing havoc with players unavailable, but with help from our other teams, we can hopefully field a competitive team each game. Just shows who is the boss in these relationships – getting married during the cricket season! That's got to win A Grade the Dill of the week award!

Speaking of performances, there were some great performances with the bat in the juniors, including a fine century (132) by David Smith of the U16/2. Coach Terry Webb was extremely delighted & said it was the first century in a team he has coached over the last 20 or so seasons.

B1's amassed a large total of 9/328 in week 1, with Brendan Jansz (114) & Andrew Denlow (69) leading the way. A potential half-century from Steve Hobbs (49 n.o.) was nipped in the bud when the B&W called a halt to play for bad light. With 66 overs bowled, it meant the innings & Hobbsy was thwarted. If only the umpire had realized the storm it caused back at the Sporto, with Hobbsy quizzing about the rules, he may have played on. Even Thorny got in the swing of things – a strike rate of 400 he said – yeah 4 runs off 1 ball.

You can't keep the B7's down. Each week they seem to have some question on the rules. This week's obscure question was about dislodging the bails, wicket keeper's helmet etc, etc.

Best wishes to the orchid king, David Banks (B8) who is off to the USA for a lecture tour on orchids. Keep it simple David & behave in New Orleans.

The tally for the most players who come back to the club is developing into a battle between B1's & B7's. Can any other team challenge them?

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

Social Committee

Melbourne Cup Trifecta

All teams now have their Melbourne Cup tickets. Please ensure you sell the tickets, as this is a major fund raiser for our club. Remember, money is required by October 30 & any unsold tickets should be returned this Saturday. They cost just \$2 & if you have the winning ticket you will collect \$1500. There is also the second chance draw for \$200 to be drawn at the Trivia Night in February. Please try and sell your share as this fundraiser provides major funds for the club.

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.

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 website 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 a look next time you are in the club.

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	0 for 103	Guildford Leagues	8 for 75	Win on Averages
<p>Batting Matthew Sibley 16(3x4s) Blake Newman 10 Nicholas McConnell 8</p> <p>Bowling Amy Newman 2-3 Hannah Emmett 2-4 Mitchell Webb 2-8</p> <p>A great win with many highlights. Todd had a great day as captain – superb leadership and great field placing to keep the pressure on. Fantastic opening batting from Matt with a slashing 16 not out. 6 runs and 2 wickets for Mitchell. Geoff, Nick, Gaj and Blake also got amongst the runs. Nick showed a heap of skill behind the stumps. The fielding was tight and the bowling was excellent, Tim bowled well conceding only 2 runs, as did Nathan who also had a great day in the field. Two standouts with the ball with Amy snaring 2 for 3 and Hannah, the player of the match, clean bowling two batsmen for the impressive figures of 2 for 4.</p> <p>Not losing a wicket despite some aggressive running between the wickets was an outstanding effort. Well done team.</p>				

10 Red	7 for 136	Kings Langley	7 for 88	Win on Averages
<p>A great win to the boys, congratulations on a superb team effort.</p> <p>Baulko won the toss and elected to bat. All the boys batted well, with boundaries being the order of the day (Cody 3, Sanju 1, Don 1, Sumedh 3 and Amar 1) all the other batsmen contributed in reaching a very respectable total of 136.</p> <p>Some tight bowling restricted the run chase but it was not until the 18th over that the 1st wicket was taken by Joshua (1 for 9). This sparked a collapse with Owen taking 3 for 16, including 2 wickets in a row, just missing a hat trick. Don claimed 2 for 7 and Lachlan took 1 for 5. The fielding effort by all was excellent with 3 good catches taken. All up a well deserved win!</p>				

10 White A	8 for 93	Norwest	10 for 64	Win on Averages
<p>This was another great win for the team – 2 in a row! After batting very well on the first week and setting a very good average, we bowled and fielded well to win the game convincingly in the end. It was a close game until Baulkham Hills got 5 wickets off the last 6 overs.</p> <p>The fielding began very well with 2 direct hit run-outs in the first 4 overs. There were 2 good catches and a couple of missed opportunities. The bowling was very good and some unlucky bowlers just missed getting wickets. Overall another great team performance. James Senior batted very well to get 10 not out and both Anupam Parashar (2 for 3) and Ravi Marwah (2 for 1) bowled very well.</p> <p>Congratulations boys on another great result!</p>				

10 White B	5 for 82	AKA Sports	8 for 91	Win on Averages
<p>A great game by two excellent teams. AKA batted extremely well. We were able to claim 7 wickets, with 1 wicket each to Nicholas, Utkarsh and Vithushan. We had three direct hit run outs, well done to Utkarsh, Devin and Sean.</p> <p>The second Saturday we saw Baulko bat sensibly with some great defensive and scoring shots by our team. Nicholas top scored with 14 runs, including 3 boundaries. Ricky, Kunal, Owen, Yadhavan, Sachin, Sean, Utkarsh and Devin coring well. Jack, Ramal and Vithushan batting extremely well without losing wickets. A great win against a very good side. The team is training well and you all are obviously listening to coach Sujeewa. Again well done.</p>				

11/2	10 for 61, 6 for 29	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 53, 5 dec 50	First innings win
<p>Baulkham Hills bowling 1st Innings Anoop 4 overs 4 wickets for 3 runs. Chris Gunton 3 overs 2 wickets for 5 runs. Ryan Bailey 3 overs, 3 wickets for 0 runs. Baulkham Hills 1st Innings, John Coulter 14 runs; Baulkham Hills 2nd innings Ben Graham 7 overs 2 wickets for 3 runs.</p> <p>A good 1st Innings win with some fine bowling led by Anoop, Ryan, Ben and Chris. An excellent partnership in our 1st innings of 37 runs for the 8th wicket between John Coulter and Dineth, got us home for 1st innings points. We made a committed effort for out right points but we fell 14 runs short. Some good fielding throughout the match by the side in general.</p>				

11/1	5 for 153	Norwest Red	10 for 72, 9 for 58	First innings win
<p>Norwest (Red) won the toss and batted. We bowled well and knocked them over for 72. Our spinners did extremely well with Amol 3-5 and Adarsh 2-8.</p> <p>By the end of day one two good partnerships saw us with a first innings win at 3-87. Ash made 35 and Sam Bennetts finished with 32 not out by the time we declared on day two at 5-153.</p> <p>We bowled well again with the second innings wickets shared evenly. Unfortunately we didn't quite get the outright with Norwest (red) finishing 9-58 in the second innings. Sam Shiel bowled 7 overs, 6 maidens 1-1.</p> <p>It was great to see a continued improvement in all areas of the game.</p> <p>A special mention to Keveshin Pillay who as wicket keeper did a superb job.</p>				

12/2	10 for 30, 10 for 33	Winston Hills	4 for 133	Outright loss
<p>The team came up against a very good opponent this match which is reflected in the result. While we bowled well without luck and fielded to the best of our ability but our batting left a lot to be desired. While the first year boys tried hard the more seasoned campaigners need to occupy the crease and play themselves in before trying to score heavily if we are to make reasonable scores this season. Much more concentration is required by the team when batting. Special mention to Jason and Shirvang who batted for the first time this match and performed with much determination as openers.</p> <p>Let's look for a much better showing this week boys.</p>				

12/1	5 for 111	Guildford Leagues	10 for 25, 10 for 35	Outright win
<p>A good solid team effort. The first week we put the opposition in and rolled them for 25. Wickets going to Ornob, Matthesha, Michael G, Aaron & Ray, well done boys.</p> <p>We then proceeded to score 111 runs for the loss of 5 wickets with Matthesha & Michael G both getting amongst the runs, putting together a fine partnership of 76.</p> <p>Week two I thought we actually bowled & fielded better rolling the opposition just before the drinks break for a comfortable win. Martin & Ajay the standout bowlers. Fielding was great both weeks with Matt taking two good catches & a stumping.</p> <p>Well done guys keep improving & work together as a team.</p>				

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13/2	10 for 128, 2 for 59	Winston Hills	5 dec 154	First innings loss
<p>This was our first game of the year where we lost the toss and were asked to go into bat against a very strong opposition. With four of our regular players still away on holidays, we were left with 10 players and needed to get off to a solid start.</p> <p>Kieran came up the order to open with Aleem and the boys started solidly, building up a steady partnership. Aleem looked in good form striking a number of boundaries. A partnership of 41 runs was established until Kieran was given out lbw to the last ball of their strike bowler's spell. Unlucky! The next over took the wind out of the boys sails with Aleem being cleaned bowled for 23 and Cameron bowled without scoring to be 3/44. Then Mason and Chiran came out with some real determined batting to produce a magnificent 63 runs partnership, only to see Mason bowled on the very last ball before drinks for a great 28 runs.</p> <p>With the team delicately poised 4/107 at the break, the boys still had a good chance of putting on another 50-60 runs, however we didn't expect the opposition to bounce back as well as they did after the break. Winston Hills produced some really accurate bowling to take the remaining 5 wickets for just 21 runs to have us all out for 128, which was still a good score considering the amount of players out. Great batting in the middle order by Chiran also with a stubborn 20 runs. The team showed great courage and determination against a full strength team to produce the runs they did. Well done boys.</p> <p>By the end of the day's play we bowled everything at their openers, but could not dislodge them, however, our fielding was very good, allowing them only 38 runs after 19 overs. With our full squad back for the second day's play we still struggled to make the break through but Tiarne did the job in bowling their opener after they put on an 85 run opening stand. After the break we picked up our spirits and were immediately rewarded with Kieran trapping their batsman in front and Adam clean bowling the next three batsmen cheaply. However the damage was done but it took Winston Hills 49 overs to pass our score which we established in just 35 overs.</p> <p>With a first innings loss decided, we elevated our middle order to give them some batting practice for next week. Tiarne was unlucky to get caught to a sharp rising ball and Robert unlucky to be caught in close. Cameron got his eye in with some good stroke play to finish up with 37 not out.</p> <p>With a little more practice with our defensive shots and a bit of tidy up in the field, the team will bounce back strongly next week for sure. Heads up guys, we will strike back.</p>				

13/1	7 for 299	Wenty Waratahs	8 for 117	First innings win
<p>We won the toss and elected to bat. Sean and Nick opened the batting, and in their usual style, starting slowly building their innings and then taking the bowlers apart. Well batted Nick, scoring 36 runs from 31 balls which included 6 fours. Brendan (12 runs) played some good shots when bowled in the 25th over with the score at 142 runs. Sean played his best innings and was unfortunately caught out on 93, just 7 runs short of his first hundred. Sean scored 3 runs from the first 23 balls and then 90 runs from the next 96 balls which included 8 fours and 4 sixes. Gabriel came in next and played his best innings to date, scoring 82 no off 91 balls hitting 11 fours. If Gabriel had not run out of overs he would have gone on to score a hundred. Gabriel had good support from Ben (15 runs), Trent, Jarryd and Samira (17 runs) who also finished not out. A great effort to finish with 7 for 299. With what must have seemed in impossible target Wenty's game plan appeared to be to not let us bowl them out. Daniel and Sean opened the bowling with Daniel bowling his best spell for the season taking the first 2 wickets. Gabriel and Samira came on next bowling four maidens each in their 5 over spell with Gabriel taking two wickets with good catches from Brendan and Nick to have Wenty in trouble with 4/24 after 15 overs. Ben and Matthew bowled well but were unable to take a wicket. Trent picked up the next wicket with a running leap into the air by Daniel taking a classic one handed catch. Samira picked up the next two wickets with the first from another great catch from Daniel. Josh bowled well taking a wicket with a sharp stumping from Nick and Sam bowled very tight with 0/1 from 3 overs. At stumps Wenty had held out to be 8/117 from their 60 overs. Excellent bowling from Daniel (2/10 from 8 overs), Gabriel (2/4 from 7 overs and Samira (2/6 from 9 overs) A good win and congratulations to Sean and Gabriel each achieving a PB in their batting.</p>				

14/3	10 for 115	Kings Langley	10 for 134	First innings loss
<p>The beginning of the first day saw us in the field after Kings Langley won the toss and elected to bat. The school holidays had left us several men short, fortunately the U13/1's were playing at home and were able to come to the rescue. Many thanks guys! Our bowlers were able to make steady inroads into Kings Langley's top order during the early part of their innings and we had them at 5/69 after 22 overs. Their next batting pair were able to add a further 68 before Alan made the all important breakthrough. Alan and Daniel then combined in an excellent spell of bowling to wrap up the remaining 4 wickets for just 5 runs. Kings Langley's' innings came to a close after 40 overs with a total of 134 runs. Alan and Daniel finished the day with the very credible bowling figures of 4/14 and 3/18 respectively, with Josh and Gareth also claiming one a piece.</p> <p>The early dismissal of Kings Langley saw us at the crease late on the first day. After an early setback Pranav and Gareth steadied the ship batting out the remainder of the first day.</p> <p>We commenced the second day at 1/29 in a good position to reach the target of 135. Unfortunately the loss of several early wickets saw the tables turn. Despite the pressure Gareth anchored one end while the remainder of our top order came and departed. The arrival of Josh at the crease brought a halt to the dismissals and heralded a significant increase in our run rate. He eventually departed on 27, with us still well in the hunt at 6/102. The lower order made up of Alan, Christian, Kanav and Preet put up a valiant fight which saw us steadily progress toward their total. However we couldn't quite get there. Our last wicket falling in the 34th over, an agonising 19 runs short of Kings Langley's total. Memorable innings from Pranav (18), Gareth (23) and Josh (27). Better luck next time guys!</p>				

14/1	6 for 229	Wenty Leagues	7 for 228	First innings win
<p>Wenty won the toss and elected to bat. All our bowlers tried hard but some sloppy fielding (by our standards) and some excellent batting saw Wenty put on 228 runs. One of the Wenty batsmen had a particularly good day and I was pleased with the way our bowlers kept the ball up to him especially Luke Mc and Evan who finally had him caught by Tom for 99. Hari, our spinner, impressed with figures of 0/20 off 10 overs. Alex 2/21 and Tom 1/30 also bowled well.</p> <p>We turned up for week two with a big chase in front of us. Our openers got us off to a flyer. Owen (21) finally got out in the tenth over with the score on 56. The second wicket, Tom (30) fell in the twentieth over with the score on 130. At the other end all this time was Alex who was scoring very quickly but more importantly very safely. He got out two balls after drinks for a match winning 89. The remaining batsmen did their job with Luke Mc (28 no) guiding us to victory with 7 overs to spare.</p> <p>It was pleasing to see the support all the batsmen received from their teammates.</p>				

15/2	10 for 88, 7 for 12	Norwest	10 for 185	First innings loss
We batted first and scored 88 runs with a top score of 29 by Andrew. Mitchell and Taimoor started with fearsome balling. Mithran bowled very well and claimed 3 wickets. Opponents were looking for an outright win but Cleone, Animesh and Theyv stopped them.				

15/1	10 for 77	Wenty Leagues	3 for 143	First innings loss
<p>Unfortunately the game was lost on the first day due to our inability to post a decent total. The opposition must be credited with bowling a tight line and length and hopefully we learned the importance of valuing our wicket. Batting is a combination of partnerships, everyone needs to work together to set a competitive score. Well batted Matt Scholz who held the innings together with an unbeaten 36. Congratulations to Blake Jones who in his first ever bat hung around with Matt and helped to add a valuable 20 runs for the last wicket, an excellent effort! Wenty got away from us late on the first day finishing at 2/58 with the highlight being Kevin's 2 wickets off consecutive balls.</p> <p>The second week saw the team respond with a very positive attitude. An excellent opening spell from Tanveer and Kevin was unlucky not to produce a couple of wickets. This was followed by equally impressive overs from Ryan, Matt, Luke and Tim. James was kept on his toes behind the stumps adjusting to the difference in bounce and spin. The ground fielding was sharp with Ryan taking the catch of the match and fielding superbly. All this was achieved with only 8 players. However the most encouraging aspect was the manner in which the team supported each other both physically and verbally. I cannot remember the team being as talkative when on the wrong side of the scoreboard. Let us take this attitude with us into the next match and remember that the only thing we can control out on the field is the effort that we put in.</p>				

16/2	10 for 232	Kings Langley A	10 for 280	First innings loss
<p>Tim won the toss for the third match in a row and with only eight players at the ground chose to bowl. Kings Langley's openers scored freely with a combination of good shots and well placed edges through slips. This is the third time this season the opposition openers have had a 50 run partnership. After 1 hour Kings Langley were cruising at 0-100. Finally the 5th and 6th bowlers Kate and Lokesh made the breakthrough and 3 quick wickets put us back in the game. The next hour was dominated with some very average bowling, and even worse fielding. Ravi then came back for a second spell and bowled with a lot of fire and picked 2 wickets and had three catches dropped in 5 really good overs. Kings Langley finished all out for 280 with John Sundries scoring a very sloppy 58. Wicket takers were Ravi 2, Lokesh 2, Simon 1, Kate 1 and David 1.</p> <p>Chasing 281 for victory, Lokesh and Keith almost saw off the new ball and we were in our usual tight spot of 2-24 after 10 overs. The game then came alive as Kate and David put on 137 runs in 73 minutes for the third wicket. Kate scored her maiden 50 and now joins an exclusive club of players who have scored 52 (including a huge six where the ball must have covered the best part of 120 metres) for this team. David absolutely smashed the bowlers to all parts of Seven Hills on his way to a brilliant 132. Residents were coming out of the houses and flocking to the ground to watch this exhibition. The running between the wickets was scintillating as the opposition was left trying to cut off quick singles and slashing boundaries. Following a couple of quick cameos and a few wickets the bookmakers started to breathe easily again as the target drifted out of reach. Ravi finished with a hard hitting 23 not out but on this day it could easily be forgotten.</p> <p>Once again we lost the match while scoring more runs off the bat than the opposition. I am sure the first win for the season is close, but everyone must concentrate in the field and put a little more effort in and we will be unstoppable.</p> <p>Congratulations David and Kate. Only a class player scores 50 and the truly elite score a century.</p>				

16/1	10 for 173	Kings Langley	8 dec 192	First innings loss
<p>Performance Troy Higginbotham 63</p> <p>Given that we only had eight players available for the first week it was always going to be a difficult game against last years grand final winners. Kings Langley won the toss and for some reason decided to bat. The eight players we had ran themselves into the ground, chasing everything in sight and cutting off runs. We held them to low score until drinks but sheer exhaustion started to set in and they got away to score 192 when they decided to declare and have a go at us.</p> <p>Their tactics didn't work to well and we finished day one at 0 for 20. The second day saw our openers Troy (63) and Aviv (43) get us off to a good start. Unfortunately some of our middle order fell to their spinners by trying to belt the cover off the ball only to see it go skyward and get caught. We certainly had them worried but fell just 17 runs short of victory.</p> <p>I would have to say that I am very proud of the way these young men fielded in the first week and the way we took it up to them in our batting. Also many thanks to the Jones twins from the 16/2's for filling in.</p>				

B14	10 for 210	Merrylands Social	10 for 96, 5 for 127	First innings win
<p>With the skipper nursing an injured chest from the loss to AKA the previous week it was up to Ian Scollay to take the reigns in the third game of the season against Merrylands Social. An influx of players in the third match should have helped as we held the willow first. However Merrylands' opening bowler ripped through a couple of scalps and triggered a middle order collapse before he tired after six overs and did not bowl with the same vibrant fluency, accuracy or pace.</p> <p>Touzel opened and after edging the second ball of the day through slips went on to make a hard fought 25. A middle order collapse was only halted with the entrance of the young Jake Goreman. With the help of 'The Door' the Hamburglar set about an innings of a patient, unfit, huffing and puffing 16/1's who is more accustomed to an innings of 30 runs of five balls. A subtle change as Fat Ronnie brought the team steadily into drinks. On the return The Door took strike with the red headed keeper standing at the other end talking to the ump. After the first over that gained the team five runs a player who could not field for his life the following week hit a ball straight to square leg. A regrettable mix up ended a partnership of 31 as the Macca's spokesman held his ground at the other end.</p> <p>The skipper walked in and joined the youngster in a 96 run partnership that began and ended with boundaries as both players decided that there would be no quick singles as the Sound of Music soundtrack was played in the background. A vibrant and evanescent innings from Scollay ended on 63. Shortly after the Hamburglar decided he'd finally leave the stage as he exited for 53. The first innings concluded with a score of 211.</p> <p>Three well paced bowling performances from Biff, Duck and John helped dismiss Merrylands Social for 96. A poor catching performance developed despite the performances as many were grounded. Whilst blinding catches by Biff and Fat Ronnie helped keep spirits high.</p> <p>Sending Merrylands back in Baulko opened with Biff and Gilligan. Gilligan throwing up three fantastic overs to begin with none better or unlucky than the first where four catches hit the dirt. The openers took advantage and gathered together a decent partnership before being dismissed for 35 and 40. A few bowling and fielding shuffles landed Fat Ronnie who had decided to eat Hungry Jacks instead of the fabled Maccas before his entrance on from the Jasper Road end. His loopy offie leggies landed him with three separate victims. Thanks to the substitute keeper Adam Williams who took the bails off four times for two dismissals. Soon after their fifth wicket had fallen to the Sasquatch who attempted a bouncer only to find his ball landing in the mitts of Gilly at deep fine leg the game was called off with Merrylands Social 5/ 127. Handing us a first innings victory.</p> <p>The now not so erratic honours board: -</p> <p>Goreman 53, two major partnerships of 31 and 96. One catch, and bowling figures of 3/ 24. Should he be man of the match? Yes, Yes, Yes, or NO. I don't feel like taking a few steps to give it to him, someone else can decide.</p> <p>Scollay 63 and captained the side to its first win.</p> <p>Elliot and Perera 3 wickets a piece.</p>				

B13	9 for 212, 4 for 19	Hills Barbarians	10 for 77, 10 for 167	First innings win
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B12	10 for 57, 10 for 86	Guildford Bowling	10 for 111, 10 for 93	Outright loss
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B11	7 for 268	Kings Langley	10 for 89, 10 for 116	Outright win
<p>Performances:</p> <p>Ian Renton - 77 runs, 2 catches, 1-8</p> <p>Greg Leeson - 57 runs, 3 catches</p> <p>Adam Fahey - 4-13, 4-23</p> <p>Adrian Cox – 32 runs</p> <p>Troy Higginbotham - 22 not out, 1-9, 2-40</p> <p>After a slow start in which we scored just 10 runs in 13 overs, Greg Leeson helped increase the run rate with 57 runs in just 22 overs. Greg was well supported by Ian Renton (77 runs) in a partnership of 91 runs. Ian continued to hold up an end as Hilton Byrne (23 runs), Adrian Cox (32 runs) and Troy Higginbotham (22 not out) regularly hit boundaries to help us reach a commanding score of 7-268 after 68 overs.</p> <p>Two wickets in the first two overs set the tone for the second day. Kings Langley continued to lose wickets regularly and had no answer to the pace of Adam Fahey and Troy Higginbotham. Adam finished with match figures of 8-36. He was well supported by Dane Sparks who toiled well into the wind all day. Dane was rewarded with the final wicket in fading light to secure an outright win.</p> <p>Man of the Match - Adam Fahey</p>				

B9	10 for 165	Cumberland Comm.	10 for 236, 2 for 129	First innings loss
<p>A disappointing finish to a game we could have won. The boys started strongly in the field, determined not to let any easy shots go past the infield and race away to the boundary. Martin was especially effective in shutting down the gully area, as good opening spells from Chris and Adrian helped to restrict the flow of runs. Chris eventually got the breakthrough, with two wickets in two balls, and it looked like we could go on with the effort. Enter "C. Jolly" who hit a 50 which consisted of a couple of large boundaries but a majority of edges. He and the the remaining opener put on 123 runs, in a period where the enthusiasm was drained from our fielding effort, balls were missed, catches were dropped, and the talk all but disappeared. To the boys credit, we did bounce back and dismiss the rest of the batsmen cheaply, Chris again doing the damage with 6/55, and Andrew with 4/61, but Cumberland Community ended up with a score of 236, which they didn't seem to deserve.</p> <p>When given the bat to chase the runs down, Martin (40) and Chris (20) started strongly, bashing the ball around in a 60 run stand that took just above 6 overs. However new batsmen found it hard to concentrate surrounded by the antics of the Cumberland players, and on both day 1 and day 2, no solid partnerships could be formed. The worst thing was, we let the bowler who dealt in wides and no balls also take our wickets, silly shots causing the downfall of the middle order. Matt tried to steer us home with 34, but undisciplined batting cost us in hte end, and we were all out for 163.</p> <p>We were keen to go for an outright win, still in disbelief that we had let this team beat us. But we couldn't get the early breakrhrough, as Cumberland seemed determine to consolidate their victory, and when the ball was lost it finished the game mercifully.</p> <p>Man of the Match was Chris for a trieless bowling effort, again taking the wickets needed in the first innings, and for putting his hand up to bowl in the second despite a shoulder injury.</p> <p>Bad luck boys, we know we can beat a team like this, just got to put the effort in the whole game. It's a scary thought but we might need some practice.</p>				

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B8	10 for 174	Parramatta Golf Club	10 for 190	First innings loss

B7	10 for 74	Parramatta Leagues	10 for 190	First innings loss

B6	9 dec 178	Granville Pats	10 for 80, 3 for 87	First innings win
Ben Atkins: 5 for 11 Daryl Hinton: 70 not out				
Lost the toss and bowled first. Keenan and Luke opened up and kept things tight without making a breakthrough. Troy (1-19) got the ball rolling and then Andrew H (3-6) made some good inroads to have Granville 4-53 after 26 overs. Ben (5-11) then came on and demolished the middle and lower order to have Granville all out for 80 in the 39th over. A great effort on a fast field, our good catching was a highlight.				
With plenty of time left in the day, our chase wasn't looking too bad at 2-46 after 13 overs, mainly thanks to another good contribution of 29 from Matt. A mini collapse in the face of some good bowling saw us slump to 5-61 at stumps with Daryl and Chris at the crease.				
Week 2, and a potentially tricky 20 runs for victory were achieved in quick time with the loss of just one wicket. Daryl (70 not out) played his best knock so far for the team and with Andrew H (29) put on 55 for the seventh wicket. An unbeaten partnership of 34 between Daryl and Luke (12 not out) for the last wicket put us 98 in front and gave us a chance of outright victory when we declared 9 down for 178 at 3:15.				
Our pursuit of the 10 points were nobbled by better batting from Granville and missed chances in the field. Granville reaching 3-87 after 31 overs when we called it a day.				
All up, it was good to get a win on the board and with plenty of room for improvement it should be the first of many.				

B5		BYE		BYE

B4		BYE		BYE

B2	10 for 243	AKA Sports	10 for 208	First innings win

B1	9 for 328	Winston Hills	10 for 173	First innings win
<p>Won the toss and elected to bat. Andrew D and Brendan opened the batting and although scoring at around 2 runs an over up to the tea break, they did consolidate the innings for the remainder of the team. The first wicket fell at 123 with Andrew D making a nice 69. Brendan found form and had the ball on a string, he finished the day with a lovely 114. The rest of the team then had some fun and very quick scoring to get us to the 328 mark. There was some grumbling by Hobbsy when the umpire called bad light with Hobbsy on 49, despite vigorous protesting, the game was called off and Hobbsy had to settle for 49 not out.</p> <p>Week two saw us in the field and itching to rap up the game quickly. The two openers, Nathan and Tarin failed to pick up a wicket in their first spell and it was left to Glen to take the first two wickets to finish his spell at 2/13. After the drinks break, Nathan was given the ball again, and as usual had a excellent second spell, by taking 6/23 in an 8 over spell to finish the day with 6/39. A run out by Brendan (and it is noted that he has not hit the stumps once this season although having about 4 attempts on the week-end) and a wicket to Stephen D and Winston Hills were all out of 173. A good win which should see us retain top spot on the ladder.</p> <p>Round 2 – Baulkham Hills 10/228 Wenty Leagues 0/0 – Draw</p> <p>We won the toss and elected to bat with Brendan and Andrew P scoring 46 before Brendan fell for 29. The score kept on climbing steadily, although we did have a slight middle order collapse with 3 wickets falling for 5 runs. However, we regained control again and finished the day on 228. Gavin topped scored with 38 closely followed by Nathan 34 and Andrew P 31. Consistent batting by all. We had three overs at them by end of day's play and that is where the game finished. The following week was a wash out and the game ended in a draw.</p>				

A	10 for 84, 3 for 86	Guildford Leagues	10 for 124, 10 for 45	Outright win after first innings loss
<p>N Connellan 2/16 T Hession 2/17 & 3/12, 36no S Kalia 2/32 B Simpson 2/15 S Joyce 3/9 J Walters 47 & 5 catches</p> <p>VICTORY at last and how sweet it was ! With 7 regular Kooka's away A grade called upon the considerable talent of the BHCC. Eagerly standing up to fill the void were the following players. B1 A Pittman B4 J Walters, T Hessian, B Simpson, P Hardwick B5 S Joyce, A Joyce</p> <p>Captain Tubby won the toss and decided that we would have first use of the ball. This proved a good decision as we rolled them for 124, with wickets shared between all the bowlers. Our reply with the bat started well with the first wicket falling at 17, unfortunately another 3 wickets fell without a run being added. We ended the day at 7/53 disappointed at undoing all our effort with the ball, but with Trent still at the crease and plenty of batting in the tail optimistic of giving Guildford a scare.</p> <p>The second week saw Trent finish on an unbeaten 31 as we were rolled for 84. This gave Guildford a handy lead of 40 runs and as they came out to bat again their thoughts were to belt a quick 120 and roll us before the end of the day. Somewhere over the next hour it all went horrible wrong as they were dismissed for 45 in 18 overs. This left us 86 to win with plenty of time and we cruised to victory losing only 3 wickets in the process thanks largely to a fantastic 47 from John.</p> <p>It was great playing with such a talented bunch of guys and amazing at how everyone bonded together to play as a team with such passion. It was simply one of the best days cricket I have been involved with and revived the memory of what a "winning beer" tastes like.</p>				