

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:

Seniors defeated Bankstown

Under 11

defeated Bankstown

Individual Achievements

Chris North	A	80	Dane Sparks	B11	5/44
Chris Springall	A	50	Greg Leeson	B11	53
Y Adams	B2	57	Troy Higginbotham	B13	8/12
Simon Joyce	B5	141	Nick Bertus	13/1	50
B Stapleton	B7	54	Daniel Chatman	13/1	50

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
04 December 2004	B8	Under 16/2
11 December 2004	B5	Under 15/2
18 December 2004	B6	Under 14/1
08 January 2005	No Junior Matches	Under 14/2
15 January 2005	No Junior Matches	Under 13/1
22 January 2005	No Junior Matches	Under 13/2
29 January 2005	B7	Under 12/1

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
04/12/04	Under 15/1	A Grade
11/12/04	Under 10 Blue	A Grade
18/12/04	Under 16/1	B1
08/01/05	No Junior Matches	A Grade
15/01/05	No Junior Matches	B1
22/01/05	No Junior Matches	A Grade
29/01/05	Under 15/1	B1

Meat Raffle Roster – At The Sports

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
04 December 2004	B6
11 December 2004	Under 13/1
18 December 2004	B8
08 January 2005	No Meat Raffle
15 January 2005	No Meat Raffle
22 January 2005	No Meat Raffle
29 January 2005	B9

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Latest winners:

Nov 13	Dean Stapleton (B7) 3/32 & 200 wickets for Baulko
Oct 30	Brett McLaren (B7) (hat-trick)
Oct 23	no meat raffle held
October 16:	Michael Homsy (B14) 7/88
October 9:	Ian Renton (B11) 77
October 2:	no meat raffle held
September 25	Dean Stapleton (B7) 7/19

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

Our Have-A-Go program is off and running on Friday nights at Charles McLaughlin. It runs from 6.15pm to 7.30pm each week up until Christmas (before resuming in February). Jeff Warland is again co-coordinating the program, ably assisted by Kate Webb or is it vice versa? It is good to see a number of our younger players, who hold a Level 1 coaches certificate assisting. They are Luke Palmer, Troy Higginbotham, Tim Littlejohns & Ashleigh Endacott. Well done everyone.

If you have any queries, you can contact Jeff by e-mail at haveago@baulkocricicket.com.au or check out the Have-A-Go page on our web site. Or just turn up and see Jeff or Kate on a Friday night.

Caught in Slips (all the juicy stuff!)

CALLING ALL DILLS – YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU! Come on folks – I can't be the only one surrounded by dills at cricket! Make them famous. If someone does or says something silly, let the whole club know. Remember, the more people that are laughing, the funnier it is, and the longer we can remind them of it. It doesn't have to be one person, we can have multiple winners. We'll even award it to a whole team if they do something dumb enough. It doesn't even have to be a player – nominate your captain, coach manager, scorer, whoever! Drop me a line at owzatt@baulkocricicket.com.au or let a committee member know (you can even nominate one of them!)

Late nomination for Dill of the Week goes to the guy who wrote the match report for the B8's. He sledged the captain for turning up to a game after said captain returned from overseas. Maybe he doesn't want to play this week. Then again, he's probably included in the three-quarters of the team that's headed off to schoolies!

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

Annual Bankstown Sports Club Challenge

Last Sunday saw the annual Bankstown Challenge take place. The challenge between the glorious Baulkham Hills Cricket Club and the equally keen Bankstown Sports Cricket Club was this season hosted by Bankstown. Two games are played, one by a combined senior team and the other by the under 11's. This year saw Baulko prevail in both games. There are two things we can count on for this annual event – one is the extreme weather. After two years were washed out by savage thunderstorms, the last two years have been played in sizzling temperatures.

Both clubs very much appreciate the support provided for the event by the Bankstown Sports Club, and the Sports Committee in particular. It was great to see Club Director Dick Phillips at the game, even though injury prevented him from taking the field (though he did mention something about the temperature – definitely NOT a candidate for Dill of the Week!).

Juniors: Baulkham Hills 112 defeated Bankstown 91

Bankstown won the toss and sent us in to bat on a very hot day which seemed to keep getting hotter. After a shakey start we were 3 for 27 when our captain for the day Tevin L met Sam B in the middle and proceeded to forge a much needed partnership. At the end of the innings we ended up with 112 with valuable input from the lower order:-Adarsh S ,Mick W ,Sam S and not forgetting Lachlan H who whilst filling in proved his worth with a memorable hook shot for 4.

After lunch Bankstown were looking in control at 3 for 61. Thanks to a great effort by our whole team Bankstown lost their next 6 wickets with only adding a further 16 runs. Their tail wagged due to a few dropped catches (which we will put down to the 38 degree temperature) until Karanbir S. caught one of the best slip catches this year which sealed a well deserved victory. Bankstown All Out 91.

The hospitality shown by Bankstown was very much appreciated and a great day was had by all despite the overwhelming conditions.

Most important of all the game was played in the true spirit of cricket.

A big thank you from all the boys and I must go to Anoop V. and Lachlan H who made themselves available and filled in for the day.

Seniors: Baulkham Hills defeated Bankstown

Once again the Baulkham Hills XII lined up for the annual clash against Bankstown Cricket Club. On a stinking hot day, the Baulkham Hills captain won the toss and decided to bowl in the cooler morning session. High(low)lights of the first session were:

- A rash display of wrestling in the outfield saw Griggysy off to hospital for yet another X-Ray on his collarbone (maybe someone should X-Ray his head).
- Homsy's 4 catches (and more importantly the one dropped catch that threatened to have him living out on the streets).
- Thorny's three wickets and a catch.
- Two wickets to Chris, Jason and Rick (who had two catches dropped in two balls, right skipper?).
- Malcolm backing up his wicket on Saturday with another today (he will be claiming to be a bowler next).
- Hushy being fined enough to cater next year's match.

Despite all of this Bankstown reached 200 off their forty overs.

After the lunch break Brett (who was grabbed to fill in for the injured Griggysy) and Jason blasted Baulko off to blistering start, with Jason being forced in to temporary retirement in the 8th over. Some big hitting from Chris Springall and Hobbsy kept the run rate ticking along and despite losing a few wickets in the middle order we were always in control. The final scoreline would suggest it was a close finished, but with Chris on 31*, Hobbsy 30*, Thorny 10* and Jason on 36* we still had plenty of batting to come.

Brett McLaren	25
Jason Currey	36*
Chris Springall	30*
Steve Hobbs	31*
Scott Thorn	8*

(Editors note: I know the scores are different in the paragraph above. That's how the captain sent it to me. And he was the only one NOT drinking – but he got his own score right!)

A fun day was had by all, and we all look forward to next years clash (However we all wish it will be a little cooler!).

P.D.C.A. Level 1 Coaching Course

Jeff Warland is running a Level 1 Coaching Course at Gilroy College on the 13th, 14th & 15th of December. The course runs from 6.30 P.M. to 9.30 P.M. Please contact Jeff on 8920 0692 or 0405 588 137 if you would like to book a place on the course

Christmas Holiday Coaching Clinics with Jeff Warland

Jeff is running two coaching clinics during the school holidays. The dates and times of the two courses are:

- January 4, 5 & 6 at Ted Horwood Oval from 9.30am to 12pm
- January 18, 19 & 20 at Yattenden Oval from 9.30am to 12pm

Contact JEFF on 8920 0692 or 0405 588 137 by December 12 to book your place.

Social Committee

Christmas BBQ

The club is organising a Christmas BBQ after the games on Saturday December 18. All players and supporters welcome - Senior and Junior. Mark the date in your calendar. The evening will kick off at about 5:30pm More details will be available at the monthly Meeting on December 7 or check the web site – www.baulkocricquet.com.au

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. There have been a few teams who have not turned up to sell tickets for the meat raffle. Please ensure you do when rostered for these duties. It puts pressure on others, should you not turn up.

Melbourne Cup Trifecta

Can all teams please hand in any money still owing – see any committee member back at the club on Saturday night. Remember to keep your tickets & bring them to the Trivia Night in February for the chance to win \$200. Thanks again to everyone who supported this event.

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 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	5 for 159	Norwest	10 for 91	Win on averages
<p>Great win to Baulko v Norwest.</p> <p>Bowling first restricting Norwest to 91 runs for the loss of 10 wickets at an average of 8.27. Our batting totalled 159 runs for the loss of 5 wickets at an average of 26.5.</p> <p>It was a great all-round performance with everyone contributing with either bat ball or in the field. The important aspect being only losing 5 wickets, a great effort by all our batters.</p> <p>With the ball we had Matthew (2-9), William (2-6) and single wickets to Todd, Jonathon, Mitchell Neckerauer and Hannah!</p> <p>With the bat, Blake 42 (including 2 sixes), Nick 21 (1 six), Mitch Webb 27 (very stylish). Geof 14 and Gaj 13 were our major contributors.</p> <p>Our man of the match went to Mitch Neckerauer for a good all-round match!</p> <p>Overall a great effort in very hot conditions, well done!</p>				

10 Red	8 for 88	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 106	Win on averages
<p>In a very close and exciting game that went right down to the wire, the boys managed to keep their unbeaten record intact.</p> <p>Once again Baulko won the toss and elected to bat in winter-like conditions. Against probably the best and most consistent bowling attack so far, runs were hard to come by and wickets fell at frequent intervals, however, the boys applied themselves well and as a team compiled a competitive total. The pick of the batsmen were Sumedh (6), Shanana (5), Joshua (3), Don (2), Owen (2), Lachlan (2), Amar (2), Pavan (1) and Mark (1).</p> <p>Our turn to bowl, and in very hot conditions, we needed to bowl and field well in order to achieve another win. Don (1 for 9) and Amar (1 for 2) opened the bowling and got us off a great start, with each bowler picking up a wicket in their first over. Amar, in particular, was extremely accurate and did not concede a sundry in any of his overs. Sumedh (2 for 2) and Mark (1 for 13) each took great return catches and with 2 run outs through some smart fielding a close finish was ensured. Other bowlers to take wickets were Sanju (1 for 13), William (1 for 14) and Shanana (1 for 6).</p> <p>The boys all played well and should be commended for sticking to their game and never giving in, even when a couple of the Pendle Hill boys started hitting a few boundaries, and it appeared the game was getting away from us. Well done everyone.</p>				

10 White A	15 for 90	AKA Sports	15 for 59	Win on averages
<p>This was a very close game with both teams bowling and fielding very well. The weather ranged 2 extremes over the 2 weeks – week 1 was cold and windy with a bit of rain. The second week was very hot. BH took some great catches, pulled off some excellent run outs and achieved some great stumpings. It was hard in the windy conditions to get the ball on the stumps but our fielding made up for the difficulties. Batting was difficult as the morning grew hotter and the boundaries were further out in this game than in previous ones, so fours were minimum. Nevertheless, each boy played well and contributed to an exciting win. Amit started with both ball and bat claiming 3 for 3 and hitting 14 not out. Luke returned his best figures of 2 for 4, an outstanding effort! Ravi took a screamer of a catch and Josh S and Amit kept well. Tom, James S, Tassen and Josh B all contributed with the bat. In all, another great game.</p>				

10 White B	11 for 59	Kellyville	7 for 55	Loss on averages
<p>A great game against a competitive team. We were sent into bat and batted well against some top bowling. Kunal top scored with 7, Sachin 6 and Nicholas 5. Unfortunately losing 10 wickets, our highest so far this season, meant some tight bowling was required.</p> <p>We bowled and fielded extremely well; however due to some sound batting just could not break through and take more wickets. We witnessed some fine fielding, Yadhavan combined well with Kunal for a runout, and Nicholas scored a direct run out and Owen took a fine catch as wicket keeper.</p> <p>Again well done to all players and thank you to parents who were able to assist working in the canteen.</p>				

11/2	10 for 80, 7 for 26	Winston Hills	10 for 93, 4 dec 95	First innings loss
<p>Baulkham Hills bowling 1st innings Ben Graham 8 overs 3 for 10. Ryan Bailey 7 overs 3 for 12. Baulkham Hills batting 1st innings Ryan Bailey 28; Jake Bailey 17; and Aidan Cousin 14. Baulkham Hills bowling 2nd innings Anoop Vaidya 5 overs 2 for 5. Baulkham Hills batting 2nd innings Christopher Gunton 11.</p> <p>A very keenly contested game on the 1st innings against the competition leaders. Some fine bowling and fielding restricted Winston Hills to 93 runs. After a shaky start a magnificent 51 run partnership for the 6th wicket between Jake and Ryan Bailey well supported by a good innings from Aidan, saw us get within 13 runs of the 1st innings target. Winston Hills then hit up some quick runs against us when we were one player short and gave us a nasty 50 minute period to bat to avoid an out right defeat which we managed, thanks largely to a solid innings from Christopher.</p>				

11/1	5 for 73, 4 for 42	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 65, 3 dec 83	First innings win
<p>Another good win set up on the first day. Bowling Wenty Waratahs out for 65 was a great effort on a hot and windy day. Asaad Rizvi batted very well and we were 3-57 at the end of the day. He finished with 35 when we declared early on day two at 5- 75. Wenty then batted well to make 3-83 leaving us a chase of 75 off 19 overs. This didn't happen but all batted well and another solid victory was achieved.</p> <p>Well done to all.</p>				

12/2	10 for 87	Norwest	8 for 125	First innings loss

12/1	10 for 162	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 76, 2 for 68	First innings win
<p>Michael Gounder 4 for 4 & 24 Michael Bennetts 41 Matthew Parker 20 Hamish 11 Harman 10</p> <p>A good solid 1st innings win , set up by a good bowling performance on day one. Michael G led the way with four wickets. A real team effort with the bat saw us reach our best total for the year. Michael B staring a fifty in the face got a good one, he was well supported by Michael G , Matt, Hamish & Harman. Well done guys keep up the effort.</p>				

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13/2	10 for 89	Rendle Hill Colts A	10 for 105	First innings loss
<p>Robert took over the reins as captain for this match. With Aleem now out of action until next year and Adam away on the first week, our team needed to show a bit of character and determination and they did just that. Pendle Hill elected to bat with Kieran and Mason as our new opening bowling pair. The first 10 overs of the match are by far the best we have bowled and fielded so far this year. It only took until the 4th over before Robert took an easy catch off Mason's bowling to have their opener out for a duck, the first of four ducks in the day. Then after 3 straight maiden overs, Kieran produced a great out-swing to leave the batsman's off stump on the ground and Pendle Hill was in early trouble at 2/1. Mason backed it up with another maiden and then Kieran achieved a big break-through in his 5th over with another 2 wickets to have Pendle Hill in deep trouble at 4/3.</p> <p>It took the team another 11 overs before Robert cleaned bowled one of Pendle Hill's middle order batsman. We then lost a bit of concentration as Pendle Hill started to compile some runs. Matthew came on and gave us the desired result with Mason taking a great diving catch. Having Pendle Hill 6/56 at the drinks break we looked well placed to get them out before the end of day one, but we didn't expect to see a real pitch hitter coming in at number seven. This guy hit 7 boundaries that included 2 massive sixes before Chiran deceived him with a change in pace to have him bowled, but not before he got Pendle Hill back in the game. Matthew, Nelson and Chiran then cleaned up the tail to have Pendle Hill all out for 105.</p> <p>With Aleem and Adam away, Cameron and Kieran opened. Cam was unlucky to be caught in close for 1 and Mason clean bowled to a great ball for 1 before Robert and Kieran steadied things down to be 2/20 at the end of play.</p> <p>On day two Kieran pulled a wide ball onto his stumps for 11 and Robert was caught in close for 9 and we were in trouble at 4/31. Then Adam came in and had to make a big score to give us a chance along with our middle order. Tiarne, Chiran, Nelson, Joel and Daniel did a fantastic job in trying to give the strike to Adam but we feel just 16 runs short of a first innings win. Adam finished with an amazing 38 not out and kept us in the match right up to the final wicket. Pendle Hill were a very relieved team.</p> <p>I was incredibly proud of the way we fought against the best bowling attack we have faced this year and shows what we are capable of when we put our head down. We learnt a few lessons from this game, which I am sure we will put into practice next week against Norwest.</p>				

13/1	5 for 203	Kings Langley	10 for 134	First innings win
<p>We won the toss and elected to bat as the ground very damp. Sean and Nick opened the batting, Nick opened his score with a four and Sean with two sixes. Sean scored a quick 26 from 32 balls and the Kings Langley crowd roared with relief when he blocked a ball that span back onto his stumps. Brendan batted very well and when the ball hit his pads with the score at 1/108 in the 28th we weren't surprised to see the finger go up. Nick reached his 50 and was caught 3 balls later. Gabriel (10) was stumped and Daniel also scored a 50 getting out the next ball going for a big hit with only 3.5 overs remaining. Trent (12 no) and Sam (3 no) took us to stumps to have a very respectable score of 5/203. Daniel and Sean opened the bowling with Sean getting a wicket in his first over. With two big hitters at the crease they were picking off the odd ball and finding the boundary. Bowling tight was what was needed and that exactly what Teshan and Samira did. Teshan picked up the wicket of the other opener in his first over with a good catch from Josh. Samira soon broke through with a catch by our keeper Nick. Stephen Bristow was batting very well not giving any chances for his wicket until he misjudged a run with Ben firing the ball back to Nick to find him short of the crease. Kings Langley were now struggling at 4/63 after 23 overs. Sean came back on taking two more wickets, Samira took another two wickets one to a good catch from Teshan. Josh and Gabriel also bowled well taking the last two wickets to have Kings Langley all out for 134. Excellent bowling Samira 9-1-3-15 and Sean 10-1-3-25. Wickets also to Josh 4-0-1-7, Gabriel 6-0-1-12 and Teshan 6-0-1-10. (overs-maidens-wickets-runs). Excellent fielding from Sam, Matthew and Ben. Thanks to Jarrayd who filled in the under 14's and was at the crease (not out) when they took a first innings win. Well done Baulko a good win against a strong team who are in second place on the table.</p>				

14/3	5 for 123	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 118	First innings win
<p>A pleasing win under difficult circumstances.</p> <p>Wentworthville won the toss and elected to bat. Alex and Daniel opened with a display of good tight bowling which put early pressure on their top order. Pranav, Josh and Kanav then capitalised on Alex and Daniel's earlier efforts claiming several important wickets and putting Wenty on the back foot at 4/27 after 21 overs. Wenty's middle order batsmen then dug in. Despite our best efforts they were able to build several good partnerships and add a further 64 runs before we managed to dislodge their top scorer. His departure precipitated a batting slump that allowed us to clean up their tail and have them all out after 53 overs for a total of 118.</p> <p>Unfortunately the last Wentworthville wicket fell 10 minutes too early and our openers had to face 3 overs before the end of play on the first day. The fall of a wicket in the last over of the first day, and the loss of three regular team members due to illness, meant that we started the second day at a significant disadvantage. The fall of another wicket in the third over of the day only added to our woes, however the arrival of James at the crease heralded a change in our fortunes. James anchored one end while Josh cut loose making a quick fire 39 (including eight 4's) to put us back in touch at 3/53. Josh's departure saw James and Kanav form the second partnership that was crucial to our success on the day. James and Kanav added a further 57 runs before James departed with us at 4/111 and only 7 runs short of Wenty's total. The fall of another quick wicket brought Jarad to the crease he and Kanav then made short work of making the 8 runs required. The standout performers on the day were Josh (39), James (25) and Kanav (21).</p> <p>Many thanks to Jarad from the U13/1's, who started of the match filling in for the injured Alan in the field, and ended up hitting the winning runs on the second day.</p>				

14/1	8 for 120	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 110	First innings win
<p>Wenty won the toss and elected to bat. All our bowlers, as usual, bowled an excellent line and length. We used 8 fast/medium bowlers and none stood out because they all were so good. We also bowled 2 spinners who both took wickets. Special mention must be made of Hari. His 9 over spell of spin bowling was a delight to watch. At one stage he completely mesmerised the Wenty batsman (who last year was in the emerging blues squad) before eventually bowling him behind his legs a la Shane Warne. We bowled Wenty out for 110 inside time so we started our run chase on day one.</p> <p>After an early setback Alex and Tom set about destroying their attack. At stumps we were 1/46 off 8 overs. Day two didn't start the way we had planned. All our batsmen got a small start but unfortunately wickets were falling too regularly. As with all good teams eventually some players put their hands up to save the day. Matt and Aaron who because of circumstances have not had much batting this year both played match-winning innings. Matt scored 8 and Aaron 8no but their real value was they defied the pumped up Wenty attack for a long time. This enabled Luke M (12) and Owen (12no) to guide us to a hard fought victory.</p> <p>From a coaches point of view this was a great victory. Firstly all the team showed they can bowl a terrific line and length and, secondly, after getting into trouble the players were able to dig deep and bat their way to a good win.</p>				

15/2	10 for 92	Kings Langley	10 for 141, 5 for 55	First innings loss
<p>It was a rainy day and the wind was blowing the cool breeze. The pitch was inspected by both coaches and decided to play. This wet climate didn't help our fast bowlers. However Andrew with his spinning talent manages to get 4 wickets. Mitchell and Connor got 2 wickets each and stopped the opponent from scoring too many runs. Hidar was the highest scorer this time and David also batted very well. Well done boys keep it up. Taimoor and Pinto has scored double figures as usual. Final total score is not enough to beat the opponent. We are doing very well with the bowling and we have to do the same with the batting to win the matches. We are getting better and better and we will do it next time.</p>				

15/1	10 for 56, 6 for 100	Greystanes	3 for 186	First innings loss

16/2	10 for 132	Seven Hills RSL	8 for 300	First innings loss
<p>After losing the toss and being sent into bat, we were dismissed for 132 with Keith 43, David 29, John Sundries 31 and Simon 10 being the only batsman to reach double figures. Once again we failed to use the full 60 overs available. At the end of the first day Seven Hills were 1-37 and we were in need of some tight bowling and good fielding on day two.</p> <p>On a very hot second day Seven Hills passed our score after 31 overs and 3 wickets down. While the bowlers tried hard, 7 dropped catches and some lacklustre ground fielding saw us stay out in the field for another 25 overs while the opposition had some pretty meaningless batting practice. Reece with 2/21 off 12 overs was the pick of the bowlers closely followed by Brent who toiled away in difficult conditions.</p> <p>Chris with a sharp catch at cover point and a wicket was also a stand out performer.</p>				

16/1	10 for 155	Greystanes	9 for 248	First innings loss
<p>On what could be described as a very wet pitch our bowlers just couldn't get any response from the ball. With an exceptional batting line-up they had little trouble in gaining a reasonable total although it could have been much worse but for some do or die fielding.</p> <p>On day two the pitch was in a completely condition and provided them with the opportunity to knock us over, determined batting on our part put an end to their plans of an outright win. The after match talk concentrated on becoming more focused on the game and arriving with a winning attitude. It is a difficult ask given that we only have nine players but we have to change our mental approach if we want to make the semi finals. We are continually grateful to the 16/2's for providing the additional players each week. It was the Carter twins turn this game and I hope they enjoyed the opportunity to play on a turf pitch, many thanks guys.</p>				

B14	10 for 111, 1 for 60	Piranhas	10 for 133, 10 for 225	First innings loss
<p>For a team of players with a background in the sub- continent they did not play the spin of Moreman, Thomas or Goreman well. Needless to say it was the quick bowling of Scollay, six overs 2 for 23, and Perera, eight overs 3 for 39, who had the Piranhas on the ropes early with an exciting spell that left the Piranhas 4 for 2. Congrats goes out to Touzel who caught his first ball of the season, landing square in his throat as he stood in his accustomed first slip position. Three highflying middle order batsmen collected on both sides of the wickets as they flung the ball off the bat far into the air. Their luck was ended at 133 as Moreman, five overs 2 for 25, and Thomas five balls 2 for 4 cashed in due to the hands of the keeper, Goreman whose red afro brought new meaning to “Fat Ronnie” in the following week.</p> <p>Baulkham Hills first innings was met with raucous and rambunctious appealing that led the umpire astray. The innings consisted of only three double figured scores by Shanahan, Elliot and Perera, 23, the highest, as the finger closed the case at 111, 22 runs adrift of defeating the competition leaders.</p> <p>On what was one of the hottest days since the season began Baulkham Hills walked out into the field after losing the final three wickets swiftly ironically forcing the Piranhas to bat again. The two openers played all of the shots as both brought up half tons before losing their heads and flinging catches around the ground. For the second week in a row Thomas was in the thick of the action as he claimed three more scalps and a couple of fielding accomplishments to boot. Safe hands in the field cleaned up the rest of the order however the Piranhas appeared only to be interested in batting practice as the final wicket fell to Thomas due to the hands of the diving de Ridder.</p> <p>The final innings of the match saw Baulkham Hills needing 246 runs in one hour. However doable it seemed Touzel and Williams were content to work around singles, as the heat of the day was still occurrent all the way till the close of play. Baulkham Hills will have to watch first innings collapses if they are going to compete with the top two teams in later rounds and the final series.</p>				

B13	10 for 121	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 117, 8 for 108	First innings win
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B12	10 for 148, 3 dec 76	Norwest	10 for 108, 8 for 109	First innings win
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B11	10 for 66, 10 for 124	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 118, 5 for 75	Outright loss
<p>Performances - Greg Leeson 28 & 53, 2 catches Dane Sparks - 5-44 & 1-19, 2 catches Adam Fahey 1-8 and 3-44 Matthew Vecchiato 3-15</p> <p>For the first time in two seasons we had to face a genuine fast bowler and he bowled too well for us. Despite the outright loss, there were still several highlights. Greg Leeson continues to amass heaps of runs. He took his season tally to 348 runs on Saturday. Greg took 26 runs in one over to make sure Wenty Waratahs had to work hard for the 10 points. Dane Sparks took his first five wicket haul for the club after several four wicket hauls over many seasons. Matthew Vecchiato also had his best game for the season with 3-15 in the first innings and 14 runs in the second innings. Our improved showing in the second week meant that we were able to hold out until 6 p.m. before the game was finally lost.</p> <p>Man of the Match - Greg Leeson</p>				

B9	10 for 87, 10 for 52	NSW Tamils	10 for 219, 3 for 82	Outright loss
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B8	10 for 135	Wenty Leagues	10 for 73	First innings win
<p>We lost the toss again and were sent in to bat on a very grey and overcast day. Our batting wasn't up to its usual standards, this was due to us missing players and also an umpire with an itchy finger. There were only two partnerships worth noting being 48 between Sam and Ben for the 3rd wicket and 22 between Pat and James. The partnership of 22 between Pat and James was especially good because it got us into a better position and kept them out in the field for that extra bit longer. Good performances included:</p> <p>Sam 30 Ben 42 Pat 10 James 14 not out</p> <p>They went into bat and at stumps they were 7/42. This was due to a good fielding performance which saw us effect two good run outs. One to Hillsy and one to Matt Hardy (brother of Jeff). Also Ben and Matt bowled really well in the dark, Ben picking up 4 and Matt 1. Highlight of the afternoon was Wenty's captain deciding to kick the first ball of the last over away, the only problem for him was the ball was going to hit the stumps and he wasn't offering a shot - gone LBW for a duck. The next week we turned up and took the last 3 wickets. Because of the heat and everyone going on schoolies the next day, we decided not to persue an outright. Game over at 2:30. Bowling highlights included:</p> <p>Ben 4/21 Matt 1/35 and a run out Keith 3/15 Hillsy a run out Greg 2 catches and 1 dropped catch (shark) Matt Wooding 1 dropped catch Sam 2 dropped catches (damn it)</p> <p>Thanks to James, Matt and Hillsy for filling in for us, and also Dave Banks who decided to turn up.</p>				

B7	10 for 140	Guildford Bowling	7 for 144	First innings loss
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B5	10 for 223	Hills Barbarians	10 for 129	First innings win
<p>Well this game could have been won on the toss, with the first week dawning a windy almost winter day; everyone was amazed to see a 35° heat wave the following week. We lost the toss and were given the bat. Stand in opener Ads went cheaply before scruffy and Simo set about building a partnership. Scruffy backed up his previous games 32 with a patient 15 before he was out stumped. You've got to hand it to the guy really, it's not very often an opener faces a spinner. Simo and Junior then built a handy 73 run partnership before junior fell with the score at 130. This is where everything went south as even though we finished on 223, the last 7 batsmen only had 21 runs total to their name. The innings was lead and held together by a phenomenal 141 run innings from Simon, which included him raising his bat before we had even clapped his hundred as he was counting runs and new he was there. With only an over bowled before play was stopped (AT 5:15pm) due to bad (well... Not really) light, the opposition wasn't off the mark when they called it quits.</p> <p>The second week saw the heat wave to announce summer was here. Junior and Pat started well and at 3/31 we were traveling fine. Sash then came into the attack and bowled a long spell to finish with 4/39. He could have had a few more except for a few drops in the field (Including Hushy who was having such a bad day with his hands he even dropped his pie after 1 bite at the tea break). Smitty bowled a tight 9 over spell of fire and raw pace. He was unlucky not to pick up a wicket as his bowling deserved one. However the day really belonged to Paul. The man saved what must have been close to 30 runs through diving, sprinting and generally throwing himself all round the park. Junior must also get a mention for getting scone'd in the back of the head a still mid on (Off his brothers bowling mind you) from a well timed pull shot, only to see the ball float into the air and into Ads waiting keeping gloves. Ads was quick to point out while junior stood there almost knocked out that if he had dropped it then junior would have been paying the fine for a dropped catch. Go Figure. Anyway another win see us still undefeated this season, the bowling is starting to look menacing we just need some more time in the middle with the bat.</p>				
Bowling		Batting		
S. Hilbrink – 4/39		S. Joyce 141		
P. Mamo – 2/18		A.Joyce 27		
S. Joyce – 2/18				

B4	10 for 123	Greystanes	10 for 102	First innings win
<p>From geriatrics last game to pre-pubescent this game. Greystanes Fairy Penguins sent out their best primary school team to take on the champions, but it seems it takes more than youthful exuberance to win a cricket match.</p> <p>Once again sent into the field, all of our bowlers got a piece of the action with the best figures going to Hards (3/16), the most deceptive bowler in world cricket. The only disappointment of the innings was the last wicket stand of 27, which helped the Fairy Penguins to a paltry total of 102.</p> <p>With plenty of play left on day one, J-Dub thought he would try and knock over their total in 20 minutes, hitting 19 runs and losing his wicket all in the first over. A steady fall of wickets left us with 82 runs on the board for the loss of five wickets at the end of day one. A big six by Burnsy off a leg-spinner ended the day half way through an over with the ball deep in Crestwood Creek (for some unknown reason the leggie turned into a medium pacer in the second week).</p> <p>A solid middle order partnership between BS(37) and Burnsy(28) completed the comprehensive first innings win by 2pm on day two. Not bothering to chase outrights or suntans, we headed to the club. We are now imposing the mercy rule, saving teams the embarrassment of an outright hammering.</p> <p>This week's special mention goes to the opening bowler of the opposition. He stopped the game for ten minutes struggling to get off the field with leg cramps after bowling all of six overs, it seems he may have got his legs caught up in his skirt.</p>				

B2	10 for 143	Greystanes	4 for 148	First innings loss

B1	10 for 130	Hills Barbarians	10 for 105	First innings win

A	10 for 127, 5 dec 189	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 109, 2 for 78	First innings win
<p>After a disappointing result against Seven Hills in round 5, all of the boys were keen to make amends this game.</p> <p>We started well winning the toss and batting. Our first wicket was lost at 33 however, a steady progression of outs resulted in a scoreline of 8/108 with the last two wickets adding a further 19 runs to be all out for 127. These two lower order partnerships proved to be crucial. The top runscorers were Sumit Kalia (34), Steve Sarlog (29) and Peter Micali (25).</p> <p>Waratahs commenced their innings around 4pm and despite losing their first wicket in the first over, looked to have the 127 covered at 4/92. Cricket is a funny game and after a few quick wickets, the tide turned, rolling Wenty for 109. They lost their last 6 wickets for only 19 (no Redgum jokes...please) and their last wicket to fall was at 6.10pm! All bowlers got on the scoresheet with Sumit once again shining, taking 3/28, David Cope 3/19, Richard Cope 2/29 and Craig Sinclair 1/30. That is what I mean about the 19 runs our tailenders scored. That made the difference between 7 points and 1 point. Well done Darren Allen and Richard Cope!</p> <p>The following Saturday, we did have 10 points in the back of our mind but in the forefront was not "gifting" our opposition any more than 1 point. Our batsmen showed the way in the second dig, declaring at 5 for 189 with Chris North (80) and Chris Springall (50) sharing in a 131 run stand. We did have an unsuccessful crack at the 10 however play was called at 5.30pm, after they were 2/78.</p> <p>Seven points are ours !!!</p> <p>See you next round against Greystanes at Charlie.</p>				