

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'.

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	6 for 263	14/1	1 for 170
B4	Undefeated	13/1	Undefeated
B5	Undefeated	12/1	Undefeated (1 Tie)
B7	Seven Hills 10/38	10White B	Undefeated
B9	5 for 265		

Individual Achievements

David Cope	A	6/44	M Bracken	B9	91
M Micallef	B2	63	A Wettasinghe	B9	89no
Bob Simpson	B4	78	S Goonesekera	B9	50no
Andrew Joyce	B5	5/23	Michael Homsy	B13	59no
Roger Deane	B7	5/17	Alex Mihalyka	14/1	74 no
Tim Gardiner	B8	6/13	Bradley	14/3	55 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
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

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DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
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 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
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:

Dec 11	no meat raffle held
Dec 4	Trent Hession (B5) - 72

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 on holidays until February when it will resume on Friday nights at Charles McLaughlin. It runs from 6.15pm to 7.30pm each week up. 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@balkocricicket.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!)

On behalf of the committee, I would like to wish all players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters all the best for the Christmas break. Have a safe & happy holiday & we look forward to seeing you back in 2005 for the business end of the season. – Peter McLoughlin, Club President.

Our Club Secretary, Bob Dokter, has been transferred to Canberra, as from mid January. We would like to thank him for his efforts over many years, especially the last few where he has been Senior Registrar & then Secretary. We wish him well in his new appointment and look forward to seeing him back at the Sporto whenever he is in town. We will miss his tremendous work – he has the minutes of the meetings out by 7.30am the morning after the meeting. Pretty slick!

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!)

Dill of the Week was not awarded this week – the opposition player the B4's nominated does not qualify – it has to be a Baulko person.

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 to book your place.

Christmas Holiday Coaching Clinics with Geoff Spotswood

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

- Clinic 1: 21-23 December at Ted Horwood Reserve, Baulkham Hills Reserve from 9:00am to 1:00pm
- Clinic 2: 12-14 January at Ted Horwood Reserve, Baulkham Hills from 9.00am to 1:00pm
- Clinic 3: 19-21 January at Ted Horwood Reserve, Baulkham Hills from 9.00am to 1:00pm
- Clinic 9: 24-25 January at Bernie Mullane Sports Complex, Kellyville from 9:00am to 1:00pm

Contact Geoff on 9849 8187 or 0401 382 409 or visit his website at www.cricketchcoachingclinics.com.au

Social Committee

Vision Impaired Game

On Sunday January 30, there will be a special match at Ted Horwood. It will be between a Baulkham Hills Select X1 against the Vision Impaired team. If you haven't seen these guys play, then get along & watch a great game. The canteen will be open. If you would like to be involved in the game, let Ian Chatman know.

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.

Trivia Night – Saturday February 19 – Baulkham Hills Sports Club

All teams are asked to donate a prize or cash to the value of \$30 to assist with prizes. Please contact Jeff Warland or Peter McLoughlin.

Remember to keep your Melbourne Cup Second Chance Draw tickets & bring them to the Trivia Night in February for the chance to win \$200.

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 Senior Double Wicket – Sunday February 13 – Charles McLaughlin Reserve. & 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 web 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.

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Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	4 for 118	Kings Langley	5 for 60	Won on averages
<p>Baulko played Kings Langley and had another great win! Batting first we scored 118 runs and only lost 4 wickets a great display, with no one being bowled, a couple of direct hit run outs, a hit wicket and a caught, so it was a great batting display by all our batters. Our main contributors were Blake 19(4 fours) Geoffrey 13(3 fours)</p> <p>Then bowling we restricted them to 60 runs for 5 wickets, which could have been a more but for some outstanding fielding, including a sharp run out and then a magnificent catch at short cover to Blake amongst ground fielding which any team would have proud of! Along with accurate bowling with a lot of near misses was a fantastic allround display. Our Bowling honours went to. Amy 2-5 Gaj 1-3 Jonathon 1-1</p> <p>Overall a great way to finish 2004,and more importantly how the kids are coming along and enjoying there cricket, all very encouraging.</p>				

10 Red	7 for 81	Norwest	5 for 93	Loss on averages
<p>The rematch between the two teams who tied in Round 1 started with Baulko batting first. Shanan (2) Don (6) Sumedh (1) Cody (1) Lachlan (5) Pavan (2) Joshua (3) Amar (2) and Owen (4) all contributing with the bat. Baulko ended their innings on 7 for 81.</p> <p>Norwest got away to a solid start and the game looked over. But wickets to Ramit (1) Amar (1) Lachlan (1) and Sumedh (1) and some good line and length bowling by William and Mark saw Baulko fight back but eventually go down when Norwest finished 5 for 93.</p>				

10 White A		BYE		BYE

10 White B		Kings Langley		

11/2	3 for 84	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 46	First innings win
<p>Anoop Vaidya 24 not out Jake Bailey 15</p> <p>Another strong win, set up by a fine batting effort, led by an excellent 37 run partnership between Anoop and Jake. Another very good bowling effort, well supported in the field, saw us achieve a 38 run victory. Nevin Arora 4 overs 4 wickets for 5 runs and Jake Bailey 4 overs 2 wickets for 7 runs.</p>				

11/1	8 for 63	Pendle Hill Colts	8 for 109	First innings loss
<p>After winning the toss and bowling we bowled well but didn't field or catch to our usual high standard. Putting down 6 catches was balanced by one very good catch (Sanji) and one direct hit runout (Ash) Pendle hill finished with 8/109.</p> <p>The batting was sound but just a bit slow throughout. Losing a few wickets at the end was not so good but all who batted tried hard and are improving.</p> <p>The boys have had a great year to date only being beaten by two other sides in 8 games. Have a great break from school and cricket.</p>				

12/2	8 for 49	Hills Barbarians	3 for 54	First innings loss

12/1	3 for 75	Guildford Leagues	8 for 74	First innings win
Michael B 16 Matt 11 Ornob 25n.o. Harman 13 n.o.				
Bowling first we restricted Guildford to 74. We bowled really well however our fielding was pretty ordinary. Remember guys, catches win matches, this part of our game could hurt us one day. Concentration seems to be the problem as at training or before the game we catch really well. We must learn to be more focused once the bowler starts his run to the wicket.				
Batting was very positive and we reached their score with 10 overs to spare. Well done guys a great effort going through undefeated to this point. Hoping everyone has a great Christmas & see you in the new year.				

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13/2		BYE		BYE

13/1	0 for 67	AKA Sports	10 for 62	First innings win
<p>AKA won the toss and elected to bat. Sean & Daniel opened the bowling with good line and length. In the 8th over Sean knocked over the stumps putting the breaks on AKA who were cruising along scoring about 3 runs an over. AKA, desperate to score runs, took on Sean's arm and lost, as he sent the ball back to Nick who caught the batsman short of his crease. Teshan & Samira, the destroyers, came on next with Teshan knocking over the stumps on his third ball followed by another wicket in his 4th over with a good catch from Nick the keeper. Samira knocked the bails flying in his 4th over and again in his 5th over to have AKA now in trouble at 5/37 after 19 overs. Matthew and Gabriel bowled next with one rather large AKA batsman taking to Matthew, who kept his cool and bowled very well taking a wicket in his 4th over with a catch by Teshan. Teshan came back for a second spell knocking over the stumps to collect his third wicket. Ben cleaned up the last two batsmen in one over with a bowled followed by a sharp run out with a direct hit on the stumps to have AKA all out in the 31st over for 62. Excellent bowling Teshan 3/8 from 7 overs, Samira 2/5 from 5 overs and Ben 1/2 from one over.</p> <p>Nick and Brendan opened the batting playing careful shots keeping the score ticking over. At the end of the 20th over we had passed AKA's score with Nick 36 no and Brendan 25 no. Well batted Nick and Brendan. We played 6 more overs with AKA to give some of our guys a bat and for their boys to have a bowl. Ben scored 23 from 15 balls hitting a huge 6 to finish not out. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep practicing. See you next year.</p> <p>Nigel and Ian</p>				

14/3	6 for 103	Seven Hills RSL	7 for 102	First innings win
<p>The team ended the year on a good note with a hard fought win in what was a very close match. Thanks to Trent from the U13/1s who helped cover for our absent bowling combination of Alan and Daniel. Also welcome to Bradley who has joined the team for the second part of the season.</p> <p>Seven Hills Toongabbie won the toss and chose to bat. Alex and Trent started the day with a display of good tight bowling before the pressure paid off and Trent claimed the first of their opening batsman. Despite our best efforts in the field. The Seven Hills batsmen managed to put on a further 56 before Kanav made the breakthrough, taking the wicket of their remaining opener and top scorer in the 24th over. The wickets then fell steadily until the Seven Hills innings came to a close at 7/102 after 31 overs. The wicket takers for the match were Trent (1/7), Josh (2/19), Kanav (2/18) and Preet (2/7).</p> <p>Our innings faltered with the loss of an early wicket. Trent and Bradley then combined and put the innings back on track before Trent was dismissed in the 18th over with the score at 1/65. Steady batting from the remainder of the lineup saw us pass Seven Hills total with 4 wickets in hand and 2 just overs to spare. The standout performers with the bat were Trent (25) and Bradley, who top scored with an unbeaten 55 in his first game with us. Well done guys!</p>				

14/1	1 for 170	Wenty Leagues	10 for 65	First innings win
<p>We won the toss and the boys were fired up after their loss the previous week. Luke M, our captain, elected to bat in the one-dayer. Our openers, Owen and Alex, didn't let him down. They put on a very entertaining 110 run partnership in 20 overs. The first scoring shot of the innings was a mighty six (so much for the coaches instructions for a steady start) Owen scored an excellent 39 with Alex going on to score 74 no. Tom came on and kept the entertainment up finishing with 31no. Our total after 31 overs was 170.</p> <p>Our opening bowlers, Azaan and Luke M, started with a very hostile and accurate attack. They were backed up with some great fielding and a classic catch by Evan in the second over hosted the wickets falling. Azaan finished with 2/13 off 4 overs and Luke 2/11 off six overs. Evan and Tom who both finished with 2/8 off 4 overs each supported them up with great bowling.</p> <p>All the boys kept their intensity up right to the end. It was a very impressive win to go into the Christmas break with. A special thank you to Cameron Dains who filled in for us because of injuries.</p>				

15/2	9 for 74	Winston Hills	8 for 76	First innings loss
<p>We had a thrilling one day match this time, players and parents enjoyed it. We scored 74 runs in 31 overs and seven out of eight players were caught. Andrew is the highest scored again and he scored 18 runs this time. We managed to get quick three opponent's wickets and put them under pressure. Three of their players were caught by Conner and another three were caught by Thevy, Andrew and Mitchell. The match went up to the last 31st over like the thrilling one day matches should be. Unfortunately we lost the match by only two runs. Well done guys keep it up.</p> <p>Wishing a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to players, managers, coaches and the committee members. Have a wonderful holiday and see you all in the New Year 2005.</p>				

15/1	10 for 65	Kings Langley	9 for 131	First innings loss

16/2	10 for 133	Kings Langley A	6 for 139	First inning loss
<p>The game got off to its usual start with Tim winning the toss and sending the opposition into bat and only 8 player present. Brent and Tim opened the bowling and held Kings Langley to 1-34 off ten overs. Reece, Ravi and Simon continued the good bowling and after 22 overs Kings Langley were 5-72. Some good batting and some lucky hitting by the two middle order batsman saw 68 runs come in the last 9 overs. The fielding fell away as the concentration (which for most 15 year olds is limited) started to lapse. All the bowlers should be congratulated for the way they stuck to their tasks, especially when two batsman were caught behind from no balls that were deemed to be over head height. Wicket takers were Simon 2-19, Tim 2-21, Ravi 1-14 (off six overs) and Reece 1-32. Fielding points went to Ravi 3, Simon 2 and Lakshey 1.</p> <p>Chasing 140 for victory, a couple of early wickets had us in trouble, but a good partnership by Lakshey and Michael saw off the opening bowlers. After 13 overs we were 5-38 and things were looking ugly. Simon 38 and David 31 then put on 62 runs for the 6th wicket in 10 overs to bring the game alive. Tim 11 and Bryce 10 almost stole the game from Kings Langley, as we were all out 6 runs short of the target with 7 balls remaining.</p> <p>With 122 runs of the bat against Kings Langleys 117 we will take this as a win and consult a lawyer on how to go about rewriting the Laws of Cricket.</p> <p>Congratulations to the whole team on the way they played the game and the enjoyment they had in all but giving the opposition's scorer a heart attack.</p>				

16/1	9 for 137	Kings Langley	9 for 202	First innings loss
<p>We were up against the best batting line-up in the competition. Our opening bowlers contained them to some extent but could not break through with any wickets. Alok came into the attack and picked up their openers with Lawrence, Andrew, Troy and Aviv taking the rest. Our fielding was quite good on a very fast outfield, with Kate, Ali and Ben cutting of quite a few boundaries.</p> <p>Chasing 204 we had no other option than to try to go after them. This resulted in the loss of some wickets early on and put an end to any real chance of victory. Andrew put in a true captains knock of 42 to show that we never give up and the tail hung in there and it looked like they might not get their allotted overs in the time allowed. Unfortunately the last wicket fell with only ten minutes remaining.</p> <p>Even though we lost it was a great effort.</p> <p>Many thanks to Kate Whittaker from the 16/2's for filling in.</p>				

B14	9 for 164	NSW Tamils	7 for 166	First innings loss
<p>The first one- day match of the season brought a Baulkham Hills side with injuries to key players against a successful NSW Tamils on their home ground. Both openers fell for zero before Scollay and Perera, 42 and 34 respectively, steadied the ship. Chesher's unbeaten 23 brought the innings total to 164.</p> <p>Early bowling success brought the Tamils side under the pump. 7 for 90 the score at the fall of the last wicket of the day before fielding errors destroyed the efforts of the outstretched Touzel and Moreman. The amount of mistakes both strategically and from each players point of view was alarming, as opportunities weren't taken at Cover or other fielding positions. The loss is a set back but not Armageddon.</p>				

B13	10 for 180	Kings Langley	9 for 221	First innings loss

B12	10 for 154	Kings Langley	9 for 196	First innings loss

B11	10 for 159	Wenty Leagues	10 for 109	First innings win
<p>Performances: Ian Renton - 32 runs, 2-19 Greg Leeson - 23 runs, 1 catch, 2 stumpings Don Crawford 34 runs, 1 catch Dane Sparks 2-24 Paul Morris 2-39 Matthew Vecchiato 2-20 Chris Mills - 14 runs Russell Howell - 14 runs Brad Boyle - 2 catches</p> <p>Again our top order did well with Greg Leeson (23 runs), Ian Renton (32 runs) and Don Crawford (34 runs) helping us to 1-97 after 22 overs. A score over 200 was possible but the introduction of spin started a middle order collapse. Somehow, three of our batsman managed to hole out to deep midwicket in the space of 6 overs. At 8-129 after 34 overs, we were in danger of not posting a competitive score. It was left to some sensible batting by Chris Mills (14) and Russell Howell (14) to help us reach the 42nd over and post a matchwinning score of 159.</p> <p>Even without Adam Fahey, our bowling was too accurate for Wenty Leagues. Except for a few dropped catches late in their innings, our winning margin of 50 runs would have been higher. Brad Boyle is proving his worth in the field with his second well-judged low catch in as many games.</p> <p>Man of the Match - Ian Renton</p>				

B9	5 for 265	North Parramatta	10 for 81	First innings win

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B8	3 for 98	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 87	First innings win
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B7	10 for 93	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 38	First innings win
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R. Deane 5/17

Winning the toss (finally!) and electing to bat, Dave's big plan was occupation of the crease, figuring that if we batted our 42 overs, we'd end up with a half-decent score. Things didn't quite work out that way as we fumbled our way to a barely defensible 93 all out, with very few notable contributions at all.

However, no team defends a low score like the mighty B7s! After all, we have had a lot of practice! Roger and Cameron opened the bowling with plenty of fire and gave nothing away. Seven Hills' desperation to score quickly resulted almost immediately in a run out - Roger's fourth this year! Sevo then progressed slowly to 28 without further loss and it seemed like we were going to be strangled out of the game. Then Rog struck twice in one over, and Cameron had their captain caught behind in the next to turn the game around completely. Wickets fell almost every over after that, and Seven Hills were eventually humbled for just 38. Roger ended up with the superb figures of 5/17, Cameron took 2/20 and Brett McLaren and Dean finished things off nicely with a wicket each. The only disappointment was Jez uncharacteristically muffing an easy catch behind the stumps, which would have ended the match!

A great win to go to Christmas on, leaving us in third position at the break, and with a warm glow inside at having beaten the first-placed team twice this year already.

B6	9 for 164	Hills Barbarians	10 for 134	First innings win
<p>Andrew Hinton: 48 n.o. Dave Higginbotham: 3 for 18 Troy Friedrich: 3 for 32</p> <p>Won the toss and batted first in pretty hot conditions. Keenan (16) & Matt (16) got us off to a good start putting on 31 from 7 overs. Another handy partnership of 36 from Daryl (29) and Troy (16) saw us reach 3-78 after in the 24th over. Two more quick wickets and we were 5-98 after 30 overs and the innings was very much in the balance. Andrew H (48 n.o.) and Ben then came together and put on 33 in about 5 overs. A couple of more wickets fell in the pursuit of quick runs and we were 8-136 after 37. Two good 9th & 10th wicket partnerships of 14 saw us finish on 9-164 from our 42 overs. A total that gave us a good chance of victory.</p> <p>The defense did not get off to the best of starts with Barbar's putting on 56 for the first wicket from just 11 overs. Keenan (2-18) got the first breakthrough. Troy (3-32) came on first change at the other end and bowled really well removing several danger men. Special mention must be made of Luke Fiore's superb backwards-diving catch taken at deep mid on to remove their rampaging opener. Deadset classic. Think John Dyson, but better. We now had Barbar's 3/62 and we were back in action. Dave (3/18) came on at the other end and produced his best spell of the year, bowling his 10 straight and giving very little away. Ben chipped in with 1/22 from 5 and we had them 8/106 from 26 overs. There were still plenty of overs for them to get the runs and an 9th wicket stand of 25 made things a little more tense. Dave and Keenan answered the challenge, taking the last two wickets to have them all out for 134. Victory by 30 runs.</p> <p>Barbarians were missing key players and they let us off the hook with dropped catches, but a win is a win. Hopefully we are now back on track for a good run home to the finals.</p>				

B5	10 for 93	Merrylands	10 for 68	First innings win
<p>It was first V second in a game that would live up to all its hype. After an unusual coin toss which was then re-done, the cap won the toss (its been a while) and we took the bat. We were travelling very well before the openers were broken up with 52 already on the board. Jason followed Dave not long after for a well made 39 but at 2/76 we were still travelling well. What followed next was the worst batting collapse this team has ever produced, losing our last 8 wickets for 17 runs to be all out for 93. Only a quick-fire 13 not out from Smitty provided any resistance in the tail.</p> <p>Needing to bowl the opposition out and being minus an opening bowler, the team was a bit anxious as they took the field. Smitty was handed the new ball in Sacha's absence and bowled with raw pace but was unfortunately a little costly. At 1/35 they were feeling pretty comfortable. However the B5s wouldn't let up. Pat bowled a tight 10 over spell to finish with 4/19. Junior ably backed him up with 5/23 including 3 wickets in what turned out to be the last over. Simon chimed in with his typical wicket off the first ball of his spell, however this was more due to an exceptional catch from Pauly rather than his bowling.</p> <p>A great win for the boys to see Merrylands all out for 68. The fielding was top notch with only one tough chance at second slip going down. Our batting defiantly needs improving and a few of us will be asking Santa for some form. But the bowling and fielding is looking like the team of old. A very satisfying win and a great way to finish the year (Unbeaten that is)</p> <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>Batting J.Currey 39 D.Smith 13 no</p> <p>Bowling P.Mamo 4/19 A.Joyce 5/23</p>				

B4	6 for 263	Guildford Leagues	10 for 78	First innings win
<p>The Guildford Leagues Budgie Smugglers presented us with another top of the table clash and it seems bringing along their mascot for our dogs to chase only turned the luck away from them. That is despite Woodsy single handedly trying to curse us with the much maligned bad Hawaiian shirt fiasco that has plagued this team in one-day matches for many a year.</p> <p>Captain “Not Out, How’s My Average” Kennaway won the toss and sent the Budgie Smugglers into the field on a warmish afternoon. This proved to be a masterstroke with the runs flowing consistently throughout the innings thanks to class batting from whomever walked to the crease.</p> <p>J-Dub (46)and B.S(66) set up a the huge total of 263 with a classic and entertaining one-day opening run stand of 69. “Dangerous” Delfino (19) steadied the batting leaving us with 9 wickets in hand at the half way mark. “Bag” Hession (46) entered the slaughter and put on a quality middle order partnership with “Silent” Smith (26) that allowed Captain “Not Out, How’s My Average” Kennaway (15*), “Hawaiian” Phil (19*) and “Big Boy” Byrne (10) to hit us again to an unbeatable total with the loss of only six wickets.</p> <p>Our superiority was confirmed with the best bowling display of the year. An angry Burnsy (4/20 off 8) spearheaded the attack and proved he is not a spin bowler in disguise. His fine display of line and length bowling at express pace was a joy to watch with only 11 runs coming off the bat (and zero off the middle). This performance was well backed up by “Hawaiian” Phil (3/12 off 5) with three wickets in four balls and Hardsy (2/25 off 5) again pouncing the openers. Bag (1/0 off 3 balls) sent the number eleven packing to close the innings at 78.</p> <p>Take a bow boys, a dominant display of cricketing superiority such as this is rarely seen at the senior level. Also, can someone please explain to me how the Budgie Smugglers got into second place on the table as it is a little beyond me. Oh well, at least we keep getting top of the table clashes each week as we knock off the next pretender.</p> <p>This week’s main spray heads towards one of our opponents, who also receives the B4’s coveted nomination for dill of the week. The opponent was the ironically named strike bowler who seemed to strike out in this game (maybe this is what it means).</p> <p>After giving us 42 runs including 8 wides and no balls from his bowling, he decided to give three of our fast bowlers a sledging in the dying overs of our innings. Firing up this attack may not have proved to be the best approach as he walked to the crease at first drop to an avalanche of “talk” (from as far as fine leg) and a pace attack begging for use of the leather. Burnsy had the pleasure of letting go the premier ball of the year to send the bigmouths middle stump cart-wheeling dangerously close to our keeper. Unfortunately it was only this goose’s third ball. Dill, hmmm, yes I think so.</p> <p>May you all receive plenty of runs, wickets and catches for Christmas. Till next year.</p>				

B2	8 for 212	Kellyville	10 for 167	First innings win

B1	10 for 78	Kings Langley	6 for 80	First innings loss

A	8 for 176	Hills Barbarians	10 for 160	First innings win