

The Third Man's Report

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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](#)

Individual Achievements

Seniors - Round 11

Simon Joyce	B5	109	David Banks	B8	7/35
Roger Deane	B7	6/14	Steve Ahern	B13	5/28

Seniors - Round 10

J Thompson	A	75	Tim Gardiner	B8	54no
Nathan Blake	B1	hattrick	M Bracken	B9	64
Marty Keeble	B2	5/29	Greg Leeson	B11	76no
Daniel Fletcher	B2	5/36			

Seniors - Round 9

Nathan Blake	B1	55	Sacha Hilbrink	B5	5/37
Jason Currey	B5	81	D Tipton	B7	5/14

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
29 January 2005	B7	Under 12/1
05 February 2005	B8	Under 12/2
12 February 2005	B9	Under 11/1
19 February 2005	B11	Under 11/2
26 February 2005	B12	Under 10 White A
05 March 2005	B13	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
29/01/05	Under 15/1	B1
05/02/05	Under 10 Blue	B1
12/02/05	Under 16/1	A Grade
19/02/05	Under 10 Red	A Grade
26/02/05	Under 15/1	B1
05/03/05	Under 10 Blue	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
29 January 2005	B9
05 February 2005	B11
12 February 2005	B12
19 February 2005	No Meat Raffle
26 February 2005	Under 12/1
05 March 2005	No Meat Raffle

Caught in Slips (all the juicy stuff!)

Cancelled due to lack of input... where have all the dills gone???

Social Committee

Senior Double Wicket Competition - Sunday, February 13, 2005

The Senior Double Wicket will again be held at Charles McLaughlin Oval. Be there at 9:00am so we can select teams at 9:30 and start promptly at 10:00am. Senior Double wicket is for all players in senior teams. Players will be paired according to grading, so that all teams have a chance. A free sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch. The canteen will also be open. Players receive a free can of soft drink (or brown lemonade) for every six hit

Junior Photo Day - Saturday, February 19, 2005

Team photos for the Junior teams will be taken at Ted Horwood Reserve, starting at 10am. All teams should head back to Ted Horwood after their game finishes. This will hopefully avoid a rush at 12:30 and teams won't have to wait around for too long. The prices of the photos are:

Team photo \$10

Team photo plus Individual photo \$15

Photos will be given to coaches or managers to distribute to players at the Junior Presentation Day

Trivia Night - Saturday, February 19, 2005

The Trivia Night will again be held in the auditorium at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club. Organise your tables of 8 people now. Cost per person is \$10. The bar will be open. The Sports Club has allowed people to bring their own nibbles. Please plan to be seated by 7:30pm, so we can commence promptly at 8:00pm.

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.

Junior Double Wicket Competition - Sunday, February 20, 2005

The Junior Double Wicket will again be held at Ted Horwood Reserve. Be there by 8:30am so we can start promptly at 9:00am. Junior Double wicket is for Under 11 through to Under 16. The players are split into two competitions:

Junior - for Under 11 to Under 13

Intermediate - for Under 14 to Under 16

Players will be paired according to age, so that all teams have a chance. For example, an Under 11 player will be paired with an Under 13 player.

A free sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch. The canteen will also be open. Players receive a free can of soft drink for every six hit

Be sure to bring sunscreen, chairs for the parents, your own drinks (canteen will be open) and cricket gear if you have your own. Club gear will be provided for those who don't have their own.

It will be appreciated if parents can volunteer to help out on the day with some umpiring, scoring, or serving in the canteen. If everyone does a little bit then everyone can enjoy the day.

Grand Final BBQ - Sunday, March 20, 2005

The BBQ will be held on the Sunday night of the Grand Final weekend. All senior and junior players, officials and supporters are welcome. More details will be available shortly. Please check the web site.

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.

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.

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Contact George Wasyluk 0416185845

Match Results and Reports – Seniors Round 11

B14		BYE		BYE
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B13	10 for 85	AKA Sports	10 for 145	First innings loss
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B12		BYE		BYE
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B11	10 for 131	Pendle Hill Colts	8 for 136	First innings loss
<p>Performances: Greg Leeson - 41 runs, 2 catches Don Crawford - 26 runs, 1 catch Ian Renton 2-14 from 10 overs, 3 catches Paul Morris 3-32 from 9 overs.</p> <p>We batted first as we always do but our score of 131 was about 20 runs short of what we could have got. Some careless strokes, two run-outs and four overs not used proved costly. Greg Leeson relished the chance to open in the one-day games and continued his good form with 41 runs in just 14 overs but Don Crawford (26) and Craig Sparks (14) were the only others to make double figures.</p> <p>We regularly took wickets in the field. Last week our fielding won us a close contest but for this game some dropped catches proved costly. A ninth wicket partnership of 29 runs in seven overs saw Pendle Hill Colts make the required runs in the final over of the game. It was a pity that Sundries with 27 were the equal top score for Pendle Hill. It was certainly a game that got away. We remain in the top 4 but our chances of getting a home semi-final are now looking slim.</p> <p>Man-of-the-Match - Ian Renton</p>				

B9	10 for 76	Winston Hills	10 for 108	First innings loss
<p>Another game we should have won. Now it is up to the whole team to stand up and produce some good results in difficult matches if we are to make our mark on this competition.</p> <p>Top shelf bowling and fielding got us off to an excellent start. Some great catches were taken, not one was dropped, and the boys showed a lot of hustle in the field, cutting down on the runs. The bowlers all did their jobs, keeping the runs down and taking the big wickets, and we had Winston Hills on the ropes at 9/58. However we didn't do enough to finish the job, and a 50 run tenth wicket partnership gave them the defendable total of 108, and gave them the mental upper hand.</p> <p>Still, 108 looked very attainable, and at 2/47, it looked like we could cruise to victory. However, no batsmen after no. 3 made double figures, and we collapsed to be bowled out for 76. A very disappointing effort after such a strong start, we will have to get it together for our next few games.</p>				

B8	10 for 195	Kellyville	10 for 264	First innings loss
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B7	9 for 133	The Bulls	10 for 34	First innings win
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B6	10 for 155	Guildford Leagues	10 for 134	First innings win
<p>Andrew Nash: 3-15 Dave Higginbotham: 4-41</p> <p>Won the toss and batted first. Lost wickets at regular intervals on the way to reaching 3-69 in the 14th over. Keenan (21) and Daryl (29) getting most of the runs. Regular wickets continued to fall, with Chris (29 n.o.) holding the innings together. In the end we were bowled out for 155 in the 40th over, 31 sundries helping our cause.</p> <p>Keenan (1-24) and Andrew N (3-15) took the new ball and bowled very well to have Guilford on the back foot at 4-25 in the 12th over. A 59 run partnership shifted things back in Guilford's favour before Ben took an outstanding running catch from Dave's bowling that turned the match. Dave (4-41) continued his good form and was well supported by a very tight spell from Ben (1-12) to dismiss Guilford for 134 in the 32nd over.</p> <p>Good to get away with a win here before a top of the table clash next week.</p>				

B5	8 for 215	Greystanes	10 for 69	First innings win
<p>Well, the boys have done it. This week's game had a certain edge to it that made it a little more important than the ones before it. The last one dayer of the season saw us up against the best batting team in the comp. The cap won the toss and took the bat on a grey overcast afternoon. We lost 3 wickets early and after 10 were looking a bit shaky. However Simon steadied the ship putting on partnerships with Ads (58 run partnership), Jono (60 run partnership) and Smitty (37 run partnership). Simon brought up his 3rd century of the season with a 6 and along with some tail order hitting, took the total on to 8/215.</p> <p>We took the ball and Greystanes found scoring hard from the get go. Having only 14 runs on the board after the first 10, Greystanes seemed to be playing for the rain rather than a win. Sash bowled a very tidy spell of 0/8 off 5 and deserved more. He was replaced probably when he could have stayed on but we were in search of wickets. Junior was brought on to return figures of 4/17 off 8 and was aided by 2 superb catches for Ads. Simon backed his hundred up with 1/7 off 3 and Ads who appeared to be everywhere in this game chimed in with 1/1 off the last over. With Greystanes a player or 2 down they were eventually rolled for 69 with the rain starting to fall about 1/2 an hour after we finished.</p> <p>Another great win which saw us break our previous record to now go 20 games without a loss. Good stuff fellas.</p> <p>Batting S.Joyce - 109 A.Shearman - 23 J.Bocking - 27 D.Smith - 20</p> <p>Bowling S.Hilbrink - 0/8 (5) A.Joyce - 4/17 (8) S.Joyce - 1/7 (3) A.Shearman - 1/1 (1)</p>				

B4	7 for 248	Winston Hills	10 for 193	First innings win
<p>The Winston Hills Petunia's are one of the only teams in the comp this year that deserve our respect. The main reason behind this is the way they conduct themselves on the field and that they actually have one bloke that can bat and another that can bowl, this sets them apart from the other teams in the B4 competition who in general have nothing but a bad disposition. However, respect can only go so far, so we smashed them again.</p> <p>We won the toss and batted out our 42 overs. An in form BS (70) with some cracking back foot shots and J-Dub (20) with his Gilchrist game, got us off to a flyer as we have come to expect. Once again we over-heard the opposition saying "we are not out of this" within the first 10 overs of the game.</p> <p>Two quick wickets fell and Bag (34) joined BS to settle the ship, setting up the happy hour for our middle order. Waynbo (80) exploded in the middle to late overs taking aim at the crazy-catch on the sidelines. He mixed up his hitting with some high class deft cuts that were so late, they needed an apology card. Some late hitting by the middle order including another bit of Hawaiian Phil (19*) magic set up the impenetrable total of 248.</p> <p>The Petunia's looked like they may be a chance for the first 15 overs, but that was only due to the possibility of a wash out. The rain looked to be their only hope as we took to the field.</p> <p>The much under-rated Utility Smith (1-37 off 7) once again proved his worth taking the new ball and capturing the prize wicket of their top batsman. Hawaiian Phil (1-23 off 10) bowled unusually tight up the other end, putting pressure on the top order, chasing six an over.</p> <p>Out came the traditional one-day cross-bat slogger at number 3 and proceeded to keep his eyes open to middle a few big sixes. On came E-Tag Hardwick (2-52 off 9) and Bag (3-37 off 10), tightening up the run scoring and taking the all important middle order wickets. After a Symond's like runout by BS, we had them done for 193 at 7:30pm.</p> <p>This week's spray heads towards the PDCA who feel it is a good idea to have Saturday afternoon cricket played at night. Quite frankly, one-day games ending at 8pm are ludicrous. For next year's VB series, would it be possible to start at 1pm and play 35 or 40 overs per team. I only mention this, as Delta Goodrem still won't return my calls after I brushed her for Saturday night dinner.</p>				

B2		Kings Langley		First innings win
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B1	10 for 105	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 130	First innings loss
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A	10 for 108	Kings Langley	7 for 111	First innings loss
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Match Results and Reports – Seniors Round 10

B14	10 for 78	Merrylands Social	5 for 79	First innings loss
<p>Consistency is often the term used to describe the great cricketing teams throughout the years. But it has been the inconsistency of the Baulkham Hills side that was shown against Merrylands Social. Only the bye has the promise of a certain victory and a grasp on ten points next week.</p> <p>The finals are not certain and although one may comment on a disgraceful performance from the umpire that is only the weak answer. All out for 78 is far from good enough in this competition further more a structure in the bowling needs to be found with old options reopened so as to present victory for the side again. It is difficult to see that the Baulkham Hills team can lose any more than one more match if they are to make the finals. As for home finals that glory too has been dashed.</p> <p>For now one can only look at his teammates and know that as a team it is still far from over. The thoughts of individual players at this stage needs to disappear knowing only that the team no matter how desolate a situation looks will never give up. Never say die.</p>				

B13	10 for 73	Hills Barbarians	10 for 141	First innings loss

B12	6 for 103	Guildford Leagues	10 for 99	First innings win

B11	8 for 173	King Langley	10 for 153	First innings win
<p>Performances: Greg Leeson 76 not out, 2 catches Adam Fahey - 20 runs, 3-29 from 10 overs Paul Morris - 26 runs, 2-32 from 9 overs Ian Renton - 22 runs, 2-16 from 6 overs Matthew Vechiato - 12 runs, 1-31 from 9 overs Chris Mills - 2 run-outs and 1 catch</p> <p>We took advantage of winning the toss by posting a competitive score of 173. After a series of not outs at 10 and 11, Adam Fahey (20) was finally given a chance to bat higher in the order. He relished the chance to open the batting with Greg Leeson (76 not out). An opening partnership of 53 runs in 16 overs set us up for a good score. We then slumped to 5-95 in the 29th over before Paul Morris (26) joined Greg Leeson in a partnership of 58 runs in just 9 overs. Our innings featured six sixes with the longest being Paul's effort to easily clear the longest boundary into the wind at Masonic.</p> <p>Three early wickets had Kings Langley 3-54 after 17 overs. A father and son combination took the score to 3-118 after 29 overs but as often happens when relatives bat together their partnership was broken by a run-out. Naturally, the father blamed his son for the run-out and would not have been happy when the son meekly holed out to mid-on the very next ball. However, the father was even less pleased when his son left early with his car keys. Once the Whites were dismissed in the 30th over, victory was assured.</p> <p>A special mention should go to Chris Mills. He is the smallest player in the team but has by far the strongest arm. He dismissed Kings Langley's two best batsmen with speed across the ground and two bullet-like throws to the stumps to effect run-outs.</p> <p>Man of the Match - Greg Leeson</p>				

B9	9 for 185	Cumberland Community	1 for 206	First innings loss
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B8	6 for 173	Parramatta Golf	10 for 171	First innings win
<p>Tim Gardiner 54 n.o. & 4/35. Ben Dooley 30, 3/23 & 1 catch. Keith Morrison 2/36 Adam Meakins 1/49 & 26 Sam Freeman 24 & 1 catch Greg McLoughlin 14 Joel Bridgwood 4 n.o. & 1 catch</p> <p>With Yattenden closed, this game was transferred to Ted Horwood. Once again, we were short of players – what’s new! But with Matt W filling in again, Keith Meakins from the U16 & the old man coming out of retirement, we were able field 11 players. The skipper was running late and he made a call to say he thought we should field if we won the toss. Field, in this heat! Mutiny was on the cards. Sam was sent to toss the coin, but over the horizon Banksie appeared, jumped out of his car & proceeded to lose the toss (again!). The opposition decided to bat, so we were consigned to bowling anyway. The early overs were tight with Ben & Keith bowling well. The first wicket went to Ben, who bowled Lleyton Hewitt. Their other opening bat, who had made a ton last time we played was looking dangerous, but was bowled by a beauty from Keith. First change bowlers Adam & Tim then took over, with Tim getting two wickets in an over, but a few dropped chances let them back into the game & in the end they were all out for 171 in 40.4 overs. Wickets to Tim (4), Ben (3), Keith (2) & Adam (1). The fielding saw Baulko take two great catches. Keeper Joel took a great reflex catch, low down to his right – picked it up just before it hit the ground. But Ben was not to be outdone. With 9 wickets down, he bowled & the batsman smashed it back just above ground level at a rapid rate. Casually he just dropped his right hand down & caught it clean as a whistle as it sped past. Classic catches for sure. The other highlight was the skipper at deep mid off throwing his body about to save runs.</p> <p>The chase required 172 runs at 4.1 r.p.o. Our openers Greg & Matt W started carefully & the run rate began to climb. Matt was bowled & not long after Greg went to a sharp catch a square leg to have us 2/35 after 16. The worm was turning downward & the required rate was rising. Sam & Ben set about restoring order & scored freely, before Sam was out for a well made 24. Tim joined Ben & hit 10 off the first over. Things were looking good until Lleyton Hewitt caught at Ben deep mid off. It was a great catch with Lleyton running miles from deep mid on to nab it just above the ground. Come on! 4/100 after 27 overs. Adam was sent in by the skipper as a pinch hitter & with Tim added 64 before he was bowled for 26 with the score at 160. Enter the skipper, looking resplendent in the white floppy & taylor made shirt hugging his curves. We knew what to expect & warned the birds in the cow corner trees to evacuate immediately. But alas after a couple of air swings, he straight drove all along the ground for 4. Lovely shot. Pity it didn’t last – he was bowled next ball. Two overs left, 7 runs to win. With only a single off the 41st, we needed 6 off the last over. Tim got three & Joel hit a four to get us home with 3 balls to spare. Tim remained unbeaten on 54 to seal the victory.</p>				

B7	9 for 149	Parramatta Leagues	9 for 196	First innings loss
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B6	9 for 217	Granville	10 for 70	First innings win
<p>Daryl Hinton: 41 Adam Vincent: 40 Ben Atkins: 3-23</p> <p>The coin-toss gods smiled upon Baulko. It was hot. We batted. Granville were a couple of men short and a tough afternoon looked likely. After 10 overs we weren't in a great position at 3-33. Daryl (41) and the promoted Adam V (40) put on 51 for the fourth wicket, steering us out of trouble to reach 4-84 at the halfway mark. Good contributions from Troy F (29), Ben (21) and Andrew (38) saw us lift the tempo coming down the stretch and we posted a very healthy target of 9-217 from our 42 overs.</p> <p>On cue, cloud cover arrived when we began bowling. Keenan (2-13) and Troy (1-26) doing the damage with the new ball to have Granville on the back foot at 2-6. Dave (2-7) and Ben (3-23) didn't miss a beat when they took up the attack. Granville steadily losing wickets before being all out for 70 in the 25th over.</p> <p>Three wins in a row. Back of the net!</p>				

B5		BYE		BYE
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B4		BYE		BYE
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B2	10 for 174	AKA Sports	10 for 69	First innings win
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B1	10 for 168	Winston Hills	7 for 173	First innings loss
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A	9 for 159	Guildford Leagues	7 for 160	First innings loss
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Match Results and Reports – Seniors Round 9

B14	10 for 172	AKA Sports	10 for 105	First innings win
<p>2005 began with another successful toss from the Baulkham Hills skipper. Touzel opened the batting with a handy substitute for Williams in Peter Burns. Burns knocked off the only bowling threat with a six and consecutive fours through backward square whilst an innings of attrition was brooding at the opposite end.</p> <p>Perera walked to the crease at the fall of Burns' wicket bringing a highly obtained level of concentration with him. He submitted a very handy knock of 22 against his previous team before both Touzel and he decided to depart, the opener with three runs in a devastating ten overs.</p> <p>The innings run rate exploded in the ensuing twenty- two overs as the ball was hit around at eight an over. Gorman's innings of 25 highlighted that he can enjoy a good day with bat and not the gloves before 'one shot' Pittman became joint high scorer at 25. The innings concluded in the thirty second over when a commendable knock from de Ridder ended on 18 as he attempted to bludgeon the ball over the mid- wicket boundary leaving the skip stranded at the other end. 172 the final score after 32.</p> <p>A five pronged pace attack picked up where the batting left off, Perera picked up two early wickets, his first another perfect in- swinging delivery, before Shanahan and Medd entered the fold with two a piece.</p> <p>The fielding efforts of the Baulkham Hills side conveyed a great sense of anticipation and intensity as catches were taken and traps were set and achieved.</p> <p>The Baulkham Hills side unsheathed their full armory to an extent that no other side in the competition could have obtained any momentum. Scollay claimed 4/16, one of his better spells despite the keeper's complaints that he was darting the ball down leg without prior warning. Heading towards the final series there are sure to be more games with a need for such intensity if any player is to grab the baggy by the balls.</p>				

B13		BYE		BYE
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B12	10 for 51	Winston Hills	10 for 82	First innings loss
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B11	10 for 63	Parramatta Leagues	1 for 64	First innings loss
<p>A batting collapse prevented us from taking first position on the ladder. Only Greg Leeson with 17 and Matthew Vecchiato with 12 managed to get to double figures. Adam Fahey bowled a good opening spell and was unlucky he did not take more than one wicket. We are still well placed to make the semi-finals but top spot will almost certainly elude us.</p> <p>Man of the Match - Adam Fahey</p>				

B9		BYE		BYE
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B8		BYE		BYE
<p>Round 8: Baulkham Hills 3/98 def Pendle Hill Colts 87</p> <p>Performances: Tim Gardiner 6/13 & 2 catches Ben Dooley 39 n.o & 1/21 Will Cartwright 2/14 Matt Hardy 1/32 Pat Barclay 20 Jared Mohr 15 David Banks 16 n.o. (2 6's)</p> <p>The last game before Christmas saw us return to near full strength for this one-day game. The Colts won the toss & decided to bat, although going by their fear of Ben's bowling you would have wondered why. Ben opened the bowling & his pace was too much for the openers. Somehow they survived, with nicks, slogs & air swings as Ben just missed the stumps. Eventually he bowled the openers who admitted he was glad to be out of there. Will was bowling tightly at the other end & took 2 wickets. Matt H & Tim took over & destroyed the innings with Tim taking 6/13 off 5.3 overs & Matt 1/32. They were all out for 87 in the 24th over.</p> <p>With Wilko injured, Pat joined Greg to open the batting. Both were looking solid, until Greg on 8 nicked one to the keeper. Jared was elevated up the order & with Pat put together a good stand of 32 before he was bowled for 15. Ben was next in & quickly set about the task of scoring runs. Pat's dismissal for a well-made 20 saw the entry of the skipper. His first attempt at scoring was a massive swing & miss. But then he got onto one & it landed over the boundary at mid wicket. The target was achieved in 22 overs, with Banksie dispatching another over the boundary to finish the match & remain unbeaten on 16, while Ben finished on 39. A comprehensive victory.</p>				

B7	10 for 113	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 94	First innings win
<p>A great effort from all involved in this team. First of all to Roger Deane in his 100th game for this side, opened the batting and was solid at the top of the order with 16 runs. Roger also bowled very well with 4/41 from 10 overs. Darren Tipton showed a bit of maturity with the bat scoring 17 runs batting down the order at number 7. Darren also took 5/14 with the ball including a hatrick for the second time with Baulko. Darren also had become a father for the first time with his wife Michelle giving birth to a baby girl just two days before Christmas. Also a special mention once again to Brett Stapleton who top scored with 40 valuable runs.</p>				

B6	7 for 183	Winston Hills	10 for 148	First innings win
<p>Daryl Hinton 39 Keenan Galas: 35 & 3 for 39 Dave Higginbotham: 3 for 17</p> <p>We lost the toss and were sent into bat. The runs flowed early, despite losing our first wicket for 26 in the 5th over. Keenan (35) and Daryl (39) combined well, putting on 62 for the second wicket and we were well positioned at 2/88 in the eighteenth over. We then slowed down a bit to be 3/96 after 23 overs before Andrew (35) and John (22) put on 38 for the 5th wicket. Some good finishing from Dave (16) and Chris (10*) saw us bat out our 42 overs and finish on 7/183. Not a huge total on a small ground, but big enough if we bowled well.</p> <p>Keenan (3/39) got us off to a great start with the ball, taking two wickets in his first two overs, Winston Hills 2/11. They then put on 68 for the third wicket batting aggressively and helped by us missing some chances in the field. The turning point of the innings came when the partnership was broken by a runout and we never looked back. Wickets fell at regular intervals Dave (3/17) bowled superbly and received great support from Ben (3/29). Winston Hills all out in the last over for 148.</p> <p>Two good wins in a row should see us back in the top four. Nice one. Thanks to John & Troy for filling in.</p>				

B5	10 for 213	Wenty Leagues	10 for 95	First innings win
<p>A good start to 2005 for the B5's. The team turned up ready to pick up where we finished last year with some complaining that 2 weeks off from cricket was far too long. Cap won the toss (Again, I think that might be 3 straight) and we took the bat against last years grand final opponents. As some of you may have read in our last report, we were asking Santa for runs this Christmas and he appeared to answer our call. Our battling was back to its best with a brilliant 81 from Jas followed by a big hitting 47 from Ads. These 2 put on 78 for the 3rd wicket and were backed up by some decent tail order batting including a 27 run partnership between Pat and Hushy for the final wicket. We finished with a very hard to beat 213.</p> <p>The bowling started well with a wicket in the 3rd over. Wickets fell regularly with Pat and Sach finishing their spells 9 wickets down, that last one eluded them. Unfortunately the last wicket I think might have been the biggest partnership of the game, however it was fun watching their No. 11 bat 4 metre's out of the crease and then pad up to a Junior Toe killer. Wenty were eventually rolled for 95 with Junior taking the last wicket.</p> <p>Another good win which saw the bowling maintain its venom while the batting improved immensely. A good win for the boys.</p> <p>J. Currey - 81 A. Shearman - 47 C. Hush - 20* P. Mamo - 20 & 4/34 S. Hilbrink - 5/37 S.Joyce - 1/5</p>				

B4	8 for 124	Guildford County	10 for 123	First innings win
<p>The Guildford Leagues Falafals left their kebab shops unattended for the afternoon, put on their best Kappa and Fila gear and headed for the postage stamp for an honorary game against the champions.</p> <p>For once we had to field first as Guildford Leagues won the toss and decided to post a total. We took to the task with Christmas/New Years hangovers and struggled to break the opening partnership of 51. There were some distractions though with every second gibberer driving over the adjoining bridge appealing.</p> <p>The change bowlers came on and did the damage with Philbo(3/33 off 9) and Bag(4/23 off 10) putting the skids on the run scoring and cleaning up the top order. A great fightback followed with a quality fielding effort including some top catching from "Waynebo" Bambury, Hogesy and "Big Boy" Byrne. Waynebo (2/0 off 1.4) cleaned up the last of Guildford Leagues leaving us a chase of 123.</p> <p>We struggled with the lack of pace in the bowling and some extremely average umpiring (no offence to the visually impaired, we know it is a handicap). With no batsman taking charge we looked towards partnerships to get us to the total. The most pleasing aspect of this game was how batsman worked in pairs to slowly move towards our target in a team effort. One exception to this was "Philbo" Woods deciding the straight spin was too good to let go and hit the poor bloke for 29 runs in one over including four sixes off the first four balls.</p> <p>Captain "Im Out And Stuffed My Average" Kennaway(21), "Big Boy" Byrne(30) and "Philbo" Woods(31) moved us towards the total. With only two wickets in hand, Hogesy and Hards guided us to victory, patiently waiting for the bad ball to put away. I couldn't think of two more deserving teammates to put the nail into the Guildford Leagues coffin.</p> <p>I consider this to be the most satisfying victory of the year, mainly due to the team effort involved and the number of key players absent. These are the games that make good teams great, the finals can't come soon enough.</p>				

B2	9 for 139	Hills Barbarians	8 for 143	First innings loss

B1	10 for 195	Wenty Leagues	4 for 201	First innings loss
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Lost the toss again, something our Captain can achieve without too much trouble and I believe may set a new record for the Club. We were sent into bat and decided to change our batting line up. Nathan and Brendan opened and it was a pleasure to see Nathan stick it out and have some valuable time in the middle. Brendan was the first to go, after straining his back in a pull shot, he didn't look comfortable after that and was considering retiring hurt at the end of the over, but alas was caught behind the next ball. Nathan made it the 21 overs when the umpire called drinks and Nathan made the quote of the day with 'This is new, I have never made it to a drinks break before'. This was later followed up when the umpire called the players back on and Nathan was still standing there, when he was reminded that you go back on after a drinks break. Nathan ended the day on a nice 55. A cameo role by Andrew Denlow and then a swashbucklerling 48 by I do not win a toss Andrew Pittman who seemed to relish his role coming in at number 6 left us with a nice total of 195.

Our bowling let us down with too many short balls which the opposition subsequently dispatched for sixes over the fence and into the factory. Wenty made the score quite easily and put us in our third straight loss. This trend needs to be reversed very quickly if we are to be part of the finals.

A	9 for 151	Wenty Leagues	8 for 152	First innings loss
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