

The Third Man's Report

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Team Performances:

B5	Runners up	14/1	Runners up
B7	Runners up	13/1	Premiers
B11	Runners up	11/1	Runners up

Senior Presentation Night – Saturday, June 4

Held at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club as usual. Check the web site for details.

Junior Presentation Day – Sunday, June 5

Held at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club as usual. Check the web site for details.

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Match Results and Reports

11/1	10 for 66	Pendle Hill Colts	5 for 144	First innings loss
<p>Well, what can I say? We have come along way this season.All the way to the Grand-Final. I am a very happy coach writing this report, because of the way in which all of the boys have improved throughout the year to make it this far.</p> <p>The end result did not go our way, although even when it looked like we were heading for a defeat, we did not throw in the towel. That means a great deal to me as a coach. Bad luck boys.Maybe next year we can go that one step further.</p> <p>You are indeed a fine bunch of young cricketers and I know that your parents your coach and manager as well as the club are very proud of you all.</p> <p>Baulkham Hills Cricket Club has a strong and bright future ahead when the likes of these boys keep turning up throughout the remainder of their junior years. And as a senior player myself, I must say that we look forward to them one day joining the senior ranks.</p> <p>Many thanks must go to all the parents who have done a magnificent job all season. A special mention has to go to Mansoor Rizvi for managing the side in such a fine way. Also to Phil Waddups who did a terrific job scoring. To Darren Thomas for his help and his advice throughout the season and also to Craig Shiel for umpiring when called upon. All the help makes my job a whole lot easier and I thank you.</p> <p>Hope to see you all at the presentation and then again at the start of next season.</p>				
12/1	10 for 88	Kings Langley	10 for 100	First innings loss

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13/1	3 for 99	Kings Langley	10 for 97	First innings win
<p>We lost the toss again and they elected to bat. Daniel and Sean opened the bowling with only 6 runs scored after 6 overs. Daniel picked up the first wicket in his 4th over with a catch to Nick. The next wicket fell in the 17th over with a good piece of fielding from Daniel catching the batsman short of his crease. Samira and Teshan kept up the pressure to have them 2/31 after 20 overs. Gabriel and Trent bowled next with Trent making the Baulko supporters' day when he knocked out the middle stump of Kings Langley's key batsman Stephen Bristow. Only 8 runs were scored from their 10 overs with Trent taking another wicket with a catch from Sean. Daniel and Sean bowled another 5 overs for 4 runs. Samira came back on with Ben with Samira picking up the wicket of the noisy Daniel Pass with a catch from Teshan. The fielding was tight with Kings Langley struggling to get runs to be 5/57 after 42 overs. Over the next 14 overs a King Langley scored 33 runs without the loss of a wicket. This soon changed when Trent, "The Terminator" came back on knocking over the stumps once again. In Trent's next over he took his 4th wicket with a good caught and bowled. He followed this with another wicket on his next ball to be on a hat trick with a catch from Brendan. King Langley avoided the hat trick. Teshan took the next wicket with a catch from Daniel and then Trent cleaned up the last wicket with an lbw in the 60th over to have Kings Langley all out for 97 runs. A brilliant bowling performance from Trent 9-4-6-9. Good bowling from Samira 10-2-1-11, Daniel 10-2-1-20, Teshan 7-2-1-15, Sean 10-3-0-10, Gabriel 9-5-0-13, Ben 4-1-0-15 and Brendan 1-0-0-3.</p> <p>Nick and Sean opened the batting taking runs from every over scoring at nearly 3 runs and over. An opening partnership of 48 runs gave the team a great start when Sean (21) was stumped in the 18th over. Brendan joined Nick and as usual batted solidly building the score. Unfortunately Brendan (12) misjudged a run and was caught short of the crease in the 31st over with the score on 74. Having been in a similar position the previous weekend and losing 6 wickets for 11 runs no one was making any predictions about the result. Daniel came in next putting everyone at ease with him and Nick taking the score to 96 when Daniel (10), and with only two runs required to win, put a difficult chance back to the bowler who took the catch. Gabriel came in and with Nick scoring the required runs passed their score in the 43rd over. Well batted Nick 45 not out, carrying his bat. A great win from a talented team who support each other and play good cricket. Three years, three grand finals and 41 games without a loss is an outstanding achievement. Thanks to a fantastic group of the parents who support the team each week and to Gillian who scores for half of every game. Both Nigel and I have enjoyed the season and look forward to seeing you all back next season.</p>				

14/1	10 for 58	Hills Barbarians	10 for 95	First innings loss
<p>After planning for all the different possibilities for a shortened game because of rain we turned up on Saturday morning to dry skies and a relatively dry ground. Hills Barbarians won the toss and decided to bat on a quickly drying surface.</p> <p>Our first four bowlers (Azaan(1/11), Tom(1/15), Luke M(1/10) and Alex(1/10)) all bowled superbly. They all bowled a beautiful line making runs very hard to come by. The only wicket was a sensational stumping by Andrew off Luke M's bowling. After 20 overs Barbarians were 1/34. The next two bowlers (Owen (1/5) and Luke D(0/10)) kept up the great bowling, with Owen getting the other opener. After 30 overs Barbarians were 2/50.</p> <p>The next two bowlers (Hari and Evan) came on and the fireworks started. Both bowlers took wickets in their first overs. Hari capturing their most dangerous batsman brilliantly caught behind. He finished with 2/20 off 6 overs. Evan finished with 3/5 off 5 overs. After 40 overs they were 7/71.</p> <p>Azaan, Tom and Alex finished off the tail, bowling them for 95. As in the semi we used 8 bowlers and they all bowled superbly. The fielding was also first class. Once again a very impressive day in the field.</p> <p>Unfortunately by bowling so well it meant we had to face 3 overs after spending 3 ½ hours in the field. Luck didn't go our way and we lost two quick wickets to finish the day 2/0.</p> <p>On Sunday we never really recovered from the shock of the start. Wickets fell too quickly and consistently through the morning. The Hills bowlers must be complimented on some excellent bowling. Their catching was spectacular. Unfortunately for us, a few great reflex catches saw our hopes disappear. An entertaining partnership between Owen and Alex raised our hopes for a brief time but it was cut short by a great diving catch.</p> <p>When Aaron went in he was given instructions to make Hills earn the last wicket. With Evan they defied the Hills bowlers for 13 overs. Seven off which were from their opening bowlers, brought back into the attack.</p> <p>All in all it has been a fantastic season. All the boys tried hard and enjoyed their cricket. They were a pleasure to coach. Thanks also to the parents for their support through the year. A special thank you to Jill for being a great manager and scorer.</p>				

B11	10 for 65	Parramatta Leagues	10 for 118, 3 for 157	First innings loss
<p>Don Crawford - 23 runs, 2 catches Dane Sparks 3-34 and 3-60 Paul Morris 3-30 Matthew Vecchiato 2-13 Greg Leeson - 18 runs, 4 catches, 1 stumping.</p> <p>After successfully defending 80 in the semi-final we were keen to bat first but unfortunately we lost the toss and had to field. Things got worse for us when Adam Fahey, the hero of our semi-final victory, broke down with a back injury during the first over. The new ball was shared by Paul Morris and Dane Sparks and each took three wickets within the first 14 overs to leave Parramatta Leagues in trouble at 6-44. However, the difference between the semi-final and the grand final was that in the semi-final when we weren't taking wickets, we were still able to keep the runs down. A quick seventh partnership of 40 runs in ten overs proved to be decisive. 30 runs for the last two wickets meant that a total of 118 was achieved and we would need to bat well to reach this target on a slow outfield.</p> <p>After losing two wickets in the first two overs, we never seriously threatened the target of 119 to win. Parramatta Leagues simply outbowled us. They bowled fewer loose balls, bowled with more pace and conceded less sundries. Don Crawford batted with his usual aggression for 23 runs while Greg Leeson was unlucky to be adjudged lbw for 18.</p> <p>It was nice to make the grand final this season after two losses in the semi-finals in previous seasons but Parramatta Leagues were simply too good over the weekend. Parramatta Leagues' second innings of 3-157 showed what a great effort it was to bowl them out for just 118 in the first innings without the services of Adam Fahey.</p> <p>Finally, a special thanks to all those who came to support us in the Grand Final. The B11's generally don't draw a large crowd so it was great to see Peter McDonald, Neil Boyle, Craig Sparks, Anna, Lauren and some of Adrian Cox's friends come to support us in the grand final.</p> <p>Man of the Match - Don Crawford</p>				

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B7	10 for 67	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 75	First innings loss

B5	10 for 65, 10 for 76	Merrylands Social	10 for 99, 3 for 44	Outright loss

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