

The Third Man's Report

Check out our web site

Have a look at the 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 'Ladder'.

The site will be updated regularly, and the club history will be added during the season.

There have been some changes to the committee this season. You can find a list of the committee members on the website

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.

Team Performances:

B1	Outright win	B7	Outright win
B6	Outright win	C	Outright win

Individual Achievements

Steve Hobbs	B1	5/25	Ash Jolly	B11	65
Michael Gaddow	B1	88	John Weatherall	B11	50 no
Greg McLoughlin	B7	5/11	John Young	B11	5/32
Matt Hardy	B7	5/36	W Koski	B14	66 no
Greg Leeson	B8	75	Charuka Abhayawickrama	B17	65
Brad Green	B8	5/23 & 5/89	Tom Gurka	C	63
Chris White	B9	7/38	Evan Platt	C	hatrick

Canteen Roster – Ted Horwood Oval

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
17 December 2005	B1	Under 13/1
07 January 2006	No Junior Matches	B5
14 January 2006	No Junior Matches	B7
21 January 2006	No Junior Matches	B4
28 January 2006	B11	Under 13/2

Saturday Night 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.

DATE	TEAM
21 January 2006	B17

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL BAULKHAM HILLS CAPTAINS, PLAYERS, COACHES, MANAGERS AND SUPPORTERS

Code of Conduct

Following on from an incident involving one of our teams, which was referred to the PDCA Disputes Committee, I would like to remind all senior captains & vice captains and junior managers & coaches of their responsibilities.

There is an expected code of behaviour set out in the PDCA Rules & Fixtures book (P1). Baulkham Hills Cricket Club also has a "Code of Conduct", which is available on the website. We expect that all officials, players & spectators will abide by these rules. As a captain or coach, you have a responsibility to ensure your team complies with the Laws of Cricket & that the game is played in the "Spirit of the Game". The PDCA do not look favourably on officials who neglect their responsibility and may implement penalties. Please ensure that you ensure your team complies with these responsibilities.

PDCA Special Meeting

Due to an increase in poor player behaviour this season, the PDCA called a special meeting of all club Presidents & Secretaries on Thursday December 8. The result of the meeting is that PDCA is having a crack down on player behaviour. In summary the main points are:

- 1.** A "Zero Tolerance" policy has been implemented for the use of foul language that is audible from outside the playing field. Official umpires have been instructed to report all players who infringe. Players who are reported will be referred to PDCA for further action, which may include suspension. Player umpires are also asked to report all instances that occur. The association is in danger of losing grounds because of repeated complaints from residents near grounds.
- 2.** Dissent - all forms of dissent toward umpires (official or player umpires) is unacceptable and will be reported. Indicating that you do not agree with the umpire's decision (batsmen, bowlers or fieldsmen) is considered dissent. All batsmen are reminded that it is a player's responsibility to leave the wicket immediately once being given out by the umpire. Again player umpires are asked to report players who offend.
- 3.** Player behaviour. On the field it is the Captain's (not the Umpire's) responsibility to control the behaviour of his players. Please enforce this.
- 4.** There is also a crackdown on cricket uniforms - in particularly shoes and hats. The player uniform section of the rule books states:
 - 22.1.** All players appearing in a competition match must wear proper cricketing attire, white or cream shirt with collar, white or cream trousers or shorts, predominantly white shoes or boots, white or cream cardigan or jumper, white socks. Shirts may contain strips in club colours on the collar and sleeve cuffs. The maximum width shall be 2 cms in total with a limit of 1 cm per stripe.
 - 22.2.** Players in Grades A to B4 inclusive must wear long white or cream trousers. This Rule shall not apply to boys who are also participating in Junior Competition matches. Such boys shall be permitted to wear white or cream shorts.
 - 22.5.** If a wristband or headband is to be used it must be white.
 - 22.6.** Where head covering is worn, it shall be a cricketing cap, helmet or white hat.
 - 22.7.** The above Rules will not apply in the case of a substitute fielder. When the substitute fielder is not the aforementioned cricket attire, the placing of this fielder in the field should be in a position behind the wicket.
 - 22.8.** No player shall be allowed to play if wearing other than proper cricket uniform, except as provided in Rule 22.7

Baulkham Hills Cricket Club has a variety of caps for sale that are appropriate to wear when playing These are available for purchase at the Ted Horwood & Charles McLaughlin canteens

PDCA, through the Umpires Association, intends to rotate some official umpires through those grades that usually do not have them (B3 & below). It is expected that umpires will enforce the above issues - so be prepared. With a limited number of official umpires, it may be that you will not see a black & white. Remember that a player umpire has the same powers as a black & white. They are deemed to be official umpires. This policy will not have any effect on player umpires, so please ensure you meet your responsibilities to umpire when you have a bye.

Player umpires are also expected to comply with dress codes and these are in the PDCA rulebook. Rule 52. 5 states “It is expected that player umpires are dressed appropriately, with the following assumed to be the minimum: White shirt with a collar, dark trousers or shorts, white socks and white shoes or boots”.

The committee trusts that all players will take note of the above.

Should you wish to discuss anything in relation to the above matters, especially umpiring matters, please call me on the numbers below.

Alternatively please call our Senior Registrar Jason Currey or Junior Secretary Ian Chatman.

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Social and Other Stuff

Committee Vacancy – Are you interested?

Due to the unexpected resignation by club secretary Bob Dokter, there is a now vacancy on the committee. If anyone is interested they can talk to any of the committee members about what is involved and how to join us in running **YOUR** cricket club. If you want to play a part, let us know.

Junior Player of the Round

In order to recognise some of the junior players, we have introduced the Junior Player of the Round Award. This is similar to the Senior Player of the Round Award we had last season, but unfortunately the juniors do not receive a free beverage at the Sporto on Saturday night.

The winner for this round is **Owen Smith** from 10 Red. “Owen is 3 foot nothing and weighs about 23kg, but plays the game faster and better than nearly any kid his age. Owen scored 27 off his 12 balls including 2 sixes and 3 fours.” Congratulations Owen.

Playing Fees

All players are advised that playing fees for the current season are now **OVERDUE!** If you have not paid your fees, please pay the money to your captain asap, or give it to any committee member at the Sporto on Saturday night.

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. 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.

Caught In Slips

(All the latest from around the club)

If you want to find out what is happening at Baulko, log on to the website at: www.baulkocricicket.com.au.

To all players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters of Baulkham Hills Cricket Club, we wish you a safe and happy Christmas. We trust you have a relaxing time over the holiday season and please take care and return safely in 2006.

The Bankstown game was again a very successful day. Thanks to everyone who participated – in both junior and senior games and all those who helped with the organization of the day. A special big thank you to Leigh Griggs for all her work and to Karyn Springall, Rick Thomas, Chris Springall and Bob & Sandra Dokter for their efforts. We would also like to thank the Baulkham Hills Sports club for their support. On the game front, Baulkham Hills was successful in both matches. Well done. Thanks to Tony Senior, who organized the U11 team. [Editors note: Thanks also to President Pete McLoughlin for all his work on the day.]

Some players were looking a bit worse for wear at the Bankstown game, including Steve Hobbs who looked to be fielding with his eyes closed and Michael Homsey who was continuing with the previous night's celebrations.

Seems like you can't keep Sean Abbott (U14/1) quiet for long. He returned to form with another hundred last Saturday – his third for the year. Seems his publicity manger, Ian Chatman, was quick off the mark with the email.

The marvels of technology. Man of many hats, Rick Thomas, was ringing the President on the morning of the Bankstown game. The mobile rang, but despite hearing voices, nobody spoke. After hanging up, again the phone rang. No Rick on the other end, just voices. Seemed that Rick had this marvellous device called "blue tooth" that was in operation – a hands free system for the mobile. However, it was in the car & Rick was a distance away trying to talk on the mobile. Apparently, it does not work that way does it Rick. [Editor's Note: Rick says "No, it doesn't work that way, but it was really, really early on a Sunday morning. I don't work that well at that time of the day either!"]

Unfortunately, due to bad weather, Baulko were unable to take on a NSW Vision Impaired select team at Charles McLaughlin Reserve a couple of weeks ago. Good luck to the guys in the National Championship in Queensland at the end of the year. Hopefully the game can be rescheduled in the New Year.

A reminder to all senior captains that all player requirements are to be coordinated through senior registrar Jason Currey.

If you have some interesting items for inclusion in the Owzatt, contact the editor (owzatt@baulkocricicket.com.au) or the president (president@baulkocricicket.com.au).

Baulkham Hills/Bankstown Challenge

Baulko V Bankstown – Under 11's

The annual match against Bankstown Sports Club was played last Sunday and was a good game played in an excellent spirit. Baulkham Hills had a team composed of players from the 11/1 A's and B's. It was a well balanced team that batted strongly, scoring 180 runs in our 40 overs. Nick scored 30 not out and batted well with Geoff, who got 28. James Senior scored 18 and Taseen, 15, with Trent on 12 runs. 61 extras help elevate our total. It was a great batting performance all round!

In the field Matt, Trent and Cody each took 2 wickets. Taseen and Josh S took a wicket each and Josh S took 2 catches and effected a run out. Nick took a catch and Trent and Tom combined to effect a run out. Anupam and Josh B both contributed well with the bat and in the field. Bankstown scored 64 and were out in the 18th over.

In all it was a comprehensive performance by our boys a convincing win. Our thanks to the boys who made themselves available and represented the club in a very positive manner. Special thanks to Tony Senior who coached the side and gave them great encouragement and enthusiasm. Thanks also to Neil Hughes who scored for us.

We have to thank our Club for a fantastic day all round - those who organised the event, catered and provided refreshments did an excellent job!! We thank you for the day!

Bankstown Report – Seniors Match

A warm sunny day arrived for the annual games against Bankstown Sports. The venue this year was Charles McLaughlin Reserve, with the seniors playing on turf! The game was to be a 39 over match, with 13 players per team. Each bowler was allowed to bowl 3 overs and with the “you can't be out for nought” rule in operation, most players waited until they could whack a four of six as their first scoring shot. The usual drinks break after ten overs provided a welcome refreshment break for the players.

Following the bacon & egg rolls for breakfast, the game started. Bankstown decided to bat first and compiled a reasonable target of 262 from their allotted overs. Top scorers were the Chisholm boys – with 49 & 42. Baulko bowlers were:

Scott Thorn 0/24, Chris Springall 2/29, Greg McLoughlin 3/20 (burgular), Brett McLaren 0/20, Will Dokter 0/35, Mark Griggs 0/23 (unlucky – a couple of dropped catches, and one sensational catch taken just over the boundary!), Jeremy Billings 1/8, Graham Howard 1/14 & Mitch Walters 1/17. The skipper Jason Currey 1/21 & two of his “pals” Steve Hobbs 1/18 & Michael Homsy 2/30 got to bowl 4 overs each. Rick did not bowl, as he was busy cooking the grub

Lunchtime & the cooks - Rick Thomas & Chris Springall - were kept busy cooking steaks. Sausages, kebabs, chicken wings and onions as they were swamped by many hungry juniors, parents and senior players. Salad girls Leigh, Karyn & Sandra were kept busy as well.

After lunch, Baulko batted & with the “refreshments” having some effect, the batsmen did the job to get us to 263, with 2 overs to spare. Masters of the willow were: Graham Howard 30 (retired), Jason Currey 17 (gee that's the first time I've got out in a Bankstown game), Michael Homsy 27, Chris Springall 31, Mark Griggs 4, Brett McLaren 22, Jeremy Billings 1 (wish I hadn't taken that single), Greg McLoughlin 32 (retired), Mitch Walters 12, Will Dokter 32 (retired) Steve Hobbs 30 (retired), Scott Thorn 13 & Rick Thomas 4 not out.

Thanks to the Baulkham Hills team: Jason Currey (c), Jeremy Billings, Will Dokter, Steve Hobbs, Michael Homsy, Graham Howard, Brett McLaren, Mark Griggs, Greg McLoughlin, Chris Springall, Rick Thomas, Scott Thorn, Mitch Walters.

Thanks to umpires Peter McLoughlin & Bob Dokter for a grand effort. Thanks to the Bankstown boys, well led by Len Kable (Bob he is Len, not Les). Thanks to Baulko Sports Manager Nick Howlin & his wife Violetta, who came along to watch.

Many thanks to Bankstown Sports Club Director Dick Phillips, (who sent his apologies for missing the game for the first time) and his fellow directors and the Baulkham Hills sports Club for putting on the day. The Sports Club provides an enormous amount of support to the cricket club, which is very much appreciated.

We look forward to the next match.

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	1 for 36	Norwest	9 for 41	Win on averages
<p>The match was played as a 1 day game as we were washed out the previous Saturday without a ball being bowled.</p> <p>Norwest won the toss and send Baulko into bat. Ben M and Ben G opened the batting and although batting very well found it difficult to score runs on a very heavy field. Baulko batted extremely well and only lost 1 wicket in their allotted overs. Batsmen who scored runs were Joshua (3), Mitchell (5), Bryce (3), Sumal (1) and Michael (2).</p> <p>Norwest's turn to bat and we struck early through Ben M (1 for 8) taking a wicket in his second over. Wickets fell at regular intervals after this with Michael (1 for 2), Bryce (1 for 0), Joshua (1 for 4), Ramit (1 for 3) and Manmit (2 for 3) being the pick of the bowlers. The highlight of the fielding was a super catch by Sumal, fielding in the slips, and a good run out by Manmit.</p> <p>All up a very pleasing effort from everyone.</p>				

10 Red	7 for 96	Kings Langley	6 for 28	Win on averages
<p>Another big, big win for the boys against Kings Langley this time.</p> <p>Kings Langley batted first after captain Mitchell Taylor decided to have first use of the ball on a sticky wicket. The boys bowled very tightly, conceding our lowest amount of sundries all year. Kings Langley scored only 12 off the bat and 16 sundries gave them a total of 28 from their 24 overs, with an average of 4.</p> <p>The might Baulko Under 10 Reds then took their turn on the new Astroturf after the sting had gone out of it, and passed Kings Langley in the 6th over. After some fantastic Owen Smith fireworks, where he scored 27 runs off his 12 balls, we finished on 96 runs at an average of 12.</p> <p>Congratulations to Liam Graham and John Hollins, who wicket kept and let no byes through - the first for the year.</p> <p>This was our 6th win in a row, and we keep improving enormously each week.</p> <p>Bowling: Liam Graham 2-2 Troy Black 1-1 Dan Waddups 1-1 and bowling award</p> <p>Batting: Josh Koski 11 Owen Smith 27 including 2 sixes and 3 fours.</p>				

10 White	Average 20.3	Winston Hills	Average 6.1	Win on averages
<p>Another outstanding performance and a win by Baulko Whites !!</p> <p>This game was reduced to a one-day game due to bad weather on the first day. Whites won the toss and elected to bowl. With some brilliant ground fielding and accurate throwing, whites were able to take four run-outs. Thanks for the excellent fielding by Nick, Sachin, Devin and Daniel. Whites bowled well with Agnish, Sachin, Devin and Vithusan claiming one wicket each.</p> <p>Whites batted exceptionally well scoring 60 runs for the loss of two wickets, with Devin (6), Nick (5), Daniel (4), Kunal (2), Blain (2) and Agnish (2) contributing to the total. This was a very good performance by the whole team under tough conditions on the day.</p> <p>Devin was selected as the best performer in this game for his performance in batting, bowling and fielding. Well done Devin!</p>				

11/2	6 for 74	Kings Langley	2 for 79	First innings loss
<p>A great batting effort by the boys and in particular Owen who was 9 not out batting for 11 overs</p> <p>The ground was wet and runs were hard to come by, but all those that batted gave it their best shot.</p> <p>The bowling was shared around with no-one being hit for many runs, though, sundries certainly top scored with 36. All the boys are improving with Luke and Greg taking one wicket each and Mitch bowling the only maiden over.</p> <p>A few opportunities for catches and run outs were missed and the boys do need to try and stay alert and ready.</p> <p>William kept well behind the stumps as usual and seems to enjoy it.</p>				

11/1B	7 for 77	Wenty Leagues	2 for 79	First innings loss
<p>We were washed out the first week and so played a 1 day game. We batted well against a very good bowling attack. Our running between the wickets was very good – a great improvement on previous weeks. Our score of 77 was good but we really needed more scoring shots.</p> <p>Wenty batted very well and scored the runs with a few overs remaining. James Benton led the way with 10 runs in batting and Ravi Marwah and Sanju Sonnadara each took a wicket. Trent Samuels also bowled very well and took a brilliant catch – a one-handed dive!</p> <p>Overall it was a good effort but we need a bit more intensity in the field, to make the most of the opportunities and to apply more pressure to the opposition.</p>				

11/1A	10 for 19	Kings Langley	5 for 38	First innings loss
<p>Joel 1/2 Gaj 1/2 Nick 1/3 Mitch 1/4 Matt 1/5</p> <p>Baulko were put in a blustery morning one the first day, which was quickly ended with heavy rain with Baulko on 1/1. The next Saturday our batting faltered under accurate bowling and great fielding from Kings Langley. The only real highlight was a lovely pull for four from Shannon.</p> <p>Although only defending 19 our boys never gave up and bowled tight and fielded with plenty of energy. They eventually overhauled our score after 24 Overs. Of the 34 overs bowled to Kings Langley there was an incredible 19 maidens including four straight for Blake, four straight for Mitch and five maidens from six overs for Joel who finished with the impressive figures of 1/2. Cody also sent down three accurate and testing overs without conceding a single run. Gaj never stopped trying all day and fielded well and bowled impressively picking up 1/2. Nick picked up a wicket along with Matt who is having a great year with the ball. The highlight of the day was a great catch in the slips by Blake.</p> <p>With a bit of captaincy inspired by Greg Chappell for the last over of the day the bowler bowled to 9 slips.</p>				

12/2	3 for 49	Hills Barbarians	5 for 48	First innings win
<p>Match reduced to a 28 over a side game after only 2 overs possible on the 1st day. Bowling Ben Graham 8 overs 4 maidens 0 for 6 Nilot Dutta 4 overs 1 for 9 Anoop Vaidya 6 overs 3 maidens 1 for 7 John Coulter 2 overs 2 maidens 1 for 0 Chris Gunton 1 over 1 maiden 1 for 0. Batting Aidan Cousin not out 16 Sam Hubbard not out 15</p> <p>Another very strong performance in this rain reduced match. As the above bowling figures show, some excellent tight bowling was supported with great fielding including a fine run out by Michael Waddups. Our batting got off to a shaky start, being 3 for 12 at one stage. However, a fine unbeaten partnership of 37 runs for the 4th wicket between Sam Hubbard and Aidan Cousin took us to victory with 12 overs remaining. The partnership featured good shot making and smart running between the wickets.</p> <p>Congratulations again team. Let's keep on playing good positive cricket.</p>				

12/1	6 for 71	Kings Langley	8 for 69	First innings win
<p>We lost the toss and Kings Langley decided to bat.</p> <p>Kings Langley (thanks to some good bowling and tight fielding early on) were Under pressure for the majority of their innings.</p> <p>Their total was helped along through the middle section though by a few too many no balls and wides which our 2nd and 3rd change bowlers really need to work on at training.</p> <p>At the completion of the last over were 8 for 69.</p> <p>Our opening pair was broken early, but a great partnership that followed from Jack D and Sam B laid a much needed platform which guided our team close to victory.</p> <p>With the target in sight Tevin and Sam S provided another needed partnership to take our team past their score with 4 wickets and 2 overs to spare.</p> <p>Great win boys.Let's keep this momentum going.</p>				

13/2	9 for 81	Wenty Leagues	10 for 81	Tie
<p>1 day game, 31 overs a side, due to first week washout.</p> <p>A terrific game of cricket played in great spirit. We started sensationally having Wenty 3 for 13 after 4 overs, and their one major scorer who made 44 basically kept them in the contest with some lusty hitting. Our fielding was terrific with 4 super catches and a run out courtesy of a great throw from Kevishan...keep up the great fielding guys as that type of effort will win us matches!! The batting was good without luck with 3 guys going out caught to hook shots that were there to hit. No one threw their wicket away which was promising yet again. Elliott's 20 and Adam's 16 were terrific knocks in the tough batting conditions, and both Toby and Matt N got few runs but batted with Adam for one hour and those partnerships were crucial to the result. Good to see Toby and Matt N running into some form with the bat and a big score is not far away for both I am certain. The tail was sensational today needing 20 with 5 overs remaining and the bowlers well on top. Matt F, Vrushank, Kevishan and Shivang scrapped it out and showed great resolve. Kevishan's 4 was a beauty and the real the match saver. Well done guys a gutsy result, that under pins our team motto that we adopted against the Barbarians"if it is to be it's up to me!"</p> <p>Best Bowlers: Toby 3/13 off 2, Adam 2/10 off 3, and Alex 2/12 off 3 Best Batters: Elliott 20, Adam16,</p>				

13/1	3 for 62	Pendle Hill Clots	9 for 50	First innings win
Ajay 5 overs 2 for 2 Michael B 2 for 3 Mattheesha 25 no				
A solid bowling effort backed up by a good batting effort saw us reach a comfortable win. However our catching has to improve big time. Remember catches win matches. We have one more game before the Christmas break and we badly need another win to keep in touch with the other teams. Let's give it our best shot.				

14/3	5 for 47	Wenty Leagues	10 for 42	First innings win
With the first day washed out the match turned into a one-dayer. The outfield was extremely slow after a couple weeks of rain, so we knew that both teams would work hard for their runs today.				
Tiarne won a vital toss and we sent Wenty into bat first up. Wenty did quite well in almost seeing off our opening bowlers in Kieran and Robert, but not long enough with Kieran claiming the first two wickets in his fourth over and another wicket in his fifth over to have Wenty in early trouble at 3/8 after the 9th over. Wenty failed to cope with a fantastic line and length by all of our bowlers and were eventually dismissed for 42 runs. Every bowler did their job fantastically considering the narrow pitch and slow conditions. The highlight was our talk in the field, which put as much pressure on the batsmen as did the bowlers.				
Given the target to chase we gave our opening batsmen a break and sent our middle order into bat. Tiarne and Nelson opened the innings and put on a solid 16 run partnership before Nelson was bowled for 3. Luke came to the crease and was given out to a very dubious decision of caught behind for 1. Paul was next up and was well caught in second slip.				
Tiarne was then caught in close for 10, but provided the foundation for our victory having seen off Wenty's strike bowlers and spent some valuable time at the crease. A big innings is not far off here! Matt came up the order and provided some stiff opposition before being bowled for his highest score. Adam and Christian came in and finished off what was a solid victory.				
Well done team, setting up victory with a great display of bowling and fielding.				
Good to see our other team members get some time with the bat.				
Match stat's – Adam 11 n.o., Tirane 10, Christian 4 n.o., Matt 3 and Nelson 3. With the ball Kieran 5-3-3-2, Luke 5-2-2-4, Christian 5-0-1-11, Robert 5-2-0-7, Tiarne 2-0-1-3, Cameron 3-1-1-4, Daniel 3-0-1-7 and Paul 2-0-1-2.				

14/1	10 for 101	Wenty Leagues	9 for 101	Tie
With day one washed out we played a One-Day game where Wenty won the toss and electing to bat. Sean and Samira opened the bowling with Sean taking a caught & bowled in the first over. Sean broke through again in his second over with Nick taking a good the catch to have their best batsman out for only 4 runs. Samira knocked out the stumps soon after to have Wenty 3 for 21 after 6 overs. Sean, who was bowling with pace and accuracy, struck again removing the stumps to have them 4 for 24 and struggling. Teshan and Michael bowled next with Michael getting a wicket on his first ball to a great catch from Josh. Ben and Trent came on next with Ben beating the batsman to have him bowled with their score on 6/62 in the 21st over. Three more wickets fell to run outs with good fielding and throws by Brendan, a direct hot from Josh and another to Nick to have Wenty Leagues 9 for 101 after 31 overs. Well bowled Sean 9-0-3-18, Samira 6-1-1-26 and Michael 4-0-1-14. Our innings did not start well, Sean (1) out to a great caught and bowled and Nick (2) caught two minutes later. Brendan & Michael steadied the team for a short time with Michael next out, also caught. Brendan (20), who was in complete control, followed the other batsmen by giving Wenty an easy catch. Daniel (8,) also in control of the game, gave them an easy catch to be the fifth caught out with the our team now struggling at 5 for 40 after 16 overs. Josh was hitting the ball with confidence and running very well between the wickets building a partnership with Ben (11), who had scored 10 of his 11 from two shots, only to see Ben also give his wicket away caught. Josh who top scored with 24 in a great performance was bowled in the 23rd over with the score on 73. Needing 3.5 runs an over Sam and Trent took the score to 90 when Sam (6) joining the ever growing list of caught. Samira was next in playing well with Trent taking the score to 101 to be level with Wenty, having two wickets in hand and 10 balls remaining. Samira (4), unfortunately looking to finish the game quickly was bowled, which brought Teshan to the crease. The next two balls were right on the spot with Teshan playing them with confidence but no runs scored. Wenty brought on a new bowler who bowled a sitter to Trent who became the eighth batsman to give Wenty an easy catch to have us all out with the score level. When batting we must be able to play our game, stay focussed and not be distracted by the on-field talk and sledging such as experienced in this game.				

15/2		Hills Barbarians		Draw – Washed out
Bad weather prevented play on the first day, so the match reverted to a one-day affair. The guys all turned up raring to go on the second day. Despite the fine weather, the ground was still under water. The match was declared a draw and a decidedly disappointed team all got an early mark.				

15/1	10 for 42	Guildford Leagues	10 for 29	First innings win
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16/1	6 for 96	Cabravale Diggers	7 for 98	First innings loss
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C	10 for 176, 0 for 8	Hills Barbarians	10 for 140, 10 for 43	Outright win
<p>We lost the toss and they elected to bat. We probably would have bowled in any case. Owen Butler and Tom Gurka bowled very tightly early on without a lot of luck apart from an early wicket by Owen. Luke and Brett McNaught bowled next and managed to take a couple of wickets each. But it was the introduction of Evan Platt that changed the game dramatically in our favour. Their score plummeted from 5-82 to 8-82 as Evan took a hatrick in his first over. Great support in the slips by Martin Ams on the hatrick ball. Their last wicket was frustrating as they put on 57 runs to take their first innings total to 140. We had an hour and a half to bat on the first day. Joe was out early on a dubious caught behind decision but then Evan and Tom consolidated and took the score to 64 before Evan was dismissed for 10 - valuable contribution as opener. At the end of the first day we were 2-83 with Tom on 47 including two sixes and a lost ball.</p> <p>Tom got his 50 quickly the next week and went on to make 63 before being freakishly caught and bowled. Owen made a solid 17 runs and Martin Ams a swashbuckling 34 with 2 sixes and another lost ball. We passed their score and managed to build a 36 run lead when we were bowled all out for 176. We asked them to bat again and we had early success with both Luke McNaught and Tom taking early wickets. Wickets fell consistently and after the young boys had bowled their maximum allowable overs, their old fathers took the ball and managed to finish the innings off quickly. We rolled them for only 44 runs in just over an hour. Luke finished with 3-13 off 6 overs, Brett McNaught 2-3 off 4 overs and Joe Gurka 4-8 off 3.4 overs. This left us with just 8 runs to win outright. Luke Dempsey managed to get those runs of just 4 balls with 2 boundaries - one hitting the light pole half way up just inside the boundary. Great outright win which should put us within striking distance of the comp leaders.</p>				

B17	10 for 158	Wenty Waratahs	7 for 165	First innings loss
Edward Burchill 39 Vasee Rajadurai 37 Charuka Abhayawickrama 65 Sacha Fernandez 2/15 Jeff foskett 3/63				

B16	10 for 82, 10 for 97	Wenty Leagues	10 for 63, 10 for 137	First innings win, Outright loss
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B15	9 for 246	Western Tigers	4 for 249	First innings loss
<p>It was the Gilligan day on day one. The newly appointed number four made a well-fashioned 43 batting with heavy starting contributions from all in total. A cameo innings from Scollay was the other highlight on day one of the match against the Western Tigers.</p> <p>Without going into deep seeded analysis of the second day where an apparent group of cowboys who have continuously been dismissed for under 100 would be foolish but I guess I'm a fool. Handy bowling was not helped by the wind or speed or size of the ground with only four wickets falling and 103 runs hit in the third hour of play on day two. We needed more penetration. But for now I'll have to ask you to turn the page as we all move on.</p>				

B14	4 for 152	Kings Langley	10 for 140	First innings win
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B11	10 for 207	Wenty Leagues	10 for 134, 4 for 71	First innings win
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B9	10 for 45, 10 for 95	Parramatta Leagues	10 for 141	Outright loss
<p>After a strong start to the season, the last two rounds have brought us crashing back down to earth. And it is no coincidence that these recent results have corresponded with a severe shortage of players over the last four weeks. We simply can't win games with 8 players on the field. Now, in fairness, we've all had important commitments, and there has been some unfortunate timing, but I think there are several times where we have to admit, our commitment to our team has been somewhat lacking.</p> <p>That being said, a shortage of players is no excuse for losing your wicket cheaply and there was far too much of that this game. Again, there may have been some poor decisions or unlucky dismissals, but for the most part, we are failing to value our wickets. There were too many loose or lazy shots from batsmen who had looked solid, too many skyed or lofted balls. When we only have two batsmen getting past 20 (Marty 24 and Ash 27) we cannot hope to win a game, not matter how well we bowl.</p> <p>And we did bowl well. Whitey, missing his usual opening bowler partner, gave an inspired effort, taking 7/38, but he was supported well. Dismissing this table-topping team for 141 on such a small ground seemed like a good start, but the rest is history, and let's hope it doesn't repeat itself.</p> <p>One game left before the break boys - let's approach it with the commitment and conviction that has been missing in the last two games, and carry that over into the second half of the season.</p>				

B8	10 for 62, 10 for 144	Greystanes	10 for 55, 9 dec 206	First innings win, Outright loss
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B7	10 for 123, 1 for 42	Guildford Leagues	10 for 68, 10 for 85	Outright win
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B6	10 for 140, 2 for 79	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 116, 10 for 102	Outright win
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B5	10 for 118	Guildford Leagues	8 dec 149	First innings loss
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B4	10 for 148	Hills Barbarians	10 for 115	First innings win
<p>Keenan Galas: 4-19</p> <p>A big game against a likely finals opponent. A toss lost, sent in. A reasonable start (2-45). A collapse (8-95). A revival (10-148). A strong position (5-41). A scare (6-101). A wrap up (10-115). A win.</p>				

B1	10 for 121, 3 for 190	Kings Langley	10 for 72, 7 dec 238	Outright win
<p>Round 7 - Half way through the season and a time to reflect on our progress so far.</p> <p>Round 1 was against Hills Barbarians, we were a mixture of two teams combined with an additional few new players added, we lost the match 208 to 86 with the only highlight with Mitch Walters taking 4/41 with his spin.</p> <p>Round 2 was against Parramatta Golf, they scored 330 and we scored 242. Again Mitch starred with the ball with 4/89 followed by Marty Keeble 3/38. Our batting improved as we tried to settle into some form of batting order A nice 57 by fill in Steve Sarlog and a 50 by Steve Hobbs saw us with a sniff of what our batting was capable of.</p> <p>Round 3 was a BYE.</p> <p>Round 4 we played against Seven Hills, we scored 244 and they scored 219, our first win. What was even more remarkable about this win was that we only had 8 fielders on the park for the whole match and still managed to restrict their scoring. Also this brought in the introduction of our aged substitute fielder Bob Dokter who donned the whites and assisted us. This win lifted the team spirit and also finally brought the team together with everyone supporting each other. We should not forget to mention a fine knock of 85 by Steve Hobbs finally being caught out on the boundary trying for the big six. Mitch again put in a fine spell getting 6/63 and ably supported by Adam Marsh, another spinner, with 3/37. Have we just found our surprise attack against our oppositions?</p> <p>Round 5 was against Wenty Waratahs, we rolled them for 87, scored 189 and then rolled them for 61. An outright win. First innings wickets were shared around between our four bowlers, with Marty Keeble starring with the bat with a 45. In the second innings, our new bowler to our team Jarrod Farlow took 4/27.</p> <p>Round 6 we played the INKA Warriors, we rolled them for 182 and were rolled ourselves for 170. Mark Hendy bowled the best with figures of 3/26 and followed this up with a 47 off the bat, he was ably supported with the bat by fill in batsmen Graham Howard with a fighting 32. Graham is a player who we would welcome back anytime. Although it was a first innings loss, after being 5/25 and coming within 12 runs of snatching an improbable win speaks volumes of the character of the team.</p> <p>Round 7 we played Kings Langley. We rolled them for 72 and them scored 121, all on the first day. Steve Hobbs impressed most with the ball taking 5/25 and being unlucky not to have taken a hat-trick, when the ball went in-between keeper and first slip waist high. In the second innings Kings Langley started to put on the runs quickly and the intent was clear, put us back in and try for an outright. Dropped catches aplenty and they finally declared at 7/238 a lead of 189 runs. They gave us 2 hours to chase them. Michael Gaddow (who has found a new lease of life after relinquishing the captaincy) and Greg Barley opened and put on a 102 run opening partnership in 21 overs. Our thoughts drifted between going for it and still playing it safe. 9 overs later the matter was settled when we past their total and secured an outright win. Batting honours go to Michael Gaddow with an impressive 88 (4 sixes) and a whirlwind 39 (retired hurt) by Steve Hobbs who batted with a new bat and managed 3 sixes and 3 fours, between them they added 74 in 6 overs.</p> <p>Half way through the season we sit with 2 outright, 1 first innings win, 3 first innings losses and one Bye, not a bad effort for a thrown together team.</p>				

A Res	10 for 71, 6 for 82	AKA Sports	10 for 113, 7 dec 159	First innings loss
<p>Going into this game shorter than Danny Divito didn't really leave us much of a chance of getting a win. Things looked a little brighter when we had the AKA Dakka's 5/19 early on. The traditional cross-bat hitter then took the long handle to us, hitting a half century and making us pay for dropping him twice with two dead set sitters early on. 3 wickets each to Little Nicky, Mulva Mulvaney and Debbie Byrne left us chasing 113 on the first afternoon.</p> <p>After losing some early wickets to some ordinary shots, we were left with the difficult decision of whether to take on the total or sweat it out and wait for our two batsman to return the following week. We decided on the latter and ended up losing five wickets in the last 20 minutes of the day to secure the first innings loss. Fantastic defensive cricket that.</p> <p>Day two was a waste of time with the AKA Dacca's squandering a prime opportunity to beat us outright. We were still a bowler and a batsman short on the 2nd day and the Dacca's batted until well after drinks leaving them without enough time to get us out - no matter how hard we tried to assist them. In hindsight, a declaration at drinks probably would have done the job but I totally understand the fear that our quality 1st innings batting performance must have given them.</p> <p>Honours go to Mulva and J-Dub with the ball in the second innings, picking up half the AKA Dakka's between them. The Pitts (22 not out) again proved to be the shining light in the dark cave that is our batting.</p> <p>Highlight of the game must have been the Dad and Dave rivalry between the Byrnes. Dad takes the cookies with a magnificent 7 runs in his only innings with Dave putting on a paltry 4 runs in two digs. Hilton claims he would have got more wickets too if he had more than one over. Im sure this will be the main topic of conversation around Christmas dinner at the Byrne household this year.</p>				

A	10 for 59, 10 for 58	Hills Barbarians	2 dec 148	Outright loss
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