

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:

B7	5 for 285	14/1	8 for 274
15/1	Outright win	14/3	Outright win

Individual Achievements

Harry Izmirlian	B6	64	Abbott/Bertus	7th wkt p'ship	146 runs
Ben Dooley	B7	163	Adam Luther	14/3	80 no
Greg McLoughlin	B7	51	Cameron Daines	14/3	72
Dooley/McLoughlin	2nd wkt p'ship	109 runs	Kieran Houlahan	14/3	51 no
Sami Ather	B14	59	Luther/Houlahan	2nd wkt p'ship	113 runs
Ian Scollay	B15	59	Michael Bennetts	13/1	55
Sean Abbott	14/1	115 no	Ajay Joshi	13/1	5/17
Nick Bertus	14/1	57	Adam Nugent	13/2	6/9

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
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
04 February 2006	B8	Under 12/1
11 February 2006	B9	Under 12/2
18 February 2006	B15	Under 11/1A
25 February 2006	B6	Under 11/1B
04 March 2006	C	Under 11/2
11 March 2006	B17	Under 10 Red

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 **Adam Luther** from 14/3. Adam Luther opened the batting and scored 80 not out in an innings of 1 dec 233 in 45 overs. He also took 4/8 with the ball in the match. Congratulations Adam.

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 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.

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.baulkocricket.com.au.

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

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@baulkocricket.com.au) or the president (president@baulkocricket.com.au).

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	DNB	Greystanes	10 for 145	Draw-wash out day 2
<p>The match was drawn due to the ground being to rained out.</p> <p>Greystanes won the toss and elected to bat.</p> <p>Mitchell (2 for 14) and Ramit (1 for 15) opened the bowling for Baulko. We started really well with 3 wickets falling in the 1st 4 overs. Greystanes then dug in and did not lose another wicket to the drinks break. Baulko regrouped and fought back well taking wickets on a regular basis. Bowlers who took wickets were Viva (2 for 14), Joe (1 for 5), Sumal (1 for 8), Michael (1 for 4). Highlights of the game were 2 great run outs, one a direct hit by Joshua, some great catches (2 by Michael and 1 each to Sumal and Bryce). Sumal is becoming a real slips specialist and Bryce's overall fielding effort has to be seen to be believed. Greystanes ended up with 10 for 145 (average = 10.45).</p>				

10 Red	8 for 112	Greystanes	7 for 92	Win on averages
<p>Another strong win for the mighty Under 10 Reds - our 7th in a row. We played Greystanes, the only team to have beaten us this year. We batted first, and struck a handy total of 112, with an average of 14.</p> <p>Our bowling effort in week 2 was a little worrying in the first 10 overs, as we just could not even buy a wicket. Luckily Luke Bertus clean bowled their number 4, and the slide began for Greystanes. With our very good outfielding, we managed to restrict the opposition to 92 for 7 wickets. Highlights were Troy Black's direct hit from 50m for a run out, and Josh Koski's miracle catch only 2cm off the ground.</p> <p>Batting Tom Waddups 16 Josh Koski 10 Mitchell Taylor 9 Owen Smith 8 Liam Graham 8</p> <p>Bowling Josh Koski 1-7 Liam Graham 1-6 Troy Black 1-11 Luke Bertus 1-7 John Hollins 1-11</p>				

10 White				
Nobody bothered to submit any results or a match report				

11/2	10 for 41, 10 for 52	Greystanes	5 dec 73, 0 for 21	Outright loss
<p>The boys tried very hard against a very good and capable opposition.</p> <p>Electing to bat we found the Greystanes line and length difficult to combat, however, Greg, William, Jack, Mitchell, Owen and Damon (top score) all got starts. Damon played well and hit an excellent 4.</p> <p>Our bowling and fielding was terrific against a good batting line-up. Wickets were shared around with Jack taking 2 and no one conceding many runs. Some excellent catches by Sumedh and stops, chases and returns by Tim, Owen, William, Luke, Todd, Deshan and Mitchell.</p> <p>The second dig saw Greg compile a great 12 runs, looking very set and Luke making a courageous 5 runs with the blade flashing to set Greystanes 21 runs to win</p> <p>A great effort by the boys, improving with every game. Continue to enjoy.</p> <p>We wish all of you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and look forward to seeing on 28January for our first 2006 game</p>				

11/1B	7 for 183	Hills Barbarians	10 for 147	First innings win
<p>This game saw us record another good win. Although we gave away far too many extras when we bowled, our batting was very good. Over all it was a great game, played in a good spirit. With the ball, Ravi Marwah took 3-6 and Joshua Stevenson took 3-12, along with 2 catches. The other wicket takers were Taseen Rahman, Amit Balakrishnan, James Senior and Josh Balzarolo, all with a wicket each. Trent Samuels, James Senior and Amit Balakrishnan all took a catch each.</p> <p>With the bat, James Benton led the way with an excellent knock of 25, followed by Tom Hughes on 23 then Taseen Rahman with a quick 17 not out. James Senior (13), Nevin Arora (11) and Joshus Balzarolo (9) offered good support. It was a great effort and a good way to end the year.</p>				

11/1A	8 for 152	Wenty Leagues	7 for 167	First innings loss
<p>Joel 1/5 Nick 1/16 Cody 1/17 Matt 1/18 Shannon 1/25 Blake 44 Mitchell 30 Nick 23</p> <p>Wenty batted first and got off to a solid start until a sharp bit of fielding by Mitch broke the opening partnership with a run out. The next two wickets fell from two super catches by Blake off the bowling of Nick and Joel. Wenty Leagues middle order batted well and built towards a good score. Baulko hit back late in the innings with quick wickets to Shannon, Matt and Cody and another good run out for Mitch. Wenty ended up with 167 which could have been a lot more if it wasn't for some very good tight bowling with Geoff bowling a great line for 0/1 off four overs and Joel 1/5 off four overs.</p> <p>167 was always going to be tough but Shanan showed his intent early with some aggressive batting. A couple of early wickets slowed down proceeding until Mitchell and Joel steadied the ship with a 59 run partnership until both fell shortly before drinks with Mitch making a good 30. Pavan was unlucky to get a good ball early. This left Blake and Nick at the crease at 5/63 with half the overs bowled. We needed an aggressive partnership to stay in the game which Nick and Blake provided. At one stage they both found themselves at the same end of the wicket with the ball on the way to the danger end-somehow they scrambled a single and kept the innings alive. With a partnership of 90 runs the game was there for the tacking then Blake fell for a dominating 44 and Nick fell soon after for 23. The boys fought on but fell 15 runs short.</p> <p>A great close game - the boys can take a lot out of the game.</p>				

12/2	10 for 118	Winston Hills	10 for 137	First innings loss
<p>Bowling Anoop Vaidya 8 overs 2 maidens 3 for 18, Ben Graham 4.2 overs 2 for 13, Nilot Dutta 5 overs 2 for 26. Batting Aidan Cousin 19, Jonathan Fulcher 17, Chris Gunton 12, Nilot Dutta 12.</p> <p>Winston Hills commenced their innings strongly to reach 2 for 108 before we took the last 8 wickets for 29 runs, thanks to some fine pace bowling from Anoop, Nilot, and Ben, backed up by some excellent catching and fielding.</p> <p>We had a fine opening partnership of 36 between Jonathan and Chris, and a 35 run partnership for the 4th wicket between Aidan and Sam (out for 8 but has still passed 200 runs for the season so far). Unfortunately, none of our batsmen was able to go on and make the big score that was needed to overhaul the 137 run victory target. Nevertheless, we have had a great season so far winning 7 out of 8 matches.</p> <p>Have a great Christmas / New Year period and let's give the second half of the season our best shot.</p>				

12/1		Pendle Hill Colts		Draw
Ground unplayable				

13/2	9 for 127	AKA Sports	9 for 133	First innings loss
<p>A well fought game with BH bowling very well in the first innings particularly Adam Nugent who bowled superbly to take 6-9 off 9 overs. Sensational performance Adam, and you are recommended to the club for player of the round this game. The one downer was our terrible catching which cost us the match and could end up costing us a finals berth. We need to improve in that area dramatically after the Christmas break.</p> <p>Our batting was very solid in parts today and Elliott was terrific with his 41 runs and showed great poise and maturity. Adam also shone with 30 excellent runs, and they were ably supported by both Matt's and Vrushank. Special note for Kevishan's performance at number 3, as it was a big elevation up the order and he applied himself very well and is improving enormously in all facets of the game.</p> <p>A fighting performance guys, as usual. We just came up short, but you should all be confident we will string some wins together after Christmas to run into the finals with much confidence, as we are capable of beating any team if we apply ourselves.</p> <p>Best Bowler: Adam Nugent 6/9 off 9 Best Batters: Elliot Stillman 41, Adam Nugent 30</p>				

13/1	9 for 153	Wenty Leagues	10 for 98	First innings win

14/3	1 dec 233	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 23, 10 for 88	Outright win
<p>After losing the toss and being sent into bat we were looking for a good positive start. Cameron and Adam did the job beautifully scoring at just over 4 runs per over. Both boys played some great shots and really punished any bad balls. Cameron was first to bring up his first half century of the season and not long after Adam raised the bat with his first half century of the year. Great batting boys but the wicket had to fall in the 28th over with Cameron being run out looking for a quick second run for a magnificent 72 runs and a 120 run partnership. Kieran then came in to join Adam at the crease after not batting for a month and boy didn't these guys go in for the kill, scoring at a run a ball they put on an unbeaten 113 run partnership. With the score at 1/233 in the 45th over the team declared just as Kieran made his 50. An excellent batting display by our three batsmen. It was enjoyed by all parents and your teammates. With 30 minutes until stumps the guys upped the tempo in the field to claim three quick wickets and have Wenty in trouble at 3/19 after 10 overs. The destroyers were Luke and Kieran, but helped out with some great slip catches to Mason and Christian.</p> <p>The start of the second day looked like being a wash out but the field was in great condition and the rain stopped to allow play to begin. Adam started off the day and claimed 2 wickets in his first over and another in his second. Kieran took a screamer of a catch in close. Robert claimed his wicket in his second over and before you could blink Wenty was all out for just 23 runs after 4 overs of play. Sent back into bat Wenty put up a real determined effort second time around. Luke claimed an early wicket with his perfect line and length. Then Kieran had Wenty's big hitter back in the pavilion before he got into action. Wenty then put on a 50 run partnership as their batsmen started to frustrate our guys before Mason bowled their strike batsman for 30 and the score was 3/75. Wenty were going to make us work for our win but once we got the breakthrough our guys finished off well. Luke bowled really well and picked up another two wickets with Paul and Matthew cleaning up the tail.</p> <p>Well done team. A good way to finish up the year with an outright win. Enjoy your Christmas break and we will see you again on the 28/1/06 for our revenge match against Kellyville. Thanks again to all the parents for your support during the year and have a great Christmas.</p> <p>Match stat's – Adam 80 n.o., Cameron 72, Kieran 51 n.o. With the ball Luke 12-3-5-21, Adam 8-4-4-8, Kieran 10-1-2-22, Mason 5-1-2-12, Robert 7-2-1-15, Paul 2-1-1-1 and Matthew 2-1-1-1 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.</p>				

14/1	8 for 274	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 95	First innings win
<p>We won the toss and elected to bat. Josh & Michael opened the batting with both playing good shots around the ground. Unfortunately Michael (5) was caught which brought Sam to the crease who opened his card with two fours. Sam and Josh took the score to 35 when Josh, who had batted very well scoring 16 from 24 balls, was bowled. Teshan came in next determined not to get out as the bowler was his mate from school. Sam (18) was caught pushing for runs which brought Samira to the crease. As usual Samira lifted the run rate scoring a quick 10 runs in 10 minutes. Sean who was having a turn down the batting order, came to the crease about 5 minutes before drinks with the score at 4 for 71. After drinks we lost two quick wickets Teshan (9) bowled, after a good spell at the crease and Aleem (5) who was caught. Nick, also having a turn down the order came in at 8, where he and Sean put on a 146 run partnership in 75 minutes. Nick started slow but soon found form, scoring 57 from 71 balls when caught. Daniel came to the crease in the 53rd over with about 12 minutes of play remaining and Sean on 81 runs. Daniel played to give Sean the strike where he punished every ball reaching his 100 in the 54th over and then hitting a big six to finish the over. Daniel (11) who had also been scoring at more than a run a ball backed up too far slipping over and not able to get in his crease was run out with only 3 balls remaining. With Sean on strike Gabriel watched as Sean finished off the over scoring 115 not out from 86 balls with the team finishing on 8 for 274 from 56 overs.</p> <p>Sean and Michael opened the bowling with the pitch and ground still damp from the storm an hour earlier. Sean bowled fast but had trouble with accuracy, Michael took the first wicket in the 8th over knocking over the stumps. Teshan and Samira picked up a wicket each both bowling the batsman. Aleem and Trent bowled next with Aleem picking up two wickets one a great catch by Michael diving forward and the other a catch by Brendan. Pendle Hill Colts were 5 for 64 at the drinks break which meant an outright win was very unlikely so we decided to give everyone a bowl and hopefully an early finish. Daniel decided to bowl spin snaring a wicket by a great catch by Ben out near the boundary and Sam also picked up a wicket with a catch by Teshan. Sean had taken over keeping which freed up Nick to bowl a tidy over, Brendan took the next wicket with a good catch by Samira and then Josh cleaned up the tail with catches by Aleem and a very good catch by Samira in Slips to have Pendle Hill Colts all out for 95. Bowling figures Sean 5-0-0-10, Michael 5-1-1-9, Teshan 5-0-1-15, Samira 5-2-1-10, Aleem 5-0-2-13, Trent 5-1-0-6, Daniel 4-1-1-6, Sam 4-0-1-13, Nick 1-0-0-3, Brendan 3-1-1-3 and Josh 3-1-2-5. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, see you in 2006.</p>				

15/2	10 for 64	Winston Hills	4 for 68	First innings loss
<p>Winston Hills won the toss and chose to send us into bat. After a confident start, our innings collapsed when the majority of our top and middle order departed during a ten over horror period. A purple patch from the Winston Hills opening bowlers saw one of the pair claim five wickets in five overs, including three consecutive wicket maidens. The arrival of Mithran and then Josh at the crease steadied our innings and the pair commenced building a total. Our lower order consisting of; Adam, Kanav, Daniel and Pranav all performed admirably. All of them got a start but unfortunately no one really managed get amongst the runs. In the end a valiant rear guard effort from our lower order, but the damage had already been done much earlier. Our innings finally came to an end shortly after drinks with the total on just 64 after 30 overs.</p> <p>With such a small total to defend the guys were really pushing it up hill to get a favourable result. Early indications were promising with Daniel claiming the first Winston Hills wicket during his second maiden over, with their total on just five. A number of missed chances saw the Winston Hills score steadily creep towards our total. Aaron and then Alex B entered the attack, with both bowlers troubling the Winston Hills batsmen and creating chances, but again, missed catches cost us dearly. Winston Hills passed our total during the last over of the first day.</p> <p>A waterlogged pitch prevented play on the second day so the first innings result stood as was. Our wicket takers for the match were Pranav (1/15), Daniel (1/10), Aaron (1/19) and Alex B (1/5).</p>				

15/1	5 for 136	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 79, 10 for 30	Outright win
<p>Again overnight rain threatened the start of the game but we managed to get underway on time. This was important as we were chasing an outright this game against the lowest placed team in the comp. We bowled first and soon had them 1/1. They put up more resistance than we expected. It took us 53 overs to dismiss them and they managed 79 runs. The wickets were fairly evenly shared with best figures going to Evan 2/6, Jacob 2/1 and wicket keeper come Spin freak Chris Slaviero 2/9.</p> <p>We lost 2 early wickets in the run chase to be 2/4 but then recovered through some great batting and aggression shown by Matthew Gunton 19, Luke Dempsey 44 and the ever-improving Andrew Wood 37 not out. We amassed 5/136 and sent them in for the outright with an hour and 40 mins to play. Our bowlers did not let us down. We managed to take wickets regularly and bowled them out with 20 mins to spare for only 30. Everyone contributed to the effort. Macka took 2/5, Alan Sala 2/12, Hari 4/8 and Alex 1/0. Special effort from Chris behind the stumps who made 5 dismissals with 3 catches and 2 stumpings. The outright secured and we heard that Barbars lost. This puts us back on top of the table on our own.</p> <p>Round 7 - Match against Guildford Leagues</p> <p>The first week was washed out and so we played a one-dayer. We were sent into bat after losing the toss. It started badly losing Alex first ball. It never improved with us losing our first 6 wickets for only 16 runs. The pitch was still wet from rain the night before and was playing tricks on our usually trustworthy batsmen. All our rep batsmen were out for ducks!! A small rally by Macka and Hari late in the order helped us to get to 42 runs.</p> <p>It was then their turn and we responded magnificiently as we were determined not to spoil our undefeated record this year. Macka(3-6) and Tom(2-5) bowled beautifully opening the bowling and we soon had them 6/15 like us. However, they had no late order rally happening and we demolished them for 29 winning by 13 runs. Jacob finished with 2-6 and Hari 2-12. A fantastic effort in the field and with the ball to come back and win.</p>				

16/1	10 for 125	Kings Langley	2 for 6	Draw–wash out day 2

C	9 for 166	AKA Sports	10 for 125	First innings win

B17	10 for 80	Kellyville	6 for 81	First innings loss
Adam Meakins 4/18 from 10 overs				

B16	10 for 131	Seven Hills RSL	8 for 132	First innings loss

B15	10 for 158	Kings Langley	7 for 160	First innings loss
Ian Scollay 59, John Shannahan 31				

B14	9 for 255	NSW Tamils	8 for 259	First innings loss

B11	10 for 45	Wenty Waratahs	1 for 55	First innings loss

B9	9 for 72	AKA Sports	2 for 75	First innings loss

B8	10 for 145	Wenty Leagues	10 for 111	First innings win

B7	5 for 285	NSW Tamils	10 for 197	First innings win
<p>Well this time we played the NSW Tamils for the second time this season. Remarkably, the skipper won the toss (!) and batted (!!). After losing a quick wicket, Greg and Ben steadied the innings and laid the platform for the run-feast that was to follow. Greg gritted out 51 runs and played some fine drives but frustratingly found the field most times with some excellent straight drives. Ben played an absolute blinder of an innings, one of the best I have seen in over 25 years of playing competitive cricket. He had a stroke of luck on 89 when a regulation catch was spilled, but that was the only chance in his magnificent 163...his highest score in cricket. Along the way, Ben and Greg shared a partnership of 109 that really set up our total of 285.</p> <p>Our bowling was not as sharp as it can be, but we eventually dismissed them for 197 with the bowling honours shared between Banksy 3/60, Will 3/35, Ben 2/9 and Sam and Matt 1 each. Ben easily took the man of the match with 163, 2/9 and 3 catches. This was a great win, so let's keep this momentum going.</p> <p>Round 7 - Baulko 123 and 1-42 beat Guildford Leagues 68 and 85 outright</p> <p>Well things started off the same (skipper lost the toss) and we had to field (I would have batted!). Anyhow, thanks to some inspirational bowling from Will Cartwright (2/19) and Matt Hardy (5/36) we kept the runs down whilst taking wickets at regular intervals, to have them dismissed for only 68 after only 19 overs. Our fielding was first class; with Charles playing a hand in a run out with some sharp fielding and later also took a fine catch. Josh was always in the action and his fielding saved us many runs. Greg also took a diving screamer at mid off.</p> <p>Our batting started steadily with Greg and Andrew setting the foundations. We ended up passing their score comfortably, finishing with 123 a lead of 55 runs. Matt Hardy (not just happy with his five wickets in the first innings), tonked a few sixes to end up with 23. Banksie top scored with 32 that included three (really four) sixes. And Greg made another solid 25 opening. At the end of day one they were 0/42 still needing a handful of runs to make us bat again.</p> <p>Will bowled outstandingly without luck in the 2nd dig, and it was left to Greg to put Guildford to the sword. He took 5/11 off 8 overs and it is still a mystery why the captain bowled him first change ahead of Ben Dooley! Greg's bowling is steady, but it is his fielding that has improved markedly, taking another catch in the outfield (8 catches in last two games not at keeper). Ben also took 2/8 to help dismiss them second time around for 85, leaving us with only 31 to get. Ben and David opened the batting, with the skipper holing out with only a run away from victory, but that happened the following over and we passed them at 1/42, giving us an outright win by 9 wickets.</p> <p>Round 6- Parra Golf 121 beat Baulko 120 on the first innings</p> <p>Lost the toss today, sent into the field. We started off well, putting their top order under pressure and they caved in to be 5-15 in the 13th over. Both Ben and Will bowled magnificently. New recruit fill in Jeff bowled first change, taking a wicket with his first ball in competitive cricket. We seemed to take our foot off their throats when we had them 7-50. In saying this, their number 8 and 9 batted well to put on 69 and take them to 119 before Will cleaned up their tail. Bowling honours went to Will 4-19, Ben 3-8, Jeff 2-26 and Greg 1-13. Banks, Keith and Sam all bowled without success.</p> <p>Chasing 121, we expected to be able to chase this total, despite our record of close matches against this team last season, with all 3 games being brought down to the wire in the past season, including our heartbreaking semi final loss to them. We started off alright, with Wilko and Greg playing some nice shots. Once again Greg fell to his bunny, and then a collapse followed, going from 1-42 to 5-57 in 8 overs, with the top 5 back in the sheds. Joel played a great innings and steadied the ship with Jeff, as we were 5-104 and looking comfortable.</p> <p>What a difference a week makes. The captain turned up late, looking hungover/violently ill??? Joel fell early on the 2nd day and this signalled another collapse and we couldn't quite push past their total as we lost 5-12 to fall one run short. Joel with 33 and Jeff with 21 were the only players scored over 20. We had them 4-109 in 2nd dig when we called in a day. Greg notably 4 catches in the outfield for the game, whilst Wilko took 2 wickets in the 2nd dig. A disappointing batting display and letting them off the hook in their first innings caused this crushing loss (again!).</p>				
B6	6 for 169	Guildford Bowling	10 for 145	First innings win

B5	10 for 82	NSW Tamils	10 for 136	First innings loss
<p>Once again this was a game that got away from us, we could have and probably should have won it. Cap won the toss and decided to have a bowl on the first one dayer of the season. Things looked great with Pat picking up a wicket in each of his first 3 overs putting them at 3/26 in no time on a good batting ground. He should have had a 4th but for the umpire not hearing the edge. These things happen in cricket and you have to just grin and bare it, unfortunately this would turn the match as the batsmen went on to top store for the opposition. Runs started to flow for the Tamils and it was a great runout from Ads to the non striker's end that brought us back into the match. This was backed up by a very tight spell from Murph and some aggressive bowling at the end from Griggys. Eventually the Tamils were knocked over for 136.</p> <p>Chasing 136 seemed get-able in some good conditions, this was until there top scorer was given the ball and proceeded to have the game of his life. In his opening 7 over spell he took 6/7 with 5 being bowled. He appeared unplayable and at 6/19 many started packing their bags. Ads and Hushy slowed things down abit to get us to 44 before they both fell. The tail wagged and frustrated the opposition before we were eventually bowled out for 82 with Pat left stranded on 29no.</p> <p>Again our batting let us down and there is no real excuse for it, but we can't take away the fact that had that edge been given the opposition were all out for 85 and a different ball-game would have appeared. You also can't take away the fact that the Tamils opener bowled the spell of his life and showed us what can be done with a cricket ball. We've got the skills in there to win games like this, just need to bring them out and hope for a bit of luck along the way.</p> <p>Merry Christmas to all..... Bring on 2006 !!!!!</p> <p>Bowling M.Griggs - 3/17 (5.1) P.Mamo - 3/28 (7) B.Murphy - 2/22 (8)</p> <p>Batting P.Mamo - 29no A.Shearman - 13 C.Hush - 11</p>				

B4	10 for 165	Seven Hills RSL	4 for 166	First innings loss
<p>The game was shortened to 40 overs a side due to Seven Hills not be informed about the ground change (big thanks to council for relocating Palm Beach to Ted Horwood #2).</p> <p>Won the toss and elected to bat. Despite the loss of an early wicket, we made a quick start to be 1/47 after six overs. Keenan (33), Andrew Denlow (26) and Daryl (34) all made good starts at the top of the order and were looking OK at 4/96 after 16. After that, plenty of batsmen made starts without going on with it and we were disappointingly bowled out for 165 after just 32 overs.</p> <p>Our defence got off to a great start when two of Seven Hills danger-men were removed cheaply and we had them 2/9. They then batted quite slowly without losing wickets to reach 2/60 after 20. At 3/67 after 24 I thought we were looking good, but Seven Hills proceeded to play smart cricket combined with some big hitting to reel in the target 4 wickets down with a few overs to spare.</p> <p>In the end, it was not enough runs on a small and fast ground against the competition leaders. We'll get em in the finals.</p>				

B1	10 for 80	Hills Barbarians	4 for 201	First innings loss

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