

The Third Man's Report

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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:

B6	Outright win	11/1A	Outright win
C	Outright win		

Individual Achievements

Nathan Blake	A Res	58	Troy Higginbotham	C	5/10
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David Higginbotham	B4	50	Sean Abbott	14/1	96
Roger Deane	B6	5/12	Samira Kasthuriarachchi	14/1	5/51
Ben Dooley	B7	53	Adam Luther	14/3	50 no
B Green	B8	6/32	Kieran Houlahan	14/3	5/4
Daniel Chatman	B16	51			

Canteen Roster – Semi-Finals and Finals

We are looking for volunteers to help in the canteens at Ted Horwood and Charles McLaughlin over the two finals weekends. If you would like to help for an hour or two, on either Saturday or Sunday, please contact either of the following people:

Peter McLoughlin	email: president@baulkocricicket.com.au	phone: 0413 495 516
Leigh Griggs	email: canteen@baulkocricicket.com.au	phone: 0407 280 343

Social and Other Stuff

Grand Final BBQ - Sunday, March 26, 2006

The BBQ will be held on the Sunday night of the Grand Final weekend at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club. All senior and junior players, officials and supporters are welcome. The evening will kick off at about 5:30pm, downstairs in Charlie's. Please check the web site.

Senior Presentation Night – Saturday, May 27

The Senior Presentation will be held at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club as usual. Check the web site for details.

Junior Presentation Day – Sunday, May 28

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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 **Kieran Houlahan** from 14/3. "Kieran's stats for the game were 34 runs and bowling figures of 7 overs, 4 maidens, 5 for 4." Congratulations Kieran.

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Other Events

Full details of upcoming 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.baulkocricicket.com.au.

Tom Gurka and Alex Mihalyka from the 15/1's have been selected in an Under 15 side to tour India in April this year. The side is made up primarily of players from the victorious Hornsby Weblin Shield team but due to vacancies in the side, invitations were extended to Tom and Alex along with some players from the Sydney University Green Shield side. They will be playing 7 one day matches against representative Under 15 state sides in India at Bangalore, Mumbai and Pune. Two of the matches will be played on test grounds and it has been arranged for the players to meet up with Sachin Tendulkar, Anil Kumble and Rahul Dravid. Congratulations, good luck and enjoy the experience.

Good luck to all the Baulko juniors who have been invited to attend emerging blues trials at the end of March/early April. Selected players include Tom Gurka, Hari Raja (Under 16) and Luke Dempsey (Under 15).

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).

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	9 for 119	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 74	Win on averages
<p>Seven Hills Toongabbie won the toss and decided to bat. Joe and Joshua opened the bowling and although they did not claim any wickets they bowled a tight line and length which resulted in a run out for the first wicket. All the following bowlers followed this lead and kept the scoring to a minimum while taking regular wickets. Wicket takers were Mitchell (1 for 2), Bryce (1 for 4), Viva (1 for 6), Sumal (1 for 6), Ben G (1 for 6) and Ramit (1 for 7). Catches were taken by Tanveer, Michael and Manmit and run outs were executed by Joshua, Siddhant and Bryce.</p> <p>Baulko's turn to bat and Mitchell (9) and Viva (1) opened the batting. The loss of early wickets meant that we had to bat well to score the necessary runs and keep our average above the required rate. The boys stuck to their task well with the following contributions from Sumal (1), Ben M (1), Ben G (7), Tanveer (6), Bryce (14), Joe (5), Joshua (5), Siddhant (7), Ramit (1) and Michael (8). It was very pleasing to see all batsmen score runs off the bat.</p> <p>That's it for another season, one which saw the boys win all but 2 of their games! All up, a very successful season and one that was enjoyed by all.</p>				

10 Red	17 for 120	Wenty Waratahs	9 for 93	Loss on averages
<p>Baulko batted first, and almost from the start wickets tumbled, players going down swinging at everything. All in all we managed to get out 17 times while scoring 120, for an average of 6.66.</p> <p>Next week saw a good fightback from the boys in the field, keeping Wenty to 93 for 9, at an average of 9.3.</p> <p>Batting T Waddups 13, T Black 12, O Smith 8</p> <p>Bowling J Hollins 3/2, O Smith 1/2, T Waddups 1/1, N Beed 1/10 (first wicket for the year).</p>				

10 White	8 for 68	Norwest	8 for 79	Loss on averages
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11/2	10 for 32, 10 for 31	Kings Langley	10 for 57	Outright loss
<p>The last game of the season and with only 10 players the boys battled on bravely, batting in the first innings on a greasy pitch that saw 5 LBW decisions. Greg and Tim batted well for their 5 runs each with Tim occupying the crease for nearly an hour. To the credit of Kings Langley, their bowling was tight, conceding only 16 sundries. Deshan, Jack, William and Todd all added to the total setting Kings Langley 33 for first innings points.</p> <p>The bowling started well with Mitchell and Owen opening the attack, having Kings Langley 3 for 7 after 6 overs with Mitch conceding only 4 runs for his 3 wickets and Owen getting 2 for 9. We were in with a big chance. Greg supported the attack with accurate bowling giving away only 2 runs of his first 3 overs and finishing with 3 for 6. Todd and Deshan pitch in for wickets and many of the boys bowled maiden overs. The catching and fielding was excellent with Owen taking 2 catches and Luke and Jack 1 each. We did have one unhappy bowler, S. Undries conceding 41 runs which gave the opposition first innings points. In fact Kings Langley scored only 16 off the bat, the same as us. A little straighter bowling would have made a very competitive game.</p> <p>The second innings saw us needing 25 to make the opposition bat again. Damon looked on fire, though the top order fell away quickly but was well backed up by the middle with Luke, Tim and Todd stalling the bowling attack and Todd looked sensational showing all the text book defensive shots to pass the required runs and force the opposition to bat again. Needing 6 for victory and sundries doing well again with 5 runs Kings Langley were home. Congratulations to them and good luck in the finals. Deshan grabbed the only wicket in the second innings.</p>				

11/1B	10 for 57	Kings Langley	8 for 109	First innings loss
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11/1A	3 dec 85, 3 for 37	Hills Barbarians	10 for 40, 10 for 81	Outright win
<p>First Innings Matthew 2/3, Mitch 3/0 Shannon 30 not out, Blake 15 not out</p> <p>Second Innings Cody 2/10, Joel 2/7</p> <p>The Hills Barbarians were sent in and were soon in trouble with Pavan and Jonathan bowling the openers. Matthew tore the middle order apart with some great bowling taking 2 for 3. Mitch finished off the tail with the last three wickets for the impressive figures of 3/0. Mitch is having a great year with the ball- consistently getting movement off the wicket.</p> <p>Baulko went in for the last 19 overs of the day. Cody is looking the part as an opener and he set the inning off well with a solid 9. Shanon then came in and took the bowling apart with a swashbuckling 30 not out. Shanon has looked ready to explode all year and this was his day. Blake chimed in with 15 not out.</p> <p>The next Saturday the Barbarians were sent back in. Cody took two great wickets early. Hendrix for the Barbarians then dug in - although wickets were falling around him it looked like they were going to hang on. Then Joel came on and combined with Matty for a great instinctive stumping followed by a catch to Jonathon. However it looked like they had probably batted long enough when Cody caught Hendrix off Nick to end the innings. Cody really needed to hold this catch to give us a chance.</p> <p>Needing 36 from 9 overs the boys crept towards the total. Gaj was out playing for the team unselfishly going for the big shot. Then enter Shanon - the run rate required was looking out of reach and then Shanon smashed a four off the first ball he faced to keep us in the hunt for the outright. Needing two off the last over Shanon pushed a single off the first ball and it looked like we were home. Then three dot balls and the parents are getting nervous- two balls to go and Shanon was out going for a run to win the game. As Nick was walking out to bat Matt hatched a plan to block and run. Nick sold the plan to Geoffrey. Plans are all in the execution and Geoffrey pulled it off beautifully. A little push to mid on by Geoffrey and Nick was already half way down the wicket - Nick made his ground and the boys pulled off a stunning outright off the last ball.</p> <p>A great team effort - Mitchell's 3/0 was reward for some great bowling- Cody had a fantastic game with a well put together 9 in the first innings followed up with two wickets in the second innings and a crucial catch. Blake continues to impress with a fine 15 not out and couple of wickets. The stand out was Shanon's brutal 30 not out in the first innings and his great little cameo of 6 off 3 balls in the second innings to push for the outright.</p> <p>An incredible statistics was in the Hills' innings there were 13 bowled, two LBWs and an almost LBW (bad luck Blake) and the boys are really reaping the benefits of straight bowling.</p>				

12/2	10 for 135	Hills Barbarians	5 for 132	First innings win
<p>For the first time this season we had to bowl a full 55 overs. Some good tight bowling, backed up strongly in the field saw us restrict Hills Barbarians to 132. Bowling figures included Michael Waddups 8 overs 2 maidens 1 for 10, John Coulter 8 overs 3 maidens 1 for 11, Nilot Dutta 8 overs 1 maiden 1 for 17, Jake Bailey 8 overs 4 maidens 1 for 19, Ryan Bailey 8 overs 3 maidens 0 for 8, and Anoop Vaidya 8 overs 3 maidens 0 for 6.</p> <p>A good all round batting effort saw us reach the victory target with 1 1/2 overs to spare and 2 wickets in hand when the winning run was struck. The innings was led by Michael Waddups with an excellent 34 which included 4 4s. He received good support from Anoop Vaidya 10, Sam Hubbard 16, Aidan Cousin 11, Jake Bailey 10, and Ryan Bailey 7 not out. The team benefited from playing on a ground for the first time since Christmas where the ball would travel to the boundary.</p>				

12/1	9 for 97	Kings Langley	6 for 108	First innings loss
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13/2		Wenty Leagues		
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13/1	10 for 125	Greystanes	10 for 102	First innings win
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14/3	9 for 123	Wenty Leagues	10 for 64	First innings win
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Robert took on the role of captain for our last competition game of the season and did well to win the toss and sending Wenty into bat on a damp and slow pitch.

Wenty's openers looked a little uncomfortable against our strike bowlers in Adam and Kieran and it wasn't long before the pressure took its toll. In Kieran's second over he delivered a beautiful in-swing which left the batsman trying to get to it but only to feather an edge through to Cameron. He then went on and clean bowled the next batsman and finally trapped another LBW using the swing to full advantage and by the end of the over Wenty were 3/0! Two overs later and we were at it again with Kieran sending a good short delivery which rushed the batsman into his defensive shot only to be caught by Paul at gully. Robert then chimed in with a good straight ball to rattle the stumps and Wenty were 5/12. An amazing start.

But to Wenty's credit they tried to fight back but as soon as they thought they were getting somewhere our team continued to take wickets, with Luke next up taking a good caught and bowled chance 6/25. Adam comes back on and clean bowls another batsman and Wenty were in serious trouble at 7/29. Wenty again dug in and played some shots which tested our patience a little but not for too long as Kieran took his 5th wicket of the innings to have Wenty 8/40.

Now with an opportunity to spread the bowling around a bit Tiarne and Matt put together a great partnership with the ball, by tying Wenty down. Frustration finally set in and Paul was able to collect on the frustration created by Matt and Tiarne to collect the last two wickets in his second over to have Wenty all out for 64 in the 40th over. Well done team, an excellent bowling and fielding effort!!

With 30 minutes of play left in the day Robert and Adam opened the innings. Things looked OK until Robert was unlucky to be bowled with the ball coming off his pads and onto the stumps. Wenty were fired up and bowled very well keeping the score to 1/11 after 9 overs at the end of the day's play.

Day 2 commenced with Adam and Kieran at the crease and the going was slow. Both batsmen have not had a good stay at the crease this year but to their credit they fought through it to put on a 91 run partnership and pick up first innings points. Kieran was eventually caught for 34. Keen to get all our batsmen and girl a go before the semis we mixed up the batting order a little. Most of the team were out cheaply looking to play some shots but the match was over and we finished up 9 for 123. Great 50 not out to Adam just in time for the semis. Well done mate.

That has wrapped up a great finish to the competition by taking out outright second place by some distance. Now we get down to the real stuff where we play Norwest in the first semi-final at Crestwood Oval next Saturday/Sunday. Get your parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends to come next week and lend as much support as they can to see if we can go one step further this year.

Well done team.

Match stat's –With the ball Kieran 7-4-5-4, Paul 2-0-2-4, Adam 7-4-1-4, Robert 5-2-1-5, Luke 6-1-1-13, Matthew 5-1-0-8, Tiarne 5-0-0-11, Mason 3-1-0-8. With the bat Adam 50 not out, Kieran 34.

14/1	10 for 175	Wenty Leagues	7 for 179	First innings loss
<p>We won the toss and elected to bat. Nick and Sean opened the batting with a good opening partnership of 51 when Nick (28) was caught. Gabriel and Sean played well taking the score to 130 with a great 81 run partnership when Gabriel (17) was caught. Daniel came in next where he and Sean added another 33 runs when Sean (96) was caught just 4 runs short of another century. Once again another great innings from Sean. We lost 4 more wickets, Daniel (10), Trent, Aleem and Josh (1) for just 3 runs, we had gone from 2/159 (48th over) to 7 for 166 in just 5 overs. Ben (2) looked good but fell lbw for the third time this season. We were now 8/171 with Teshan looking solid and Michael just coming to the crease. Michael was caught without addition to the score and then Samira (3) was caught soon after to have our team all out for 175 runs in the 58th over. Well batted Teshan (4 not out).</p> <p>Sean & Michael opened with tight accurate bowling restricting Wenty to only 21 runs from the first 10 overs. Samira and Teshan came on next with Samira taking a caught & bowled in his second over. Samira took another two wickets in his third over, one lbw and the next a great catch from Trent in slips. Samira again broke through in his 4th over with a classic catch from Nick who dived sideways catching the ball with his outstretched hand. We were looking good at 4/36 in the 17th over with Samira having the impressive figures of 4/5 from 5 overs. With Alex, one of the best batsmen in this age group, now at the crease supported by the remaining opener they took to the bowling. Trent and Ben were unable to get a breakthrough and it was time to bring Samira back on. It took Samira 3 more overs before he did the job picking up the openers wicket with a catch from Josh. With Wenty now on 5/125 in the 35th over we knew we would need to bowl them out if we were to win. Wenty scored at nearly 8 an over for the next 5 overs taking the score to 164 before Michael picked up the next wicket. This was taken by Samira who ran about 20 metres around the boundary to take a diving catch. Without addition to the score, Teshan then picked up the prized wicket of Alex with a great diving catch from Daniel only centre metres from the ground. At 7/164 we thought we were still in the game, but it was not meant to be, as Wenty went on the pass our score in the 45th over without the loss of any further wickets. Bowling figures Samira 10-2-5-51, Michael 8-1-1-13, Teshan 8-2-1-28, Ben 4-0-0-26, Trent 5-0-0-26 and Sean 10-3-0-28. Good luck in the Semi Finals.</p>				

15/2	10 for 161	Hills Barbarians	2 for 168	First innings loss

15/1	10 for 190	Guildford Leagues	10 for 107	First innings win
<p>We won the toss and batted on the first week. Jacob and Matt got us off to a steady of start 25 runs before Matt went for 6. Jacob went on to make a lovely 38 and Owen made a significant contribution of 27 at number 4 before a middle order collapse saw us 8/115. Reversing the batting order often backfires - even when you play the weaker teams. Evan and Tom resurrected the innings with a ninth wicket partnership of 67. Tom was out for 32 and shortly afterwards Evan went for the same score. We managed 190 runs from 60 overs.</p> <p>The following week saw us start well and get right amongst the wickets. We had them 4/13 and then 9/63 before a very stubborn last wicket stand of 44 in 66 mins eliminated any thoughts of a possible 2nd innings. Evan bowled as reliably as ever taking 3/13 off 9 overs and Alex bowled with great accuracy taking 4/7 off 6 overs including the final elusive wicket. Everyone else got a bowl and did well as we also toiled admirably in the field despite some dubious umpiring decisions. Whilst frustrating, the experience was good as we prepare for the finals next week - good luck boys.</p> <p>Round 11 - vs Pendle Hill Colts</p> <p>We lost the toss and were sent in to bat on a wicket which played quite slow and difficult for batting. The outfield was also very slow. After the loss of an early wicket, Alex and Chris batted solidly to take the score to 36 before Alex was out for 15. After another quick wicket Tom joined Chris and they slowly built the score up to 61 before Chris fell for a well made 20 runs. Noone else managed to provide Tom with significant support as wickets fell consistently until 8/83. Tom finally went for 30 with the score on 9/94. Then a swashbuckling contribution from Alan with solid support from Hari saw us take the score to 131 before Alan was finally bowled for 28. Hari not out 7.</p> <p>We got off to a great start the following week taking 4 wickets in the first 10 overs to have them 4/9. They never really recovered or threatened to be all out for 72 in the 35th over. Everyone chipped in with wickets. Macka 2/11, Jacob 2/9, Tom 1/18, Alan 2/11 and Hari 2/4.</p>				

16/1	10 for 106	Hills Barbarians	5 for 120	First innings loss
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C	10 for 142	Hills Barbarians	10 for 28, 10 for 76	Outright win
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We won the toss and batted on the first day. A poor start by our standards saw us 2/12 after 6 overs. Joe and Tom then went about repairing the innings putting on a solid 76 run partnership before Tom fell for 25. Joe fell soon afterwards for 48 and the score was 4/98. Only Alex provided any further contribution to the score making a valuable 24. The rest of the batting fell away disappointingly with us being all out in the 47th over for 142. However, we all appreciated the great sweep by Peter Butler which almost went for six at the end of the innings.

They went into bat and seemed like they wanted to get the runs that night. Poor disciplined batting against well disciplined bowling was a combination which was only going to go one way. By the time our opening bowlers had finished their maximum allowable overs, we had them 8/25. Troy bowled with great control to take 5/10 off 6 overs. Owen bowled with great outswing and pace to take 3/15 off 6 overs. Evan and Tom chipped in at the end to take a wicket each off one over each to have them all out after 14 overs for 28. We sent them straight back in and they held out until stumps to be 0/12.

The following week saw a similar procession of wickets and we clinched the outright by 3pm. They were bowled all out for 76 failing to make us bat again. This time it was Martin (5/15) off 5 overs who did all the damage with great help from Evan (3/14). Bring on the finals!!

Round 13 - vs Pendle Hill Colts

We won the toss and elected to field on a day where it reached 40deg. They couldn't believe our decision and didn't seem to comprehend we were chasing an outright win. Luke (1/11) and Troy (2/11) started us off well and we quickly had them 3/18. Tom (2/11) and Brett (2/9) then chipped in with 2 wickets each before Tim (2/12) finished them off with the last 2 wickets. They only managed to make 75 in 32 overs. We were 1/17 when an electric storm arrived and finished play for the day.

The following week, Tom and Troy steered us past their score before Tom fell for a solid 37. Brett and Troy then piled on the runs to create an 89 run lead by tea. Troy made a great 63 not out and Brett contributed a whirlwind 39 not out. We declared 3/164 at tea and set ourselves two and a half hours to bowl them out again. We started well claiming an early wicket to Macka. The second wicket provided some resistance before Macka struck again with 2 more wickets to have them 3/31. Despite good bowling from Tom and Troy, we struggled to make regular breakthroughs. Evan was introduced and produced 2 wickets in one over - courtesy of two Tom catches - one a Ponting-like pearler. Brett chipped in with 2 wickets and we looked like rolling them at 7/75. But resistance set in again and time was getting away from us. They passed the 90 run deficit and started to establish a lead. They were 10 runs ahead with 21 mins left in the days play and 3 wickets in hand. Enter Alex who bowls beautifully and takes 2 wickets in 2 balls and has them 9/99 and the outright looks a chance. 2 more overs go by with no wicket. With 12 minutes left to play, their captain who had put up great resistance went for a suicidal run and was run out with their score on 100. This left us 2 mins (one over) to score 12 runs for an outright win. Troy and Brett were sent out to take on the challenge. Brett took strike. The first ball was flat batted back over the bowler's head for six. The crowd are on their feet, ladies included - we haven't seen such a reaction all year!! Six runs needed off 5 balls. Next ball - same shot (Brett's favourite!!) - this time it lands inside the fence and only goes for four. 2 runs needed off four balls. Next ball - Brett skies the ball - the man at cover gets under it - looks uncomfortable - drops it and the batsmen run two!!! Outright win with 3 balls to spare and minor premiership secured - what a great finish - well done guys.

B17	10 for 102, 10 for 55	Wenty Waratahs	6 dec 183	Outright loss
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B16	10 for 173	Wenty Leagues	7 for 180	First innings loss
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Daniel Chatman 51 runs

Nick Bertus 41 runs

Brett Papworth 36 runs

Sean Abbott 15 runs

Daniel Chatman 2/30 (10 overs) was the best bowling.

(Note: Better this time - one "Senior" player amongst the top performers)

Ian had better luck with the toss and chose to bat. Nick and Ben opened but unfortunately Ben was caught with the score on 2. Sean came in next with he and Nick adding 34 runs to the score when Sean (15) was caught. Josh (2) was looking to score runs but was caught short of his crease and then Warren was caught soon after. We were 4/56 when Ian came to the crease which soon changed when Nick (41), who had batted very well, was caught bringing Daniel to the crease. Daniel and Ian had a 3 minute, 2 run partnership when Ian (3) chased a wide ball and was caught at point. Brett joined Daniel at the crease and they built a great partnership of 68 runs with Brett hitting a huge six out of the ground and Daniel hitting a four that bounced just inside the boundary then onto the road finishing in the front yard of a house. Brett batted very well belting 36 from just 33 balls when he was caught. Michael and Daniel added 25 more to the score when Michael (4) joined the long list of "out caught". Nigel (1) was also caught leaving Daniel on 48 runs with only one wicket in hand. Nathan went to the crease and told Daniel he would stay there until he got his fifty. Daniel reached his fifty and then decided to hit out but was caught on 51 leaving Nathan (2) not out. We finished with a defendable total of 173 runs and about 50 minutes remaining to take some wickets.

Sean and Michael opened the bowling with Sean troubling the batsmen with his pace. Sean dropped a ball in short which got the batsmen fired up with some words to the under 14 player to take it easy on the adults. (or something like that). Sean and Michael had restricted them to 24 runs from the first 10 overs. Brett and Warren came on next with Brett picking up a wicket in his first over to a great catch from Ian. At the end of day one, Wenty were 1/35 from 17 overs. On day two with Sean and Brett away we enlisted Michael Waddups and Braden Franklin as sub fielders. Nigel and Daniel opened the bowling on day two with Daniel getting a wicket in his first over with a great diving catch from Nigel in first slip just catching the ball in his outstretched fingers. Nigel and Daniel bowled tight giving only 9 runs from the first 8 overs. Nigel was going to bowl five overs but decided to have one more, just as well as Daniel took a great catch at first slip balancing the books. Ian and Nick bowled next and for a change it was the younger player the batsmen took too. Daniel and Ben followed with Ben getting a wicket with a very good catch from Nathan out on the boundary. Wenty were now 4/136 with the game tilting their way. Daniel knocked out the middle stump of the new batsmen before he got to score making it a little better at 5/136. Josh and Michael bowled next and with Michael's pace beating the batsman, who cut the ball onto his stumps. Wenty were now 6/165 and needing only 9 runs to win which they soon did. Bowling figures Daniel 10-4-2-30, Brett 4-1-1-6, Nigel 6-1-1-13, Michael 7-2-1-23, Ben 4-0-1-26, Warren 3-1-0-5, Ian 5-0-0-10, Sean 5-1-0-13, Josh 2-0-0-13 and Nick 5-0-0-39. A big thanks to Michael Waddups and Braden who fielded brilliantly stopping every ball that went their way and both surprising the batsmen with their strong throwing. Congratulations Daniel 51 runs, Nick 41runs and Daniel 2/30 the best of the bowling.

B15	10 for 128, 4 for 79	Western Tigers	10 for 82	First innings win
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Peter Touzel 25 & 19 Not Out, Ian Scollay 35, and 4/79 - Sulacha Koralege 26 Not Out

Nilendra Perera 4/21, Brett McNaught 3/33, John Shannahan 3 catches

Low scoring match played like a semi final. Excellent effort from all. First Innings Win and headed for the semis

Many thanks Peter McL and Chris Springall for organising Brett at v. short notice. Many thanks Brett for invaluable contribution, and Anthony for twelfth man duties on Day 2

B14		Kings Langley		Win on Forfeit
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B11	10 for 268	Wenty Leagues	10 for 208	First innings win
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B9	10 for 43, 10 for 94	Parramatta Leagues	10 for 125, 0 for 16	Outright loss
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B8	10 for 81	Greystanes	10 for 117	First innings loss
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B7	10 for 151	Guildford Leagues	7 for 157	First innings loss
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Round 13 vs Parra Golf

Captain Banks once again lost the toss, and we were sent in the field against a team who we were renowned with for having close matches. That made 5/5 times playing them that we would have to chase for victory. Once again we had them in early trouble at 3/16, after fine captaincy from Banks saw their dangerous skipper go for just 10. A solid partnership formed, then Greg provided the breakthrough after they passed 50. They were 6/97 then 9/99 but some quick runs got them to 120 all out. Dooley bowled superbly in very hot conditions with 11 over 3-18, Banks cleaned up the tail to take 3/9, whilst the Greg Will, Matt and Keith took one a piece. Highlight of the day: firey confrontation between opposition batsmen and most our team saw us saying, "lets see what he has ay Will", only to see Will run in and give a half trakker outside off. The batter yelled "This is what ive F***in got" as he clobbered the ball to the boundary. We had the last laugh when he fell a couple of overs later. We went out to bat and didn't lose a wicket before the thunder storm came to be 0-3 overnight and plenty of talk between the two teams.

Week 2 saw us in early trouble at 2/15 when Dooley came to the crease. He demolished the opposition in a fine 51 from 25-30 balls, but he fell at 4/78. Hardy and Wilko steadied the ship and nearly saw us through to the end, but when we lost our 5th with still 5 runs needed, noone needed reminding about our 5-10 collapse against them last time which saw us lose by 1 run. We got past their total and lost 2 quick wickets, which opened the window of opportunity for them, but Banks and Will hit some quick runs to assure no further play would be required in the day, with the game stopped with us 8/162. A good victory, very satisfying after our semi loss by 3 runs last season and 1 run loss this year to this team, which also effectively knocked them out of the semis race and helped secure us a semis birth. All tight with 1 point between 2nd and 4th going into the last round!

B6	10 for 156	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 52, 10 for 96	Outright win
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B5	9 dec 191	Guildford Leagues	6 for 194	First innings loss
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B4	10 for 204	Hills Barbarians	8 for 260	First innings loss
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B1	10 for 118	Kings Langley	10 for 213	First innings loss
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A Res	10 for 223	AKA Sports	10 for 159	First innings win
<p>Round 14, we are equal fourth and need a win to make the finals. Do we win? Of course we do. This is A Reserves don't forget.</p> <p>Playing the AKA Dakka's at Guildford Spa and Resort on a ground reserved for only the highest ranked teams in the Parramatta District. As if, at least the home team was good enough to remove the cow pats prior to the starting time.</p> <p>Losing the toss all year has finally paid off as we were sent in to bat. What looked like a pretty good decision when we were floundering at 8-138, turned in to an AKA Dakka nightmare as Metro Blake brought out a cannon and cracked 58 in no time to set up a 223 run first innings total. Picking up a late wicket on day one set up the first innings win.</p> <p>Little Nicky (3-23) was the unlucky bowler of day two with 3 genuine "I can't believe he didn't walk" caught behinds rejected. However, it is hard to blame the umpire as it was difficult to hear anything over Nick's whining. HOF (Hall Of Fame) Simpson once again cleaned up the tail with a handy 3-17 proving the value of straight bowling.</p> <p>Saving our run to as late as possible this year puts us in a good position entering the semi final series. Defeating teams placed 2nd and 3rd on the trot gives us some spirit to take it to whoever has the pleasure of being knocked out of the comp by us next week. Bring it on.</p>				

A	8 for 174	Hills Barbarians	10 for 173	First innings win
<p>Our last game of the season is tradition (when we are assured of our place on the ladder) to draw the batting order "out of the hat". Number 1 is the skipper (Mark McLeod), 7 is the 'keeper (Gaurang Merani), with the reverse order for bowling. As a team, we had done this 4 times for 4 wins!</p> <p>On a sticky wicket at home, we lost the toss and to the surprise of us and displeasure of their own, they decided to bat. A wicket on the third ball started the procession, together with tight fielding (including 2 direct-hit run outs) and minimal missed chances, we had the second placed team 9/91 at drinks. Their usual # 4 & 5 decided to bat at # 10 & 11 when they could see the deck starting to play "lively" and took the score to 173 all out. Everyone except for the keeper had a bowl and bowled well too! Jason Thompson (0/31 off 8) who had not bowled in 5 years opened with David Cope (4/33) to pin down the visitors. There was no respite for our arch enemy with Richard Cope (2/39), Chris North (1/8 off 7) and Chris Springall (1/10 off 4) keeping the pressure on.</p> <p>The run chase commenced in earnest with Chris North, unavailable for week 2, opening and smashing 39, leaving us at stumps, technically 3/56. With 2 new batters at the crease, Chris Springall (30) and Peter Micali (25) took the score to 96 then Chris and Sumit Kalia (18) batted together to take us to 5/125 - still needing 49 to win! Four quick wickets later left us 8/143 until "Thommo" at the unusual # 9 spot took to their change bowlers, belting 26 not out (including 2 sixes) to bring the Kookas home, 8/174. Only our second win of the season and 5 from 5 out of the hat. Maybe the "hat" should be employed more often !!! See you next season.</p>				