

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 is being added to as time permits.

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:

B11	Outright win	16/1	Outright win
B14	Outright win	11/2	Outright win

Individual Achievements

Goran Merani	A	68 no	J Astill	16/1	72 no
Andrew Denlow	B2	57	Hari Raja	16/1	5/6
Roger Deane	B5	5/52	Sean Abbott	15/1	103 & 4/36
Joe Gurka	B11	93	Nelson Brown	15/2	62
Evan Platt	B11	70	Daniel Chatman	14/1	70
Ward Koski	B11	63	Gabriel Joseph	14/1	58no
Tony Senior	B11	6/78 & 4/33	Robert Tatko	14/2	61no
C Mulder	B12	78no	Matthew Newson	14/2	54
Reece Jones	B12	76	Daniel Marlow	14/2	7 c, 1 ro
Jones & Mulder	4th wkt p/ship -	163 runs	Chris Gunton	13/2	50
Martin Daniel	B12	50	Amol Marwah	13/2	4/16 & 3/8
Charuka Abahayawickrama	B13	107 no	Anupam Parashar	11/2	5/4
Nilendra Perera	B14	68	Mitchell Evans	11/2	5/2

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
December 9, 2006	B2	10 Blue
December 16, 2006	B4	15/1
January 6, 2007	No junior games	15/2

The President's Roundup

Thanks to those who supported the NSW Cricket raffle. Hopefully, we might get a prize winner from our club.

You may have noticed that the cockatoos have been damaging the ground at Ted Horwood No 1. Baulkham Hills Council will be undertaking works at the ground in the next week & it will be out of action until after Christmas.

It is very disappointing to see some senior players have still not paid their registration. Please ensure they are paid ASAP.

A reminder that all teams must be represented at the monthly meetings. These are held on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on February 6. There is no meeting in January.

The PDCA rep teams are performing very well this year, with all teams either in the semis or with a chance of making it as we approach the last round this weekend. Good luck to all teams.

The Trivia Night is coming up in February & we ask that all teams donate a prize or cash to the value about \$40. Contact any of the committee with your donation

Not to be outdone by brother Ben, Sean Abbott had a very good performance last week. He scored centuries in both the Saturday PDCA game & the Sunday rep game.

Congratulations to Blake Newman (U12/1) who earlier this season made the Met West PSSA team.

The season is at the halfway point and we have many teams who are in the top four positions. We look forward to the second half of the season and hopefully a few premierships as well.

Christmas is approaching fast & with it comes a break in the season. Best wishes to members of our club. The Committee trust you will have a safe & happy Festive season & look forward to seeing you back in 2007.

COMMITTEE VACANCY: We now have two vacancies on the committee. Graham Howard has stood down, as he will & Margaret will be moving to Armidale in the near future. We wish them all the best & thank Graham for his work this season. So the chance is there for some new faces on the committee. So if you are interested, please contact me.

Go Baulko!

Peter McLoughlin
President

Social and Other Stuff

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.

Milo Have-A-Go Clinic

The club is again running a Have-A-Go Clinic on Friday nights for our youngest and keenest participants, those aged between 5 and 9. We are looking for helpers to run the sessions. Last season we had several Under 16 and 15 players assisting. The sessions run from about 6:00 to 7:30. If you are interested, talk to any committee member or drop us an email at committee@baulkocricicket.com.au

Venue: Charles McLaughlin Reserve, Cnr Crestwood Drive & Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills.

Cost \$40. Lots of freebies (for the kids, not the helpers).

More Information: Contact Peter McLoughlin on 0413 495516 or Jeff Warland on 0405 588 137

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 \$15, and can be purchased back at the club on Saturday nights or from the social committee.

Other Events

Other events will include the Trivia Night in February. Full detail of the events will be given out at the next Captain's & 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 a look next time you are in the club.

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Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	12 for 107	Pendle Hill Colts	13 for 98	Win on averages
<p>We were lucky to win the toss as we were a player short; so we chose to field. The weather was kind to us too! Angus and Saad opened the bowling and Messrs. "Wides and No Balls" were kept very quiet along with the batsmen. Alexander ended his bowling stint with impressive figures of 1 wicket for 6 runs from 3 overs. Pendle Hill's batting plodded along slowly but they had only lost 5 wickets at half-time. In the second half, our fielding fell away a bit, resulting in overthrows and some cranky bowlers. The highlight of the session was a well-timed catch by Troy off their second-highest scorer!! We were lucky to restrict them to less than 100 runs.</p> <p>Saad and Binara opened our batting and put on a very creditable performance without losing their wickets. All our boys batted well (in spite of the fact that Pendle Hill did not seem to be aware of the 10 metre rule and kept fielders crowded around the bat – without helmets!) with Tom our top scorer on 17, followed by a very confident 9 from Luke which included a well-hit boundary. Jake was our last batsman in and it is good to see his confidence increasing – he's certainly enjoying his cricket.</p> <p>A great win boys – WELL DONE!!!</p>				

10 Red	11 for 90	Pendle Hill Colts	11 for 98	Win on averages
<p>The first week the coach was away and the team was left in the capable hands of Peter (thank you) and they batted very well against a very good fielding side. Michael (20) and Thomas (12) had a good partnership setting the side for a good total. Jack took to the field what he had learnt in training and ran very well between the wickets. Our boys could learn from this team with their accurate bowling and fielding. We scored a good total but need to be more careful with our wickets. We will work on this at training.</p> <p>Top scorers:- Michael 20 (2), Thomas 12, Brandon 8 , James 7 (1)</p> <p>The second week of the match saw the coach back. All she had heard was how good the opposition were and that meant training was fierce. All the boys lifted and played their best game of the year. Mr Sundries was the quietest he has been all season. Brad was on a hat trick (his father should watch more often, only joking Todd) and the catching and fielding were amazing. Catches were held by Michael, Jack, James and Brad (if only he followed through) and the ground fielding was much improved. Congratulations boys we were all impressed. Watch out for the rest of the season.</p> <p>Best bowlers:- Brad 2/6, Tarush 2/9, James 1/1</p>				

10 White	9 for 116	Seven Hills RSL	7 for 91	Win on averages
<p>Round 6 of the 05/06 Cricket season saw the Mighty Whites playing away to Seven Hills Toongabbie RSL (SH-TRSL). As the team were down a few players SH-TRSL granted our request to bowl first. Generously SH-TRSL provided a few of their team to help us out in the field.</p> <p>Brandon was 13th Man for this game.</p> <p>Neil assumed Coaching duties for day one of the game.</p> <p>Viva opened the bowling a good spell, securing a wicket for 13 runs. His first an third over were excellent going for on 3 runs, and Viva picked up a wicket in his 2nd over.</p> <p>Malindu opened from the opposite end and bowled a sensational and extended spell, picking up 2 wickets for a very economical 5 runs – great work.</p> <p>Mark came joined the attack bowling a great containing spell of 3 overs for only 8 runs, including one maiden over – Mark is improving with every game.</p> <p>Dilshan joined the attack producing a very fine spell of 3 overs for only 2 runs, including a maiden over. Dilshan is player above his age.</p>				

Nicholas was introduced to the attack, kept the pressure on SH-TRSL team and bowled an tidy spell of 3 overs for only 6 runs, including another maiden over.

Kieran was introduced into the attack and bowled a sensational spell, a maiden in his first over and finished with 2 wickets for only 5 runs off 4 overs - an impressive effort.

Arsh stepped up to the crease and applied more pressure bowling a great economical spell of 4 overs including 3 maidens for only 2 runs – a great effort.

Ryan's spell started off very tight 3 overs for only 5 runs, however his 4th over he was unlucky to get 10 runs scored off him ending up with the figures of 15 runs off four overs.

Tim bowled an impressive 4 overs for 1 wicket including 2 maiden overs for 11 runs. Great effort! The SH-TRSL batsman did score 8 runs off his last over.

Liam finished off the innings started his spell off securing a wicket in his 2nd over, however the SH-TRSL batsman took toll of his final over. Liam ended up with figures of 1 wicket for 15 runs including 1 maiden over.

SH-TRSL innings closed at 91 runs for 7 wickets, with an average of 11.375. Baulko had a fight on their hands.

Arriving at the ground for day 2, rain threatened to spoil the game. Sensible heads prevailed and the game resumed under clearing skies.

Viva and Malindu opened the batting with a reasonable start. Viva scored his highest total to date of 14 runs, for the loss of 1 wicket. Viva's innings included 3 sensation shots for 4. Good effort!

Malindu scored 4 runs for the loss of two wickets.

Mark arrived at the crease looking to contribute. Very good bowling saw Mark lose his wickets a few times for no runs.

Dilshan produce a very solid effort to settle the innings keeping his wicket intact. This was a crucial innings in keeping SH-TRSL bowlers out of the game.

Nicholas joined Dilshan at the crease and produced another impressive display of defensive batting. Nicholas kept his wicket in tact for 2 runs. A very solid batting display.

Kieran came to the crease with the pressure on. The flow of wickets has been stemmed but Baulko needed more runs. Kieran produced a solid innings of 2 runs and kept his wicket intact.

The drought was broken when the maestro arrived at the crease. Arsh's equal top scored of 14 with Viva. Arsh innings included 3 boundaries – great effort.

Ryan joined Arsh and produced a good innings of 1 run for the loss of one wicket.

Tim came to the crease looking to make a difference, which he did. Tim's innings of 12 runs put Baulko back in the game. Tim's innings included 2 blistering boundaries, as well excellent running between the wickets with Liam.

Liam joined Tim at the crease and produced a very mature effort, of 8 runs. The pressure applied by Liam and Tim fine running including a 5 (run one and four overthrows).

Chris arrived at the crease and demonstrated a fine innings of 5 runs for the loss of 1 wicket. Chris was looking to score off loose balls and batted with strong defence.

Michael's innings proved to be memorable. Michael batted superbly with strong defence losing his wicket with 3 balls remaining. The equation came down to 3 runs off the last 3 balls. Michael put his disappointment of losing his wicket behind him and showed great maturity with the pressure being applied.

Michael scored a single of the 3rd last ball. Great backing up by Chris. Next ball Michael produced a sensational cover drive for 4 runs and secured Baulko a win by the narrowest margins. Michael kept his wicket intact for the last ball and a thrilling win.

Baulko ended up with a score of 116 runs for the loss of 9 wickets and an average of 11.6 runs, a winning by the narrowest of margins by 0.225 runs.

Boy's – we need to protect our wickets with stronger defensive strokes.

The positive to take away from the game was the better running between wickets.

Other notable contributions

- Ram thank you again for your continued efforts in scoring. I sincerely appreciate your efforts in carrying out this work.
- Roger for selling raffle tickets
- Many thanks to the Dunshea and Anstee families for providing cover from the rain.
- Great running between the wickets.

11/3	10 for 134	Wenty Waratahs	5 for 182	First innings loss
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A disappointing loss this round. Wenty had us all out for 134 runs on the first day. Tim started off well scoring 16 runs before being caught. Jackson scored an excellent 42 (including 8 fours) in a good partnership with Blaine, who scored 7. Some nice calling out there Blaine and a big improvement in your strokes. Although no runs were scored between the two, Bradley and Lucas batted together for nearly twenty minutes, gaining some valuable time and experience out in the middle. Other scorers were William on 3, Michael on 6, Husam on 8 and Jayden on 1.

Wenty went into bat on the first day, finishing the day at 1 for 62. Our fielding let us down and we lacked enthusiasm some what. You need to encourage each other out on the field boys, no matter what happens, with positive, not negative comments. On day two Wenty went on to score 182 for only 5 wickets, taking the first innings win. Michael took 1 wicket for 29 runs, Tim took 1 wicket for 22 runs and Jayden took 2 wickets for 21 runs (including a wicket maiden). Bradley took his very first wicket! Congratulations Bradley and well done (1 for 17). Also, Jackson took a great catch which was coming at him very hard.

This week's Stockland Spirit Award goes to Lucas. You fielded very well today Lucas and didn't shy away from the ball, almost taking a catch! Well done and keep up the good work. The fielding award this week goes to Tim for putting into practice in the field what he learned at training. You stopped quite a few balls that would have gone for 4 - well done.

11/2	10 for 53, 10 for 43	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 36, 10 for 7	Outright win
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Batting Performance 1st Innings - Mitchell Evans not out 14
 Bowling Performance 1st Innings - Michael McConnell 3 for 6, Mitchell Evans 2 for 4, Matthew Mason 2 for 5
 Batting Performance 2nd Innings - Joshua King 7, Matthew Mason 6 not out
 Bowling Performance 2nd Innings - Anupam Parashar 5 for 4, Mitchell Evans 5 for 2.

Rouse Hill won the toss and sent Baulko into bat.

Siddhant (8) and Nathan (3) opened the batting and got us away to a steady start before Siddhant lost his wicket in the 5th over. This triggered the start of a batting collapse that saw Baulko lose their next 4 batsmen with only 18 runs on the scoreboard. Mitchell (14 not out) provided stern resistance in the middle order and along with Sundries (21) we managed to amass 53 runs for the 1st innings. Other batsmen to contribute to the scoreboard were Luke (1), Anupam (1), Michael (3) and Joshua (2).

Rouse Hills turn to bat and with a small total to protect the boys knew they had to bowl and field well. Well, they did not let their supporters down, and we had Rouse Hill wickets tumbling on a regular basis to dismiss them for a total of 36, a 17 run lead on the 1st Innings. Best bowlers were Mitchell (2 for 4), Sumal (1 for 6), Michael (3 for 6), Joshua (1 for 3) and Matthew (2 for 5). Catches were taken by Anupam (2), Mitchell, Siddhant and Sean, while Anupam figured in a run out with an excellent return from the outfield.

Baulko started their 2nd Innings with an outright win as their target, the plan being to get about 100 runs ahead and declare and put Rouse Hill into bat. These plans went astray almost immediately and we found ourselves struggling to compile a

reasonable score to stave off an outright defeat by Rouse Hill ourselves. At 5 for 8 after only 8 overs things were looking pretty grim, even a rain delay could not help our cause. Some good batting from Joshua (7) and Matthew (6 not out) saw us reach a defendable total of 43 runs and with the 17 run 1st innings lead Rouse Hill needed to score 61 runs to win.

Once again the boys knew they had to bowl and field well to defend another small total. They surpassed all our expectations and dismissed Rouse Hill for a total of 7 in 7 overs. Anupam (5 for 4) and Mitchell (5 for 2) bowled outstanding spells of bowling, supported by a near flawless display in the field from the rest of team. Catches were taken by Sean and Nathan. Both Mitchell and Anupam just missed out on Hat Tricks and Anupam actually finished the game on a Hat Trick but will have to wait for the next game to see if he can achieve this rare event.

A great result for the boys who showed real team spirit in achieving this outright win.

Man of the Match went to Mitchell Evans for an outstanding all round performance.

11/1	4 for 205	Hills Barbarians	10 for 79	First innings win
<p>Day 1: We were not lucky with the toss once again, but were lucky enough to be sent in, on a great summer day.</p> <p>We opened with Bryce and Cody and after some good clear hitting by both the openers against their opening bowlers, we lost Cody in the most unfortunate manner - 'hit wicket' while attempting to play a shot off the back foot for 10. Owen who came in next was in the mood to continue his form but after running a few quick singles was run out for 3 after attempting another quick run pushing the ball to the fielder in cover. Bryce was out next (15 runs - bowled by the best ball from their best bowler) and we were in a bit of crisis at 3 for 48, when Michael was joined by Josh. It was enjoyable cricket with some brilliant shots all around the wicket by this pair. Josh was bowled for 18 in the 34th over after a 78 run partnership with Michael (4 for 126). Then came the moment of the day in the 37th over - Michael scored his first fifty (first fifty for our team too) for the season with a clean boundary hit through point and he walked back into the archway formed by his team mates - Congratulations Michael (53*) and well done team for showing the kind of appreciation for a well deserved effort. Sachin joined George and they had to face some good bowling from the Hills Barbarian opening bowlers and kept our score moving in one's and extras. From the 42nd over they started to push the score and at the end of 52 overs George (26 no) and Sachin (23 no) had put on an unbroken 63 run partnership recording our highest score of the season, 4 for 205.</p> <p>Day 2: On an overcast day and a wet pitch on the second week, Joe and Devin opened the bowling and Joe got their hard hitting opening batsman out to slow down the scoring rate. Ravi and Pavan bowled next, with Pavan getting one of their star batsman out LBW. George (2 wkts) and Michael (1 wkt) bowled the next 8 overs very tight and took wickets to reduce Hills Barbarians to 4 for 55 at 22 overs. Sachin and Owen bowled next and were rewarded with their first wickets of the season for their accurate bowling. Bryce, Joshua and Cody also bowled superbly and took wickets at regular intervals and never let any partnership blossom. Bryce took 2 wickets, Cody 1 (never giving away any runs in recent matches). Our catching was good with Michael - one, Cody - two behind the stumps and Joe - one catch.</p> <p>Bowling Figures: Joe 4-0-1-5; Devin 3-0-0-16; Ravi 4-3-0-6; Pavan 3-0-1-16; George 6-3-2-8; Michael 4-2-1-2; Sachin 4-2-1-5; Owen 3-1-1-2; Bryce 4-2-2-5; Cody 2.3-2-1-0;</p> <p>Well done boys to notch up the 6th win of the season and increasing the lead on the points table.</p> <p>The Coach's award for this round goes to Bryce for an excellent opening batting contribution, bowling and fielding effort.</p>				
12/3	10 for 81	Guildford Leagues	10 for 91	First innings loss

12/2	8 dec 143	Kings Langley	10 for 83, 4 for 47	First innings win
<p>This week was another great effort by the boys, who are showing great improvement with each game. Kings Langley beat us in the first game of the season and we were keen to do well against them. They batted and we bowled and fielded very well. Josh Stevenson finished with 3/2 and Shanan Surendra, 2/8. The other wickets were well shared across the team (Josh Balzarolo, James Senior, James Benton and Sanju Sonnadara). Nick Sullivan and Josh Balzarolo took great catches in the field.</p> <p>We batted very well, with James Senior (35), Tom Hughes (24), Greg Malyon (22 no) and Joshua Balzarolo (19) leading the way. We went for the outright but Kings Langley batted the morning out to save the outright victory. In their second innings, Trent and Sanju Sonnadara took a wicket each and Amar Subramanian took 2/3. There were 3 good catches to Tom Hughes, Josh Stevenson and Amar Subramanian. We welcomed a new player this week, Sid Sharma, who is settling in very well. In all it was a great effort from the whole team, with all boys contributing.</p>				

12/1	7 for 179	Kings Langley	10 for 130	First innings win
<p>Jonathan Barnitt 42 Mitchell Webb 37 James Dallaway 28 not out</p> <p>Tom Lockhart 2/7 Jonathan Barnitt 2/12</p> <p>Baulko batted first on a hot day with Tom and Johnno opening. A great 52 run opening partnership set up the team well. The two openers complemented each other well with Tom playing the openers role to perfection - patient and taking the sting out of the attack - and Johnno the aggressor taking two fours of the first over and staying aggressive throughout. Tom was eventually out for a good 16 in the 17th over. Jonathan played his best innings of the season with a fantastic 42 eventually out in the 23 over with the foundations set for a good total. A mini collapse followed with Taylor out LBW to a good ball- he looked good whilst at the crease and a big dig looks just around the corner. Matt, Geoff and Ruben were all out to a boy sending down hand grenades with balls tossed up a mile. Mitchell and James steadied the ship with a 74 run partnership. Mitch ended up with 37 following up from his 80 the previous week. This included two lovely pulls for four from successive balls that were only just there to be pulled. James batted through for 28 not out, he is having a very consistent year with the bat. Nick made a good 6 not out at the end. The team ended up with 174 - probably could have done with more on a small ground but we were confident that it was probably enough. NorWest opened their innings with two rep players opening, they started watchfully before Blake knocked one over in the third over. Taseen bowled well without luck in his first spell with his four overs conceding just 4 runs. A double change saw James and Tom bowling which resulted in immediate success. Tom picked up the opener and the first drop who was looking very dangerous. Every time Tom has been thrown the ball this year he has taken wickets and he is having a great year. James also picked up a wicket - with Ruben holding a great catch. Wickets fell at regular intervals with Mitch, Joel and Matt all picking up wickets and Jonathan picking up another two wickets following up from his two last week. Ruben also had a direct hit run out.</p> <p>Once again a lot of good performances from the boys. Tom had a good game with bat and ball - featuring in a 50 run opening stand and taking two vital wickets. James also did well with bat and ball with 28 not out and his first spell of four overs conceding just 2 runs for one wicket. Jonathan was the backbone of our innings with a splendid 42 and he wrapped up the game at the end with a couple of wickets. Mitch made a good 37, took a wicket and took a good catch in slips, but the player of the round was Ruben. Ruben put in great spell in the middle of the innings with four overs for just 8 runs. He took a vital catch to dismiss a danger player and threw down the stumps for a great run out. Well done Ruben.</p>				

13/3	10 for 131	Kings Langley	10 for 119	First innings win
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13/2	10 for 167	Kings Langley	10 for 71, 8 for 95	First innings win
<p>Chris Gunton 50, Ryan Bailey 31 1st innings Anoop Vaidya 3 for 19, Amol Marwah 3 for 8 2nd innings Amol Marwah 4 for 16</p> <p>Without doubt the team's best all round performance of the season. Another good openning partnership between Jonathan Fulcher and Chris Gunton of 28 got the innings off to a good start. Christopher went on with the job to complete a well compiled 50. He was well supported by Ryan Bailey with 31 and Jake Bailey with 24, and this saw us reach our total of 167.</p> <p>Kings Langley reached 0 for 22 before our bowlers broke through and then continued to take wickets at regular intervals to dismiss Kings Langley for 71. The wickets were shared between Ryan Bailey 2 for 7, Anoop Vaidya 3 for 19, Michael Waddups 2 for 9, and Amol Marwah 3 for 8.</p> <p>With a 96 run lead, we enforced the follow on, and despite some fine bowling, well supported in the field, Kings Langley managed to avert an outright defeat by finishing at 8 for 95. Amol Marwah was again outstanding with 4 for 16 off 5 overs. Aidan Cousin gave a very tidy display of wicket keeping in his first game back as keeper after a shoulder injury, taking 2 catches and a fine stumping off Amol's bowling.</p> <p>Well played team, a very positive, purposeful performance.</p>				

13/1	10 for 176	Greystanes	10 for 236	First innings loss
<p>Our team won the toss and decided to bat. Great effort by Ash (26), Tevin (25) and Asad (42). We were all out 176.</p> <p>This was definitely a game where we needed to hold the catches.</p> <p>Greystanes has a player roster which includes 3 NSW Emerging Blues all of which were unfortunately dropped (some more difficult chances than others) on low scores. These 3 boys all then proceeded to make half-centuries which gave Greystanes a comfortable victory with 7 wickets still in hand.</p> <p>If we take out those 3 players from Greystanes, the rest of their team were only able to compile 76 runs. That is how important those catches proved to be.</p> <p>Ash, Asad, Matthew and Jack all bowled well.</p> <p>Better luck next time boys.</p> <p>Round 5: Vs Hills Barbarians We lost the toss and Barbarians decided to bat. Hills Barbarians wickets tumbled one after the other. Asad 3 for 21 off 7, Sam S 2 for 21 off 6, Karanbir 1 for 3 off 5, Adarsh 3 for 18 off 5, (which earned him the match ball) & Sam B 1 for 1 off 2. Sanji took 2 catches, Sam H took 1 and Sam S also took 1.</p> <p>Hills Barbarians All Out 72 just after drinks. Some quick scoring in the remaining time that was left allowed us to be 3 for 72 at close of play on day one. Great batting Jack, Tevin, Ash and Sam H.</p> <p>Day two saw us take control of the match with some determined batting from Sam H who was unlucky to be dismissed 4 short of his half century on 46. Well done Sam H a very pleasing effort for which you were voted Player's Player for this match.</p> <p>After declaring 80 runs ahead at 9 for 152 our team tried very hard to obtain the outright victory, but it wasn't to be. Hills Barbarians 5 for 77 at stumps.</p> <p>Let's keep this momentum going. Good victory lads.</p>				

14/2	10 for 271	Fairfield Pats	10 for 115, 8 for 34	First innings win
<p>A tremendous team effort by the boys to almost capture an outright victory. The batting far surpassed our previous best innings with 6 healthy contributors in Robert (61 n/o), Matthew (54), Taseen (25), Michael (22), Daniel (16), and Prasindu (15) all getting a good start. Congratulations to Robert and Matthew for going on with it and scoring their first ever half century! The bowling was a bit tardy early on in the 1st innings and probably cost us the outright, but after the first hour the boys really knuckled down and came home very strong and tight knit to almost pull off what would have been an amazing outright. From 11:03 am to 12 noon we took 8 wickets and nearly pulled it off...great effort guys. Best bowlers were well spread with Taseen 3/10, Tom 3/15, Matt 3/29, Hamish 2/9, Rob 2/0 and Michael 1/17 all doing well.....those 6 boys all deserve high praise for their efforts, in particular Tom playing his first game for some time and announcing himself as a contender for opening bowler with a superb opening spell in the 2nd innings with 3 clean bowled wickets in 3 overs!</p> <p>Daniel kept magnificently and took 7 catches, moving with much improved technique for the leg side deliveries. Special mention to the run out combination of the season that saw Jason swooping on the ball at fine leg and pinging it in to the base of the stumps with Daniel diving, taking the ball and swiping the stumps all in one motion....McGrath and Gilly stuff!</p> <p>The fielding on the whole was pretty good especially in the 2nd innings when we turned up the wick. But a few guys have earned themselves a position back into the "catching academy" this Wednesday at training.</p> <p>Great victory boys. Now for Pendle Hill next week to see if we can score a 4-3 win loss ratio prior to the Xmas break.</p>				

14/1	8 for 258	Hills Barbarians	9 for 244	First innings win
<p>We lost the toss and were sent in to bat. Daniel and Matheesha opened the batting building a very good partnership of 103 run when Daniel (70 from 70 balls) was bowled. Well batted Daniel a good innings scoring quickly. Nick came in next, scoring well but gave a very rare chance and was caught for 11. Omal joined Matheesha at the crease taking the score to 156 when Matheesha (40) was caught. Ben (7) hit the third ball out of the ground for a huge six breaking a car windscreen but was unfortunately caught two balls later. Gabriel joined Omal, adding valuable runs when Omal (28 from 32) was caught with our score on 5/185 in the 40th over. Michael then came to the crease and played a couple of good shots but let a ball through to the pad to be out lbw. Raveen (9) joined Gabriel at the crease adding valuable runs. Tom came in next with about 8 minutes remaining and was bowled by a ball that stayed low. Harmon added two more runs before being bowled with Ornob facing only one ball to be not out. At the end of 60 overs we were 8 down for 258 runs with Gabriel having scored a well deserved 58 no from 60 balls.</p> <p>Tom and Gabriel opened the bowling with Kings Langley getting off to a good start, scoring at better than 5 runs an over until Tom got the breakthrough in his 5th over with a good catch by Nick to have Kings Langley 1/47 after 10 overs. Ajay and Ornob were unable to pick up a wicket with Kings Langley moving to 1/93 after 20 overs. Daniel and Harmon bowled next with Harmon picking up a valuable wicket from a catch by Omal to have Kings Langley 2/97 after 24 overs. Kings Langley added 67 more runs before Tom removed the remaining opening batsman with a catch from Nick. Twenty runs later Matheesha fielded sharply with a good return to Nick to have the batsman run out. Tom picked up the next wicket with a good catch from Michael to have Kings Langley 5/198 in the 49th over. This was a big wicket as the batsman had reached 62 runs and looked set to score the remaining 61 runs needed from the last 9 overs. Gabriel took the 6th wicket with an lbw, Daniel took the next with a bowled and Harmon the 8th wicket by another catch from Nick to have Kings Langley 8/230 in the 56th over. Gabriel picked up a run out throwing back to Daniel in the second last over. Kings Langley finished 9/244 just 15 runs short of a win in a very good game. Well kept Nick, three more catches to your big total. Bowling figures - Tom 10-1-2-31, Ajay 5-0-0-29, Gabriel 10-2-2-45, Ornob 5-1-0-16, Ben 6-0-0-22, Michael 5-0-0-31, Harmon 8-2-2-25 and Daniel 8-1-1-42.</p>				

15/2	10 for 132	Winston Hills	10 for 160	First innings loss
<p>Winston Hills won the toss and batted. Great bowling by Luke and Mason had them 3/22 but their middle order fought back to see them up to 82 before Christian and then Mason get two wickets in quick succession for 5 for 92. Again Winston Hill fought back until Neil took a screamer of a catch at square leg. Their tail wagged until Sam cleaned up with 3 for, and had them all out for 160.</p> <p>We had a tricky five overs to face at the end of the day to end up 1 for 9. Robert came in at 2 for 9 early on day 2 and turned out a gritty 18 in a terrific partnership with Nelson. Some fiery fast bowling and we were all out for 132. Great innings of 62 by Nelson had us in the match till after drinks.</p> <p>Special fielding mentions to Luke for running out their high scorer, and Tom for some demon fielding at point.</p> <p>Some good signs for the team in batting, bowling and fielding.</p> <p>Bring on the next round.</p>				

15/1	8 for 226	Kings Langley	10 for 183	First innings win
<p>Up against an undefeated Kings Langley team full of confidence, Sean and Samira won the toss and elected to bat. Samira jumped up the order and opened the innings with Sean and got the team off to a solid start with 28 runs on the board before Samira was caught in close defending a turning ball. Michael came to the crease and provided good support to Sean as he was taking apart the Kings Langley attack with 5 consecutive boundaries in the one over! Michael was unlucky to spoon a ball up to be caught at mid on for 9 runs but not before adding 68 runs to the partnership. Kieran was next up and took some time to get settled against the spinners but gradually dug his way out to put together another 50 run partnership with Sean before Sean was caught behind for 103. Yet another excellent effort.</p> <p>Adam joined the crease but was stumped stepping down the wicket to the Kings Langley spinner for 1 and we were 4 for 154 after 49 overs. Tharindu joined Kieran and they put on another 22 runs before Kieran was caught at mid on trying to accelerate the run rate for a solid 44 runs. Tharindu then played a leading role in pushing the score past the 200 mark with good support provided by Teshan, Cameron and Reece to finish 35 not out and the team 8 for 226, but not before making Kings Langley bowl their full 63 overs. On day 2 the boys started off nervously giving away some early runs before Sean captured the first wicket in the third over clean bowling the Kings Langley opener. Then Tharindu got the next breakthrough with a good piece of fielding in cover, throwing the ball over the stumps to Cameron which caught the batsman well short of his crease to have Kings Langley 2 for 40 after 9 overs.</p> <p>Samira and Kieran then applied the breaks to the run rate in their first spells with some good accurate bowling, but Kings Langley were providing good resistance. Teshan then got the vital breakthrough in his second over with Cameron moving well behind the stumps to pick up a leg glance. Kings Langley continued to play positive cricket and put our boys under pressure with the score 3 for 103 at the break. The boys needed the break to pick up on the little things that gave them success so far in the season and they went straight back out and played superbly. After bowling 3 consecutive maidens, Kings Langley got frustrated and pushed for a run only to be caught short with a good throw back to the stumps by Muditha. Just as Kings Langley looked to be getting back into the match, Sean delivers a good ball attracting the edge for Samira to take a great catch in slips. Sean then claimed another wicket on the very next ball with Cameron taking a regulation catch behind the stumps and all of a sudden the match turned our way with Kings Langley 6 for 112. We then lost our way a bit with some wide bowling for the next 4 overs, but then we settled to grab another wicket off Kieran (caught by Teshan). With Kings Langley's danger batsman still at the crease, Teshan let go with a fantastic bouncer forcing the batsman to attempt a shot, for Muditha to take a great running catch at deep mid on. Kings Langley were then in real trouble at 7 for 147. Kings Langley put up a determined fight to the end but the pressure of Samira, Michael and Sean was too much and we finished up cleaning up the tail and the innings for 183.</p> <p>It was a great win by the team, albeit not our best bowling performance. You were really tested in this match and you came up with the win to now lead the competition. Well done! Good performances by Sean, Kieran and Tharindu with the bat and a good day for Tharindu in the field with a run out and two catches.</p> <p>Statistics: - Sean 103, Kieran 44, Tharindu 35 not out, Cameron 11, Michael 9, Teshan 8 and Samira 8. With the ball Sean 11-3-4-36, Teshan 6-2-2-22, Samira 10-3-1-14, Kieran 9-1-1-46, Michael 9-3-0-27 and Adam 6-1-0-29.</p>				

16/1	3 for 139	Winston Hills	10 for 63, 10 for 57	Outright win
<p>This game was virtually a repeat of round 5. The opposition won the toss and elected to bat. Our opening attack was again very accurate and intimidating. After 18 overs they were 3/35. Then Hari came on and weaved his spinning magic once again, finishing with 5/6 off 7 overs. We had them all out for 63.</p> <p>Jacob and Chris batted very sensibly, finishing day one 0/59. They came back the second week and continued where they had left off. Finally Chris fell for 36 excellent runs with our score at 85. Jacob went on to score a very impressive 72no when we declared at 3/138.</p> <p>Our second innings bowling was even more impressive than the first. All our bowlers found their line and length very quickly, giving the opposition no chance to settle in. We had them all out in 17.4 overs for 57 runs. Alan bowled very well finishing with 3/21 off 4 overs after going for twelve runs in his first over.</p> <p>An excellent team win with ALL players contributing to the win.</p> <p>Stats: Jacob 72no+2/12+3/17, Chris 36 and 3 catches, Alan 0/5+3/21, Alex 15+1/11+1/7, Hari 5/6+1/0, Owen 1/10+1/7</p>				

B14	10 for 257, 1 for 26	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 101, 10 for 181	Outright win
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B13	10 for 227	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 177	First innings win
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B12	4 for 297	NSW Tamils	7 dec 293	First innings win
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B11	10 for 292, 0 for 25	AKA Sports	10 for 156, 10 for 158	Outright win
<p>After winning the toss and electing to bat, a fine 110 opening stand between Joe Gurka (93) and Ward Koski (63) built a great foundation for the innings. After Ward's dismissal, Joe was joined by Evan Platt who continued his good run of scores with a well made 70. A quick fire 24 from Luke McNaught helped us to the eventual total of 292 all out.</p> <p>Despite a spirited start which saw Aka at one stage 1 for 99, some consistent bowling from Tony Senior (6 for 78) and Joe Gurka (4 for 22) saw the middle and late order crumble to be all out for 156, a lead for B Hills of 136 on the first innings. The follow on was duly enforced, and Aka again crumbled after a promising start to be all out for 158. Tony Senior again bowled well to finish with 4 for 33, giving him 10 wickets for the match.</p> <p>This left B Hills requiring 23 runs to claim outright points, a target achieved without loss. Tim Littlejohns finishing 19 not out.</p> <p>Congratulations again team on maintaining your unbeaten record.</p>				

B10	10 for 120, 10 for 70	Wenty Leagues	10 for 158, 0 for 46	Outright loss
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B5	10 for 93, 5 for 53	Winston Hills	10 for 174	First innings loss
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B4	10 for 119	AKA Sports	10 for 251	First innings loss
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B2	10 for 193	Kings Langley	10 for 271	First innings loss

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A	10 for 203	Kings Langley	7 for 205	First innings loss