

The Third Man's Report

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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:

B6	5 for 375	15/1	3 for 195
16/1	2 for 168		

Individual Achievements

Mitch Walters	A Res	109	Chris Slaviero	16/1	62
David Cope	A Res	3/56	Alan Sala	16/1	5/21
Michael Homsy	B4	5/49	Sean Abbott	15/1	159 no
Ben Dooley	B6	190	Nelson Brown	15/2	54
Matt Hardy	B6	100 no	Alex Jervis	15/2	54
Dooley/Hardy	260 run 5th wkt	p/ship	Gabriel Joseph	14/1	52
Evan Platt	B11	78 no	Varun Aswal	11/3	25 ret
Peter Touzel	B14	52	Manmit Bedi	11/3	27 ret
Jacob Astill	16/1	63	Kieran Jayasekera	10 W	20 (18 balls)

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
February 3 2007	B6	13/2
February 10 2007	B10	12/1
February 17 2007	B12	12/2
February 24 2007	B14	11/1
March 3 2007	B13	11/2
March 10 2007	B11	10 Red/10 Blue

The President's Roundup

With three rounds to go before the semis now is crunch time for many teams. Wins are needed to make the finals and be up there with a chance for the premiership. Good luck to all teams.

I attended the official “sod turning” ceremony at Baulkham Hills Sports Club on January 24. This was to mark the start of work on the club extensions. Stage 1, costing around \$8m is scheduled to take around 12 to 15 months to complete. Hopefully Stage 2, which includes a new auditorium, will follow immediately after Stage 1.

The AW Green Shield competition was recently completed, with Parramatta missing out on the finals. But when the teams were selected to play against Country, Baulkham Hills was represented with Sean Abbott selected in the First XI and Nick Bertus played for the Second XI. Well done and congratulations to both players on their selection. Good luck for the future (hopefully with Baulko!)

The outstanding performances in juniors continue, with Sean Abbott (U15/1) making 159 not out in the one dayer last weekend. Half centuries went to Jacob Astill 63 & Chris Slaviero 62 – both U16/1, Nelson Brown 54 & Alex Jervis 54 – both U15/2 and Gabriel Joseph 52 (U14/1). Alan Sala was the best of the bowlers with 5/21 for the U16/1.

In seniors, the feature was an outstanding 260 runs partnership between Ben Dooley (190) & Matthew Hardy (100 n.o) was a feature for the B6's. Both batsmen punished an attack suffering in the 40 deg heat. Mitchell Walters, captain of the A Reserves scored 109, while Evan Platt made 78 not out for the B11's & young Peter Touzel made 52 for the B14's. Best of the bowlers was Michael Homsy, with 5/49 for B4's, whilst Martin Ams took an impressive 4/7 for B11's

Talking of performances, I hear that Darren Thomas scored 100 in the NSW Churches Competition. I also hear that he was pretty stiff and sore the next day, but said it was worth it to get a ton.

You know there are some things that you have to see with your own eyes to believe. Well, it happened last Saturday. I was sitting on the concrete seating at Max Ruddock, watching the B6's defend their 375. There in front of me, just metres away was skipper David Banks fielding a deep mid wicket (why he was fielding there I do not know). But the batsmen played a lofted shot towards David, who moved forward & to his right. He dived for it & took a catch just off the ground. The ball stuck, the ground shook & the batsman was out. A once in a life time experience – for me & him!

This weekend sees the semi finals of the Districts Cricket competition. PDCA will be represented in five of the shields – Martin (Open), Durham (U19), Weblin (U15), Moore (U14) & Creak (U11). Good luck to all teams and especially the Baulko players, coaches and managers – in all teams except Durham

A busy time in February, with the annual Bankstown challenges matches on February 11 & the junior double wicket on February 18, as well as the Trivia Night on February 24 (see below). Seniors v Colts will also be held on Sunday March 4.

Don't forget our next monthly meeting – next Tuesday, February 6 at 8pm at the Baulkham Hills Sports club. **All teams MUST be represented.**

Trivia Night

The Trivia Night is coming up on February 24. Due to the renovations at the Sports Club, we will be holding it at the Don Moore Community Centre at North Rocks. Tables must be booked, so contact Peter McLoughlin on 9639 2683 or 0413495516 to book your spot (tables of 8). All teams are asked to donate a prize or cash to the value about \$50. Contact any of the social committee with your donation. More details at the next club meeting.

Go Baulko!

Peter McLoughlin
President

BAULKHAM HILLS SOCCER***Grading & training details for the 2007 season*****Tuesday 6th, 13th and 20th February**

6:30pm - Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Girls Under 12, 14 & 16

7:30pm - Premier League

Wednesday 7th, 14th and 21st February

6:30pm - Under 11, Under 12, Under 13

7:30pm - Under 17, Under 18 and Over 35 Men

Thursday 8th, 15th and 22nd February

6:30pm - Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16

7:30pm - Under 19 Girls, All Age Ladies, Under 21 Men & Seniors (All Age) Men

All at Ted Horwood Reserve, Cnr Park & Renown Roads, Baulkham Hills

Under 6 & 7 Registration Day

17 March, 10:00am to 12 noon

Tom Newhouse Field (Field 3), Ted Horwood Reserve

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GO YOU KOOKAS!!

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	5 for 59	Hills Barbarians	5 for 81	Loss on averages
<p>Our opposition won the toss & chose to bat first. They had 11 batsmen & put on 81 runs for the loss of 5 wickets. The pick of our bowlers was Jason, Saad, Tom & Ramal. We had only 10 players so that didn't help our cause! We struggled (though not through lack of enthusiasm!) to 59 runs for 5 wickets – our confidence to back up and take runs clearly needs a boost and a lot more practice! Pick of our batsmen was Tom, Ramal, Saad and Binara.</p> <p>Better luck next week, boys!</p> <p>A special “thank you” to Stefan who willingly provided umpiring duties for our team & did an extremely good job considering he had never done it before!! Thanks also to Joanne who “looked after” the batsmen & got them ready. Parental support never goes unnoticed in these quarters!</p>				

10 Red	7 for 48	AKA Sports	6 for 84	Loss on averages
<p>Our captain this week was Nic and he won the toss and elected to bat. It was clearly visible when the boys batted that Santa thought that they had been good because a lot of new cricket gear was paraded on the field. Unfortunately the boys didn't want to get their new gear dirty and we just didn't score enough runs. The outfield was long and we didn't get the value for the shots that were played. Michael continues to impress with his powerful shots and variety of stroke play and top scored with 8 which could easily have been more on a different ground.</p> <p>Top Scorer:- Michael 8</p> <p>The lack of training due to the holidays was also evident in the field and we once again bowled too many wides and no balls. However the fielding was great with some “classic catches” being taken by Thomas, Michael and Luca as well as two good run outs.</p> <p>Luke showed that he hadn't forgotten his cricketing skills during the break and backed up in the field and whilst batting and tried hard all game. Well done Luke.</p>				

10 White	2 for 75	Winston Hills	5 for 70	Win on averages
<p>After an extended break for Christmas Holidays it was round two of the friendly grudge match versus Winston Hills (Some of the boy's play Rugby with the Winston Hill's boys).</p> <p>Ryan was Captain for the match and won the toss, deciding the team should have first go at batting. Unfortunately we were 3 boy's down for this game, and a big challenge laid ahead considering Winston Hills beat the Mighty Whites in the first round.</p> <p>Tim and the Captain opened the bating and proceeded to compile a solid partnership, which is essential to build a defendable score.</p> <p>Tim scored a well compiled 10 runs including two scorching boundaries. Unfortunately Tim lost his wicket trying to increase the scoring rate attempting a pull shot.</p> <p>Ryan scored a solid 3 runs, taking some very sharp singles. And backed Tim up at the non-strikers end in a professional manner.</p> <p>This opening partnership got the team off to a good start.</p> <p>Arsh came in first drop and produced another solid effort for 3 runs, keeping his wicket in tact, running well with Ryan initially and then teaming with Kieran. Arsh and Ryan were unlucky not to score more runs as some of their shots were well fielded by Winston Hills.</p> <p>Kieran was next in and produced his best innings to date and one of the best innings of the season. Kieran using the pace of the Winston Hill's bowlers produced some classic sweep shots down the leg side resulting in 5 boundaries for a high score of twenty runs, as well as keeping his wicket intact. Kieran's innings provided a great platform to compile a good innings total.</p>				

Michael was in next produced another solid batting performance for a well structure 6 runs including a great boundary. Michael never looked like getting out. If it wasn't some good fielding by Winston Hills Michael would have scored more runs.

Viva arrived at the crease looking very relaxed (as always). Viva's defensive shot's were very satisfying to watch. Once he got his eye in Viva produced a superbly timed cover drive for four runs. Viva ended with a score of 5 runs and kept his wicket intact.

Chris came to the crease looking to consolidate the team's performance, which he duly did. Chris looked solid by playing the ball straight and kept his wicket intact scoring 1 run. Some of Chris shots were stooped by Winston Hills – he was unlucky not to score more runs.

Brandon was up next. From ball one Brandon was looking to get on the front foot but was not connecting. Brandon however was getting in line behind the ball and defending his stumps with everything. Brandon scored 1 run with a nice leg glance; and kept his wicket in place.

Mark was up next to finish the innings off with Nicholas. Mark was looking to score off most balls and was unlucky to be caught behind stretching for a ball that was a long way from his body. Mark finished up with a score of 1 run. A high light of Mark's innings was his defence and getting his body behind the balls that were bowled on the stumps.

Nicholas wrapped the innings up with a few lightning fast singles yielding 2 runs as well as keeping his wicket intact. Nicholas fielding skills would prove to be crucial during Winston Hills innings.

The mighty Whites innings concluded for a superbly constructed 75 runs, losing only two wickets for an average of 25. Even though the team did not compile a huge score, the boy's showed tremendous maturity in defending their wickets and their running between the wickets was a highlight.

It must be noted that Winston Hills displayed some find fielding and the ground was quite small, which in the end suited our team.

It was the Mighty whites turn to take the field in quite hot and trying conditions.

The coach's instructions were to bowl on the stumps, not give away sundries and back each up in the field.

Nicholas opened the bowling which saw Winston Hills attacking from ball one with a boundary. However Nicholas' displayed a lot of grit to recover and bowled two good overs that yielded only 11 runs – well done. Nicholas now possesses a mean out swing ball that will see him pick up more wickets over the remaining games.

Mark was up next and produced a sensational delivery that bowled the WH batsmen. This wicket enabled the Whites to get on the front foot and show WH that they were in for a big fight! Mark bowled his best spell for the year, of 2 overs for 1 wicket for a miserly 2 runs – sensational effort Mark!

Brandon was up next and proceeded to bowl a very good length. Except for one boundary Brandon's bowling has improved over the break and this will lead to more wickets over the remainder of the season. An accident during his last over saw Brandon injure his ankle which meant he was positioned in slips for the rest of the innings.

Chris was up next and proceeded to confuse the WH batsmen with his well flighted deliveries. Chris' spell of 2 maiden overs was excellent and showed that he is improving with each outing. This spell increased the pressure on the WH batsman.

Viva was up next and bowled with excellent control. Viva's second ball in his first over clean bowled the WH batsman with a beautiful delivery. Viva finished up with three overs for one wicket for only 7 runs – great effort!

Michael's spell of two overs for only 5 runs increased the pressure on the WH batsmen who failed to score any boundaries off Michael's bowling – great tight spell.

Kieran back up his excellent batting and keeping efforts with a tight economical spell of two overs for 1 run, including a maiden over. The pressure was increasing on WH.

Arsh bowled an economical spell of three overs for only 7 runs – again a very economical spell increasing the pressure on WH.

Tim and Ryan stepped up and produced the results to close out the game. Ryan bowled three overs for 8 runs including a wicket maiden over – sensational stuff.

Tim produced a magnificent spell of three overs for 13 runs including a wicket off a sensational in-swinging Yorker.

Winston Hills innings closed with 70 runs and 5 wickets producing an average of 11.66.

The Might Whites gained revenge on WH with a superior average of 25, double the WH average.

Notable fielding efforts:

The team produced their best fielding effort for the season. The ground fielding (picking up and returning the ball) was excellent. The backing up of return throws was a high light. And this effort was in stifling heat; you boys displayed a huge amount of courage in your fielding efforts today.

Nicholas direct hit run out at a crucial time in the game put the pressure on the WH batsmen – a great individual fielding effort.

Viva pulled off a sensational running catch to put the icing on the cake and the result out of WH's grasp. Viva again demonstrated he has great catching skills and a safe pair of hands.

Arsh and Kieran's wicket keeping was very solid with both boys' showing great skills behind the stumps.

Ryan's and then Mark's solid efforts at long stop, did not allow WH any cheap singles.

Tim and Mark's effort out on the boundary saved the team many runs.

11/3	4 for 113	AKA Sports	3 for 113	First innings TIE
<p>One Day Match vs AKA Sports. It was our first game back after the school holiday break. Baulko won the toss and elected to field. Our holiday break from the game showed in our fielding, as we didn't look as enthusiastic and focused. AKA went on to score a total of 113, which was going to be hard to beat. To our credit, even though we had periods where our run rate slowed somewhat, we managed to keep up with AKA's score throughout the innings. In the last over we needed 6 runs of 6 balls to win. A no-ball and a wide gave some relief, and even though the boys gave all their effort, we fell one run short, with the game ending in a tie. Congratulations go out to all the team, as just equalling 113 was a big ask, and you all stepped up to the plate and gave your very best effort, in either batting or supporting your team. We need to keep focused boys and to stay on track for a finals place.</p>				
<p>Wickets were taken by Husam - 1 for 18 off 7 overs; Jayden – 1 for 26 off 7 overs and William – 1 for 17 off 3 overs. Blaine also took a catch at wicket keeper.</p>				
<p>Batting scores were Varun 25; Manmit 27; Husam 2; Raad 9; Tim 2; Jayden 8 and Blaine 12.</p>				
<p>Congratulations also to William for taking out the fielding award today. This also earned you the Stockland Spirit Award for this week. Well done.</p>				

11/2	7 for 78	Norwest	5 for 91	First innings loss
<p>Best bowling was Joshua King 2 for 4, Mitchell Evans 1 for 9 and Michael McConnell 1 for 8. Best batting was Mitchell Evans 16 not out, Sean Svanetti 13 and Sumal Furnando 11.</p> <p>Baulko won the toss and elected to field.</p> <p>Anupan (0 for 10) and Mitchell (1 for 9) opened the bowling and bowled a tight line and length restricting the Norwest scoring rate. This trend continued throughout the game with all bowlers bowling well. Bowlers to take wickets were Joshua (2 for 4), Mitchell (1 for 9) and Michael (1 for 8). Catches were taken by Sean at wicket keeper and Mitchell with a good caught and bowled. Joshua secured a great run out with a direct hit when the Norwest batsman attempted a second run. All up a good effort in the field to restrict the total to 91.</p> <p>Baulko's turn to bat and Anupan (8) and Sean (13) got us off to a great start and after 12 overs we were 0-27 and looking good. Anupan was unluckily run out when the ball ricochet off the bowlers hand onto the stumps from a powerful drive from Sean and then the loss of several quick wickets saw us fail to consolidate on our good start. Steady batting from Mitchell (16 not out) and Sumal (11) saw us needing 18 runs off the final over and we could only manage 4 through a well timed pull shot from Ben (6 not out).</p> <p>Man of the match was a difficult decision with the award going to Joshua for his bowling effort of 2 for 4, a great run out and overall good fielding.</p>				

11/1	6 for 87	Norwest	3 for 88	First innings loss
<p>The boys were pleased to lose the toss again as it seemed like a good omen for this one-dayer. Norwest chose to bat, and one early wicket by Ravi (the first of two catches Cody would take behind the stumps) looked promising. However as the opposition settled in, it became apparent we were a bit rusty after the break - lots of sundries, and our catching and throwing were not great. The second wicket fell in the 15th over, Sachin bowling their opener. Meanwhile their rep player continued to score freely and eventually retired with 28 runs. The 3rd wicket fell in the 21st over, at 64, and then another good partnership took them to 3-88 after their 31 overs. Ravi finished with 2/8 off 3, while Josh took a solid catch - off a no-ball! Bad luck.</p> <p>The run chase was not easy as Norwest's bowling was tighter and their fielding better than ours. Opener Bryce was hit on the forearm early on and had to retire hurt. By the 5th over we were 2/8, Bryce was in a chair with ice on his arm, and we badly needed a partnership. Owen and George settled in and took the total to 50 after 18 overs. After Owen (19) was caught, two run outs followed as we struggled to make the run chase happen. George (21) top scored but he too was eventually caught. Bryce returned bravely and batted well for 11 not out, along with Tanveer (10 n.o.), as we just failed to catch their total.</p> <p>A sporting gesture by our side, where we sacrificed one over to comply with the one day match rules about slow over rates, cost us the match - but in fact Norwest was the better team and deserved their win. Hopefully it will stir our team to perform better in the remaining 3 games.</p> <p>Weekly award: Owen</p>				

12/3	10 for 64	Wenty Waratahs	2 for 66	First innings loss
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12/2	9 for 67	AKA Sports	7 for 79	First innings loss
<p>In what turned out to be a close match against the competition leaders, the boys lost the match through giving away too many extras when bowling. We scored more runs off the bat but they kept their extras down and won the game. Never-the-less, it gives us hope that we can beat this team if we play them in the finals.</p> <p>Josh Balzarolo and Joshua Stevenson led the batting with 12 runs each on an outfield that was very slow and only yielded 2 boundaries all day. Amar Subramanian (10) and Greg Malyon (8) also batted well. Nicholas Sullivan hit the ball the best he has all season.</p> <p>In the field, Trent Samuels and Amar picked up 2 wickets each and Josh B and Todd, 1 each.</p> <p>We look forward to an improved effort this week in our lead up to the finals in a few weeks.</p>				

12/1	8 for 107	Wenty Leagues	3 for 111	First innings loss
Nick McConnell 21 James Dallaway 20 Taylor Stewart 16 Geoff McIntyre 2/11 Tom Lockhart 1/9 Baulko batted first and James and Nick both set a solid foundation with sensible bating and good running between the wickets, picking up 20 and 21. Taylor was next in with the task of building from the great platform and increasing the scoring rate. He did this by smashing his first ball. Taylor always plays for the team and did the same in this match with a great little cameo of 16 just when it was needed. Blake was next it and played out the innings with a good 11. Matt and Taseen were both run out unselfishly chasing quick runs. Geoff was very unlucky to be given out to a close stumped. Once again he looked good at the crease and a good score will come soon. Ruben came in and took charge with a quick 10 including two magnificent 4s which was a great effort on a slow wicket when the team only managed 6 fours. We ended up with 107 off our 31 overs. A very competitive score on a slow wicket. The ever reliable Tom opened the bowling and took the first wicket with Ruben taking a great catch in covers. Geoff McIntyre came on as the first change bowler and conjured up a great spell of bowling. His first wicket came from his second ball with Blake taking a sharp chance in slips. Four balls latter he produced a late swinging ball to have their danger bat out for a Golden duck. At 3/15 we looked a real chance. Unfortunately Jack for Wenty then took charge and smashed 68 to get then home. We had a couple of run out chances against him with a very close appeal turned down when he was on 10 but that's the way the cookie crumbles. A big thank you to James Senior for filling in. James fit into this team beautifully. He batted well with a good 5 not out at the end and he also bowled and fielded very well and brings heaps of enthusiasm to the team.				

13/3	10 for 17	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 179	First innings loss
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13/2	10 for 108	Kellyville	7 for 120	First innings loss
A 51 run partnership for the 3rd wicket was the key factor in Kellyville reaching 7 for 120 at the end of their allotted overs. Had we taken advantage of a couple of catches offered by the Kellyville batsmen, we could have restricted Kellyville's total score. The bowling was led by another outstanding performance by Anoop Vaidya who finished with 10 overs 4 maidens 3 for 16. He received good support from Ryan Bailey with 3 for 39. In reply, an excellent 61 run partnership for the 4th wicket between Amol Marwah (28) and Michael Waddups (21) took the total from 3 for 17 to 4 for 78. However, once this 4th wicket fell with the score on 78 we couldn't manage to put a partnership together, with the last 7 wickets falling for 30 runs for all out 108. Thanks to Subeer Hayer for playing for us and giving us a full team.				

13/1	10 for 75	Pendle Hill Colts	9 for 98	First innings loss
<p>Pendle Hill won the toss and elected to bat. At one stage we had them 5 for 25 thanks to some good fielding and tight bowling early. A couple of quick scoring partnerships gave Pendle Hill a total of 98 All Out.</p> <p>Sam S:- 3 for 15(which earned him the match ball) Asad:- 2 for 9 Daniel:- 2 for 13 Tevin:- 2 for 17 Jack:- 3 catches</p> <p>Our run chase did not go quite to plan and we were bundled out for only 75 runs. A few umpiring LBW decisions did not go our way, which was a little disappointing. The way in which we accepted the decisions and moved on was pleasing..</p> <p>Jack:- 22 runs Tevin:-13 runs and Sundries:- 10 were our top scorers</p> <p>We really need to work harder in the middle building partnerships with the bat. With the calibre of talented players we have in this side, I am sure if there we are few partnerships we could have won this match easily</p>				

14/2	6 for 101	Kellyville	9 for 50	First innings win
<p>Great first up victory after the break with everyone contributing well. The batting was solid with Matt and Rob combining well in the opening stanza as they churned the strike beautifully to give a solid 25 run opening platform. Hamish (Top Score 33) batted magnificently with Jason (19) also having his best batting outing for the season. Together these 4 put the match out of reach for Kellyville, on the chronically slow scoring Ted Horwood 2 oval. To get 101 in 31 overs on that ground is an excellent effort, well batted boys.</p> <p>The bowling and fielding was also excellent. Jason and Tom were both superb with the new ball and desperately unlucky not to get a wicket or 2. Michael bowled very well and got the vital first break through with a ripper delivery, and Hamish was on fire again this time with the ball taking 2 quick wickets, and finishing with 2-7 off 4. Jack chipped in for 2 sizzling overs and also finished with the fine figures of 2-2. Most importantly the whole team were involved and the "talk" and support was there in large amounts which was heartening to see and hear. The team has really come together well this season and is gathering momentum at the right time of the season. Our draw is pretty good from here on in and we only have 3 games left to play. We are a big chance to finals if we continue on next week against AKA with the same attitude we displayed today.</p> <p>Good effort from the whole team.</p>				

14/1	7 for 146	Wenty Leagues	2 for 147	First innings loss
<p>We won the toss and elected to bat. Daniel & Gabriel opened the batting with the field damp and the grass long making it very difficult to reach the boundary. They built a good partnership of 68 runs when Daniel (18) was looking to steal a single from a no ball and was run out. Gabriel batted very well scoring 52 from 66 balls until bowled in the 19th over, with our team on 82. Michael and Nick added 14 runs with Michael the next wicket to fall. Ben came to the crease looking to pick up the run rate, he and Nick took the score to 110 when Nick (13) was caught in the 27th over. Ben blasted 32 runs from 18 balls but was unfortunately caught. Omal and Raveen were pushing for runs when Raveen (4) was caught short of his crease. Omal (8 from 9 balls) was caught in the last over with Ajay (2*) and Harmon (1*) both finished not out with 146 runs on the board.</p> <p>Tom and Ajay opened the bowling with good line and length. They were unable to get a wicket but restricted Kellyville to 26 runs after 10 overs. Ornob and Gabriel bowled next as Kellyville started to bat with urgency as they needed 5.8 runs an over to win. Luck was not favouring us as the batsmen skyed balls into the gaps and a very confident appeal for caught behind denied. After 17 overs Kellyville were 0/74 with the asking rate down to 5.2 runs an over. Harmon and Daniel bowled next with Daniel getting our first wicket with their score on 133 in the 24th over. With only two runs an over required and 9 wickets in hand the game had all but slipped from us. However the boys did not give up with Daniel taking another wicket in the 28th over with a catch from Ajay. Kellyville scored the 3 runs required in the 28th over to take the points. Bowling figures - Tom 6-0-0-10, Ajay 5-0-0-15, Gabriel 5-0-0-36, Ornob 4-0-0-34, Harmon 4-0-0-26 and Daniel 4-0-2-24.</p>				

15/2	3 for 166	Wenty Waratahs	2 for 82	First innings win
<p>Nelson Brown 54, Alex Jervis 54.</p> <p>Wenty won the toss and elected to bowl. Nelson and Luke went to work with a terrific opening partnership of 57. Our new player Alex then arrived at the crease and proceeded to smash the bowling. A great partnership with Nelson of 95 before Nelson went for 54. Alex also went onto 54, well done boys.</p> <p>We changed our bowling order, resting the openers and giving some of the other players a go, with 8 bowlers having overs. Christian and James took wickets. Thomas, Matthew, Patrick, Robert, Sam and Neel all bowled well with half a dozen skyed balls just not going to hand.</p> <p>Special mention to Wenty, while being 3 players short they all put in for an excellent game played in good spirit. Well done to both teams.</p>				

15/1	3 for 195	Wenty Waratahs	5 for 104	First innings win
<p>After a long lay off the boys were keen to kick off the year with a win. After winning the toss on a slow outfield we elected to bat. Sean and Michael got us off to a steady start with 25 runs coming after 10 overs and from about that point on the boys hit their straps.</p> <p>Sean absolutely smashed the ball all over the park hitting some magnificent sixes and fours. Michael did an equally good job in working the singles and rotating the strike. The boys put on a fantastic 125 run opening partnership when Michael fell to a good catch in the covers for 20. Reece came in but was caught behind trying to guide the ball through slips.</p> <p>Meanwhile Sean continued to crush the opposition with some powerful hitting. Kieran was next in and like Reece was caught behind trying to work the ball for a single.</p> <p>By the time our 31 overs had been bowled we had amassed 195 runs with Sean contributing an unbeaten 159 consisting of 16 fours, 6 sixes and a lost ball! Well done team in working the strike.</p> <p>It didn't take us long to claim our first wicket with Adam taking a good catch off Sean to have Wenty 1/0 in the 3rd over. Kieran then came on and claimed the second wicket of the innings with his first ball, with Aleem taking a good low catch at point. Samira put the pressure on at the other end while Kieran took the next two wickets with good edges through to Cameron.</p> <p>By then Wenty were never going to make the total, so we were able to give our other bowlers some work with Muditha, Josh and Reece contributing.</p> <p>This was a really good effort by everyone in the team. This puts us in good stead for our next game against Wenty Leagues.</p> <p>Statistics: - Sean 159 not out, Michael 20. With the ball Kieran 4-1-3-12, Sean 6-1-2-12, Michael 3-1-0-13, Samira 3-2-0-3, Teshan 3-0-0-9, Adam 2-0-0-9, Reece 2-0-0-8, Muditha 4-1-0-18 and Josh 4-1-0-12.</p>				

16/1	2 for 168	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 117	First innings win

B14	10 for 201	Merrylands Social	10 for 275	First innings loss
<p>Peter Touzel 52</p> <p>Batted first to compile 201 after being 6/83. Good contributions from Pete (52), Tim C (45) and Jake (35) helped build a reasonable innings. Had them 2/42 at stumps on Day 1. The 2nd day was a combination of missed chances and some lusty hitting from several of their players to get them past our score 8 down. The tail slapped us around a little bit after that with the day coming to a close, we eventually dismissed them for 275. Improved consistency in all aspects will be needed should we face this lot in the finals, which appears to be likely.</p>				

B13		BYE		BYE
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B12	10 for 32, 10 for 48	AKA Sports	8 for 250	Outright loss
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B11	7 for 192	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 191	First innings win
<p>Seven Hills won the toss and elected to bat. They were scoring freely in the hot conditions, reaching 3 for 139 before we struck back to take the last 7 wickets for 52 runs. This was triggered by a fine spell of medium pace bowling from Martin Ams, finishing with 6 overs 3 maidens, 4 wickets for 7 runs. Martin received good support from Ward Koski with 2 for 38 and Misha Gajin 2 for 35.</p> <p>In reply, a fine 57 run opening partnership between Evan Platt and Ward Koski (26) got the innings off to a good start. However, from this, we slumped to be 7 for 108, at which point, Azaan Vhora joined Evan Platt at the crease. This pair did a great job in putting together an unbroken 84 run partnership for the 8th wicket to secure the 1st innings points. Azaan finished 37 not out with 7 4s. Evan batted through the innings in a highly polished display of batting to finish 78 not out, including 6 4s and a six. Congratulations Evan on a great piece of batsmanship.</p>				

B10		BYE		BYE
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B6	5 for 375	Winston Hills	8 for 306	First innings win
<p>Batting- Ben Dooley 190, Matt Hardy 100 n.o Bowling: Will Cartwright 3/48 off 20 overs</p> <p>Well Banksie finally won a toss when it mattered (40°C day) and batted. We started off slow but steady, compiling runs with the loss of only a couple of wickets. Banks (22), Greg (21) and Ash (19) all batted solidly in the extreme heat. Then Ben Dooley and Matt Hardy literally took the opposition bowlers to task as they melted in the heat. They put on what must be a record 260 run partnership for the 5th wicket at 7 an over with Ben scoring a career best 190 and Matt scoring his maiden (and unbeaten) century 100no on the last ball of the day. We ended up with 5/375 after our allotted 70 overs.</p> <p>Winston Hills batted well the following week and they never gave in, finishing at 8/306. Will Cartwright bowled 20 quality overs, with 3/48 and was supported by Ash and Greg with 3/46 (10) and 1/39 (11) respectively. A great win against the competition leaders (now 3 in a row) as we make our charge for the finals. Talk about leaving things til the last minute!</p> <p>Round 10 - BH 8/235 def Kellyville 145 Batting: Sam Freeman 46, Ben Dooley 44 Bowling: Ben Dooley 5/35</p> <p>We lost the toss and were sent into bat. A slow but steady opening 20 overs of the game had us at 1/79 at the halfway mark at just less than 4 an over. With wickets in hand, most of the rest of the line up batted at quicker than a run a ball and we reached 8/235 at the end of the 42 overs. Dave Mansley (29) and Greg (29) opened the innings well, and then Ben Dooley (44) and Sam Freeman (46) made quick and solid contributions before Will Cartwright finished the innings off with a bang with 28 off 10 balls.</p> <p>Kellyville lost wickets in twos at 17, 37 and 55, and were 6/55, with Ben taking 5 of the first 6, a solid reward for many overs bowled without reward in the season. Two run outs and wickets to Will, Banksie and Sam (1st of year) saw Kellyville dismissed for 145 of only 23 overs. Well done guys! Keep it going!</p> <p>Round 9 - BH 3/151 def Wenty Waratah 149 Batting- Sam Freeman 65 n.o, Ben Dooley 28, Matt Hardy 25 n.o Bowling: Matt Hardy 4/27</p> <p>A new year and hopefully a much better performance to come, after 2006 brought us a win and a bye from 8 rounds and 6</p>				

losses.

We lost the toss and were sent into the field on an extremely hot day. To our credit we did really well, building pressure from the start and not giving the opposition a chance to get on top. 1-4 after 6 overs and the opposition were already behind the eight ball. We fielded well, and although a few catches were dropped, our heads didn't go down, and we took the last 7 wickets for 44 to have them out for 149. All bowlers toiled hard in the heat, Ben Dooley 5-2-0-5, Matt Hardy 10-4-4-27, Ash Jolly 6-0-1-47, David Banks 3-0-2-13, Keith Morrison 9-0-1-32 and Greg McLoughlin 6-0-2-18. The fielding was the best of the season, with fielders hitting the stumps from all over the field. 2 catches to Sam and Ash, and 1 each to Charles (screamer), Hardy and Greg topped off a superb performance in the field.

We changed up the batting order, promoting a few batsmen, who got us away to a solid start. Keith (14) and Charles (11) both set a platform for what was to come, as Sam (65no) Ben (28) and Matt Hardy (25no) batted superbly for us to pass their total in the 27th over. 8 sixes were hit in what was a great run chase. Congrats on a superb game of cricket boys, we are back in the winners circle! Good to see all back at the club too!

Round 8 - BH 104 lost to Sydney Supersonics 225

Batting- Ash 21 n.o, S Thorn- 15 including a big 6!

Bowling- David Banks 4/34, Matt Hardy 3/50

Lost the toss and sent into the field, we started off on top; with good catching, with Joel taking two brilliant catches as a fill in. We had them 4/39 then 5/86 but then released the pressure with a few missed opportunities in the field. We took their last 5 wickets for less than 50, but the middle partnership in the middle really hit us, and we bowled the opposition out in the 39th over for 225. Worthy mentions to D. Banks for cleaning up the last wickets with 4/34 and Matt Hardy for a good spell of bowling at the start, 3/50.

At 1/35, the chase was looking good, but in the space of 8 overs we fell a long way behind the run rate, and also lost 7/15 to be 8/50. Our last two partnerships got us to over 100, but only just, as we were bowled out in the 27th for 104. 5 players got to double digits, but no-one got on with it. A disappointing result.

Round 7 - BH 186 lost to Norwest 4 for 191

Batting- Sam 82 (robbed), Matt Hardy 50

Won the toss and batted, fell to 3/15 before Sam and Matt combined for another good partnership, putting on 114.

Unfortunately during this partnership; the thunderstorms came and called play off for the day, reducing the game to 46 overs per side. The following week the umpires decided they didn't want to stick around and fired our boys when they were hit on the pads for literally the first time each, with both decisions nowhere near being right. As usual, after a big partnership we couldn't create another and were bowled out for 186.

Defending was never going to be easy, especially on the small ground, but we never really turned up in the bowling innings, as the opposition were pretty much in cruise control the whole innings. The game was soured by one certain umpire, who ended up on the phone at square leg for virtually a whole over not facing the correct way. This created quite a tense and heated moment on the field, and really should never have occurred. Another sour note was the injury sustained to Kam, who, in attempting to catch a ball in the outfield, broke a number of fingers and required surgery. Best Wishes to you Kam for a speedy recovery.

Round 5 - BH 198 lost to The Bulls 252

Batting- Ben (85) and Greg (37). Banks 24 n.o

Bowling- Banks 4-93 off 20, Greg 2-49, Ben 2-34

Lost the toss and sent into the field. Short a few bowlers this match but tidy opening spells from Matt Hardy and Ben Dooley along with pretty boring batting from their opener restricted them in the first session. A few wickets fell after drinks when Greg took the gloves off. Skipper Banks took the other end from just before drinks for nearly the remainder of the innings, taking 4/93 off nearly 20 overs. At one stage we had them at 5-70 odd but their number 7 came in and hit 89 in no time. Some tail resistance saw them to reach 252 off 69 overs, with Greg 2-49 off 10 and Ben 2-34 off 14 overs bowling well. Hardy bowled a tidy 12 overs and Ash's 9 overs were also alright, both taking a wicket. All that can be said is we need to stay focused in the field with more than 10 dropped catches for the innings, which were quite costly.

Day 2 saw us lose 2 wickets early, but Ben and Greg combined to build a partnership that looked to set the base for our first win since Round 1, putting on 81 before Greg fell for 37, dragging one onto his stumps trying to sweep the spinner. From here wickets continuously fell, with the only resistance from Ben and the skipper. Ben finished with a well made 85 to back his 49 the game before, and Dave 24 n.o trying to stick it out for the team. We lost 3-2 at the end to be all out 198.

We need to build partnerships and not play stupid shots if we want to get back on the winners page. Luckily we have a bye

next round so hopefully a guaranteed 10 pts!

Round 4 - BH 293 lost to Winston Hills 4/310

Batting- Matt Hardy (71), Sam (66), Ben (49) and Dave Mansley (26)

Batted first on a gloomy day and scored 293- a total which any team should be able to defend. Solid contribution from Ben (49) off not many balls. At one stage we were 6-135 when Matt Hardy and Sam Freeman combined for a great partnership before Matt got himself out as he had to leave at 5pm for a well made 71. Sam followed soon after for 66, and we were all out for 292. Dave Mansley (26) also batted well.

Day 2 saw a very long day in the field, with wickets few and far between, as they passed our mammoth total after 57 overs, with their opener carrying his bat 112 n.o, along with two other batters passing 50. This team was by far the best we have played in the batting department. All bowlers toiled hard, but only 4 wickets fell throughout the day and once again, catches win matches fellas! Bowling Greg 1/8 off 6, Ash 1/59 off 10, Dooley 1/39 off 13 and Dave Mansley 1-56 off 10.

Round 3 - BH 249 lost to Kellyville 8/255

Batting- Greg (70), Dave Danks (32), Ben Dooley (28), Dave Banks (26)

Bowling- Ash 4-59 off 11.

Won the toss and again batted first, scoring 249. Greg batted well, scoring 70 (or was it 69), and even outscoring Dooley significantly in their partnership, where he scored 43 in quick time after drinks on Ted Horwood 1. Got a very poor LBW decision (never knew you could be given when about 2m down the wicket and hitting you above the knee roll). Other worthwhile contributions came from a lot of the fellas. Kam (21), Dave Danks (32), Dooley (28), Dave Banks (26), Sam (19) and Matt (18) all got starts but couldn't go on with it.

We didn't bowl well enough and should have been able to defend 249, but again we were passed 8 down for our second loss in a row. Honourable mention to Ash Jolly with 4-59 off 11. We were short of three regular bowlers for the game and I'm sure we can defeat them second time around.

Round 2 - BH 140 and 8/163 lost to Wenty Waratah 143

Batting; Kam 25 and 32, Ash 28 and 39, Sam 30

Bowling; Ash 5-55 off 18

Won the toss and batted first. All in all a poor batting display, being bowled out for 140. Notable mentions to Sam Freeman (30), Ash (28), and Kam (25). We bowled well (the only time this year) and had them 5-57 at stumps on Day 1. Day 2 we bowled tight, but not for long enough and we weren't taking wickets. In a nail biting finish they passed our total 8 down and were bowled out for 143. Since it wasn't past 4pm, the game had to continue so we went out for some batting practice, being 8-163 when the game was stopped, after somewhat reversing the order.

B5	10 for 89, 5 for 139	NSW Tamils	10 for 174	First innings loss

B4	10 for 132	Greystanes	10 for 210	First innings loss

B2	10 for 151, 6 for 32	NSW Tamils	10 for 111, 10 for 102	First innings win

A Res	10 for 200	NSW Tamils	9 for 255	First innings loss

A	10 for 86, 10 for 47	Hills Barbarians	5 dec 206	Outright loss