

# 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 **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](mailto: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](mailto:results@baulkocricicket.com.au) by Tuesday night after the game. Newsletters will be published during the week after a game.

### Team Performances:

B10	9 for 259	10 Blue	6 for 119
14/1	5 for 250	10 White	4 for 117

### Individual Achievements

Steve Sarlog	B4	87	Michael Waddups	13/2	52
Brad Murphy	B4	55	Anoop Vaidya	13/2	3/7
Brett Stapleton	B5	55	Ryan Bailey	13/2	3/14
Dean Stapleton	B5	4/29	John Coulter	13/2	2/6
Ben Dooley	B6	7/36	Taseen Rahman	12/1	2/1
R Jones	B12	5/55	Ruben Robertson	12/1	2/3
C Mulder	B12	73	Joel Pienmunne	12/1	2/4
D Smith	B12	51	Michael McConnel	11/2	26
C Slaviero	16/1	40	Mathew Mason	11/2	3/4
R Slater	15/2	3/17	Luke Bertus	11/2	2/1
P Searson	15/2	3/32	Raad Monir	11/3	3/14
Gabriel Joseph	14/1	98	Husam Samy	11/3	2/4
Nick Bertus	14/1	53	Liam Dunshea	10W	4/5
Ajay Joshi	14/1	3/24	Arsh Kapila	10W	4/7

### 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
March 17 2007	volunteers?	volunteers?
March 18 2007	volunteers?	volunteers?

Volunteers are required for semis and finals. If you can help for an hour or two – Sat or Sun – let Leigh know ([canteen@baulkocricicket.com.au](mailto:canteen@baulkocricicket.com.au)), or any committee member. All help would be most appreciated.

## The President's Roundup

Congratulations to all teams who made the finals. We had 16 out of 25 make it. That is pretty good!

Good luck to B2, B4, B5, B6, B11, B12 & B14 in seniors & U16/1, U15/1, U14/1, U13/1, U13/2, U12/1, U12/2, U11/1 & U11/3 in juniors. Get along and support Baulko.

Bad luck, but well done to the teams who missed out – A grade, A Reserve, B10 & B12 in seniors and U15/2, U14/2, U13/3, U12/3 & U11/2 in juniors. To all captains, coaches, managers thanks for your efforts this season. We appreciate it. To all players, parents and supporters, we hope you enjoyed the season and look forward to seeing you next season.

Don't forget our finals BBQ. It will be held at Charles McLaughlin Reserve on Sunday 25 March, commencing around 5.30pm. Come along & celebrate the end of the season (and hopefully some premierships). More details next week

The Colts v Seniors match was held at Charles McLaughlin on March 4. Played as a Twenty/20 match, it came down to the last ball, with Colts needing 3 to win. They only managed 2, making it a tie. Seniors 5/173 v Colts 6/173. Plenty of runs especially after last year when each side struggled to make 70 runs! Best batsmen were – seniors – Matt Smith 51 (retired), Sumit Kalia 48 & Tony Senior with 23. For the Colts, Ben Dooley top scored with 41 not out, whilst Mark Griggs & Mitch Walters each made 23. Thanks to umpire Steve Hobbs for a great job! Thanks to everyone who attended or helped on the day. The teams were:

Seniors: Chris Springall (capt), Adam Shearman, Matt Smith, Sumit Kalia, Tony Senior, Trent Hession, Jono Bocking, Glenn Kenneway, Keenan Galas, Rick Thomas, Brett McLaren & Pat Mamo

Colts: Mitch Walters (captain), Greg McLoughlin, John Jerome, Ben Dooley, Matt Hardy, Mark Griggs, Reece Jones, Ash Jolly, Dushyant Rao, Troy Higginbotham, Josh Rich & Chris Hush

We look forward to next year.

Charles McLaughlin will be used for the A Reserve semi final this weekend & the final next weekend.

Go Baulko!

Peter McLoughlin  
President

## Match Results and Reports

<b>10 Blue</b>	6 for 119	Pendle Hill Colts	16 for 76	Win on averages
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<b>10 Red</b>	11 for 101	Pendle Hill Colts	8 for 115	Win on averages
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Having only lost the toss twice this season the pressure was on the captain and the lucky twenty cent piece once again fell our way and Thomas elected to bat. There were some great shots early but the grass was long and wet and they didn't get the runs that they deserved. Wickets seemed to be falling regularly and at drinks we weren't looking good at 11/30. After drinks the pace of the game changed with the dew all but gone and some positive running between wickets. Our last six batsmen scored 45 runs and didn't lose a wicket leaving us at 11/101 at stumps. Michael was again magnificent. He has top scored for the Reds in all but one game and scored over 180 runs for the season. Well done. He was supported well by Luca, Brad, James, Brandon, Jack and Nic.

Best scorers:- Michael 14, Luca 11, Brad 7, James 6, Brandon 5, Nic 5

For the last time this season the Under 10 Reds made their way out to the centre of Parraweena Reserve. We needed to bowl well to win and unfortunately once again our accuracy let us down. Our quick bowlers once again bowled well and without luck. The one thing that the oppositions have learnt is to block fast, accurate bowling. We were lucky that Nicholas left his best bowling to the last game taking 3 wickets off his three overs and Jakes first over was his best for the season and proves that he can do it if he concentrates.

Best Bowlers:- Nicholas 3/13, Thomas 1/9, Brad 1/11, Jake 1/11, Luca 1/11, Brandon 1/13

Once again a big thank you to my Manager Marg for her help during the season and to all the parents for helping. Whether it be umpiring, scoring, taking the kit or getting the boys to the games and practice it is all needed to make the season a success. Thanks also must go to the Club's Committee for all their efforts.

<b>10 White</b>	4 for 117	Seven Hills RSL	15 for 68	Win on averages
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After the great win versus Kings Langleys, the mighty Whites faced Seven Hills Toongabbie RSL (SHTRSL) at home for their next challenge. With the team missing Viva being sick the team were looking to deliver their best performance of the season.

Arsh Kapil was Captain for the Match and lost the toss – SHTRSL decided to bat, which was exactly what the team was hoping for. The grass was long and heavy dew was present when the match got underway.

Mark opened the bowling with a very tight spell of three overs for only 7 runs. Nicholas opened at the opposite end and also put in a tidy effort of 3 overs, 1 wicket for only 6 runs, Ryan taking a sensational diving forward catch at short fine leg. Mark & Nic got the team off to a great start.

Arsh bowled next and proceeded to put down one of his finest spells of the season. Arsh was bowling with genuine pace for this age and his first spell yielded 2 wickets including a maiden for only 3 runs. Arsh was unlucky not to pick up another two wickets with the ball shaving the stumps on two occasions. His second spell of one over saw Arsh collect another two beautifully bowled wickets taking leg stump each time end up with the best figures of the season of four overs, 4 wickets for 7 runs – what can you say about that effort!

Liam was up next and of course would not be out done. Liam's first spell of 4 wickets for 4 runs off three overs including a maiden over was magic; his stump to stump bowling was a joy to witness. Liam's second spell yielded only 1 run, finishing with the superb figures of four overs, one maiden, 4 wickets (including a caught and bowled) for only 5 runs. This effort after his dad Rodney had him out to all hours last night after watching the Waratah's and Aussie stadium!

Up stepped Tim, not wanting to be out done by his team mates. Tim bowled an "out of this world" opening spell of in-swinging bowling, exhibiting ball control Brett Lee would be proud of. On a number of occasions he just missed the stumps, bouncing over or just to the side. Tim's first spell of three maidens for 1 wicket was a highlight. Tim's second spell included another wicket maiden over. Tim's two spell's of three maiden overs for 2 wickets was his best spell of the season, I'm running out of superlatives to describe this bowling performance! Tim also took a blinder of a catch at point diving at full stretch to the side to pull in a screamer.

Ryan was up next and produced a very economical spell of three overs for only 6 runs. SHTRSL were attempting to consolidate their innings against the Mighty Whites and played Ryan's bowling with strong defensive shots.

Malindu opened the bowling after drinks and also stepped up with a great effort of three overs, 1 wicket for only six runs – the team's great bowling performance continued.

Michael opened from the opposite end and proceeded to attack the SHTRSL batsmen, with a spell of three overs, 1 wicket for only 6 runs – great work.

Brandon was next to bowl and his spell was a frustrating one. To Brandon's credit he tried hard to get a wicket, seeing a number of ball's go close to being caught. Brandon's spell of three overs for 11 runs included a fine maiden over.

Dilshan was up next and he laid down a tidy spell of three overs for 9 runs. Dilshan was also unlucky not to get a wicket as some of his ball's shaved the stumps.

The new sheik of tweak, Chris was up next and bowled a marvellous spell of off spin. Chris' flight of looping and dipping balls confused the SHTRSL batsmen. Chris spell of three overs 2 wickets for only 2 runs including a maiden over was an outstanding effort.

Other notable contributions – Ryan produced two great catches, Mark produced a run out direct hit from the covers, as well as pulling in a screamer of a catch going over his head. As mentioned earlier Tim pulled in a screamer of a catch at point, diving at full stretch and Liam's caught and bowled rounded out some great ground fielding. Michael's Chris and Dilshan's great keeping kept the byes to only two runs – excellent effort.

SHTRSL innings finished with 68 runs for the loss of 15 wickets and an average of 4.25. The Mighty Whites comprehensively out classed and displayed a fielding and bowling effort that would put many senior teams to shame. I could not envisage any team of boy's of this age in Australia that could have produced a better fielding effort, as what the mighty Whites put in today.

One area alls the boy's need to improve for next season was the bowling of No-Balls. The team sent down 34 non-balls. This is an area we can improve.

Some sensation, excellent, superb, fantastic, magnificent, brilliant, first class outstanding fielding by the team was a highlight. Every one backed up each other to keep the pressure on SHTRSL.

The boy's should be proud of their efforts, as we were down one player for the game, and even though we let a few catches and balls through our back up fielding was excellent.

Day two saw the filed in great condition after being mown but a touch damp with another round of heavy dew.

Liam and Tim opened the innings. Liam faced the opening over only to receive some wayward balls. Tim opened from the opposite end and was bowled second ball, attempting to up the run rate. Liam finished with a score of 10 frustrating runs. Tim fared better with a score of 21 for the loss of one wicket, including two fours. The opening partnership faced 14 sundries, which provides a true indication of their frustration.

Ryan was in next and produced a solid effort of 3 runs, keeping his wicket intact. Ryan and Tim's ran well between the wickets.

Malindu strode to the crease and faced some wayward bowling, for a score of 5 runs. Malindu kept his wicket in tact.

Promoted up the order, Dilshan arrived at looking to score some runs. Dilshan proceeded to plunder the attack with a quick fire 15 runs including two glorious fours down leg side. These were beautifully timed shots. Dilshan's running between the wickets was excellent.

Arsh innings dint reach the heights he was hoping for, none the less he acquitted himself with 13 solid runs. Again the bowling was not accurate which stymied Arsh's attempt to score more runs, and he lost his wicket trying to up the rate. Arsh has one boundary in his score.

Michael was in next and produced a sensational innings of 17 runs without loosing his wicket. Michael scored three tremendously timed fours, these were fantastic shots.

Brandon arrived at the wicket looking to take toll of some of the bowling. Brandon ended up with 6 runs, and was unfortunate to sky a catch to loose his wicket once.

Nicholas produced a very solid defensive innings as the SHTRSL bowling tighten up. Nick scored a well compiled 7 runs and kept his wicket in place.

Chris was up next and scored 11 well constructed runs, but was bowled when he was shaping to score a boundary.

Mark finished the innings with another fine exhibition of defensive shots remaining not out two runs.

The Mighty Whites again victorious with a score of 117 for the loss of 3 wickets and an average of 23.4 runs. The winning margin was an average of almost 20 runs – phenomenal.

### Awards

Players of the round were awarded to Nick and Brandon for there excellent all round effort.

Tim & Liam received the Most Improved player award for the continual improvement in bowling batting and fielding

<b>11/3</b>	10 for 106	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 69	First innings win
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What an important match this was for our team. Playing the team sitting in first position, we either had to win or rely on another team to lose to make the semi's. After lengthy discussion between coach and manager, it was decided that we should field, as previous results indicated that we played better when chasing runs. This was passed on to our caption of the day, who when we won the toss, made his own decision and elected to bat! We didn't start off very well, and after the 13th over were 6 for 51. However, Jayden and Husam put on a nice 30 run partnership, and at the end of the day we were all out for a decent 106. Wenty went into bat.

Now, we have been known to be somewhat 'lazy' in the field, but to the credit of the boys we had an absolutely incredible start, taking a wicket in the first over. By the 8th over we had Wenty at 5 for 5! We finished the first day with Wenty at 5 for 22. A really promising start, but we didn't want the boys getting too over confident and thinking that the game was won.

Wenty came out with determination on day two but just couldn't pull it together. Our spirits were lifted when Husam took a wicket off the first ball of the day! Another two wickets fell relatively quickly before our old habits started to re-surface. A team talk at drinks reminded the boys to put in their own best efforts and to be positive and encouraging towards each other on the field. The score was slowly creeping up and up. The final two batsmen were looking settled and in good form, scoring 4's and even a six (the first I had seen all season) before finally, in the 34th over of the match, we took our last two wickets, securing the first innings win and a place in the semi finals. I've never seen the boys so exciting. It was exciting for us all, coaches, manager, parents and supporters. (Maybe it was the fact that I had promised the boys an ice cream at McDonalds if they won?)

Wickets were taken by:

Husam	2 wickets for 4 runs off 7 overs;
Raad	3 wickets for 14 runs off 8 overs
Varun	2 wickets for 7 runs off 4 overs;
Jackson	2 wickets for 16 runs off 6 overs; and

One run out, thrown in by Michael with bails superbly taken off by Blaine.

Catches were taken by Raad and Jackson (2 each).

Outstanding fielding performances by Varun, Blaine and Jackson earned them the fielding award equally.

It should also be noted that Wenty had 8 batters on the score card with no score!

Anyway, the whole team can be proud of their efforts throughout the season. Huge thanks go to John and Muhsin for coaching and to all the parents and supporter who have helped out and supported their children to play cricket. We look forward to a good game in the semi finals.

<b>11/2</b>	10 for 125	Kings Langley	10 for 69, 5 for 61	First innings win
<p>Kings Langley won the toss and elected to Bat.</p> <p>Kings Langley started with a slow rate on a wet &amp; dewy field losing their first wicket in their 10th over having scored only 5 runs. They lost their wickets at regular intervals till their No 6 batsman Owen came and posted 27 runs before they all got out for a total of 69 runs.</p> <p>Mathew had an impressive tight bowling picking up 3 wickets for 4 runs well supported by Luke with equally impressive 2 wickets for 1 run.</p> <p>Baulko started the innings with only 10minutes of play time left for the day. We lost the 1st wicket on the last over of the day when the score was 7. On resumption of play on the second day, Baulko lost two more wickets by the time the score was 28. However, Michael stabilised the innings with some good batting scoring the top run of the innings with 26 runs and kept the score moving well. Joshua joined Michael later and made 19 runs before he got Run out. Baulko finished the innings when the score was 125.</p> <p>Kings Langley was sent back to bat and lost again few early wickets and scored 61 runs at the close of play losing 5 wickets.</p> <p>Anupam picked up 2 of these wickets for just 1 run.</p> <p>Man of the Match was awarded to Mathew for his good bowling performance.</p> <p>The season ended well for Baulko with this win in the final match of the season.</p>				

<b>11/1</b>	9 for 120	Hills Barbarians	7 for 107	First innings win
<p>Our third meeting with the Hills BaBa's this season saw us win the toss, always a bad sign, and choose to bat. Cody and new opener Ravi started well but good catching from the opposition had us two down in the 4th over. While Ravi patiently stayed in building his score with singles, our batsmen fell to more straight bowling, the stumps being disturbed with sickening regularity. Ravi was finally run out for 17 after batting for nearly 2 hours, and then another batsman was bowled. At 8 for 58 in the 27th over, it looked like we were heading for a record low total. But it was not over yet: Joe started playing shots round the ground, but lost hie partner Pavan - 9 for 72. Owen last man in, and he and Joe recovered the team to reach 9-120 off 50, a partnership of 48. Owen finished 14 not out, while Joe top scored with 22 not out, batting for over 90 minutes.</p> <p>In the second week the boys weren't aware that a loss, coupled with a win by Norwest, would have them come second on the ladder, having led all season. The team fielded well, with lots of runs saved through the boys getting down to the ball. Ten bowlers were used, as we tried to break through very solid batting – after 25 overs they were 0 – 52. Bowling highlights were Josh 50, 2M, 0-7; Joe 8.4.1-9; and George 6.0.2-13. Excellent throws from Devin (direct hit), Pavan and Joe (both assisted by w/keeper Owen) led to 3 run outs – great fielding boys. And, both Bryce and Josh took catches. All up the bowling held firm, we restricted the all important sundries, and kept them to 107, with 7 wickets down.</p> <p>POM Sachin for bowling improvement. A good win, and Minor Premiers – well done Baulko 11 1s.</p>				

<b>12/3</b>	10 for 76	Guildford Leagues	7 for 117	First innings loss
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<b>12/2</b>	10 for 159	Kings Langley	9 for 141	First innings win
<p>This was another close game and good preparation for the semis. We batted with 10 players and after a good start crashed (5 for 13 in the middle order) before steadying and finishing with 159 (partly thanks to 48 extras!). It was a defendable total. Amar Subramanian led with 31, well supported by Tom Hughes (18) and Joshua Stevenson (17). Shanan Surendra was very good in the lower order with 12 not out.</p> <p>The boys bowled very well against a Kings Langley side keen to win to ensure a better semi final draw. They bowled tightly, conceding only 17 wides and no-balls (there were a few too many byes!) Joshua Stevenson (3/15) and Shanan Surendra (2/6) led the way with the ball. Greg Malyon, James Benton and James Senior each took a wicket. Tom Hughes kept very well, while Trent Samuels, Nick Sullivan and Todd Ripps were all strong in the field. All boys contributed to a very good win against the team we will probably play in the semi finals nest week.</p>				



<b>12/1</b>	9 for 100	Norwest	10 for 48	First innings win
Jonathan Barnitt 18 Joel Pienmunne 19  Joel Pienmunne 2/4 Ruben Robertson 2/3 Taseen Rahman 2/1  Norwest won the toss and surprisingly sent us in. A patient partnership from Joel and Jonathan saw us at 1/48 and looking solid before Johnno was caught for 18. Nick then joined Joel and took the score along to 73. Unfortunately wickets then fell at regular intervals losing 5 wickets for three runs, with Joel out for 19 and Nick for 10. Taseen, Tom, Blake and Taylor gave some resistance in the tail and we limped to a 100.  Our day in the field was near perfect. The fielding was sharp with many direct hits. Joel was on a hat trick and finished with 2/4. Ruben was like a Gazelle in the field and nearly pulled off a great run out. He also bowled with pace and cleaned bowled their highest scorer and bowled their last batsman to finish off the innings. Tassen bowled fast and picked up 2 for 1 off his three overs. James bowled very well for 1/5. Johnno continued his outstanding form picking up 1/3. Mitch had a go at wicket keeping and took a nice catch. We rolled Norwest for 48 and a lot of the boys were back to their best. A great time to come into a bit of form, bring on Wenty.  Joel was player of the round for a great all round game, top scoring with 19 and taking 2 for 4 with the prize wickets of their dangerous opener and first drop. Well done Joel.				

<b>13/3</b>	10 for 93	Kings Langley	10 for 135	First innings loss
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<b>13/2</b>	10 for 153	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 103	First innings win
After losing both openers with the score on 7, an excellent 75 run 3rd wicket partnership between Michael Waddups (52) and Ryan Bailey (16) built a solid platform for our innings. After Ryan departed, Amol Marwah (18) helped Michael Waddups add 37 for the 4th wicket. Michael's outstanding captain's knock was a career highest score and featured 4 4s, good shot selection and smart running between the wickets. A mini middle order collapse saw the team slump to 8 for 128 before a fine 9th wicket partnership of 25 between Anoop Vaidya and Jon Coulter ensured that the final score of 153 was going to take some catching on the slow outfield.  Knowing that a loss could see the team miss the semi-finals, the bowling and fielding for the most part was of a very high standard. Sustained pace bowling from Anoop Vaidya 10 overs 4 maidens 3 for 7 and Ryan Bailey 9 overs 1 maiden 3 for 14 had the Rouse Hill batsmen under pressure. Jon Coulter with 5 overs 0 maidens 2 for 6 provided excellent support.  A good win over the minor premiers and a good lead in to the semi-finals.				

<b>13/1</b>	10 for 89, 8 for 94	Greystanes	3 for 97	First innings loss
On a very warm morning we again won the toss and decided to bat. Things started reasonably well with Ash and Tevin building a nice 39 run first wicket partnership which was broken just after the short first hour drinks break, when Ash unfortunately picked out the tallest boy on the field who took a great reaching catch, (which would have sailed over everyone else's head easily). Tevin soon followed 3 runs later when trapped LBW. Unfortunately for us from then on, Asad was the only player to reach double figures. All Out 82. Tevin :-21  Greystanes made their intentions clear and sent out their big hitter to open with only 40 odd minutes left, and by the close of play on day one they were already 0 for 35. Close to a run a minute.  The beginning of day two however did not go exactly according to Greystanes plan when in the second over Karanbir was able to dismiss two of their best batsmen. This brought what we knew would be the last of their recognised hard hitters to the crease and we did a great job of containing him. Though with only 82 runs to defend they passed our total and after the loss of their next wicket with a lead of only 15 they declared, thinking that they might go for the outright. Karnbir:- 2 for 13 off 6 overs Asad:-1 for 4 off 7 overs				

We had 2 hours to bat and were quietly confident that we could hold them off until the close of the days play. Our batting order was shuffled around somewhat in order to try a few new combinations before we go in to next week's semi-final. A few cheap wickets didn't help matters though.

Tevin & Jack batted well with some good support from Sam.B & Asad.

At the end of the days play in our second innings we were 8 for 94.

Tevin:-24

Jack:-21

### Round 10 v Hills Barbarians

We were able to win the toss and decided to bat. Tevin & Karanbir were the only two players who reached double figures. Lucky for our side their bowling was a significant run scorer with 30 sundries. At the close of our innings we were all out for 96.

Hills Barbarians were not able to score easily thanks to some tight bowling early on from Asad and Sam.S.

Wickets were not falling with regularity, and their batsmen managed to be somewhat annoying with their ability to occupy the crease without adding a great deal to their tally.

Then Tevin came on and ripped through their middle and lower order producing the extraordinary bowling figures of 9.4 overs, 5.4 maidens, 4 for 14. A terrific effort from Tevin which was no doubt the difference between the two teams in the end. Hills Barbarians All Out 85.

A sweet victory for us in the local derby, though with the finals just around the corner we still have a fair amount of work to do. Especially in regard to building partnerships with our batting.

14/2	10 for 76	Seven Hills RSL	6 for 82	First innings loss
<p>The last game of the season for us saw us get off to a good start and get to 1-37 with Matt and Taseen both batting for 1 hour against quality bowling. In the end they only made 9 and 20 respectively but they laid a good platform. Unfortunately the batsman that followed failed to capitalize and we were bundled out for 76 in the 42nd over. Not a great way to finish our last batting innings but at least we made a fight of it today. To have only 9 players and have Seven Hills 6-60 and on the ropes was a tremendous team effort. The fielding was great and the bowling tight. In the end they triumphed but they were worried for most of the morning. Taseen, Shivang, Vrushank, Michael and Matt all got a wicket and I thought Jason was unlucky not to get a few. Prasindu took a good catch to finish off the season at a key moment, and it was a good effort. All in all we were close to victory but just needed 20 or 30 more runs last week to 'probably' get the points.</p> <p>Well done guys for an excellent season. It was enjoyable to coach the team and I would like to thank Hamish for his outstanding Captaincy, Geoff and Mark for helping to coach, Sami for Managing the team, Andrew for coordinating the drinks and all the parents who supported us throughout the season. The boys improved a lot and we can all look forward to a bright season next year for the boys!</p> <p>See you all next Saturday at Crestwood for the father and son 20/20 match.</p>				

14/1	5 for 250	Hills Barbarians	8 for 145	First innings win
<p>We lost the toss and elected to bat. Daniel and Gabriel opened the batting with the grass long and wet, making it hard to score runs. Daniel was out caught with the score on 8 runs bringing Matheesha to the crease. Matheesha and Gabriel took the score to 54 when Matheesha (19) was bowled in the 24th over. Nick and Gabriel lifted the run rate with Gabriel soon reaching his fifty. They put on a brilliant partnership of 125 with Nick reaching his fifty and then Gabriel (98), just two runs short of his first hundred, was caught by the keeper in the 47th over. Nick (53) was caught in the 50th over with our score on 187. Ben, who was in punishing form, and Omal added 50 runs taking the score to 247 when Ben (44 from 31 balls) was caught by a very good catch in the last over before stumps. Omal (21) and Tom both finished not out at stumps in the 58th over with our score on 250 runs.</p> <p>The next Saturday saw the grass even longer and just as wet. Tom and Gabriel opened the bowling keeping it tight to have Kings Langley 0 for 19 after 10 overs. Tom and Gabriel were a little unlucky not to have a wicket with at least four catches going to ground. Harmon and Ajay bowled next with Ajay picking up the first wicket in the 19th over with a very good caught and bowled. Daniel &amp; Ornob bowled next with Daniel getting our second wicket in his first over by a good catch from Gabriel. Two overs later Daniel picked up his second with another good catch from Gabriel who was showing the team how to catch. For Kings Langley to go from 0/60 to 3/64 in the space of 6 overs changed the game. Tom took the next wicket with a catch by Nick to have Kings Langley 4/85 in the 31st over. With score on 109 Ajay took two wickets, both catches by Ben,</p>				



to be on a hat trick from the first ball of his next over. Without addition to the score Harmon took his first wicket with a catch by Matheesha. Unfortunately Ajay did not get his hat trick. With Kings Langley 7/109 in the 45th over they would not be able to score the runs and looked to close shop so as to not lose any more wickets. Michael bowled with only a couple of overs remaining, and it did not take him long to get a wicket with a catch from Nick. Kings Langley finished their 58 overs to be 8/145. Bowling figures - Tom 10-3-1-15, Gabriel 10-1-0-22, Ajay 9-1-3-24, Harmon 9-3-1-33, Daniel 7-1-2-20, Ornob 5-1-0-13, Ben 5-1-0-13 and Michael 2-0-1-3. Well bowled Ajay and congratulations to Gabriel on his 98 runs.

A great team effort this season to finish minor premiers playing in the semi final next weekend.

<b>15/2</b>	10 for 103	Greystanes	10 for 83	First innings win
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<b>15/1</b>	10 for 79	Kings Langley	4 for 84	First innings loss
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<b>16/1</b>	10 for 151	Guildford Leagues	10 for 86	First innings win
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A promoters dream for the last round clash. Both teams equal third with the fifth placed team only 3 points behind. A must win game for both sides.

They won the toss and batted on a slow wet ground. All our bowlers bowled extremely well, not giving the Guildford batsmen any easy shots. They were made to work for all their runs. A big improvement was only 5 sundries in the whole innings. The bowling honours were shared- Alan 7 overs 2/8, Jacob 6 overs 2/15, Hari 12 overs 2/23, Azaan 6 overs 2/7. We had them all out for 86 runs in 46 overs.

We soon found ourselves 2/9 before we had time to settle down. Fortunately we didn't lose any more wickets on day one and finished 2/15. On the second day Chris (40) and Evan (27) put their heads down and batted very sensibly against a very pumped up attack. They took our score to 84 and safety before both fell within a few balls of each other. The rest of the boys then took us to comfortable victory. An excellent 25 from Hari and 10 from Adam finished the innings off nicely.

The whole team is certainly looking forward to renewing our rivalry with Hills Barbarians in the semi next week.

#### **Round 10 v Kings Langley – A Tie (Yes, two in a row!)**

We finally won a toss and batted first. We got off to a steady start but then lost both openers with the score on 35. Alex and Evan then settled things down with a 25 run partnership. Alex finally going for 16 and Evan scoring an excellent 40. A late flurry by Luke (12) Andrew (15) and Hari (8) saw us finish with 138 runs. We didn't think this was enough against the competition front-runners but we would certainly give it a go.

Our two openers, Jacob and Luke, bowled the best opening spell of the season. They only took one wicket but conceded only 25 runs off the first 12 overs. Matt also executed a brilliant run out, so we were in a healthy position. Hari then bowled a sensational spell capturing 2 wickets for 14 runs off 10 overs. The Kings Langley lower order then batted very well. They began working the ball around for ones and twos rather than trying to hit over the top (which was our downfall again). Things were to starting to look bad when Jacob came back on for his last over. He immediately found the perfect line and length taking 2 wickets and narrowly missing a third. Kings now needed 6 runs with 1 wicket in hand and many overs. Luke, our ever-thinking captain, brought Evan back on. Evan found the edge twice but the ball fell safely both times, putting great stress on all the spectators from both sides. Kings scored 5 off the over making it a tied game. Luke threw the ball to our brilliant spinner, Hari. This boy definitely has nerves of steel. His first ball had the batsman searching for the ball. He repeated the dose, the ball popped up and Evan took a great diving catch. The incredible had happened. TWO tied games in a row.

There is no truth in the rumour that the boys (who are now on L plates) won enough to buy their first car.

#### **Round 9 v AKA Sports – A Tie**

AKA won the toss and batted first. We bowled our normal tight line restricting early runs. However we gave away too many sundries in the middle overs and AKA finished with 163 runs. On a very slow Ted Horwood 2 this was always going to be a difficult chase. Bowling honours went to Hari 12 overs 4/26 and Evan 10 overs 2/29.

Unfortunately our run chase started disastrously. Our normally reliable top four batsmen were all out, caught, trying to hit over the top rather than building an innings. Luckily Owen came to the rescue with a very mature and sensible innings of 58. He

was very well supported by Azaan with 32. We then had a mini collapse which left us with the equation 13 runs off 3 overs with only 1 wicket in hand. Adam showing nerves of steel took 10 runs off the first over he faced. AKA, of course, brought their opening bowlers back on for the last two overs. Matt showed great technique to survive a hostile over – a maiden. The boys then scored 3 singles off the first three balls of the last over to tie the scores. The bowler then found the edge and our innings was over.

This was an excellent game of cricket, mainly because of the great sportsmanship showed by both sides in such a close game.

<b>B14</b>		BYE		BYE

<b>B13</b>	10 for 53, 10 for 144	Wenty Leagues	10 for 153, 1 for 55	Outright loss

<b>B12</b>	10 for 210	Greystanes	10 for 203	First innings win

<b>B11</b>	10 for 104	Pendle Hill Colts	7 for 143	First innings loss
<p>After winning the toss and electing to bat, a disappointing batting display saw the team all out for 104 after 46 overs. Tony Senior top scored with a typically aggressive but brief 21.</p> <p>The Pendle Hill reply was led by a 72 run partnership for the second wicket and this ensured that they were able to pass the victory target with 7 wickets and a stack of overs in hand. The bowling effort was led by Ward Koski with 3 for 27 off 10 overs, while Tony Senior and Alex Mihalyka each picked up 2 wickets.</p> <p>Come on team you can lift you game with this week's semi-final.</p>				

<b>B10</b>	9 for 259	Hills Barbarians	10 for 199	First innings win

<b>B6</b>	10 for 197	Norwest	10 for 93	First innings win
<p>This win completed our march to the finals. Before Christmas we had won only one game, the very first round. We were getting beaten by small margins and we paid the price of some poor catching and below-par bowling. 2007 has been a different story, where we have won every game (as we had to) to reach the finals, so we have beaten all the teams.</p> <p>We won the toss and batted at a lush green Ted Horwood Reserve, which did slow the ball up on the "across the carpet" shots. We failed to bat out our overs and were dismissed for a competitive 197, about 50 shy of where we wanted to be (and on a dry field may have been the score anyway). Four of our batsmen got starts but were dismissed in the 30's, with Sam (37), Ben (35), Banksy (34) and Matt (30) ensuring we had a respectable score. Some late hitting from Keith (21) almost got us to the psychological 200 mark.</p> <p>Our bowling at the end of the day was tight, and Norwest were 2/38 at stumps off 17 overs, so the match was very much in the balance. It would be determined who wanted to win and get into the finals the most. (As the loser was out, and the winner was in.)</p> <p>The second day started brilliantly with Ben claiming a wicket off the third ball of the day, as he bowled the player around the legs without offering a shot. That really gave us the momentum, and apart from a couple of sharp chances put down, we always looked in control. Ben Dooley produced his best bowling of the season (7/36), mostly bowled or caught behind. Greg took some spectacular catches as 'keeper and has improved enormously with the gloves. Will Cartwright bowled a very tidy spell to finish with 2/23, and the skipper picked up the other wicket. Norwest were all out for 93.</p> <p>We need to maintain this momentum and enthusiasm over the next couple of weekends to ensure that we emulate our Indoor Cricket Premiership victory a couple of weeks ago.</p>				

<b>B5</b>	10 for 134	Hills Barbarians	10 for 154	First innings loss

<b>B4</b>	8 dec 228	Merrylands	10 for 116	First innings win
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<b>B2</b>	10 for 72, 10 for 140	Cumberland	10 for 54, 5 for 157	First innings win, Outright loss
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Going into the game we knew a first innings win was needed to ensure a top four finish. Unfortunately we slumped to be all out for 76, our worst performance for the year with the bat, Andrew Denlow the only batsman to reach 20. Fortunately we followed that up with one of our best performances with the ball! Pete Norris on fire with figures of 6/16. Adam Tinley taking the remaining 4 wickets to have Cumberland all out for 52. The fielding was also top notch with Ben Atkins taking two good slips catches. In the 2nd innings we improved with the bat, Chris Marjioniemi top scoring with 33 to finish with a team total of 140, a lead of 154. Unfortunately we couldn't hold our catches in the 2nd innings to see Cumberland reach the total during the last over of the day. While disappointed to lose outright, our first innings win had secured 2nd place on the ladder, and we are satisfied to have a home semi-final.

<b>A Res</b>	10 for 46, 10 for 113	AKA Sports	8 dec 174	Outright loss
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<b>A</b>	10 for 57, 10 for 88	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 128, 2 for 17	First innings loss
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