

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. 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:

B4	in Grand Final	12/2	in Grand Final
B6	in Grand Final	11/1	in Grand Final
B11	in Grand Final	11/3	in Grand Final
14/1	in Grand Final		

Individual Achievements

John Jerome	B4	72	Nick Bertus	14/1	157no
Brad Murphy	B4	63	Michael Bennetts	14/1	3/28
Steve Sarlog	B4	51 & 5/23	Joshua Balzarolo	12/2	26 & 3/2
Pat Mamo	B4	5/72	Joshua Stevenson	12/2	3/5
Will Cartwright	B6	5/16	Raad Monir	11/3	4/10
James Chatman	B12	8/39	Husam Samy	11/3	4/12
N. Perera	B14	5/55			

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 24 2007	volunteers?	volunteers?
March 25 2007	volunteers?	volunteers?

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

The President's Roundup

Here we are at the last weekend of the season and Baulko will be represented by seven teams. Congratulations to the B4, B6, B11, U14/1, U12/2, U11/1 & U11/3. It is great to see these teams make it & we wish you the best of luck this weekend.

Commiserations to B2, B5, B12, B14, U16/1, U15/1, U13/1, U13/2 and U12/1 who missed out last week. There were a few close matches.

It was a busy time last weekend. Saturday morning was spent umpiring an U11/2 game, when we could not fill our quota of umpires. So it meant that I could not get around to any junior games. With PDCA using Charles McLaughlin for A Reserve, a lot of my time on Saturday afternoon was spent at the ground, awaiting placement or removal of the covers. However, I did manage a few minutes at the B6 game at Kellyville. Sunday morning was spent at the U11/3 game. What an exciting game. Here we were, poor old fourth place & we rolled the colts for 53 in their first innings, giving Baulko a lead of 20. But they put us back in & the nerves were a bit raw as we lost a few early wickets. But credit to our players who batted well, forcing the Colts to concede at 11.30. Watching John Young suffer for a couple of hours was not a pleasant task! After getting a quick sandwich, it was back to the turf pitch, which had been readied by Chris Springall – thanks Chris. After play started I went to Kellyville to watch the B6's. A good bowling performance saw them chasing only 97. They passed it three down to move into the final. Back to Charles, just in time for the end of the game. After putting away all the gear & leaving Babas to celebrate their win, it was over to Masonic to see the B14's just fall short in their run chase. Very disappointing for Tim and the team. Then off to Yattendon to see the last wicket fall in the B11 game, when Matt Gunton took a nice catch in the deep. A good win for them. Well done Martin and all his young team (Ward & Tony included for being young at heart). Back to the Sporto for a diet coke or two & that was the end of a busy weekend!

It was good to see that the grass on our fields had been cut (more than can be said for some other grounds in the Shire). Thanks to Don Higginbotham for his assistance

Don't forget to join us back at the Sports Club on Sunday from 5.30pm, as we celebrate the end of another season. Come along, grab a sausage off the bbq, have a quite drink and share the tales of the finals. Juniors are most welcome – it will be downstairs in Charlies Bar

At this stage, we are in the process of finalising the presentation venues and dates. They will NOT be at the Sports Club, due to the renovations. We will announce details as soon as we have them.

The final monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday April 3, at the Sports Club. ALL teams should be represented, as we need to ensure all the end of season duties are complete.

Again, thanks to everyone who has helped with running our 28 teams this season. It has been a great effort.

A special thank you goes out to the committee, Chris, Rick, Peter, Jason, Ian, Sally who have worked extremely hard all year. Considering we have been down a member the all year, it has been a fantastic effort. Hopefully, we may get some people who would be willing to join the committee. We need your help to run the club. The social committee, Karyn, Leigh, Steve & Jeremy have worked hard this year & Leigh again has taken on a lot in running the canteens. Thank you all.

So that's it, but don't forget the return of kits, annual reports, D sheets etc etc. The season may be over, but there is still a lot to do. And for many, there is no break, as the winter sports start next weekend! Enjoy the off season and see you around the parks over the winter or back for the rego for next year.

Go Baulko!

Peter McLoughlin
President

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	6 for 119	Pendle Hill Colts	16 for 76	Win on averages
Round 11				
<p>Our team batted first, with Tom and Troy opening the innings and getting us off to a fine start – Tom finished on 13 n/o and Troy finished with 23 having lost his wicket just once. These lads are certainly ready for the more challenging ‘under 11s’ next season!</p> <p>The rest of the team didn’t slack off either. They put on a total of 119 runs & defended well in the process as only 6 wickets fell in the whole innings – giving us an average of 19.83.</p> <p>Pendle Hill batted next and our bowlers were “on fire” – must have been something in their breakfast!! They bowled and fielded (and concentrated!) extra well and stayed on top of the game all the way through. Pendle Hill struggled to score 76 runs and lost 16 wickets – of these 8 were “run outs”! All our bowlers, bar none, did an excellent job, but special mention must go to Luke, Daniel & Angus who took 2 wickets each.</p> <p>This was a great end to the season. Many thanks to everyone who turned up for training and to all the parents for their assistance with umpiring, scoring & getting the boys ready. We were a great team & everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly (I hope!).</p>				

11/3	10 for 73, 6 for 43	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 53	First innings win
<p>What can I say – HORRAY FOR BAULKO!!! We went into this match against the competition favourites. Both coach and manager were proud of the boys for just making it into the semi finals, so were happy whatever the result. We had nothing to lose and told the boys to just give it their best. Well, that’s what they did, and they did it well!</p> <p>Blaine started off our first innings with his best performance of the season, scoring a personal highest score of 17. Everyone was trying their best with the bat, but couldn’t seem to hit double figures. At the end of our first innings we had managed 73 runs. Not too bad but not enough we thought. I saw much improvement with the bat by Ben, which I’ve noticed over the last few weeks. Well done Ben. So in to field we went.</p> <p>Now Pendle Hill are known for having an all player batting line up, but our boys did brilliantly. In the 4th over we had them at 3 for 0 and finished the day with them on 4 for 17. A really promising score however they had come back before from a similar score so we were certainly not getting excited yet. The following day our good fortunes continued and, after what seemed forever with 9 out, and many appeals later, we finally got Pendle all out for 53 runs! I think I screamed and I know my stomach was certainly in knots! Bowling performances were Raad 4 for 10 off 8 overs, Husam 4 for 12 off 8 overs, Jayden 0 for 8 off 8 overs, Jackson 1 for 20 off 8 overs and Varun 1 for 1 off 1 over.</p> <p>It was only 9.55 however and Pendle were keen to put us back into bat and try for the outright. To their credit they had us at 4 for 18 by the 16th over. Time was just not on their side and after the 25th over, with our score at 6 for 43, Pendle conceded that there was not enough time left in the match to try for the outright, and they called the game at 11.30. I just couldn’t believe it and I think coach John finally cracked a smile for the first time all day! The boys were so excited. It was a great team effort and performance, deserving of their place in the final.</p> <p>I’d like to make a special mention to Lucas and Bradley. These two boys are in their first year of cricket and have certainly improved individually in their performances since the beginning of the season. They were however willing to give up their place with the bat this weekend for the sake of the team. I thank them both personally and on behalf of the whole team. The two of you have certainly played your part in the team’s efforts over the season in getting where we are now, and you should both be very proud of yourselves.</p> <p>So, well done boys, well done John and Muhsin. To the finals we go!</p>				

11/1	3 for 74	Kings Langley	10 for 61	First innings win
<p>A home ground semi having finished top of the ladder. Kings Langley chose to bat first. They started solidly to be 0-17 off 5 overs, before Josh pulled a great return catch out of the hat to dismiss one of their key players. Then very tight bowling from Michael (1-1 off 6 overs, including 4 maidens!) & Ravi (0-1 off 4; 3 maidens!) saw the scoring just stop – just 2 runs off the next 8 overs.</p> <p>Joe continued the trend, a wicket maiden to start with, then later had their other opener caught at slip (nice one Bryce), to finish with 2-7 off 4 overs. Bryce in action again bowling, another key player (who flew up from Melbourne to play...) caught at point, by Owen looking into the sun. Bryce 2-3 off 4 overs, also helped by a fine one handed catch by George while keeping.</p> <p>Cody took his first of 2 catches, this one off Sachin (1-5 off 4), and at 6-49 we were going strongly, keeping our sundries right down as well. Four runs later Cody repeats the act (off Tanveer, 1-3 off 4). In the 34th over Cody (1-8 off 4) combined with Josh who took another great catch, hit hard by their big man to mid-off – bang, 8-58 and in trouble. A great bowling and fielding effort was finished off by Michael having number 10 caught behind, one down leg side by Owen; and George (1-0 off 8 balls) clean bowled the last – all out 61 from 40 overs.</p> <p>We faced 13 overs Saturday, and lost Ravi to a sharp slips catch; but Cody was firing and overnight at 1-18 we were quietly confident chasing a small total – but you never know.</p> <p>Resuming on wet grass Sunday, Cody continued strongly, though mainly in singles due to the conditions. He reached 20 before being bowled – a very good score. Bryce looked rock solid and continued that with Michael, who batted in his usual fearless manner. By the time Michael (9) was caught cutting at point, we were on 47 and needing only 15 runs to win. Josh came in and played textbook shots to defend well and to score 9 vital singles. He and Bryce (22 not out) saw us past 61 in the 31st over, and continued til our score reached 74.</p> <p>A good win to see us into the final. Now comes the real test. Match award: Bryce for a great all round effort.</p>				

12/2	10 for 143	Kings Langley	10 for 63	First innings win
<p>This was the boy's first appearance in the semi finals and they performed wonderfully! They batted well on a sluggish outfield. Many of the singles and twos would normally have expected to be fours. Joshua Balzarolo led the way with 26. He and James Benton got us off to a good start. Tom Hughes (23) and Greg Malyon (18 no) both batted well. We were helped by some ordinary bowling that gifted us 56 extras.</p> <p>Kings Langley faced three fiery overs at the end of the day with Trent Samuels picking up a wicket with a beautiful delivery. Joshua Balzarolo (3/2) and Joshua Stevenson (3/5) led the bowling, with James Benton and Shanan Surendra chipping in with a wicket each. Amar Subramanian, Greg Malyon and James Senior bowled all bowled tightly and maintained the pressure. The fielding was very good, with Tom Hughes strong behind the wicket, Nick Sullivan, Todd Ripps and Sanju Sonnadara contributing strongly in the field.</p> <p>This was an all round performance from the boys and an excellent result. We look forward to the Grand Final against AKA Sports, who have gone undefeated throughout the competition. We intend to make this their first (and most significant) loss! Good luck boys!</p>				

12/1	7 for 81	Wenty Leagues	2 for 82	First innings loss
<p>Taseen Rahman 13 Geoffrey McIntyre 12 Tom Lockhart 11 no</p> <p>Matt Sibley 1/2 Tom Lockhart 1/3</p> <p>We batted first and Johnno and Joel did very well against disciplined bowling. The middle order was a little shaky. Nick looked very solid before unluckily being run out by a direct hit. At 6/39 from 39 over it was looking very dire. A great partnership by Taseen and Geoffrey put a score on the board and increased our run rate. Taseen was unlucky to be run out for 13. Tom then joined Geoffrey and hit a magnificent 6 off his first ball. Tom's little cameo of 11 not out gave us a chance. Geoffrey batted superbly and remained 12 not out. On a slow outfield 81 runs were going to be hard to get.</p> <p>Matthew opened the bowling with Joel and bowled fast and straight and was rewarded with wicket. At 1/7 after 5 overs Wenty was struggling. However they then batted sensibly chasing a small target and reached out total shortly after drinks. As he has done all season Tom picked up a wicket when thrown the ball. The boys stayed positive all day. Matty in particular gee'd up the boys, especially with his classic "come on boys this is Girraween park not Girraween library".</p> <p>Bad luck boys better luck next year. Can't wait to see the celebrations when we have a win!</p>				

13/2	10 for 53	Kellyville	10 for 103	First innings loss
<p>Captain Michael Waddups won the toss and elected to bat. However, the innings never really got going against some good bowling, to be all out for 53 after only 22 overs. However, the terrific team spirit and will to win of this side saw them approach the task of defending a small total with tremendous vigour, reducing Kellyville to 4 for 3, then 5 for 20, and 6 for 30, before a 36 run partnership for the 7th wicket secured them a first innings lead. Kellyville was finally all out for 103 after 50 overs. Another fine performance from the opening bowlers Anoop Vaidya with 3 for 16 off 10 overs and Ryan Bailey with 1 for 7 off 10 overs, gave the team a chance of winning. Jake Bailey picked up the last 3 wickets to finish with 3 for 4 off 2 overs, while James Galofaro and Michael Waddups also bowled very well, finishing with 1 for 13 and 1 for 18 off their respective 10 overs.</p> <p>Despite this semi-final loss, it was still a very good effort to reach the semis after losing the first three games.</p>				

13/1	10 for 143	Pendle Hill Colts	8 for 205	First innings loss
<p>After losing the toss we were sent out into the field. We bowled well early but Pendle Hill was up to the task at hand and built their innings with patience and partnerships.</p> <p>At the end of the first day Pendle Hill were 8 for 205.</p> <p>Our wicket takers were, Asad:- 10 overs , 5 maidens, 2 for 21 Karanbir:- 8 overs, 1 for 34 Tevin:- 10 overs, 2 for 20 Daniel:- 5 overs, 1 for 36 Matthew:- 4 overs, 1 for 18 Jack:- 2 overs, 1 for 14</p> <p>We knew we were up against a reasonably large total and we were not going to give up without a fight. Our players gave it their best shot but in the end Pendle Hill were just too good for us on this occasion.</p> <p>Baulkham Hills All Out 143. Samuel B:-19 Matthew:-18 Sam H:-16 were our top scorers.</p> <p>It has been a successful season seeing as though it was our goal at the beginning to make the semi-finals. It would have been nice to go that extra step and battle it out for the premiership title but it wasn't to be.</p> <p>Better luck next season chaps.....Brett (Coach)</p>				

14/1	8 for 237	Wenty Leagues	10 for 73	First innings win
<p>Nick Bertus 157no (Next highest score was Sundries on 19)</p> <p>Michael Bennetts 3/28 Ornob Abedin 2/3 Ajay Joshi 2/6</p> <p>We won the toss and elected to bat. Daniel and Gabriel opened the batting with Daniel cutting the ball onto the stumps in the first over. Nick joined Gabriel at the crease adding 28 to the total when Gabriel (16) was caught in the 10th over. Ben and Nick took our score to 72 when Ben (11) was caught in the 21st over. Matheesha was next in with Nick, who soon reached 50. Matheesha (6) was caught in the 27th to be four down for 95. Omal and Nick had a good partnership of 53 when Omal (13) was out LBW. Michael joined Nick at the crease turning over the strike to Nick who was in magnificent form reaching his 100 from 140 balls. Michael (8) was looking good was unfortunately run out in the 46th over with our score at a healthy 171 runs. Tom (1) was caught behind in the 48th over with 184 on the board. Raveen and Nick added 44 runs with Nick reaching his first 150 runs. Raveen (4) was caught in the 57th over with a huge total of 228 runs. Ornob (2no) and Nick (157no) took us to stumps to have a very defendable 237 runs on the board. Congratulations to Nick showing great patience and concentration scoring 157no runs.</p> <p>With rain on Saturday afternoon and overnight the ground was very damp. Tom and Gabriel opened the bowling keeping it tight with Gabriel taking the first wicket knocking over the stumps in the 7th over to have Wenty 1/6. Harmon and Ajay bowled next with Ajay picking up a wicket in the 16th over with a very good catch from Tom. Ajay took another wicket in the 20th over with a great diving catch by Daniel to have Wenty 3/26 and struggling to score runs. Daniel & Ornob bowled next with Daniel in the action bowling the batsman in his first over. Ornob took two quick wickets with a catch by Omal and another by Daniel with Wenty now 6/33 in the 26th over. Eight overs later, Omal fielded the ball and run out the batsman with a great throw hitting the stumps side on. Michael and Ben bowled next in a double spin attack, and it did not take long for Michael to pick up his first wicket with a catch by Matheesha and then another soon after with a catch by Ben on the boundary. At 9 for 51 in the 36th over an early finish was on the cards. With nothing to loose the batsmen hit out taking the score to 73 when Michael got his rewards with a caught and bowled to have Wenty all out. Thanks to the Wenty players who always play the game in great spirit and to their parents who invited our team to share in their BBQ at the end of the game.</p> <p>Bowling figures - Tom 5-0-0-7, Gabriel 5-4-1-1, Ajay 5-1-2-6, Harmon 5-0-0-12, Daniel 5-1-1-9, Ornob 5-2-2-3, Ben 5-2-0-6 and Michael 5-0-3-28. Well bowled Michael 3/28, Ornob 2/3 and Ajay 2/6. Another great team effort, with a big hand from Nick, to take us into the final next weekend.</p>				

15/1	10 for 132	Norwest	10 for 263	First innings loss
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16/1	10 for 139	Hills Barbarians	8 for 200	First innings loss
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B14	10 for 94	Kings Langley	10 for 105	First innings loss
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B12	10 for 83	AKA Sports	10 for 94	First innings loss
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B11	10 for 115	AKA Sports	10 for 97	First innings win
<p>B Hills won the toss and elected to bat. The team reached 5 for 66 after 30.5 overs before rain stopped play for the day. This reduced the match to 50 overs each, leaving B Hills with 19.1 overs still available. B Hills were all out for 115 in the 49th over. The highlight of the Baulkham Hills innings was a solid 33 from Captain Martin Ams. This left Aka Sports 51 overs to reach the 116 run target on a rather slow outfield on which B Hills had only hit 3 4s.</p> <p>The B Hills bowlers took wickets at regular intervals and this, backed up by some tight fielding always had the Aka batsmen under pressure and unable to score runs quickly as they have in the earlier 2 games against B Hills. B Hills took the last Aka wicket with their score on 97, 18 runs short of the B Hills total and with 3 overs to spare. Ward Koski bowled a fine opening spell to finish with 4 for 21 off 9 overs, while another marathon performance from Tony Senior, no doubt buoyed by the victory earlier in the day of the 12 2s, which he coaches, yielded 3 for 31 off 18 overs with 3 maidens.</p> <p>Congratulations on reaching the final.</p>				

B6	5 for 105	Kellyville	10 for 97	First innings win
<p>A great semi final win, with us passing Kellyville's score with only three wickets down. Banksie won the toss again, and this time, due to the overcast conditions and threat of rain, opted to field first. This paid dividends almost immediately and we quickly had the host side 3/9, with two of their top batsman already in the sheds. Their ace batsman, who had tormented us twice throughout the season was clean bowled by Ben Dooley (or only 2) with an unplayable off-cutter that jagged back to send middle stump cart-wheeling. Ben (2/14), and his opening partner Will Cartwright bowled superbly. Will finishing with his season best 5/14. At the end of the rain-interrupted first day, Kellyville had limped along to 6/78 off 35 overs, and the next day was to receive another 16 overs. They only faced another seven overs, with Will picking up a couple more wickets, Sam featuring in a run-out and Banksie picked up another wicket to finish with 2/30 off ten overs.</p> <p>Greg McLoughlin (35) and Dave Danks (7) opened the batting, and did the job taking the shine (and therefore the "swing" threat away) off the ball, which bunted not just the red pill but also the oppositions resolve. Sam Freeman looked in great touch for 20 before helping one around the corner to where poor old Sammie didn't realise that there was a fieldsman there! A couple of wickets fell after we passed the total, with Matt Hardy (7) and Josh Freeman (5) missing out on the red ink. Ben was 13 not out, taking his season tally of runs to an incredible 651.</p> <p>We have won the six games in a row that we needed to do to make the Grand Final. Let's make sure we finish the job next weekend against minor premiers Winston Hills at Max Ruddock Reserve.</p>				

B5	10 for 85	Erskine Park	8 for 86	First innings loss
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B4	8 for 252	Greystanes	10 for 99	First innings win
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B2	10 for 127	Winston Hills	6 for 212	First innings loss
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