

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.

Team Performances:

B4	Premiers	12/2	Runners Up
B6	Runners Up	11/1	Premiers
B11	Runners Up	11/3	Runners Up
14/1	Premiers		

The President's Roundup

March is over and the season has finished. Three premierships to Baulko is a pretty good result. Congratulations to the B4's, U14/1's & U11/1's on their victories. The results ranged from an outright win by the B4's to a tie for the U11/1's.

The opponents of the B4's were not going to give up, even though they trailed by over 100 after the first innings. They were all primed up to go & rout Baulko in their second innings. The only thing was, they forgot they were behind the follow on mark. So skipper Pat Mamo said if they wanted to keep playing, they might like to bat again. Damn, that really messed up their fielding practice! Pads on boys & routed in an hour or so for a Baulko outright win.

The U14/1's finished day one at 8/192, a good score, but as coach Nigel told the boys, it would require a top effort in the field to defend it. Well KL, thanks to their opener & a resolute last wicket stand got to within 17 runs of our total before being dismissed. A fifth successive premiership for coach Nigel Bertus, manager Ian Chatman and a few of the boys. It is great to see the excitement of the boys who won their first premiership this year. Well done everyone.

If you wanted excitement, The U11/1's were the team to watch. Baulko were dismissed for 93 on day 1 (no thanks to me turning up and seeing 4 wickets fall quickly). Norwest batted and reached our total with 9 wickets down. A nailing biting time then as Baulko managed to bowl 6 maiden overs. Imagine that in U11's – not a wide or no ball! Finally an LBW & the game was a tie, with Baulko premiers as we finished higher on the table. You'd have to fell sorry for Norwest. And when Tanveer was asked why he didn't bowl a wide he said "I was too scared!" A sad note on this game was the passing of coach Sujeewa's dad in Sri Lanka. He had to rush off on Friday, leaving Mitchell to run the team. Commiserations Sujeewa from all at Baulko

And so to the runners up. B6 were in with a chance after dismissing the powerful Winsto batting line-up for 186. A solid start saw Baulko at 0/43, before a collapse of gigantic proportions saw us slump to 6/59. A 60 run partnership gave us a sniff, but 4/3 finished us off for 122. Plenty of fodder for the duck hunters at this game – five to be precise! Bad luck Banksie, the retirement has been postponed for another season! B11 played the unbeaten Pendle Hill & after being 6/60 odd, a lower order recovery from Tony Senior, Tim Littlejohns, Chris Slaverio & Matthew Gunton got Baulko to 153. But Pendo's batting was too good & they passed us 2 down

The U12/2's were the unlucky team. Playing unbeaten AKA Sports, we dismissed them for 79, a great effort. We then moved steadily along, but fell just 5 runs short of victory. A lot of tears were shed, but it was a fantastic effort from the boys and coach Tony Senior and his team of supporters, Great effort boys and one which had the President and Treasurer nervously watching. The U11/3 went down to Wenty Waratahs, but put in a fantastic effort. First they beat the top placed tam in the semi & then played a great game in the final. Well done to all the boys and John, Mushin & Jo-Anne.

So the season might be over, but there is still a lot to do. Stats are being compiled for submission to PDCA, premiership caps and trophies being ordered and the annual report thought about. Make sure you submit all the information ASAP! And get those kits back to Terry Webb ASAP!

Presentation days have been decided. They are:

Seniors – Saturday 19 May, at Northmead Bowling Club, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Cost is \$35 per person, with drinks purchased at the club. Numbers are required by 1 May, so captains please get moving

Juniors – Sunday 20 May, again at Northmead Bowling Club. Times: U13-U16 from 10.00 am to 11.15am. U10-U12 from 11.30am to 12.45pm.

Northmead Bowling Club is on Windsor Rd, Northmead

The NSW District's Cricket held their presentation night last week & three PDCA players won awards as the best in their age group. They were all Baulko players - congratulations to Sean Abbott (U15 Weblin Shield), Nick Bertus (U14 Moore Shield) & Blake Newman (U11 Creak Shield)

The PDCA is conducting a rules review over the off season so now is your chance to have your say. If anybody has any rules which they believe are confusing, contradictory or need changing, could they please contact me, so that I can raise it at PDCA.

What else is coming up – well our AGM in late June (yes we would like some new members on the committee), the PDCA presentation night in late June (for the winners and juniors who were best in their division) and before you know it registration for the 2007/2008 season in late July. Watch the Baulko website (www.baulkocricket.com.au) for full details.

If you can't get enough sport, Geoff Spotswood is running his holiday clinics for cricket & football at Ted Horwood next week & Jeff Warland is also working at Activate as a cricket coach. Use the links on our website to obtain full details.

So that's it for 2006/2007. The winter sports are underway - well almost for those playing football (soccer) in the Granville District! 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

11/3	10 for 42	Wenty Waratahs	5 for 118	First innings loss – Runners up
<p>Well, not the result that we would have liked, but a great effort by all the boys and coaches to get the team into the finals.</p> <p>Wenty won the toss and elected to bat. On a very thick outfield they started out slow but picked it up towards the end of the innings. The wickets just didn't come like they had over the last couple of weeks (not through lack of trying and with one of our top wicket takers overseas). At the end of play on day one Wenty were 4 for 106, with 2 overs still to go on day 2. On day 2 Wenty came out and slogged at everything, scoring an additional 12 runs off 2 overs to reach 5 for 118. It was always going to be a big ask. Wicket takers were:-</p> <p>Jayden Stafford 7 overs, 4 maidens, 2 for 9</p> <p>Varun Aswal 7 overs, 2 maidens, 1 for 17</p> <p>Jackson Manning 4 overs, 0 maidens, 1 for 14</p> <p>Michael Paulraj 8 overs, 1 maiden, 1 for 19</p> <p>Catches were taken by Blaine (2) at wicket keeper and Jayden (1). Good fielding performances were recorded for Blaine, Manmit, Tim, Lucas, Jackson and Jayden.</p> <p>Baulko came into bat with nothing to lose. Whilst most boys showed some good form, runs were hard to get given the thick and slow outfield. In comparing runs per over with Wenty we were pretty even, however we just lost too many wickets, and by the 28th over we were all out for 42 runs.</p> <p>Congratulations to all the team and coaches John and Mushin. What a fantastic effort to reach the finals. You earned your second placing and should all be very proud of and yourselves. In my view each boy showed individual improvements in their game. I wish you all the very best over the coming months and hope to see you back for another great season playing for Baulko. Thanks also again to all parents and supporters for being there for your children and encouraging their participation in sport.</p>				

11/1	10 for 93	Norwest	10 for 93	First innings TIE – Premiers (on ladder position)
<p>Well you've all heard of the tied test... but how about the tied final in the PDCA U11_1s in 2007? Read on...</p> <p>We felt the team deserved to be in the final – the boys had led the ladder for the whole season, and had the best batting and bowling team averages. But Norwest were close behind, a worthy opponent who had won their semi-final by a similar margin to our own.</p> <p>The day before the game was a sad one, with coach Sujeewa learning his father had died overseas. We were all sorry for his loss, and also that Sujeewa would miss the final game. However he did manage to phone the Manager from the airport Friday night to discuss tactics...</p> <p>Saturday arrived, and as usual we lost the toss – but were sent in, which suited us on a hot day. Our openers started confidently, and Cody had hit two consecutive 4s before the next ball clipped his bail. Ravi (19, 90 minutes, top score) & Bryce (7 patient runs) had a great partnership, slow but steady – 1-50 off 26 overs, almost the half way mark. Michael in next, hit them around before picking out a really good fielder – caught out for 13.</p> <p>So 4-82 off 36, still plenty of wickets left – but suddenly their best bowlers were back on and so was the pressure – there were catches, an unfortunate run out, an LBW, stumps clattered...George (4) bowled by a swinging ball, Pavan (2) unlucky to be caught by a great fieldsman...and after just 8 more overs, all out for 93, the last 6 wickets falling for 11. Sachin ran out of partners to remain not out.</p> <p>We had five overs to bowl at them, Ravi & Tanveer opening well, Tanveer getting one popping up to be caught by George running in from square leg. One for 8 overnight - surely their batsmen would be more nervous than our side? 86 runs, or 9 wickets, needed.</p> <p>Sunday was cold, windy and damp – tough conditions for bowling and fielding. Even our most economical bowlers found it hard to keep the ball straight. First wicket of the day came from fieldsman Josh returning the ball solidly to wicket Owen who completed the run-out – 2 for 26. Enter their prime batsman, JD...George into the attack, and third ball: bowled him! A big wicket. After that, small but useful partnerships continued; sundries were high because of the conditions, especially hard bowling into the wind. But the boys kept each other's spirits up, fielded well, and kept getting wickets. As their opener accumulated more runs, we started hoping for a direct hit from Devin or one of our other strong throwers. However Bryce came on and bowled their opener for 26; Joe had an LB, then Ravi was rewarded for amazingly tight bowling with a wicket (8 overs, 5 maidens, 1 for 4..). After 37 overs, Norwest were 6-79: only 15 runs needed, 4 wickets in hand. Of course if it decided to rain properly & the game became a draw, we would be premiers – but that would be a hollow victory. Michael bowled one batsman, then 3 overs later combined with Owen for a crucial catch behind: 8-82. Two overs later, Michael bowls another – 9-85, 9 runs to win, last wicket. Out of nowhere they steal a boundary, couple of singles, couple of sundries – suddenly its equal, 9-93: surely Norwest will win. Then, an amazing 5 maidens in a row: Joe, George, Joe, Tanveer, Joe. Parent's nails are chewed on both sides, intakes of breath, crossed fingers. Tanveer steps up bravely, by now its the 54th over (only 2 to go) and its 9 for 93 (still)...3 dot balls, then a shout for LBW – out.</p> <p>So a tie, but Baulko, as minor premiers, is premiers, having not been beaten by the contenders. Very exciting for our boys, even though it took a while to confirm our thinking on the result.</p> <p>The game was not without its disappointments: a number of boys did less well with the bat than they hoped, one had to sit out, and a few didn't bowl. But all were an integral part of a team, and everyone there saw how proud & happy the 12 boys were at the end. Of course every player contributed throughout the season – highlighted even moreso by the tie, when the minor premiership became all important.</p> <p>The game was played in good spirit despite the tension; parents on both sides were well behaved, and umpires' decisions were respected (if not always agreed with!). Congratulations to the Norwest boys for doing so well, and for nearly pinching the mantle - and congratulations to our great group of boys. Well done. See you all at the presentation day.</p>				

12/2	10 for 75	AKA Sports	10 for 79	First innings loss – Runners up
<p>We lost the toss and were asked to bowl first. The outfield was slow and we knew that every run was going to be hard to get. Trent, Josh S, Josh Baz and Amar bowled extremely well and we had them at 2/15 from the first 16 overs. Then Greg, James S, Shannon and James B kept it tight to have them at 3/36 from 30 overs. Runs were hard to get but so were wickets. These guys weren't undefeated for no reason. Our fielding was very good and there were no easy runs anywhere. As the morning wore on and warmed up, it was harder for both teams. They started to scratch together a few more runs and we started to leak a few extras. There was a very clever run out from Trent, good catches by Sanju, Tom, James B and an unbelievable caught and bowled by Amar to have them all out for 79. A very good day's cricket from both sides would've had both teams feeling like they were in it for day 2.</p>				
<p>When we turned up for day 2, I stressed to the boys that whilst bowling them out for only 79 opened the door slightly for us, there was no way that they were going to just let us have it. They were going to throw everything at us. With the outfield as slow as it was, their total of 79 was very defendable on a field where 4's were very hard to come by. As it turned out only 4 boundaries were hit in the match. With under 2 runs an over required, the run rate should never be a problem. If we could just bat the day out we should get there. Josh Baz and James B got our chase underway. They saw off the first 11 overs before we lost James B, and after the first 17 overs we were 1/26. Things were looking pretty good. Amar and Josh were looking comfortable and AKA weren't. Then tragedy strikes. First Amar is run out and then we lose Josh Baz and James S in quick succession. From 1/26 we slipped to 4/27. Ouch! Then Tom and Greg start a rescue mission. They're looking good and things are slowly moving in the right direction again. Then we saw something sort of surreal. Tom gets a nick, the keeper dives and the umpire gives him out. As Tom starts to walk off there captain went up to the umpire and called him back saying that the catch had been dropped. To see that in a grand final with the game in the balance is pretty awesome. Unfortunately the good deed didn't help us and all of a sudden we are 7/45. This brought Shannon and Josh S together. We needed 35 runs and they needed 3 wickets. Shannon and Josh fought extremely hard for the next hour. Shannon always fighting his natural instincts and worked the hardest I've seen. Josh wasn't going down without a fight either. They put together an excellent 20 run partnership. From 7/45 to 8/65. This was getting very tight. Nic came in next and promptly hit a beautiful square cut for 4 before getting a good one. 9/72. 8 runs, 1 wkt and 10 overs. Sanju was last in with Josh. They batted for 5 overs but just couldn't get any runs. Eventually Josh gets a tempting one up outside off and goes for a drive. Unfortunately he doesn't get as much on it as he would like and gets caught. What a game. Josh had fought for over 90 mins and unfortunately fell just short.</p>				
<p>I know the boys were disappointed but they should be proud of themselves for achieving so much. I know that as coach I am extremely proud of the whole team. These guys fought till the bitter end and the final was the best game of the season. As it should be. So close yet so far. Now we have a taste of finals cricket, bring on next season.</p>				
Josh Stevenson	8-1-3-4	Josh Baz	16	
Amar	8-4-3-3	Tom	8	
Josh Baz	7-1-1-13	Josh Stevenson	9	
James Senior	7-2-1-9			

14/1	8 for 192	Kings Langley	10 for 175	First innings win – Premiers
<p>A good toss to win with Saturday hot and Sunday forecast to be cold, no guesses required, we elected to bat. Daniel and Gabriel opened the batting with Gabriel (5) caught in the 8th over. Nick joined Daniel at the crease where they put on a great partnership taking the score to 94 when Daniel (34) was caught in the 33rd over. Ben joined Nick who soon reached yet another fifty. They took our score to 111 when Nick (59) was caught in the 38th over. Matheesha was unfortunately bowled in the 41st over bringing Omal to the crease. Omal and Nick turned up the heat putting on 42 runs in the next 11 overs when Omal (14) was caught. Michael was next in, turning over the strike to Ben who was unfortunately bowled in the 52nd over after having scored 46 very valuable runs. Tom scored 12 runs from just 12 balls taking our score to 191 in the 59th over. Michael (6) was caught looking for those extra runs which left Raveen (1no) and Ornob (not faced) both not out at stumps with a very healthy score of 192 on the board.</p> <p>Sunday was cold and windy with the occasional shower. Tom and Gabriel opened the bowling with Gabriel bowling the batsman in his first over. Two overs later Gabriel bowled the new batsman to have Kings Langley 2/12 in the 6th over. With only one run added to the score Tom had the new batsman out with a good catch from Omal and then repeated this with another catch from Omal to be on a hat trick. Unfortunately the hat trick did not come but having Kings Langley 4/13 in the 9th over was an excellent start. Harmon and Ajay bowled next with Harmon taking a wicket in his 3rd over to a catch by Gabriel with Kings Langley now 5/39 in the 15th over. Over the next 15 overs Kings Langley took their score to 112 runs which certainly had the Baulko supporters on the edge of their seats. In the 35th over Ornob took a very good catch from Tom's bowling to remove the opening batsman who had scored 88 of their 112 runs. Breathing a little easier now, the supporters watched as Harmon took the 7th wicket bowling the batsman in the 35th over and then Michael took the 8th wicket in the next over with a great catch by Daniel to have Kings Langley 8/130. Daniel bowled the new batsman in the 43rd over with Kings Langley 9/147 and struggling with 46 runs to win and only one wicket in hand. Over the next 12 overs Kings Langley crept towards our score with the Baulko supporters feeling the stress. We had just watched Kings Langley score runs from overthrows and when they attempted to take another quick run Daniel put our stress at ease firing the ball to Nick, who caught the batsman short of his crease with Kings Langley just 17 runs short of a win. A great game with all the team contributing to the win. Congratulations on winning the premiership. Bowling figures - Tom 10-3-3-14, Gabriel 10-3-2-25, Ajay 5-0-0-27, Harmon 9-2-2-40, Daniel 10-3-1-10, Ornob 4-0-0-34, Ben 3-0-0-9 and Michael 4-0-1-13.</p>				

B11	10 for 153	Pendle Hill Colts	2 for 154	First innings loss – Runners up
<p>After winning the toss and electing to bat, the team was soon in trouble, losing its first wicket for just 2 runs, and losing wickets regularly to be 7 for 66. A terrific effort from the bottom half of the batting order saw the team reach a total of 153. Chris Sleviero top scored with 24, while Tim Littlejohns made 21 and Tony Senior 20.</p> <p>The B Hills innings finished in the 63rd over, meaning that there was time to bowl some overs on the Saturday evening. A good opening spell from Luke McNaught and Ward Koski saw B Hills have Pendle Hill 1 for 22 at stumps after 10 overs, and in a reasonable position if one or two quick wickets could be got early on the second day. Alas for B Hills a 104 run partnership for the second wicket put pay to this. After the second wicket finally fell with the score on 119, an unbroken 35 run third wicket partnership saw Pendle Hill reach the victory target.</p> <p>Despite the loss, this was a good effort against a team that has led the competition all season. Congratulations on your effort and I have enjoyed every moment of being your scorer and manager.</p>				

B6	10 for 122	Winston Hills	10 for 186	First innings loss – Runners up
Couldn't be bothered writing a report!				

B4	10 for 177	Norwest	10 for 74, 10 for 76	Outright win – Premiers
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