

## The Third Man's Report

### Check out our web site

Have a look at the Baulko web site. All the news about club events, fixtures, results, ladders etc are all available at the following web site – [www.baulkocricicket.com.au](http://www.baulkocricicket.com.au) To see your team's results, go to baulkocricicket.com.au, select 'Team Pages' then select your team. From there you can see the ladder by selecting 'Ladder'.

The site will be updated regularly, and the club history is being added to as time permits.

There have been some changes to the committee this season. You can find a list of the committee members on the website

### To all Captains, Coaches and Managers

#### Match Results

I need match results in **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:

B4	9 for 299	12/2 Maroon	Outright win
B12	7 dec 313	11/1	Outright win
15/1	4 dec 348		

### Individual Achievements

Sumit Kalia 65no	A	65no	Sanji Fernando	14/1	64
Mitch Walters	B1	5/24	Jonathan Barnitt	13/1G	51
Matthew Hardy	B4	59 no	Taseen Rahman	13/1G	46
Tony Senior	B10	67	James Benton	13/1M	4/16
K Chandry	B12	69	Jayden Stafford	12/2G	6/16 & hatrick
J Shannahan	B12	67	Utkarsh S	12/2M	hat trick
T Chesher	B12	57	James Gardiner	11/1	50 no
Gabriel Joseph	15/1	174	Michael McConnell	11/1	46
Daniel Chatman	15/1	104 no	2nd wkt - Gardiner/	11/1	100
2nd wkt - Joseph/Chatman	15/1	272	McConnell		

### 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
October 6	No junior games	15/2
October 13	B5	14/1
October 20	B8	14/2
October 27	B9	14/3
November 3	B10	13/1G

## The President's Roundup

The season is off and running, with two rounds now completed.

There have been some very impressive early season performances. In seniors, A Grade captain Sumit Kalia made 65 no in his side's victory, while Mitchell Walters took 5/24 for the B1's. Matthew Hardy (B4) 59 no & Tony Senior (B10) 67 both scored half centuries, whilst in the B12, K.Chandry (69), John Shanahan (67) & Tim Chesher (57) all made half centuries in a total 7/313. Will Cartwright of the B4's had an impressive double with 4/13 with the ball & 38 with the bat.

In the juniors the U15/1 scored an impressive 4/348, with Gabriel Joseph making 174, Daniel Chatman 104 & they shared a 2nd wicket partnership of 272. Great effort guys.

Other batsmen of note included Alex Jervis (U16/2) with 47, Sanji Fernando (U14/1) with 64, Jonathan Barnitt (U13/1 Gold) with 51, Taseen Rahman (U13/1 Gold) with 46, James Gardiner (U11/1) 50 no and Michael McConnell (U11/1) with 46. But what about young Jake Smith of the U10 Whites! He made 38 – don't forget these guys only face 18 balls I believe! Not to forget the hard working bowlers, Jayden Stafford of the U12/2 Gold took 6/16 including a hat-trick and Utkarsh of the U12/2 Maroon also took a hat-trick. These were actually in the same game, as the two U12/2 sides played each other

Talking of impressive performances, congratulations to Charuka & his wife on the birth of their third child. After two girls, it was a boy and we look forward to seeing him at Have-A-Go in about 5 years

Have-A-Go registrations were taken last week and we have already got 48 children signed up, with a promise of more to come! It is going to make life interesting. The program will commence on Friday 19 October, at Charles McLaughlin Reserve, commencing at 6.00pm. Cost is \$50 and the program runs for 10 weeks up until 21 December. You can still register, so just turn up on 19 October. If anyone can assist with coaching, please contact me – we would like to see some of the U16 & U15 players involved, even if only for a few weeks.

Our annual match against the Vision Impaired team will be held on Sunday 14 October, again at Charles McLaughlin Reserve. We are looking for players, so if you are interested in playing, please contact out captain, Peter Gunton (treasurer@baulkocricicket.com.au) or gets his phone number from the website

Thanks to those who attended our monthly meeting last Tuesday. Remember, they are held on the first Tuesday of each month and we require a representative of each team to attend.

The Raffle tickets, which were given out at the September meeting, are due back at the November monthly meeting. Get them completed and returned please.

The Baulkham Hills Sports Club is giving us some vouchers for use at the club restaurant. We will be handing these out to team's managers during the season and they will award them to players. For those who receive one, we ask that you use it at the club (they are valid for 3 months). Please support the Club, as they support us. The restaurant menu is available on the cricket club website.

Peter McLoughlin  
President

## Match Results and Reports

**10 Blue**

Winston Hills

Won on Forfeit

**10 Red**

6 for 72

Hills Barbarians

5 for 92

Loss on averages

A massive improvement on last week's performance. Winning the toss again & batting, we chased the loose balls, our running between the wickets was a lot better & generally got it right. Jack Engdahl proving some great batting entertainment with 2 big hits for four. Our bowling was an incredible turn-around from last game. We bowled less no-balls & wides & our fielding was good. A pacy spell from Stephen Burns saw the big fella take 2/6 with 6 other deliveries passing within 5cm of the stumps. Some more concentration in the field will keep opposition totals down. In only our second ever game against a team that all played together last season, was a tremendous effort. Keep up the great work boys!

**10 White**

8 for 158

Kings Langley

6 for 104

Win on averages

Round 2 saw the Whites up against Kings Langley, which always promises to be a tough game.

Blake was made Captain for this game and after winning the toss chose (was encouraged) to bowl, as the grass was long and the field wet. A great decision Jason (and coach!).

Day 1 started well with Tarush (0/4) and Jason (0/6) opening the bowling and limiting Kings Langley's opening pair to only 2 runs each off their 3 overs each. Unfortunately, KL's next two batsmen were in an aggressive mood, much to the dismay of Oliver (0/18) and Brandon (0/20). Both boys bowled well but found the going a little harder during each of their 3 overs this game.

Brendan (0/5), Nathan (0/9), Blake (0/10) and Patrick (0/8) were given the job of bowling to KL's middle order, each showing great determination and giving away only a few runs per over each, on average. KL only had 10 batsmen this game hence bowling was then restricted to 2 overs each (Nathan bowling 3 overs), as a maximum of only 30 overs was necessary.

Michael (0/3) and Jake (0/7) continued our bowling and attacked KL's batsmen with each delivery of their 2 overs. Unfortunately for the White's, KL's batsmen defended quite impressively and although all our boys bowled well wickets seemed near impossible to come by.

Our last two bowlers this game were Chris (1/4) and Arsh (2/10), each bowling 2 and 3 overs respectively. Both bowled a good line and length and were rewarded with our only three wickets earned by bowling; Chris taking a fantastic caught and bowled and Arsh rattling one through the stumps and getting another caught (by Chris) gully-point.

Thankfully our fielding this week was good and in addition to Chris and Arsh's wickets the White's found another 3 run-outs.

All up, KL amassed a reasonable total of 6 for 104 (Average 14.86), only 45 runs off the bat but a massive 59 extra runs in sundries (38 no balls and 21 wides), something the team must improve on in coming games.

Day 2 was always going to be a challenge but with a strong team the Whites were favoured to win.

Tarush (4 runs) and Jason (4 runs) opened the batting and following the disastrous first ball of the game (Jason out caught) both batted well, each boy's score coming from one boundary each with no further wickets lost.

Oliver (0 runs) and Brandon (1 run) were once again put to the test on Day 2 following on from their unlucky bowling to two aggressive KL batsmen on Day 1. This week Oliver and Brandon had to face bowling that was very difficult for any batsmen, with KL's bowlers sending down delivery after delivery of high and loopy balls that bounced short of a length, rearing head high. Each boy tried valiantly to get bat on ball and score some runs in near impossible circumstances. Oliver desperately unlucky to lose his wicket 4 times and finding out what a cruel game cricket can be, Brandon managing not to get out. Kings Langley on the charge early and taking a firm stranglehold on the game.

Brendan (6 runs) and Nathan (10 runs) managed to change the pace of the game slowly turning it back into a contest. Although each lost their wicket once, the runs had started flowing and momentum was building.

Blake (4 runs), Patrick (5 runs) and Michael (5 runs) continued to build momentum, each showing great defence and looking to score, losing only one wicket (Blake) during their innings. Patrick and Michael each cracked a great boundary with Michael very unlucky not to get several more.

With KL looking a little worried ..... THEN CAME JAKE ..... who produced a magical display of clean hitting that resulted in six 4's, two 6's and two singles for a massive 38 runs (not out) from ten scoring shots, leaving KL's fieldsmen wondering if they should be fielding outside the boundary. Adding to this were Chris (12 runs) and Arsh (14 runs) who both batted excellently without getting out and supported their partners; all three looking to steal byes from wides and no balls wherever possible.

By the end KL were left wondering where it all went wrong, the mighty Whites finishing with 8 for 158 (103 off the bat and 55 sundries) from 36 overs for an average of 17.56, enough to win a very exciting game. Well done to all and on behalf of the team a warm welcome to our new player Scott Pirie and his family.

Man of the Match: Chris Blinman  
 Encouragement Award: Tarush Sunil  
 Round 3 (13 & 20 Oct): Greystanes at Bathurst Street, Greystanes

11/3	10 for 28, 10 for 65	Wenty Waratahs	5 for 124, 0 dec 21	Outright loss
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Day 1 of a two day match commenced with all the boys turning up with a bunch of enthusiasm and getting straight into a much needed warm up session given the cold and blustery conditions that were about to hit.

Wenty won the toss and predictably decided to bat and send the Baulko boys out to field. Our opening bowlers, Nelson Bennet and Francis Farrell got the side off to a good start with some straight bowling that made it difficult for Wenty to score. On his second over Nelson delivered a screamer that knocked out the middle stump of the opposing batsman to send him walking back to the park bench with only 4 runs. Congratulations Nelson on a great bowling performance finishing with 1-17 after 6 overs.

After the first wicket Wenty dug in and were proving difficult to remove when on 24 their top batsman came up against Mitchell Gapper who sent down a pacer that was played at and sent into the waiting hands of Thomas Andrews in the out field. A great combination boys and congratulations Mitchell on finishing with 1-9 after 5 overs including 2 maidens.

The very next ball bowled seen the opposite batsman attempting what should have been a fairly safe single that is until it was launched back from mid on by lethal Francis Farrell who cleaned up the stumps sending the new batsman back to the bench, out for a duck without facing a ball.

Thomas Andrews was to take the next wicket with the first ball of his fifth over by knocking the bails off with a delivery straight down the middle that beat the batsman fair and square. Great bowling Tom finishing with 1-8 after five overs including a maiden.

Cameron Olijnyk was rewarded with the last wicket of the day when following a great display of bowling he had the batsman caught in the slips by Francis Farrell, the two boys celebrating long and loud with their team mates. Congratulations Cameron on fishing with the figures of 1-7 after 5 overs including a maiden.

All our bowlers had a great day with the ball, Francis Farrell 0-11 off 5, Mark Foskett 0-10 off 5 including 1 maiden, Mark Johnson 0-11 off 5, Jamie Bugden 0-9 off 4, Sameer Ziaee 0-14 off 5 including 1 maiden and Thomas Flynn with 0-18 off 4.

This Saturday Baulko will be sent in to bat for what should be an exciting day two. Good luck team.

Day 2 saw the return of both teams to Jones Park with the Baulko boys prepared to bat. Unfortunately nerves got the better of the boys and we were bowled out of 28. Wenty then decided to bat again and scored another 21 runs for no loss before declaring and sending Baulko back in for a second innings.

There was a lot more resistance from the boys in the second innings, particularly from Mitchell Gapper who hit a very impressive 28 not out. Mitchell was retired on 25 and then needed to bat again after the loss of all our other wickets. Congratulations Mitchell on a great knock and receiving our man of the match award. You had the opposition thinking that maybe they had declared to early.

Mark Johnson was looking very promising when he was unlucky to be caught behind off 7. Well done Mark especially on that great 4 that you smashed.

Overall Baulko put in a better performance than the first innings finishing with 8 for 65. Although we fell 62 runs short of the target it was a much improved performance by all the boys who are now looking forward to the next match.

<b>11/2</b>	<b>8 for 117</b>	<b>Kings Langley</b>	<b>9 for 112</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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Day 1: What a day! Somebody forgot to tell Mother Nature that it is Quakers Hill and not Antarctica! The ground conditions were freezing & the strong breeze bone-chilling! At the time of the Toss, we had only 6 players on board! We were staring down the barrel at a forfeit! What a panic!

Our Captain for the match, Nathan, did a miracle save & won the toss and we chose to bat, praying hard that a few more would arrive before the start. We had to call up Viva, who was sick, to rush to the ground. Just when we were about to start the match, the rest of the team arrived in a rush. Our brave openers, Ramal & Sebastian did a great job and had the Kings Langley opening bowlers frustrated. It was delightful to watch Sebastian playing with such a confidence & composure, like a pro. James came on & provided strong defense. When Nicholas turned up, he was shivering too. (with excitement – not cold, he says “in Norway, the wind will be howling a lot & much more chilling!”). Nicholas proved his point with hitting 3 boundaries with such flair & style, that the Australian Twenty 20 World Cup Team would have rushed him to South Africa, to save their Semi finals match, if they had time. To show his confidence in his team, Nicholas Retired not out, when he was on 19. Super effort Nicholas! Bravo!

All other batsmen did exceedingly well. Cameron displayed confidence & style (with a majestic boundary) and built up an excellent partnership with Nicholas. Well done! Harkaran was solid in defending his team that he refused to take any risky runs or make any rash strokes. His forward defense was perfect. His stylish stroke to the boundary was exciting to watch. Thrilling batting efforts by Jehan (with an excellent boundary –right under the legs of a fielder) excited the spectators. Nathan remained steady & strong. We finished with 8 for 117.

Day 2: With blue skies and a bright sunshine, we stepped on to the ground with great expectations. James & Rohit were away on Camping. We were one player short! We can't afford any loose balls! Already butterflies were starting to flutter in my stomach!

We opened our bowling with Ramal & Sebastian. Our bowling was so tight & straight that the Kings Langley Coach mentioned to me during the first drinks break that he was very upset that our team is not giving them any sundries. I told him that we are one player short and we can't afford to. He then obliged us with a sub from his team (which he regretted, as their Sub took a blinder of a catch, to get us our first wicket! He mentioned to me later that last year he gave Baulko Team, his Sub, who took a spectacular catch and he thought clearly the odds of that happening again is million to one and he was dumbstruck when it did happen!).

All our bowlers bowled very well. Our quiet achiever, Cameron, came up with the honours taking 2 for 9. Harkaran took a wicket in his very second ball, returning with 2 for 24. Sebastian bowled his heart out and bowled the Kings Langley star batsman (who was on 32). Excellent effort!

Jehan bowled with impressive style. His first spell was all maidens. He came up trumps with 1 for 4. Bravo!

Milo produced a sensational bowling effort. Ritwik & Viva thrilled us all with a wonderful display. Excellent stuff!

Our keeper, Nathan was delightful to watch, producing stylish movements. He pulled off a remarkable caught behind dismissal. Well done!

The last few overs were simply nail biting stuff! It was all just a blur to me! My head was spinning with excitement and I lost count of the overs. Cameron came on for the last over with Kings Langley needing just 9 runs. Cameron was so cool that he bowled a tight spell, under pressure. We won by 5 runs! Unreal!

Again, I am in a very difficult position, to choose some awards:

- Man of the Match Award goes to : Nicholas (for his exciting 19 N.O)
- Best All round Performance Award goes to: Jehan (for his batting, bowling and catching efforts)
- Catch of the Match Award goes to: Ethan (of Kings Langley – for a spectacular catch)
- Most Valuable player Award goes to: Cameron (for finishing off the game under pressure & a solid partnership with Nicholas & a catch)
- Best Team Effort Award goes to: All Players (for all round Team effort)

All parents deserve to be applauded for this win, for their commitment & support. Parents can feel really proud of our team's effort.

The team has a break during the School Holidays. Well deserved, guys. Enjoy your holidays!  
Our round 3 match is against Greystanes, on Oct 13th & 20th. Bring it on!



<b>11/1</b>	<b>7 for 170</b>	<b>Kings Langley</b>	<b>10 for 78, 10 for 64</b>	<b>Outright win</b>
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Week 1 saw what was a clear sunny morning turn into one of the bleakest weather days ever experienced on a cricket field. We lost the toss and were sent into bat by Kings Langley – luckily – as half their side almost ended up with hypothermia in the field as the temperature dropped more than 10 degrees in the morning session.

An outstanding 100-run 2nd wicket partnership between James Gardiner (50 not out) and Michael McConnell (46) set the stage for a big total. We ended up 7 for 170 at the end of our allotted 55 overs. These two batsmen were ably supported by S. Undries (45) and Tim Anstee (15 not out).

Cricket is a funny game. Our top three batsmen from the 1st round all recorded ducks - 2 of which were golden. So to get 170 in those circumstances confirms that we have depth in our team when it comes to wielding the willow.

Week 2 and we took the field hyped up for a big day. Kings Langley got away to a flyer, and at 0-22 after 7 overs they were on target to run down our score. However, through some great bowling and outstanding fielding, we ended up rolling them for a total of 78, and duly invited them to follow-on. Seven out of the eight bowlers used picked up wickets, confirming that we have depth in bowling as well. The only bowler to miss out on taking a wicket - Owen Smith with 0 for 16 off 7 overs – was very unlucky, beating the bat or catching an edge (not held) on numerous occasions. A highlight of the innings was a spectacular diving catch by Michael McConnell in the gully that Matthew Hayden would have been proud of.

Kings Langley reversed their batting order for their second dig, and we secured a constant flow of wickets as time wound down, including a clever stumping by Owen Smith off Michael Bellam's fast bowling! It looked like Kings Langley were going to hold on until a double bowling change masterstroke (!!) saw a couple more batsmen head back to the pavilion. In the end, a superb run-out, once again from gully by Michael McConnell, finished Kings Langley off with about 8 minutes to spare. This time, 7 out of the 9 bowlers used in the 2nd innings captured wickets.

Best bowling figures day were:

Nick Andrews	2/10 and 1/1
Michael McConnell	1/14 and 0/15
Ryan Cheveralajah	1/5 and 1/7
Michael Bellam	2/13 and 2/11
Tom Waddups	2/1 and 2/5
Troy Black	1/10 and 1/11
Tim Anstee	1/1
James Gardiner	1/4
Daniel Waddups	1/1

Whilst we have had two good wins, a couple of challenges remain:

- We are still averaging 1 wide/no ball per over, giving our opposition runs too easily;
- We dropped a couple of “sitters” that should have been swallowed up – we will be punished by the better opposition batsmen if we give them chances; and
- We have a real depth of talent – so the coach has the difficult task of ensuring that everyone gets a fair go with the bat and the ball. 8 boys got the bowl in the oppositions 1st inning, 9 in the 2nd. We will continue to play around with the batting and bowling orders so that everyone gets a chance to show their wares.

<b>12/2 Maroon</b>	<b>10 for 96, 6 dec 81</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills Gold</b>	<b>10 for 39, 10 for 43</b>	<b>Outright win</b>
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Baulko Gold won the toss and sent Baulko Maroons into bat.

Ravi (9) and Siddhant (0) opened the batting. The Gold's opening bowlers did a great job for their team and captured some early wickets. When Ravi was run out for 9 the Maroons were in some trouble. This was made even worse soon after when the Golds Jayden achieved a hat trick with some inspired bowling. This had the Maroons reeling at 5 for 15. However some respectability was added to our total after some very determined batting from Utkarsh (15 not out). Other batsmen to contribute to the total were Mitchell (1), Sean (2), Varun (3), Michael (3) and Subhash (3). At the end of our innings we have accumulated 96 runs.

The Golds turn to bat and they got off to a brisk start with runs flowing freely, however, this was soon ended when Hamzah (1 for 11) and Mitchell (2 for 10) made some breakthroughs. At the end of the 1st days play the game was evenly balanced with the Golds score at 4 for 32. On the second Saturday, the Maroons came out a different team and soon had the Golds all out for 39, having only added 7 more runs to their total with some accurate bowling from Siddhant (2 for 4) and Joshua (2 for 0). The other bowler to take wickets in the 1st innings was Varun (1 for 5). This saw the Maroons with a 51 run lead on the 1st innings.

Maroons second innings started with Ravi (1) and Sean (4) opening the batting. The loss of early wickets again had us on the

back foot until a consolidating partnership between Mitchell (20) and Kunal (19) turned the innings around. Other batsmen to contribute were Utkarsh (1 not out), Michael (2) and Subhash (2). With a minimum of 22 overs remaining the Maroons declared their 2nd innings closed at 6 for 81, leaving the Golds a total of 138 runs for victory.

Hamzah (2 for 4) and Mitchell (1 for 10) opened the bowling and got us off to a great start with a wicket in Hamzah's second over. With all the bowlers really applying themselves runs were hard to come by and soon wickets started to fall as the Gold batsmen tried to lift their run rate. Then Utkarsh (3 for 5) came onto bowl and decided that he wanted to finish the game quickly by taking a hat trick, all bowled. The Golds eventually all out for 43. Other bowlers to take wickets were Ravi (1 for 6), Luke (1 for 8) and Subhash (1 for 2).

This was a great team effort with all boys contributing in some way to the win. Our fielding was excellent with 8 catches being taken and 1 run out secured. Catches were taken by Utkarsh (4), Joshua (1), Ravi (1) and Sean (2). Utkarsh and Joshua combined for the run out.

The match was extraordinary in that we saw 2 hat tricks taken. Man of the match award went to Utkarsh for an outstanding allround effort.

Congratulations on a great team effort, well played boys!

<b>12/2 Gold</b>	10 for 39, 10 for 43	Baulkham Hills Maroon	10 for 96, 6 dec 81	Outright loss
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Well, what a fantastic start we had to the match. Jayden was on fire! By his fourth over of the first innings he had taken 5 wickets for 9 runs. This included an impressive hat trick. By the 10th over we had Baulko Maroon at 6 for 24. We were just unable to contain them after that, giving away too many sundries. Finally we got them all out for 96 runs. Wicket takers in the first innings were Jayden 6 for 16, Ishmam 1 for 15 and Timothy

1 for 13, with catches by Blaine and Ishmam and two run outs. James also did well with 0 for 6 after 3 overs and Jackson 0 for 14 after 8 overs.

Our openers started well and looked in form, however fell early (Blaine was lucky not to go much earlier after being dropped twice). We just couldn't put a partnership together and were all out for 39 runs early on day two. Top scorer was Blaine on 10 runs.

Baulko Maroon went back into bat. We started out well again taking 4 wickets for 24 runs, however the first innings seemed to repeat itself and Baulko Maroon went on to score 81 runs before declaring. Both Jayden and Jackson bowled well taking 2 wickets for 9 runs each. Other wicket takers were Blaine 1 for 10 and James 1 for 15, with a catch by Jackson. Lucas, Ben and Tim also did well with 0 for 7, 0 for 3 and 0 for 1 respectively for their 2 overs each.

We needed 138 runs in about 90 minutes but were unable to pull it together. To Baulko Maroon's credit they got us all out for 43 runs to score the outright win. They also took a hat trick, making two hat tricks in the match between the two teams – quite impressive. Our top scorer in the 2nd innings was Ishmam with 4 runs. Special mention should go to Lucas and Bradley who put in personal best performances, staying out in the middle for around 20 minutes and batting the best that I've seen of them to date. Well done boys. You should be proud of yourselves.

Good fielding performances throughout each match are written down by the scorer. Whilst everyone in the team makes a great effort, some fielding stands out just that little bit more, such as a good throw in from the outfield, quick reflexes to stop a hard hit ball that was heading for the boundary, a good catch or try for a catch, etc. Each of these are accumulated to give the fielding award for the match. Good pieces of fielding noted throughout the match came from Tim, Ben, James, Dylan, Ishmam, Lucas, Blaine, Jackson and Jayden. Ishmam also did very well with the gloves in the 2nd innings, giving Blaine a chance to have a bowl. Whilst it was quite close with Jackson, the fielding award for the match went to Blaine.

Better luck next game boys. Whilst we didn't get the win I can see some of you improving in your game each week. Keep up the good effort and have a safe and happy school holidays.

<b>12/1</b>	10 for 105	Pendle Hill Colts	3 for 108	First innings loss
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We won the toss and batted on what looked like a fine sunny day. George and Ravi opened and the cloud cover rolled in. Ravi (0), Michael (1) & Bryce (0) all out in quick succession saw us 3 for 5 after 4 overs of very quick swing bowling from the Pendle Hill opening attack. George & Alex put their heads down and set about making an excellent 80 run partnership, playing some delightful shots both sides of the wicket. They took the score to 85 before Alex was bowled by a very sharp delivery clipping off stump for 32 well deserved runs, including 5 fours. Alex looked very comfortable at the crease playing some stylish shots in his first innings for Baulko.

4 for 88 after 35 overs and it looked like 125 or 130 was a real chance. Just 8 runs later though and a direct hit saw George unluckily run out for the second week in a row. Top scoring with an inspiring 47 runs including 6 fours, another excellent innings and I'm sure a half century is just around the corner for George, well done. Unfortunately the run rate slowed due to some excellent bowling as Josh (8), Sachin (2), Joe (2) Anupam (0) and Devin(2) all tried bravely to see out our 55 overs. All out for 105 after 52 and we were confident that although we were hoping for more, 105 was still going to be difficult for Pendle Hill to chase.

Our turn to bowl, Michael opened and started with another wicket in his 1st over, good accurate line and length rattled the stumps giving the boys some early confidence. Fellow opener Pavan bowled well with 4-1-0-7 off his fast opening spell. Devin had the other opener trapped in front LBW in the 15th over and at 2 for 23 we were on target. Devin was in the action again taking a nice catch at mid wicket from Bryce's leg spin. 3 for 30 after 20 overs and we didn't have much to cheer about after that. They scored another 78 runs in the next 22 overs finishing with 3 for 108 after 42 overs.

We didn't get a lot of luck but still showed courage and never gave up. These first 2 games have showed us that we can expect a very close season ahead, with every team we meet trying even harder against the reigning premiers.

The Coach's award went to Alex for his well-timed innings when we were in trouble at 3 for 5, well done Alex.

<b>13/3</b>	<b>10 for 90</b>	<b>Wenty Leagues</b>	<b>10 for 178</b>	<b>First innings loss</b>
Jeremy Nash -top bowler with 3 wickets for 12 runs Damon Luck - top scorer -39				

Match Report- On a cold blustery Saturday Wenty Leagues went in to bat. Baulko bowled well but were outclassed by Wentys top order who all played Division 1 last year. The boys dropped a couple of catches, but did not give up. Jeremy bowled 3-12, and Joel bowled 2-4. The hot chocolate was well sought after at the break! Wenty ended the day with 178 runs, 63 being sundries. A bit of bowling practice wouldn't go astray!!

On the second day of the match Baulko went into bat with optimism and enthusiasm. Disappointingly our top order didn't make the runs they had dreamt off! Damon was our star batter of the day with a commendable 39 runs. Owen showed hidden talent and played a great supportive role to Damon. Liam felt badly done by when the umpire gave him LBW for 4 runs. Not a happy player!!

The team showed a lot of promise over the 2 days and will be a force to be reckoned with when they meet Wenty again. The Baulko boys have gelled beautifully as a team, after only 2 games. With 5 of the boys playing their first season of competitive cricket, the rest of the season will be a great one with a lot of hidden talent developing and being unleashed. Well done boys!

<b>13/2</b>	<b>10 for 78, 9 for 41</b>	<b>Greystanes</b>	<b>5 for 163</b>	<b>First innings loss</b>
Baulko won the toss and batted first. Taylor again showed good technique and patience to score a well compiled 10, and Shanan coming in at No 6 hit sweetly to compile a quick 22. Unfortunately, the other boys didn't fire today and a first innings score of only 78 off 32 overs was all we could muster.				

Greystanes got quickly to work and by stumps on day 1 had reached 0-73. We had a few half chances but the luck just didn't go our way.

Despite starting the second day in a bit of trouble the boys stuck to their task well. The bowlers toiled hard against a strong batting side. The wicket takers were Geoff (3-20), Reuben (1-29) and Todd (1-8). A special mention also to Amit who bowled well for his 0-20 from 8 overs, getting nice turn and beating the bat a number of times. We will have to work on our catching at training, having put down a few chances and also not grasping a few more half-chances today.

With Greystanes declaring at the morning tea break on 5-163, Baulko was back into bat. I am not sure if the kids felt the pressure of the next 100 minutes, but I am convinced the parents all aged considerably in this time. Wickets fell continuously, with only Talyor (16) offering significant resistance, aided by Reuben and Todd occupying the crease in support. Stumps came with the score at 9-41 with Harrison and Jack undefeated at the crease. A very close escape from an outright defeat!!

The game was played in very good spirit by both teams and we look forward to the rematch. If the boys can bat with a bit more patience and build some partnerships a bigger score will no doubt follow.

### Round 1 vs Kings Langley

A one day game after the first week was washed out, Baulko won the toss and batted first. The grass was long in patches making runs hard to come by. Unfortunately just as each partnership seemed to get going, we managed to lose a wicket. Geoff played a good captain's innings, scoring 22 not out and showing a strong technique. Taylor opened the innings and made a well made 11, with Nevin contributing a valuable 10 towards the back end of the innings. We scored 6 for 76 off our 31 overs,



which was probably a bit short of what we were aiming at.

We went out to bowl defending this small total but the boys were still confident they could win. Kings Langley got off to a quick start until our opening bowlers Reuben and Nevin both got wickets to slow their scoring down. Next Geoff and Harrison created more chances and got a wicket a piece to have Kings Langley 4-38 at half way. The second half of the innings didn't quite go to plan with Kings Langley passing our total in the 26th over, only losing 1 more wicket. Our catching was good today with chances taken by wicketkeeper Jack, Reuben and two screamers by Tom Lockhart - one down low and another in close when the ball was smashed at him. Successful bowlers were Nevin (2-12), Reuben (1-17), Geoff (1-7) and Harrison (1-4).

Excellent effort boys, we showed we could bowl tightly and put pressure on the opposition. Keep it up and our first win will be just around the corner.

<b>13/1 Maroon</b>	<b>9 for 198</b>	<b>AKA Crusaders</b>	<b>10 for 135</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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In a Grand Final replay against the premiers from last year, we had a point to prove. The boys batted very well with several strong contributions. Nick McConnell (31), Trent Samuels (30) and Praveen Samarasinghe (25 n/o) led the way with strong support from several other players. Our innings of 198 gave us a good total to defend.

In the field we showed some improvement over the first game but there is definite room for improvement. Despite dropping 6-7 catches, we bowled well and won the game relatively easily, bowling AKA Sports out for 135. It was a great effort by the boys. James Benton returned his best ever figures 4/16. Nick McConnell and James Senior took two catches each and the remaining wickets were shared throughout the team. It was a solid all round effort and the boys look forward to a week off before another tough match against Kings Langley.

<b>13/1 Gold</b>	<b>10 for 225</b>	<b>Wenty Waratahs</b>	<b>7 for 229</b>	<b>First innings loss</b>
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We won the toss and elected to bat. Our openers James and Jonathan faced some accurate bowling and James was bowled for 5 in the fourth over. Not discouraged by the early loss, Jonathan, with a chanceless 51 and Mitchell, with a stylish 36 put on an 85 run partnership in 19 overs for the second wicket. The platform was set for our middle order and Taseen (46 with 9 fours), Brent 22 and Jack Farrell 15 quickly pushed the score to 6 for 200 in the 44th over. Intent at pushing the scoring rate along our tail failed to press home the advantage and we were all out for 225 with 11 overs still left in the days play.

Wenty Waratahs started their inning nervously and great bowling by Blake and Anoop had them at 2 for 17 at the end of the first days play.

Wenty resumed their inning on the second morning and a sharp run out by Taseen and good catch by Jonathan off Brent soon had them four wickets down for just 34 runs. What followed was a magnificent partnership by Wenty's number 2 and number 6 batsmen. Batting intelligently and aided by some wayward bowling and sloppy fielding, they scored 140 runs in just 25 overs to put their team in a strong position by the drinks break. After drinks, a freakish run out affected by Joel and a good catch taken by Anoop of the bowling of Jack Michie lifted our effort and we thought that we were still a chance. It was all too late, however, and the day was summed up by Wenty reaching their target from four overthrows with plenty of overs to spare and only 7 wickets down.□

<b>14/3</b>	<b>10 for 87, 3 for 123</b>	<b>Wenty Leagues</b>	<b>6 for 252</b>	<b>First innings loss</b>
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No report.

<b>14/2</b>	<b>10 for 150</b>	<b>Hills Barbarians</b>	<b>10 for 58, 4 for 116</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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After winning the toss and electing to bowl, fine spells from both opening bowlers, Ryan Bailey and James Galofaro, had the Hills Barbarians innings in trouble from which they never recovered to be all out for 58. Ryan Bailey's 5 overs produced 2 for 12, with James Galofaro's 5 overs producing 3 for 11. A solid 39 run opening partnership between Brendon Archbold (18) and Cavinash Chelliah (16), followed by another aggressive innings from Aidan Cousin, his 43 runs including 7 4s and a 6, saw the team establish a handy 61 run first innings lead by the close of day 1. The team was eventually all out for 150 on the second morning, James Galofaro achieving a personal best with the bat with 14 runs.

This left the team with a first innings lead of 92 runs and around 2.5 hours to pursue the outright points. Despite some very good bowling, led by Amol Marwah who finished with 3 for 18 off 10 overs, a far more purposeful batting effort from Hills Barbarians saw them reach 4 for 116 at the close of play.

All in all, a good start to the season with 2 victories but a long way to go yet and plenty of room for improvement.

<b>14/1</b>	<b>7 for 168</b>	<b>Hills Barbarians</b>	<b>10 for 140</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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We lost the toss and were asked to field for the second match in a row. A couple of dropped catches let the Barbarians get to a total of 140 all out. Probably around 40 more than they should have scored. The wicket takers were Tevin 3 for 21, Matthew 6 overs, 3 maidens, 2 for 10 (which earned him the match ball), Asad 2 for 12, Saj 1 for 15 and Daniel 1 for 20

Our team's batting this round was a great step forward from last game. Patience and partnerships were the call for the second days play and that is exactly what was delivered. This made a great spectacle for all who were able to witness it.

Sanji 64 (his first half century) and Sam H 27 took us within reach of victory with a very impressive 83 run partnership. We surpassed the opponents score with 5 wickets to spare and by the close of play at 11 o'clock we were 7 for 168.

In the whole scheme of things, this victory could prove to be a very important one when finals time comes around. Great effort lads.

<b>15/2</b>	<b>10 for 138, 8 dec 60</b>	<b>Wenty Leagues</b>	<b>10 for 82, 7 for 67</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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No report.

<b>15/1</b>	<b>4 dec 348</b>	<b>Wenty Leagues</b>	<b>7 for 208</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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Won the toss and batted

Baulkham Hills 4 for 348 dec.

Wenty Leagues 7 for 208 at the end of day 2.

Gabriel Joseph made a huge maiden century finishing on 174 from 144 balls including 18 x 4's and 4 x 6's. Well done Gabriel.

Daniel Chatman finished 104 not out from 138 balls with 8 x 4's. A great knock Daniel.

The partnership between these two for the second wicket of 272.

Wenty batted quite well while never really chasing the runs so the opportunities for the boys in the field were limited as there were very few chances given.

Gabriel really tied the batsman down with 12 overs of leg spin for 1/27.

Wickets shared amongst the bowlers with Tom Ortiz (11 overs - 2/32), Riley Astill (11 overs - 1/17), Reece Wilde (5 overs - 1/23), Ajay Joshi (4 overs - 1/13) and Michael Bennetts (6 overs - 1/15). Excellent effort in the field by Matheesha Guneratne with 2 catches but also great ground fielding to limit the run scoring opportunities.

A good first win boys.

<b>16/2</b>	<b>10 for 125</b>	<b>Wenty Waratahs</b>	<b>10 for 32, 10 for 150</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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No report.

<b>16/1</b>	<b>7 for 123</b>	<b>Wenty Waratahs</b>	<b>10 for 103, 7 for 121</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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The boys were looking forward to their first 2 day game of the year and got off to a good start against Wenty Waratahs winning the toss and electing to bowl. Teshan took the new ball with Michael and got the early breakthrough clean bowling the Wenty opener without scoring and did it again with their number 3 batsmen without scoring.

Michael then found his line to bowl the next batsman to have Wenty 3/13 after just 7 overs. Samira and Kieran continued the good work by drying up the runs and frustrating Wenty until their batsman edged a ball to Scott. Adam then came on picked up two wickets in his third over to have Wenty reeling at the drinks break to be 6/48. The boys lost their way a little after the break and took a while to find their next wicket with Teshan picking up his third wicket of the innings. Samira then picked up another wicket and Tharindu cleaning up the Wenty innings to be all out for 103.

Ben and Scott got the team off to a good start in reply to be 0/25 at stumps. The second day was tough going as Wenty bowled a lot better length. After moving the opening partnership to 33, Ben was trapped in front for 16. Tharindu then came on and hit two quick boundaries before being trapped for 8. Kieran comes to the crease and was bowled by the best delivery of the day and all of a sudden the team was 3/41. But the trouble didn't stop there, when Scott was caught behind without advancing the score and Teshan caught trying to pull a ball to have the team really struggling at 4/46.

Michael and Hiran then settled the innings with Hiran playing a good patient knock and Michael playing some great shots to push the team out of trouble before Michael was caught in close trying to work a ball off his stumps for 21. Hiran followed in similar fashion trying to push a ball close to his body to have the team within striking range at 7/95. Adam and Samira did a

great job seeing us to a first innings win and then putting on some runs by the drinks break to declare the innings at 7/123.

The boys tried to push for an outright win, but Wenty played some attacking cricket to be 7/121 at stumps. Teshan did a great job collecting another 3 wickets in his 5 over spell.

Boys – not a bad effort, but we need to lift our attitude quite a lot to compete against the stronger teams. Well done to Michael, Hiran, Adam and Samira for helping the team when we were in trouble.

Statistics: Michael 21, Hiran 20, Adam 17 not out, Ben 16, Scott 16, Samira 10 not out With the ball, Teshan 12-4-6-37, Samira 14-5-3-50, Kieran 12-4-1-40, Adam 7-1-2-14 and Ben 3.1-1-2-16.

<b>B13</b>	10 for 113, 10 for 31	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 164, 4 for 105	Outright loss
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The match against Seven Hills RSL saw us much more competitive compared to the first round. We lost the toss and they elected to bat. We had them at our mercy at 4-23 with some excellent bowling from Dan Maclean (3/23). However, their middle order consolidated and they posted a reasonable score of 164, Matt Adams bowled well to take 3/15 off six overs. In batting, we were 2/40 overnight, but we really did not press home the advantage and with the exception of Matt (20), batted well under our potential. Dave W. struggled with a sore back for a well compiled 22 before being run out by his runner at the bowler's end.

We elected to play on and eventually they declared at 4-105, which left us 154 runs to win outright off about 20 overs. The heady expectation of chasing a 20/20 score left us in disarray and we were all out for only 30 runs off just 12 overs! Not only that, but we had a hat-trick taken off us...Oh the ignominy of it all, beaten outright by Seven Hills! All said and done, it was an enjoyable match which left us with a firm conviction that we all need more practice!

Man of the Match: "Forrest" Adams

<b>B12</b>	7 dec 313	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 180, 5 for 153	First innings win
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No report.

<b>B11</b>	10 for 122, 7 for 97	Merrylands Social	10 for 91, 8 dec 199	First innings win
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<b>B10</b>	10 for 163, 4 for 52	Pendle Hill Colts	9 for 408	First innings loss
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Pendle Hill won the toss and elected to bat. James and Andrew G opened the bowling, getting us off to a solid start by removing both openers to have the score at 2-45. Further wickets appeared ominous with the ball swinging around and often just missing the stumps. However, due to some bad luck and an extremely costly dropped catch (not mentioning any names....cough....Daniel), we did not take another wicket until the 40th over with the score on 237. Unfortunately, the danger batsman was still at the crease and continued to belt us all over the park until he was finally out for 200 (dropped on 2), well caught at deep mid-off by Ward. By this stage Pendle Hill had reached a mammoth 5-347 off 52 overs. Taking advantage of wickets in hand, Pendle Hill scored another 62 runs from the remaining 11 overs to finish on 9-408.

We got off to a relatively good start, with Ward scoring several boundaries with some scintillating drives. Just when things were starting to look good, Andrew was bowled with the score on 22. Things got worse one run later when Ward was given out LBW on 17. With no addition to the score, Daniel was bowled by a pearl of a delivery, handing over a huge task to the middle order. This task proved to be too much for our middle order, with wickets continuing to fall at regular intervals, with the exception of a 43 run partnership between Tony and James. We were bowled out for a disappointing 163 runs. The only highlight of our innings was Tony's captain's knock, a blazing innings of 67 runs featuring 10 fours and two big sixes.

Pendle Hill sent us in to bat again, enforcing the follow on. This time we got off to a more solid start, with Ward once again hitting some nice boundaries. With the score at 1-37 off 10 overs, Pendle Hill relinquished their pursuit of an outright victory and decided to give some of their part-time bowlers a go. Soon after the captain's agreed to settle for the first innings result.

In summarizing our performance this round one cliché comes to mind 'catches win matches'. This is a game we could easily have won, had we taken our chances. Hopefully such a crushing defeat will be the catalyst of some vast improvements in our fielding.

Bowling performances: T. Senior (4-90), D. Chatman (2-41)

Batting performances: T. Senior (67), J. Chatman (24), W. Koski (21)

Catches: I. Chatman, C. Brown, T. Senior, W. Koski (2)

Man of the match: Tony Senior

Hall of shame: D. Chatman (dropped catch), E. Nield (dropped catch), R. Chant (dropped catch), T. Senior (dropped catch – difficult chance though), P. Edwards (duck)

<b>B9</b>	10 for 98	Kellyville	10 for 117	First innings loss
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No report.

<b>B8</b>	6 for 162	Xenium Crusaders	8 for 161	First innings win
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A shaky start was had to this game. The opposition started with only 7 players but managed to score 161 runs. We needed a hero. That ended up being Dush Rao. He bowled very late in the game and dismissed their opener for about 75. Dush's figures amounted to 4 for 12 off 4, this included a double wicket maiden. It seemed a big hill to climb but Grant Korny came out and blasted a quick 30 in partnership with Dush's 32 to set us on a great path for the following days play. With consistent batting and a solid 34 not out from Jason Faulkner the team registered its first win.

### Round 1:

What a great start to the season. We were defeated by 1 on the last ball. What a great improvement. The whole team has started the season in great spirit and form is sure to come. Our new members contributed abramibly. Jason Faulkner bowled 2/6 of 2, Tristan Luther 4-30 of 10 and Josh Rich 1-16 of 6. Steven Hobbs top score with 40 runs.

A great game was played by both teams and we are looking foward to next week at North Rocks.

<b>B5</b>	7 for 143	Winston Hills	10 for 133	First innings win
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R. McInerney 4 for 15 off 10 overs

R. Deane 3 for 36 off 14 overs

B. McLaren 2 for 31 off 12 overs

M. Ritchie 33

B. King 28

B. Stapleton 21 no.

Special Mention to Matty (dead eye dick) and DJ for their uncanny knack of being able to throw down the stumps from anywhere on the field. Very impressive fielding.

### JUG PENALTIES:

Dropped Catches: R. Deane

Ducks: D. Tipton, B. McLaren

Not turning up and failing to notify captain or team member: D. Tipton

2 From 2 Lads

McIce

Round 1 Played at North Rocks Park v Xenium Crusaders

B. McLaren 45 no.

R. Deane 32 no.

H. Izmirlian 31

R. Deane 5 for 16 off 8 overs

M. Ritchie 4 for 15 off 7 overs.....on debut

Special Mention to Jack Dwyer (U14/1) who made his official Senior debut. Congratulations Jack.

### JUG PENALTIES:

Dropped Catches: R.Deane, J.Billings

Fantastic Effort Lads

McIce

<b>B4</b>	9 for 299	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 191	First innings win
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No report.

<b>B2</b>	10 for 148, 7 dec 130	Erskine Park	10 for 77, 3 for 165	First innings win
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No report.

<b>B1</b>	10 for 147, 2 for 73	Cumberland Community	10 for 212	First innings loss
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A	5 for 166	Kings Langley	10 for 162	First innings win
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After Round 1's disappointing performance, the team was hungry for a win. There was a last minute ground change and we were playing at Ted Horwood (top) rather than the turf of Westmead Hospital.

The intensity was good, everyone turned up early and the training drills were a welcomed inclusion into our preparations before a game. We lost the toss and were bowling on an overcast/windy day.

KL got off to a solid start but we pegged it back with some tight bowling and a bit of luck. Great fielding with Gaurang's run out and a great catch by Gunny to send their opener back turned things around. They were 6/91 at drinks, all out 163, a few too many at the end (from their sloggers) but we'd take that chase any day, being a synthetic pitch, small ground and helpful conditions.

With 45mins before end of play, there was an awkward period of batting where a mixture of attack and defence was needed while trying to preserve wickets. Chris and Gaurang opened the batting and closed play with 0/20 off 12 overs.

Week 2 was upon us and a victory was in everyone's minds with another 143 runs to chase with 10 wickets in hand. Great weather, good preparation and a weak bowling line-up was enticing however this was not the case. KL kept them selves in the game through consistent bowling and some poor shot selection on our behalf.

After a matter of 3 quick wickets within 5 overs saw Baulko getting the 'shakes', lack of confidence was on everyone's minds. All we needed was 1 good partnership and at 5/97 saw Keenan and Sumit deliver that. A 70 run partnership saw them bring it home soon after drinks.

It was good finishing the game off with a bit of dominance at the end and the comfort factor that we can chase and chase comfortably with our long batting line-up. Still many facets of the game to work on but I'm sure we can only get better.

Baulkham Hills A-Grade, 7 points, 1st win of the year for the team and new skip and we're well on our way to making this a memorable season.

#### Notable Performances:

Sumit Kalia 65 n.o.

Gaurang Merani 28

Keenan Galas 25 n.o.

Trent Hession 3 wickets

B Simpson Golden 0

A Denlow 0