

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 Played on Day 2!

Individual Achievements

Greg McLoughlin	B4	62	Anoop Vaidya	13/1G	3/8
Sam Freeman	B4	32 no	Matt Sibley	13/1M	3/23
Ben Dooley	B4	3/10	Trent Samuels	13/1M	2/9
Tony Senior	B10	Hat trick	Josh Stevenson	13/1M	2/10
D Maclean	B13	6/34	Ashleigh Thomas	13/1M	29 no
A Fahey	B13	3/40	Damon Luck	13/3	4/15 & 43 no
Gabriel Joseph	15/1	93 & 3/10	Jeremy Nash	13/3	37 no
Omal Fernando	15/1	54	Ishmam Masud	12/2G	4/5
Tom Ortiz	15/1	4/6	Jayden Stafford	12/2G	4/8
Taseen Rafi	15/2	45	V Raja	11/2	3/2
Jack O'Donnell	15/2	3/4	R Misra	11/2	2/6
A Rizvi	14/1	4/36	Max Delaney	10R	3/2
Ryan Bailey	14/2	4/35	Stephen Burns	10R	2/1
Aidan Cousin	14/2	61	Jack Engdahl	10R	2/4
Jack Delaney	13/1G	89 no	Jason Luther	10W	3/2
James Dallaway	13/1G	3/6	Patrick Hassarati	10W	2/6

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
November 24	B13	13/3
December 1	B1	12/1
December 8 2007	B2	12/2G
December 15 2007	B4	12/2M
December 22 2007	B5	11/1

The President's Roundup

Well, finally a fine Saturday and cricket was back in full swing last Saturday. Will it last? It does not look too good at the time of writing this report. At present, around 60% of our teams are in the top four or just outside, so now is the time to push on towards the semis!

The official opening of the new nets will take place tomorrow (Friday 23rd) at Charles McLaughlin Reserve. Representatives from Baulkham Hills Shire Council, Cricket NSW and the Doug Walters Club will be in attendance. This ceremony will mark the completion of the project and thanks go to all those who helped make this project a success.

Whilst on the subject of new facilities, Council has resurfaced the practice nets at Ted Horwood, bringing them back to an acceptable standard. We are working on Council to level the run ups at Crestwood and are looking at other facilities which need upgrading.

The Cricket NSW Raffle tickets **MUST BE RETURNED** this Saturday. No money is required, just the completed butt section of the ticket. Get them in for your chance to win one of the fabulous prizes (any Baulko winner must invite someone from the committee to accompany them!!!!!!). Bring them to the club and see one of the committee members or place them in an envelope in the results box - ask Mario at the door if you can't find it.

There has been a dearth of match reports from the senior teams in the Owzatt lately. Come on guys, get those reports in – match the B5's efforts! But speaking of the B5's, good to hear Captain Roger Deane proclaiming himself to be the gun batsman of the team & looking at a promotion in the order. Seems bowlers always fancy themselves as batsmen!

The Bankstown challenge matches are on this Sunday at Charles McLaughlin. Come along and see the U11's & seniors battle it out for supremacy. And there will be plenty of food and refreshments. Our senior team was, at the time of writing this still short of a couple of players. If you want a run, ring Senior Registrar Jason Currey

November is in full swing and lots of players are in the process of growing the "mo". The B4's seem to have a good number banning the razor. It will be interesting to see the results.

The Stage 1 renovations at the Sports Club are now in their final stages, with completion of downstairs due just before Christmas and the entry area early in 2008. Hopefully Stage 2 will follow and see an auditorium once again part of the club! The club would like your support, so go along and enjoy a meal in the Treeview Restaurant. "Maitre D" Fahdi will certainly look after you (mention you are from cricket). The Sporto has been giving us discount certificates for the Restaurant and we ask that if you have won one, please use it! The continuance of this scheme depends on your use of the awards. As has been mentioned before, the Sports Club (through its parent club, Bankstown Sports) greatly assists us with funding for our junior costs. This year we have received just over \$19,000 from them. So do your bit to support the club that supports you and keeps your costs low!

A club with as many players as Baulko should be strong when it comes to volunteers, helpers, committee personnel and players for the various games such as the Vision Impaired and Bankstown. However, it seems we are a bit "light on" at times and for this club to remain strong, we need your support. An area in which you can assist now is the Have-A-Go program on Friday night. You only need an hour or two to assist Chris Springall and his crew. It is held on Fridays at Charles McLaughlin at 6.15pm.

An early reminder about the Trivia Night. It will be held on Saturday 23 February 2008, at the Don Moore community Centre, North Rocks. We will be asking teams for donation of prizes and as usual, expect the massive thunderstorm again!

February will be busy, with the Trivia Night, junior double wicket and junior photos all to be held. Early February will see the holding of the Seniors v Colts game. The selectors are keeping tabs on form and invitations for this prestigious game will be issued in the New Year.

Our last monthly meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 4 December, at Charles McLaughlin Reserve, commencing at 8pm. This will be last meeting held at this venue, as the Sporto will be in operation for February's meeting. Some teams have NOT been represented lately, some come along (ALL teams must be represented)

Well, if there are not too many match reports, at least this will "pad out" this issue.

Peter McLoughlin
President

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	3 for 74	Kings Langley	4 for 84	Win on averages
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After our wash out last week we had a one day game against Kings Langley, we had a good win on the back of a great effort in losing only three wickets which gave us a great average of 18.5. Some great fielding by Angus and Jack, where they both got a run out each. Best bowling figures by Matthew picking up 3 for 8. Malachi and Luke share the keeping duties. Best batting for the day was again sundries followed closely by Matthew who top scored on 7.

10 Red	6 for 77	Kings Langley	7 for 60	Win on averages
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Winning the toss again & batting gave us the start we needed. Scoring 77 runs from 24 overs in a one day game was excellent. Our batting was the best we've produced this year. We had the least dismissals that we've ever had, we chased the rubbish balls, we ran well between the wickets & our calls were nice, loud & clear. Posting a decent total to defend made our job a lot easier. Once in the field, our performance with bowling & fielding were outstanding & were by far the best of the year. We were hungry for the ball, put pressure on their batsmen, backed up the stumps & didn't give away too many singles. Some performances of note were,

Max Delaney -3/2 - Bamboozling the opposition with great spin bowling. They had absolutely no idea how to play against him. He was unlucky not to have snared a fourth wicket.

Stephen Burns – 2/1 Apart from the snick for one run, too quick & they couldn't get bat on ball. Had one dropped catch & two balls that shaved the stumps.

Jack Engdahl – 2/4 – A great accurate spell. Was forcing batsmen to play shots they shouldn't have played.

A great win & big confidence boost for the team. Well done!

10 White	7 for 71	Wenty Leagues	8 for 65	Win on averages
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Round 5 the Whites were playing against an unknown quantity in Wentworth Leagues.

Day one was washed out.

Day 2 started with Chris appointed as captain and promptly won the toss and decided to Bowl as there was heavy dew on the ground.

Arsh bowled a very tight spell of two maiden overs that kept the pressure on the Wenty batsmen.

Jason Luther opened and closed the innings with two very good overs ending up with the sensational figures of three wickets for 2 runs. Jason picked up two wickets bowled and one ht wicket in his last over - this really got us back in the game

Jake bowled an economical two overs for only three runs to sustain the pressure on the leagues team.

Nathan picked up a wicket (bowled) with his second ball that set the tone for a tight spell, finishing with the figures of 1 wicket for 4 runs off two overs.

Tarush bowled without a lot of luck with a few of his balls bouncing over middle stump. However Tarush continued the pressure on the Wenty bats by bowling two overs including one maiden for 2 runs – excellent effort.

Blake bowled two overs for 9 runs, and would like to have being a little more accurate.

Michael stepped up and applied more pressure, drying up Wenty's runs bowling two overs for 3 runs including one maiden – great work.

Patrick stepped up and bowled a tidy first over, and proceeded to disturb the stumps with ball 2 & 3 of his second over ending up with sensational figures of 2 wickets for 6 runs. Patrick's effort continued the pressure on the opposition.

Chris bowled a tidy spell of two overs for seven runs.

Brandon also bowled a economical spell of two overs for 6 runs without much luck as a few of his balls missed the stumps by millimetres.

Scott continued a good bowling effort of two overs for 6 runs also missing the stumps by millimetres a few times.

Oliver continued his improvement in bowling especially in his second over (yielding only 2 runs) with figures of two overs for 10 runs.

Wenty Leagues finished with a score of 65 runs (45 sundries) losing 8 wickets for an average of 7.22. The team was confident of chasing this total down.

Tarush and Jason opened the batting and provided a stable start, each scoring 2 runs; with Jason losing his wicket once. The boys provided the team a good start.

Brandon came in at first drop looking to utilise his new axe. Brandon executed a beautiful and powerful pull shot only for a Wenty fielder to get in the road and cut off a boundary. Brandon kept his wicket intact for a score of 1 run, good work!

Blake was in next and was looking to increase the scoring rate. Blake wielded his big blade and executed two sharp boundaries for a total score of 9 runs (second highest) for the loss one wicket.

Arsh was in next and has brought the big axe out of storage! Arsh faced some tight bowling combined with the long grass; Arsh didn't get any value for some of the stylish drives he played except for a great boundary. Arsh ended up with a solid score of 7 runs losing his wicket once, being caught.

The Wenty Leagues Bowlers very bowling a very tight line and not offering many loose balls to hit. Scott played a very solid defensive effort to protect his wicket and help the team with the average. Three sundries were scored during Scott's innings, and Scott kept his wicket intact.

Patrick was in next and was great in keeping the Wenty Bowlers out – scoring a single but again keeping his wicket intact.

Jake batted with a lot of purpose always looking to pressure the Wenty fieldsman by looking to pinch some singles. Jake played some attacking shots, but the Wenty fieldsman stepped up and cut a few boundaries off. Jake scored 8 singles and importantly kept his wicket intact.

Michael came to the crease looking to up the pace in partnership with Jake. Michael played a superb innings dispatching two boundaries for a top score of 11 runs. Unfortunately Michael was bowled on his second last ball.

Chris was up and looking to play his natural attacking game. Unfortunately the accurate Wenty bowling saw Chris lose his wicket three times for a handy score of 2 runs.

Nathan and Oliver finished the innings out in a professional way. Nathan scored two runs and kept his wicket intact threatening to breakout with a boundary at any time. Oliver was given the job to wrap the innings up by facing the majority of the last over. The Wenty team had a sniff of victory and were applying the pressure to Oliver. Oliver stood up and was counted by smashing a single as well as keeping his wicket intact by displaying a sensational piece of defensive batting. Oliver got his body right in behind the ball and warded off some accurate bowling by Wenty leagues – A game saving effort!

Oliver also excelled as Wicketkeeper (his first time) for the first 12 overs and stopped a lot of balls. Jake also stepped up and put in a great first up effort at keeping for the last 12 overs.

A highlight was two run outs, by Blake and Nathan, great fielding.

Special thanks to Patrick's Dad, Sam for laying on a deluxe BBQ to celebrate the tight win and to the Blinman family for the shade.

Man of the Match: Oliver Karam

Encouragement Award: Michael French for top scoring.

Round 6 (24th Nov & 1st Dec): Wenty Waratahs at Charles McLaughlin (Home).

11/3

BYE

BYE

Nothing to report.

11/2

5 for 64

Seven Hills RSL

8 for 91

First innings loss

What a classic match, it was! Our Captain for this match Viva, lost the Toss and Seven Hills promptly sent us in to field, on a cloudy day. Viva opened the bowling and showed Seven Hills, what Baulkos are made of by getting their opener clean bowled on the very first ball of the match! What a great start! Bravo!

Soon we had Seven Hills on the rope with wickets falling regularly. Rithwick clean bowled their No 2 batsman. But their star batsman battled fiercely but a clever delivery by Rithwick trapped him and he fell to an excellent catch by Rohit.

James came on board with a spell of scintillating spin & medium pace (in spite of his injured fingers). The batsman was looking dangerous but fell to an outstanding catch by Viva on the fine leg. All other bowlers did extremely well. Nicholas's brilliant deliveries troubled the batsman and when one tried to smash him, Milo pulled off a blinder to dismiss him. Viva came on for his second spell and took 2 wickets on a maiden over with the first by an excellent delivery completely fooling the batsman and just clipping the bails off and the next a magical caught & bowled. Sebastian came for his second spell and got the batsman out for a duck, clean bowled. Well done guys! Great effort!

But we had given away too many extras. It not only increased the Seven Hills's total, it wasted too many overs which meant that while Seven Hills batted for 31 overs, we had to score those runs within 28 overs, only.

Our batting started disastrously again. Viva was again unfortunate to get out, given caught behind. But Sebastian, our brave opener, fought on courageously, with an exciting boundary. Rithwick, showed his potential by again hitting 2 boundaries and we were on high expectations to win the match. Again we were unlucky. Rithwick fell short on a quick single (He courageously attempted the run, though he was sick). Nicholas who was our match winner in Round 2 came on and looked dangerous but the crowd was cheering him on to hit sixes and while attempting a big one, he was caught by an excellent running catch at mid wicket. Sebastian produced his best batting efforts so far but was unluckily bowled while attempting a big swing. When all seemed lost, Nathan produced a classic performance with James accelerating the run rate with a perfect boundary. It again looked promising, but Nathan had to bat out of style, and got bowled while making a wild swing! Milo came on and tried his powerful strokes which could have got us through, but alas! we ran out of overs. James & Milo remained Not Out. Both teams nearly scored the same runs off the bat. The only factor that made us lose the match was that we gave away too many extras.

Man of the match Award goes to Rithwick for his excellent batting & bowling.

Best Bowler Award goes to Viva for his outstanding 3 for 2.

Best Supporting batsman Award goes to Sebastian.

Catch of the Match Award goes to Milo, for pulling off a blinder in mid wicket.

Next week we are facing Kellyville again. Bring it on!

11/1	5 for 71	Wenty Leagues	6 for 69	First innings win
A complete wash out on week 1 meant that our Round 5 game versus Wenty Leagues became a one-day match. Let's just say that one-dayers aren't good for a coach's weak heart.				

We lost the toss and were sent out to field. We bowled and fielded extremely well, restricting Wenty to 1 for 8 off the first 10 overs. Their 2nd wicket put on a 37 run partnership, albeit at a slow pace. In the old days, when the Australian team wanted to break a strong partnership they always looked to Doug Walters to roll his arm over. We toss the ball to little James "Jimmy" Gardiner – who I reckon, just quietly, will have the same dry sense of humour as Doug when he gets a bit older. Anyway, James took the required wicket on his second ball, from a fantastic catch by Michael McConnell (again) at fly-slip, and Wenty were 2 for 40 off 22 overs.

From there, the innings took on a frantic atmosphere. Wenty seemed to want to run on every ball, and the next 3 wickets were all by way of run-out. The first one was a great pick-up by Liam Dunshea fielding at mid wicket and throw back to the bowlers end, with Ryan Chelvarajah whipping the bails off in confident fashion. The second was Michael McConnell, cleaning up at back stop and throwing to our wicketkeeping debutante Daniel Waddups, who found the batsman well short. And the third, from a great direct hit (middle stump) by Tom Waddups from (he says "very deep") mid wicket position.

After their 31 over allocation, Wenty ended up 6 for 69. Best of our bowlers were Michael Bellam 1-3 (4), Troy Black 1-1 (4) and James Gardiner 1-4 (2).

Our innings started solidly, with the opening pair seeing off the 8 overs the Wenty opening bowlers were allowed to bowl. At 3 for 19 off 14 overs, the coach started getting a bit ill, but Michael McConnell and Troy Black put together a fantastic 32-run partnership – punctuated by exciting stroke play and heart-stopping running between the wickets. There was still plenty of work to do at 5 for 59 (off 24 overs), but Troy and the big-hitting Michael Bellam comfortably saw us over the line with 14 balls to spare. (I say "comfortable" – but the heart was pounding nonetheless). Best batting was Troy Black (18no), Michael Bellam (11no) and Michael McConnell (11).

A good solid win. Eliminating a couple of pieces of scrappy play (dropped catches and fielding) and better decision making (shot selection, running between wickets) and it would have been a great win. However, we remain undefeated, the boys' confidence is growing, everyone is contributing, and they're doing some amazing things out in the middle. Gotta be happy with that!

12/2 Maroon	3 for 71	Rouse Hill Rams	5 for 72	First innings loss
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Round 5 was played as a 1 day game due to the wash out of the first days play.

Baulko lost the toss again (we cannot win a toss to save ourselves) and were sent into bat.

Siddhant (26 not out) and Luke (1) opened the batting. We started steadily with both openers looking sound in defence before Luke was caught in a good catch at square leg from a well hit shot. Mitchell (7) and Siddhant then took the score to 26 before Mitchell was unfortunately run out in a mix up. Mitchell was batting particularly well and a big score is just around the corner. This brought Joshua (14) to the crease and together he and Siddhant took the score to 71, Joshua being run out pushing for extra runs in the last over. Sean (0 not out) faced 2 balls but was unable to add to the total, despite a couple of hefty swings.

Baulko's turn to bowl, and although we had batted well, it was always going to be difficult to protect our score as we had only 8 players for the match and plugging gaps in the field was always going to be a challenge. The boys bowled and field well and managed to take more wickets than the opposition did, I am sure that had we had a full contingent in the field the result would have been different. Bowlers to take wickets were Siddhant (1 for 6), Luke (1 for 4), Joshua (1 for 9) and Kunal (1 for 10) with 1 run out when Joshua and Siddhant combined to execute the run out. Michael was our best fieldsman with 2 good catches and Sean also took a good catch fielding in the covers.

Man of match was awarded to Siddhant for his 26 not out and good bowling figures of 1 for 6.

12/2 Gold	6 for 53	Greystanes	10 for 43	First innings win
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What a great day it was for team GOLD - our first win of the season! Well done to every single one of the boys for their efforts on a very warm day. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

We had planned on batting first as the outfield was quite wet, however we lost the toss and were sent into field by Greystanes. Our opening bowlers seemed a little reluctant early on to use their full run up because the grass was wet and slippery. That didn't stop them however from taking some early wickets. By the tenth over we had Greystanes at 5 for 20. A fantastic catch by Jackson in the 16th over got rid of their most dangerous looking batsman on 12, and from then on the wickets kept falling. By the end of the 25th over we had Greystanes all out for 43 runs.

Absolutely awesome bowling figures by Jayden – 8 overs, 4 wickets for 8 runs and Ishman – 5 overs, 4 wickets for 5 runs. Tim and Jackson also took a wicket. Blaine took 2 great catches at wicket keeper and scored himself a stumping from some quick thinking. Blaine's wicket keeping skills throughout the game were superb, particularly against our fast bowlers (he had very sore hands at the end of the day). This scored him the fielding award for the match. Alex and James put in big efforts today in the field (James almost losing his hand trying to take a very hard hit ball). Ben, I noticed how ready you were to take a catch today in the field, walking in on every ball – well done. Dylan continued to show his strength in getting the ball in from near the boundary, and Bradley was an invaluable back up behind the stumps. I must say however that all the boys showed how well they can work together as a 'team'. It was your overall effort that scored the win today.

I'm always a little nervous when we go into bat. Not a very big score to beat, but as you know, anything can happen. It was nice to see Jackson showing some form with the bat today, and Tim was very brave opening the batting for us. Our calming force was Ishmam, who did as Brad instructed and kept us in their, being very patient with his shots and not doing anything silly. We had plenty of overs but were starting to lose wickets, which was very nerve racking for coach and manager, however Alex and James hung in there and got us past the line. By the 23rd over we had scored 6 for 53 and won the match.

Thanks to all the boys, parents, carers and coaches John and Brad for umpiring. I look forward to our next win. GO TEAM GOLD!

12/1	2 for 47	Wenty Waratahs	9 for 43	First innings win
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The boys were full of confidence from our Twenty/20 win so losing the toss didn't bother them too much. You could tell by their enthusiasm in the field that team spirit was high. They put on a superb display of tight one day bowling with everyone but our keeper George having a bowl. Their figures show how desperate they were to chalk up our first win for the year and everyone deserves a special mention for their bowling and fielding efforts.

Michael	4-2-2-1
Anupam	4-2-2-2
Ravi	2-1-2-3
Bryce	5-2-2-5
Pavan	3-0-1-7
Sachin	3-2-0-2
Josh	3-1-0-2

Joe 3-0-0-4
 Alex 2-0-0-5
 Cody 2-0-0-12 (against their best batsmen)

Joe and Pavan opened the batting with Joe top scoring unbeaten on 26, getting the runs we needed in just 19 overs. Michael hit the winning run with a classy 6 over the square leg boundary.

Well done boys a great win and now we need to carry this form into next weeks match against Guildford Leagues. It won't be as easy but if we bowl as well as we did this week we will certainly give them a run for their money.

13/3	3 for 109	Kings Langley	9 for 108	First innings win
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13/2	10 for 55	Rouse Hill Rams	2 for 56	First innings loss
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Today was always going to be a tough match against the undefeated competition leaders. Winning the toss and batting first, the boys faced some very tight bowling. It was clear why Rouse Hill were undefeated! Unfortunately the quality of the bowling was maintained throughout the innings, and with some impatience displayed by our batsmen, wickets fell regularly. A slow outfield didn't help matters!

Baulko put on only 55 runs which was always going to be hard to defend. The highlight of the batting was a very patient 21 by Taylor Stewart who opened the batting and only got out in the last over trying to chase runs.

Rouse Hill reeled in the total in about 17 overs for the loss of two wickets. Rueben Robertson (1-10) and Harry Druery (1-8) were the wicket takers, with one catch each to Taylor and Harry.

The boys approached the game in the right spirit and competed hard to the end – they just didn't have enough “ammunition” on this occasion. The experience won't do them any harm, if they can replicate Rouse Hill's bowling accuracy and fielding enthusiasm they will notch up many more wins over the remainder of the season.

13/1 Maroon	4 for 62	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 61	First innings win
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Wenty won the toss and batted. We bowled and fielded extremely well – our best effort of the season. The bowling was tight (3 extras) and we bowled them out in 23 overs of this one day match. Every bowler performed very well and the fielders held the catches! Matt Sibley in his first bowl for the season (having been away for a few weeks) took 3/23, Trent Samuels 2/9 and Josh Stevenson 2/10 both broke their drought. Ashleigh Thomas, Amar Subramanian and Josh Balzarolo each took a wicket. Nick McConnell took 4 excellent catches in slips, James Senior 2 catches and Greg Malyon and James Benton a catch each. Praveen was also very solid in the field.

Having dismissed Wenty for 61, Baulko were confident we could win comfortably (Coach Tony was nervous! but confident). There were some nervous moments when we had 2 early run outs. Ashleigh Thomas (29 n/o) led the way with support from Trent Samuels (9) and Nick McConnell (8). James Senior came on to score the winning runs.

This was an all round great performance from all the boys, against a team who have had some pretty good results. We go into the second round of the competition with 2 wins, 2 losses and a draw – and improving each week!

13/1 Gold	4 for 117	Kings Langley	8 for 115	First innings win
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The match was reduced to a one dayer after the first day got washed out. Kings Langley won the toss and decided to bat. Their openers started steadily and after the opening spells from Jack Farrell (4 over 0/18) and Anoop (4 overs 1/2) Kings Langley were making steady progress at 1 for 21. We bowled tightly and fielded well to keep the scoring rate at about three per over and after a 48 run partnership between Kings Langleys number 3 and 4 batsmen their score was 82 in the 26th over.

A great piece of cricket by Jack Michie put the break on, as he caught and bowled the number 4 bat just as he was starting to accelerate. An inspired bowling change by our captain, Blake, brought on James who proceeded to take 3 for 6 in two overs, to rip through the lower order. James was aided by some brilliant fielding from Jack Farrell and Mitchell, who both took excellent catches. Anoop came back to bowl the last over and took two more wickets to finish with 3 for 8 from five overs.

We needed 116 to win. Our run chase did not get to the best of starts as we lost three wickets for 7 runs in the first four overs to some excellent swing bowling. Mitchell and Jack Delaney steadied the ship and took the score to 29 in the 10th over before Mitchell was out. What followed was some of the most exhilarating batting seen at Ted Horwood this season. Jack Delaney scored 89 with seven 6s and seven 4s, taking 28 of a single over at one stage. He and Blake shared a match winning 88 run partnership in 12 overs to reach our target with nine overs to spare.

Over all, an excellent win set by a tight bowling performance and by some great batting by Jack and Blake

14/3 Guildford Leagues

Haven't even bothered to submit their scores – pathetic!

14/2 6 for 114 Kings Langley 8 for 117 First innings loss

Kings Langley batted first and got off to a good start, at one stage reaching 1 for 54, before some good bowling and tighter fielding reduced them to 8 for 83 in the 25th over. However, an unbroken 9th wicket partnership of 34 runs saw them finish at 8 for 117 at the end of 31 overs. Ryan Bailey again bowled with good pace to finish with 4 for 35 off 10 overs. He was well supported by James Galofaro, Udit Pillay, Michael Waddups, and Jake Bailey.

The B Hills reply got off to a shaky start, only reaching 3 for 12 after 11 overs. Aidan Cousin came to the wicket at this point and quickly put some momentum into the B Hills innings. This was another fine exhibition of attacking batting, featuring 7 4s and 2 6s. This has seen Aidan race past 200 runs for the season so far. Aidan shared a 58 run 5th wicket partnership with Jake Bailey who played a fine supporting hand with 14. However, both Aidan and Jake lost their wickets when in sight of victory and the 1 over penalty for not bowling the 31 overs on time saw the team fall 3 runs short at the end of 30 overs.

Despite the disappointment of the first loss for the season, there were still many positive aspects to our game and areas to improve on further.

14/1 10 for 101 Pendle Hill Colts 7 for 115 First innings loss

After losing the toss we were asked to field on a very moist and slow outfield. The ball resembled a bar of soap after a few overs which made our job a little bit harder.

Great bowling by Asad (Rizzo) 4 for 36 off 10 overs (match ball winning effort), Sam S(S man) 2 for 14 off 5 overs, Karanbir (Dohni) 1 for 18 off 7 overs. Nice tight keeping from Sam H (Hubbo) who only let 1 leg bye through all day. At the completion of 31 overs Pendle Hill were 7 for 115.

Our run-chase didn't start that well with Sam H being run out on 1. This brought Jack (Chan) to the wicket who played a controlled innings which produced a much needed partnership with Matthew (Fro) especially after losing Saj (Howie), Daniel (Mase) and Asad (Rizzo) in quick succession.

Matt never fails to add excitement to the match when batting. In this fine innings which produced 2 x 6's and 3 x 4's Matt had the defence when needed and made boundaries with just about every bad ball he faced. Not bad for a guy who started as a tail-ender, who has well and truly cemented his spot in the middle order. When Matt was dismissed for 30 we had the target in sight.

The loss off Jack for 21 and Sam B(Benny) soon after brought together Karanbir 22 no. and Adarsh who almost took us to victory though it wasn't to be.

Karanbir in particular never gave up while the bottom order (although putting up a good fight) fell around him.

All Out 101, just 15 runs short of victory.

Great team spirit and determination was shown during this game which is very pleasing to see. Let's keep improving lads.

15/2 6 for 120 Hills Barbarians 8 for 121 First innings loss

I am sure for anyone who watched today's game they were entertained with a free scoring game of cricket. Unfortunately we lost in a close encounter against a team we had chances to put away. We batted well with 120 from our 21 overs on a wet slow ground, and Taseen knocked up a tremendous 45 runs in even time. Rob also batted well in a most cavalier fashion towards the end of the innings with 19 not out. To the oppositions credit they attacked the target from the outset and continually had us under pressure. Our bowling was good again but our fielding let us down badly. Not having full numbers on the ground did not help as did 2 boys playing despite being injured. Michael Gounder 2/18 and was our best bowler today, in his best effort with the ball for some time, great to see Michael. However special mention needs to go to Jack O'Donnel who nearly single handedly won the game for us with 3 overs left. He followed up 2 tremendous outfield catches with the 'over of the season' so far, 3/0 all cleaned bowled...well done Jack I hope we see more of that as it proved that when you pitch it up you are almost unplayable. In the end sluggish fielding and dropped catches saw us snatch defeat from the jaws of victory and we must work harder to ensure we lift the bar in this regard.

15/1 3 for 166 Pendle Hill Colts 10 for 39 First innings win

An excellent batting display from Gabriel Joseph and Omal Fernando. Gabriel scored 93 from 95 balls faced including 3 x 6's and 6 x 4's. Gabriel was really well supported by Omal who scored his first 50 being 54 not out off 64 balls.

We then went into the field and Tom Ortiz (4/6) and Riley Astill (1/15) got us off to a great start having them 5 for 22 after the first 11 overs.

Gabriel then came on to bowl and quickly took 3 /10 from 3 overs. Supported by Reece Wilde with 1/3 from 3 overs and Luke Woodman with 1/1 from 1 over.

A very solid win with excellent fielding and Reece taking the catch of the season.

16/2	10 for 99	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 123	First innings loss
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No report.

16/1	7 for 122	Hills Barbarians	6 for 154	First innings loss
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After being washed out last week, the boys had to play the undefeated Hills Barbarians in a one-dayer. After losing the toss and being sent in to bowl the boys got off to a steady start with Sean claiming the first wicket in the 6th over, trapping their opening batsman in front. Samira then quickly followed suit having their first change batsman caught behind with the score on 2/15.

Kieran joined in taking the off stump of the Hills Barbarian's opener to have the opponents in early trouble at 3 for 20. Then we had to deal with Hill's strike batsmen. The boys toiled away without much luck It took another 12 overs until Sean came back on to have his man trapped LBW with the score on 4/94. Samira then claimed his second wicket with the score on 5/138. Ben then took a great one handed catch off Kieran for Hill's to finish off their innings in the 31st over at 6 for 154.

Chasing 154 in 29 overs, Adam and Scott got us off to a steady start against Hill's strike bowlers. The boys found the going tough early to get the runs flowing but still put on a 22 run opening stand before Scott was caught for 15. Adam was also caught trying to push the runs for 13. Sean then came to the crease to try and increase the run rate but was caught in the deep for 24 with the score on 3/60 in the 21st over. Kieran came on the played some good shots along with Ben before Ben was caught getting a top edge trying to pull the ball for 15. Kieran and Mick put on a 34 run partnership before Kieran was run out on a direct through for 22 with the score on 5 for 109. With only 2 overs remaining and 45 runs to obtain, Teshan, Samira and Cameron hit out. The boys finished their 29 overs 32 runs short of their target.

Still a good effort boys. We need to improve our over rate for these one-dayer's so we are not penalised again. Our team has the batting ability to win the competition, after now having played all the teams in our division. Now we need to play some two day matches and get ourselves into a semi-final position.

Statistics: Sean 24, Kieran 22, Mick 16, Ben 15, Scott 15, Adam 13, Cameron 7 nout out, Samira 5 not out. With the ball, Sean 9-2-2-31, Kieran 6-1-2-24, Samira 6-0-2-44, Mick 7-0-0-42, Teshan 3-0-0-16.

Round 4: Baulkham Hills 10 for 170 Pendle Hill Colts DNB Match Drawn

Keen to get back into the two day game, the boys lost the toss and were sent into bat by Pendle Hill on a slow and wet outfield. Adam and Scott were put together as the new opening batsmen and did a great job creating an 83 run opening stand. The best part was the patience that both boys showed taking right through to the other side of the drinks break before Scott was caught behind off a fine leg glance for 37. Ben came to the crease and really got the scoreboard moving with some great shots. Adam was then caught trying to move the scoring for a well deserved 35. Ben was then out to a sharp catch for 27 and the score on 3 for 119. Kieran was next out without adding to the score trying to drive a ball to be caught in the cover. Hiran and Mick set about settling the innings again with Hiran working the ball around the field nicely before being run out off a bye for 11. Tharindu was then bowled for 5 and the boys were struggling to convert the good start made at 6/149.

Mick and Samira lost their wickets within one run and when Aleem was bowled shortly after, the score was on 9 for 156. Muditha and Teshan then put on a 10th wicket stand of 14 runs when Muditha was caught and bowled for 14 and the team was all out for 170.

Unfortunately the wet weather prevented us from testing out Pendle Hill in what would have been a close match.

Statistics: Scott 37, Adam 35, Ben 27, Muditha 14, Mick 13, Hiran 11, Tharindu 5, Teshan 5 not out.

B13	10 for 41	NSW Tamils	10 for 138	First innings loss
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No report.

B12		BYE		BYE
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Nothing to report.

B11	10 for 164	Radiant Sports	3 for 113	Draw
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Second day washed out

B10	7 for 49	Winston Hills	10 for 143	Draw
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Second day washed out

B9	10 for 45	Greystanes	10 for 74	First innings loss
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No report.

B8	AKA Crusaders	Draw
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No play either day.

B5	Pendle Hill Clots	Draw
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No play either day.

B4	5 for 149	Winston Hills	10 for 144	First innings win
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This was probably the most important game for us so far this year for several reasons, none the least of which was that we were playing the team we went down to in last year's Grand Final, a game which we should have won easily. Day 1 had been washed out, and we were left with a one day match to contend with.

Winston Hills won the toss and decided to bat first. We ran out full of confidence as always, and some good bowling and fielding limited them to a total of only 144.

Once again Will Cartwright, Ben Dooley, and Matthew Hardy did extremely well with the ball. Good contributions with the ball also came from David Banks, Keith Morrison, and Aaron Hitchcock. Part-time bowler Dave Mansley was on a hat trick at one stage, only to be carted for consecutive sixes off the next two balls, ensuring he maintained his very part-time status!

Our openers got off to a flyer, scoring our first 80 runs in 7 overs! Greg McLoughlin (62) hit two of the biggest sixes we'd seen in a while, one of which had a local homeowner up on his roof checking for cracked tiles. Aaron Hitchcock and Matthew Hardy also added to the entertainment with solid knocks, and before long we coasted to a very satisfying victory at 5/149.

A great start to the season with 4 wins from 5 games has us in a good position to consolidate and make further improvements into the second half of the competition. Coming up from B6 was always going to be a challenge, however the team has definitely lifted this season, and we're seeing the benefits out on the field.

B2	Hills Barbarians Green	Draw
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No play either day.

B1	Wenty Leagues	Draw
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No play either day.

A	Greystanes	Draw
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No play either day.