

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:

10W Took 23 wickets
(8 run outs)

Individual Achievements

L McIlvinie	B1	5/25	Michael Robinson	12/1	32
B Jenkins	B1	3/41	Ishmam Masud	12/2G	4/9
Pat Mamo	B2	4/34	Jackson Manning	12/2G	2/13
Samira Kasthuriarchchi	16/1	5/9	Liam Dunshea	11/1	37no & 2/5
Luke Woodman	15/1	3/25	Tim Anstee	11/1	25 & 2/5
Matt Samuels	14/1	3/14 & 2/15	Troy Black	11/1	2/3
Sam Shiel	14/1	2/6	R Rajapakse	11/2	3/6
Brent Whicker	13/1G	25	S Pirie	11/2	2/8
Joel Pienmunne	13/1G	3/9	Dilshan Wijesena	10R	2/7 & 2 catches
Ashleigh Thomas	13/1M	49	Jake Smith	10W	21
Joshua Stevenson	13/1M	32	Tarush Sunil	10W	3/4
Matthew Sibley	13/1M	4/5			

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
December 22 2007	B5	11/1
January 5 2008	No junior games	11/2
January 12 2008	No junior games	10R
January 19 2008	No junior games	10B
January 26 2008	No junior games	No senior games
February 2 2008	B8	16/1
February 9 2008	B9	16/2

The President's Roundup



So here we are at Christmas and the season is past the halfway mark. Our teams range from top to bottom on the tables, but as always Baulko teams continue to play the game in the right spirit. Well done to all players, officials and supporters.

The NSW DCA competition has completed its preliminary rounds and Parramatta has three (3) sides in the semi finals. They are Creak Shield (U11), Cawsey Shield (U12) & Gee Shield (U13). Good luck to these teams when they play the semis in February.

Baulkham Hills players who represented Parramatta this year were: George Joseph & Cody Thomas (U11), Blake Newman (U12), Joel Pienmunne, James Dallaway, Jack Michie, Jack Delaney & Mitchell Webb (U13), Ben Abbott, Daniel Chatman, Gabriel Joseph, Tom Ortiz, Riley Astill (U15). Both Nick Bertus (U15) & Sean Abbott (U16), who both played for Baulko last year before moving to Parramatta Grade, were also in the teams. We also had Nigel Bertus as coach and Ian Chatman as manager of the U15 Weblin Shield team. In the open age Martin Shield, Baulko had a number of players in the team at various stages. They were Sumit Kalia, David Byrne, Robert Simpson, Gaurang Merani, Trent Hession & Keenan Galas. Congratulations to all those who represented PDCA.

Parramatta DCA has selected its A.W.Green Shield (U16) team and a number of Baulko or recent Baulko players have been selected. They are Sean Abbott, Nick Bertus, Gabriel Joseph, Tom Ortiz and Ben Abbott.

Speaking of Parramatta Grade club, it was pleasing to ex Baulko junior John Procajlo selected in first grade recently. He performed well, making 46 in one game. John played his juniors at Baulko, before going to grade about 5 years ago. John is also captain of the Poidevin-Gray (U23) Shield team for Parramatta.

To all players, coaches, managers, families and supporters, on behalf of the committee, I would like to wish you a safe and happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year. We look forward to seeing you all back after the break – be it January 5 for seniors or February 2 for the juniors. Thanks for your support over the first half of the season and may 2008 bring lots of enjoyment and hopefully a few premierships.

To the hard working committee, a special vote of thanks for the time and effort you put in. Also to the families of the committee, I appreciate the sacrifices you make to all the committee to function as well as it does.

Peter McLoughlin
President

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	8 for 121	Winston Hills	15 for 119	Win on averages
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We batted first reaching our highest score for the year of 121, Luke was the high scorer on 9 followed closely by Malachi 7, and Binara and Jake on 6. The grass was very long and we were unlucky not to see lots of fours as we were all hitting the ball well. We took lots of wickets in the field a total of 15, with catches to Alex and Angus, run outs to Malachi, Saxon, Binara and Matthew. Tom took his first wicket- Bowled. Best bowling figures were Luke 1-5 and Angus 1-6.

10 Red	8 for 68	Kellyville	7 for 63	Loss on averages
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Performances - Dilshan Wijesena 5 runs (in a top partnership) 2/7 & 2 catches.

What a game! We lost this game at the toss. Being sent into bat on a very, very wet ground with long grass, every shot that was smashed, got one run. We were hitting well, trying to go over the top, but once the ball hit the ground, it stopped. Some very smart running between the wickets & pushing singles helped us get a total we thought that we might be able to defend. There were at least seven shots hit so hard, they would have easily been four runs on a normal day.

Week 2 saw a completely different ground. A nice hot dry day, with freshly mown grass. We bowled exceptionally well & our ground fielding was tight. It came down to a one wicket victory for the opposition. Well done team.

10 White	7 for 117	Kings Langley	23 for 101	Win on averages
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Whites were playing against Kings Langley, who they accounted for in their first game. Jason was appointed Captain for the Match. Chris was 13th man. Jason loss the toss and Kings Langley (KL) elected to bat.

Brandon opened the bowling and sent down a tight 3 overs without much luck, ending up with none for 10 runs off three overs.

Patrick opened at the other end and also bowled tightly ending up with none for 9 runs off three overs, again without much luck.

Jason was up next and started his spell with wicket (caught) off his second ball and bowled a wicket off his third ball in his second over. Jason finished with sensational figures of three overs, 2 wickets for only 5 runs – superb stuff!!

Brandon was up next and proceeded to break the game wide open, picking up 2 wickets in his 3rd over for 12 runs, excellent stuff.

Arsh also bowled extremely tightly, starting with a maiden over and then getting two wickets with his first (caught) and second balls (bowled) – alas a hat trick was not to happen. Arsh finished up with the excellent figures of 2 wickets for only 3 runs off three overs – Magic work!

Amongst this great bowling was some very impressive fielding resulting in a few run outs. KL was struggling to score off the bat.

Jake was up next and put in a tradesman like display, getting a wicket in his last over. Jake finished with the figures of 1 wicket for 9 runs off three overs – great stuff.

Michael was on after Jake and bowled a very tight spell of three overs for only 7 runs; Michael had the KL batsmen spellbound with his accurate bowling.

Oliver continues his improved bowling performances – picking up two wickets in his second over (off successive balls) for a miserly 9 runs – alas another hat trick was missed. Sensational effort!

Scott bowled a spell of 4 overs for 15 runs, again without much luck.

Tarush stepped up and sent down one of his best spell for the season, getting a wicket off his second ball (bowled). Tarush ended up with the superb figures of three wickets (all bowled) for 4 runs off three overs – sensational!

Blake was up next and sent down three very tidy overs, picking up a wicket in his second over (caught & bowled). Blake finished with three overs one wicket for 6 runs – great stuff!!!!

Nathan was last to bowl and again he served the team well by bowling a very economical three overs for only 8 runs bowling a

KL batsmen with his second ball of the second over.

Fielding Efforts

A very professional display in the field to day, where we executed some sensational catches and run outs:

- Oliver pulled in two sensational catches,
- Jake also nabbed two hard catches,
- Blake took a great caught & bowled (unlucky not to pull in another catch),
- Brandon took a screamer behind the stumps off a feint snick

The run outs were a high light of the game (we could have had another 5 or so if we threw the ball to the keeper on the full):

- Chris started with a marvellous direct hit,
- Michael was involved in a direct hit as well as another run out effected by the keeper,
- Scott, Patrick, Arsh & Tarush all effected a run out via the keeper.
- Nathan & Brandon both put in very professional wicket keeping display, each running out multiple batsmen.

The Whites bowling performance was not great we need to cut down on our wides & no-balls. KL finished up with losing 23 wickets; (has to be some kind of record in this grade) scoring only 46 runs off the bat plus a massive 55 sundries for a total of 101 runs. KL ended with an average of 4.2 runs.

Day two saw Brandon and Jason open (even though Patrick was pencilled in to open, Sam his Dad couldn't get his act together to get Pat to the game on time). Brandon played with very solid defence and scored 2 runs with two very fine strokes. Brandon was looking to swing his bat he just couldn't get a ball to hit.

Up the other end Jason batted well for one run, as he was feeling very light headed – tough effort.

Sam finally arrived in time for Patrick to walk out to bat with his new kit. The new kit certainly worked, as Pat proceeded to play some very well credentialed shots. Pat finished on a score of 9 runs including a boundary (unlucky not to get two boundaries).

Brendan was in next and got off to a start that he will want to soon forget. Brendan recovered really well and contributed to the score with one run for the loss of two wickets.

Arsh was unlucky as a lot of the balls he faced were either a no-ball or were very wide. This restricted Arsh' normal flowing shot making to 3 runs.

Jake was in next and got the run rate ticking along with a 4 off his second, 4th, and 10th balls for a score of 21 (great stuff), only to be run out off his last ball – bad luck.

Michael also contributed greatly to the team by scoring 10 runs (including a boundary) and kept his wicket intact – professional effort!

Again Oliver batted with solid defence, getting his body in behind the ball. Oliver scored a single and kept his wicket intact during a crucial time facing KL's best two bowlers.

Scott's innings was very well controlled, scoring 6 runs (including a glorious sweep for four). Scott didn't look in trouble against KL's bowlers and played some impressive defensive shots as well.

Tarush batted with great measure, scoring two well played singles, and keeping his wicket intact.

Blake stepped up and looked a little uneasy early in his innings. Blake recovered well and scored a total of 5 runs (including a four) for the loss of one wicket.

Nathan had an innings he won't fondly look back on. Unfortunately Nathan was in stand and deliver mode, against KL's best bowler. Nathan finished with two runs for the loss of three wickets. Head down next time!

The Whites again victorious scoring 117 runs for the loss of six wickets and an average of 16.71.

Man of the Match: Tarush Sunil for his excellent bowling and solid batting performance.

Encouragement Award: Blake Pielsey for his all round bowling and batting performance.

Round 8 (22nd December): Greystanes at Charles McLaughlin (Home). Next week we will finish off the year with a BBQ. Please bring your own drinks.

11/3	10 for 41	Rouse Hill Rams	5 for 46	First innings loss
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Finally the boys got the chance to pad up following last weeks disappointing wash out where the ground was still swamped with water on the Saturday morning.

After winning the toss the boys decided to have a bat however they proved to be a bit rusty and lost all their wickets cheaply for a total of 41 runs.

The bowling performance has seen a great improvement with fewer sundries being handed to the opposition in comparison to previous matches.

The ever reliable Francis Farrell stepped up to the challenge finishing with 3 for 3 in another outstanding bowling performance. Congratulations Francis for a fantastic two overs.

Next week the boys come up against Kings Langley in what they hope will be their first win.

11/2	6 dec 81	Kings Langley	6 for 82	First innings loss
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What can I say? I am stumped for words. When I was in Uni, I used to be the Editor of the Student Newspaper. Every Editor's nightmare, in those days without Computers, was to find some extra space left over after neatly setting up all the stories, in 8 columns. We have to come up with something fast to fill up the blank spaces, at the last moment. In the same way, every Coach's nightmare is to have a reduced team with some players missing at the last moment.

We have 13 players on board and my greatest worry was how to rotate players so that everyone gets a fair chance. Then suddenly 2 of our top players dropped out and went on long holidays overseas. But that's OK. We still have 11 players. No worries. Right? Wrong! In this round we were reduced to just 7. It was just crazy as the opposition had 14. To make matters worse, due to this wild weather and other factors, we had no training for over 5 weeks!

Nicholas, our Captain for this round duly won the Toss and chose to bat. It was a rainy day. With knee high wet grass, we couldn't score many runs. With only 7 on board, the only sensible thing for the openers was to emulate Geoff Boycott. And Viva did it in spectacular style. Viva stayed at the crease for over 40 overs spanning 2 hours and 40 minutes. Well done Viva! But remember - No more Geoff Boycott business! Our brave opening partner Sebastian was great at the crease but alas he fell to an ill timed big swing and got out "Hit Wicket"! All others did their best effort at the crease and we ended up with 6 for 81 declared. But the most important thing is that we stayed at the crease for the whole day. A great effort everybody!

The next week, the dreaded thing happened. It was bright and sunny and the Council in all its ill timed wisdom had mowed the grass! We went in to field with a few borrowed fielders from the opposition. When Sebastian opened his bowling, he got the opening batsman out clean bowled on the very first ball! Sebastian followed it up with another clean bowled thriller. Sensational stuff Sebastian! The highlight of our bowling was the scintillating effort by Ramal who ended up with 3 for 6. Bravo! The icing on his superlative bowling effort was a thrilling caught and bowled. The catch was well above his head and had been struck very firmly and headed for a sure six and Ramal jumped up and took a spectacular blinder of a catch and fell down backwards and still managed to hold on to the ball. A catch that Andrew Symonds would be proud of! Well done Ramal! All players of our reduced team did exceedingly well in the field and in spite of the loss, we can all be proud of our team's efforts in the most adverse conditions!

The Awards for this match:

- The Catch of the Match Award goes to Ramal.
- The Best Batsman Award goes to Viva.
- The Best Bowler Award goes to Ramal.
- The Best Supporting Bowler Award goes to Sebastian.

Next week it is a one dayer against Greystanes at our home turf. Bring it on!

11/1	10 for 150	Kings Langley	10 for 66, 3 for 27	First innings win
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Day 1 and the pitch at Golden Grove was somewhat rain effected. Thanks to the ingenuity of Mr Gardiner, and a very handy Woolworths store, we were able to get play underway by 9am after spreading 2 bags of kitty litter on the bowling run-up which was most effected. Kings Langley won the toss and sent us into bat with an outfield long of grass and sodden underfoot.

Some excellent batting, and very impressive partnerships for the 4th (23 runs), 6th (43 runs) and 9th (51 runs) wickets saw us post an imposing total of 10 for 150 off our shortened 51 overs. Standout performances from Liam Dunshea (37 not out), Tim Anstee (25) and Michael McConnell (13), plus an incredible 58 sundries (42 no balls) set the scene. Six of our batmen were bowled, which shows we still have some improvement to focus on with shot selection and patience/defence.

This game we were always going to give our players who hadn't had much of a bowl a bit of a go, and having Kings Langley 6 for 12 after 11 overs shows that they did more than a commendable job. In the end they got away from us a bit, but we finally rolled them for a total of 66 after 31.1 overs, with about an hour and a half left to play.

Best bowling was Troy Black (2 for 3 off 3.1 overs), Tim Anstee (2 for 5 off 4), Owen Smith (1 for 3 off 4), Ryan Chelverajah (1 for 3 off 4), Brad Ripps (1 for 13 off 4), James Gardiner (1 for 12 off 4) and Daniel Waddups (1 for 13 off 4). Our fielding was once again superb, with Owen Smith, Michael McConnell and Tim Anstee all taking "screamers", and yet another run out to Troy Black the highlights.

We threw Kings Langley in again, but they proved more stubborn than their 1st innings, and stumps were called with them 3 for 27 in their 2nd innings. Liam Dunshea took 2 for 5 off 6 overs, and Michael McConnell 1 for 3 off 2. Special mention to Brad Ripps, who bowled 4 overs and had only one scoring shot hit off him to finish at 0 for 4 off 4, and to Michael Bellam who took a sharp catch at silly mid-off which surprised even him.

We remain undefeated but have a big game against Rouse Hill this week which will test our mettle.

12/2 Maroon	10 for 22	AKA Crusaders	7 for 82	First innings loss
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Round 7 was reduced to a 1 day game when the first Saturday was washed out after the ground was flooded from the big storms late last week.

Baulko lost the toss (again) and were asked to field by AKA.

Mitchell (2 for 2) and Utkarsh (0 for 7) opened the bowling and with a tight opening spell by both bowlers AKA openers found it difficult to score runs and it was not long before Mitchell claimed his first wicket. Varun (1 for 1), Siddhant (0 for 6) and Kunal (1 for 0) kept the pressure on with some good bowling and at the drinks break AKA were 4 for 20. After the drinks break AKA put together some good partnerships and after their allotted 31 overs were 7 for 82. The other bowler to take wickets was Joshua (2 for 15). Kunal took 2 great catches and Joshua also took a good catch, while Siddhant secured a run out with a direct hit. Michael also took a screamer of a catch, however, it was off a no ball!

Baulko's turn to bat chasing what should have been a gettable target, however AKA had other ideas and after Siddhant was run out from a direct hit it was mostly down hill from there. The boys just did not bat well today, with the exception of Luke (9) and Varun (5 no.) all the other batsmen did not put up much resistance. We need to learn to apply ourselves better and to treasure our wickets more.

A big thank you to James and Alex for helping us out when we had several of our main squad unavailable for various reasons.

Player of the match went to Luke for a sound batting and bowling performance.

12/2 Gold	10 for 39	Seven Hills RSL	8 for 60	First innings loss
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Did not play first week due to wet weather. Match became a one half day match. Were going to bat but lost the toss and had to field. What a fantastic effort from our opening bowlers once again. In the 8th over we had Seven Hills at 5 for 3. By the 12th over we had them 7 for 18. (Ishmam 4 for 9, Jayden 1 for 7, Jackson 2 for 13, Ibteeda 1 for 5). Well done Ibteeda. At 8 years old you are showing some real talent. Thanks for helping out. We then somehow let it slip and let Seven Hills reach 8 for 60. Went into bat but just didn't put in the performance required. After 26 overs we were all out for 39 runs (top score Malav on 4 runs). A bit disappointing as we felt we had this match won. Need a bit of batting practice boys. Let's see if we can pick it up in the next game. Thanks to Craig Moore, Lachlan's dad for helping with the scoring and Chris, Tim's dad for providing much needed shade for the scorers on an extremely hot day.

12/1	10 for 84	Pendle Hill Colts	6 for 102	First innings loss
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Another damp Saturday saw us lose the toss and Pendle Hill wanting to bat. The outfield grass was long and wet making both fielding and scoring runs challenging. Michael and Josh opened the bowling and both boys found their line very early. Michael's 4 overs 2 maidens 0 for 2 and Josh's 4 overs 1 maiden 0 for 5 (3nb) set the stage for 1st change bowler Ravi to take a wicket in his first over, well caught by Josh. Ravi would go on to bowl 6 overs 2 maidens 1 for 5, a great effort. Sachin was next to worry the batsmen with a double wicket maiden just 2 overs into his spell. He had their opener out LBW, and then clean bowled the Pendle Hill number 4 with a lightning fast unplayable delivery. Sach was on fire, his first 4 over spell delivered 2 maidens and 2 for 3, terrific figures. Other wicket takers were Josh 1 for 15, Joe 1 for 4 and Anupam 1 for 9. We had a few missed opportunities allowing 4 batsmen to get into double figures, but we were quietly confident of getting the runs we needed.

The Pendle Hill bowling attack was spot on off stump all day, allowing them to play with just 2 fielders on the leg side and a

very tightly stacked off side field. Our top order tried valiantly to see out their opening bowlers but unfortunately we were 4 for 27 after 15 overs. Michael and Cody put on a fifth wicket partnership of 38 with Michael being the only batsmen to get into double figures top scoring with 32 runs including 3 fours and a fabulous 6 behind square leg. We were one man down which made it tough and missing out by just 16 runs was heartbreaking, but if we start to get a little luck in the field and some of the catches start to stick we will still win some games this season.

The Coaches award went to Michael for his 32 runs and marvellous all round bowling effort.

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Nothing to report

13/2	10 for 75	Greystanes	0 for 194	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

13/1 Maroon	7 for 183	AKA Crusaders	10 for 45	First innings win
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Last season AKA Sports defeated us three times, including a very close grand final. We had a comfortable in the 2nd round against them and this game was a comprehensive win. A slow over rate on the first week cost us a chance at a possible outright win. It was a very, very good effort by our team – everyone contributed to this victory. There were several personal bests with the bat and some outstanding bowling and catching. AKA were never really in the game.

Ashleigh Thomas scored a personal best for the season to lead the way with 49 n/o. Josh Stevenson (32), James Senior (25 – season best), Trent Samuels (24) and Matt Sibley (20 – season best) were great support. James Senior hit the first six our team has ever scored! Ashleigh Thomas hit the next two! There were some great partnerships and disciplined batting – the build up on a wet first week was gradual and then we took advantage of the slower bowlers and the run rate increased markedly. Greg Malyon supported Ashleigh well for the last few overs, with some great shots and excellent running. A great effort all round boys!

In the field, Matt Sibley was on fire with 4 for 5 of 7 overs. Many of his deliveries were unplayable and he was unlucky not get a 5 wicket haul. The opposition umpire credited him with the best spell of bowling he has seen this season! Josh Balzarolo bowled very well with 2 for 3 off 5 overs. Trent Samuels, Ashleigh Thomas and Nick McConnell pitched in with a wicket each. James Benton bowled 5 overs with 3 maidens and only 2 runs coming from them. All boys fielded well and it was a tight and impressive all round effort. We look forward to playing Kings Langley next week in the final one day match of the year.

13/1 Gold	8 for 112	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 73	First innings win
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We lost the toss and Wenty sent us in on wet field that had not seen a mower for weeks. Our openers Joel and Jonathan fought hard against the opening bowlers, but runs were hard to come by and Joel was run out trying to push the scoring along in the 11th over. This brought in Mitchell who proved to be the rock upon which our innings was built. Mitchell was in for 32 overs for his 23 runs, during which time he saw five partners come and go and our score crawl to a very pedestrian 67 off 43 overs. That we reached a defendable score of 112 was due to an excellent late partnership by Brent (25 not out) and Jack Michie (15) who put on 44 runs in 16 overs. Brent especially was in great touch, hitting the ball to all parts of the ground and running aggressively between the wickets. The fact that not one boundary was struck during our innings illustrates trying batting conditions on the day.

The second day of the match started under sunny skies and on a freshly mown field. We did not have many runs in the bank so the bowling and fielding had to be tight from the first ball; and it was. James (0/4 off 4), Jack Farrel (0/5 off 4), Brent (1/4 off 5) and Anoop (1/2 off 4) gave us the start we needed and we had Wenty at 2 for 15 off 17 overs after an hour's play. What followed was the most uncharacteristic fielding display on our part. We had an opportunity to dismiss most, if not all, of Wenty before the morning tea break but dropped half a dozen catches some of which were 'real sitters'. Wenty took advantage and pushed their score to 54 at the midway point of their innings with six wickets in hand. Things looked grim and everyone was glad to get off the field for the break. However, after some refreshments and a few encouraging words from coach Peter, we looked like a different team. Suddenly the bowling became accurate again and everything that was hit in the air was caught. Our spinning duo of Joel (3/9 off 8 overs) and Jack Michie (2/35 off 10) put on an excellent display of leg spin bowling that dried up the runs and ended any hopes that Wenty had of reaching our total. Taseen (1/4 off 5) and Jonathan (1/0 off 1.1) also chipped in with late wickets.

In the end it was an excellent win, set up by determined batting under difficult conditions during the first week and by tight bowling and the ability to lift our fielding standards in the last hour of the second week.

A special thank you to Praveen for filling in and keeping wicket so tidily; two great stumpings and only four byes all day. Well Done!

14/3	7 for 94	Wenty Leagues	9 for 103	First innings loss
An excellent 44 by Myles Burgin - A well paced innings full of determination and character. Knowing the team was short of players Myles took it upon himself to pace the innings and stay on the wicket for an hour and 40 minutes for a patient 44.				

Myles was very well supported by Praween S (5) together for a 50 run partnership for the 4th wicket. Well played Praween.

Some sharp fielding (great direct hit by Victor Philips from short fine leg) led to the visitors being 26 for 4 and visions of a first win were on the horizon. Dineth A. Blake Stafford contributed with 2 wickets each at crucial moments. However despite regular wickets, some uncontralled bowling (28 no balls and 15 wides) led to a record sundries 55 in all leading to a defeat.

I must mention that with only 9 fielders on the field, the team showed great fighting spirit in taking the game to the opponents.

14/2		BYE		BYE
Nothing to report				

14/1	10 for 74	Hills Barbarians	10 for 72, 4 for 22	First innings win
No report submitted.				

15/2		BYE		BYE
Nothing to report				

15/1	9 for 171	Wenty Leagues	10 for 170	First innings win
We fielded first and after 8 overs Wenty Leagues were 2/12.				

We held them nice and tight having them 6/98 in the 41st over but then let them get away to finish all out for 170 after 60 overs.

Overall the fielding was quite good with 6 catches being taken (2 each to Reece Wilde and Mathesha Guneratne).

The bowling was led by Luke Woodman with 3/25 from 5 overs, Riley Astill 2/13 from 11 overs and Gabriel Joseph 2/30 from 9 overs.

In the second week we batted and got off to a shaky start being 2/1 after 2 overs. Daniel Chatman (35) and Omal Fernando (32) consolidated and got us back to 2/65 after 23 overs.

Daniel then teamed with Michael Bennetts (30) to get us to 115 before Daniel was out.

Wenty's bowling then tightened up putting pressure on the batsman making it difficult to score with a slow outfield meaning we had to rely on running lots of singles.

We lost regular wickets until Tom Ortiz came in at No. 9. Sensible placement and intelligent running with the tail end partners saw Tom (21 NO) bat really well to guide us to the win with 9 wickets down and 2 balls to spare.

In the end a satisfying win taking nothing away from Wenty's bowling and fielding in the second week.

16/2	10 for 87	Kings Langley	10 for 137	First innings loss
No report submitted.				

16/1	4 for 67	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 66	First innings win
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B13	10 for 64	Guildford Bolwing	2 for 67	First innings loss
No report submitted.				

B12	9 for 162	AKA Crusaders	10 for 133	First innings win
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After the first week's washout a one dayer was played on an overcast yet dry day after the week of rain. We were sent into bat after losing the toss and went about trying to build a solid score to defend. The rain had clearly had an effect on the ground as the outfield was really slow and the ball was coming onto the bat at a snail's pace even for Masonic's standards. Led by the Tim C (43) and AB (20) baulko built on a steady start after losing early wickets to the damaging opening bowlers of AKA. At 7/106 in the 31st over we needed to get another 20-30 runs to set a reasonable target. However thanks to a very timely innings of 28 from Tim Pittman playing some typical entertaining stroke play and other lower order contributions we managed to post 9/162. In defending the total it was important to peg them back with some early wickets and keep the run rate down. We managed to have them 3/23 with Ronny taking a brilliant and vital catch to dismiss a bloke who had scored 191 in a game earlier in the season. Another quality catch from Adam diving behind himself at first slip to remove another of their dangerous players had them 4/48. AKA fought their way pack into the game thanks to a solid partnership in the middle order with one bloke holding up one end whilst the other playing some powerful strokes to get the run rate up. The game remained tight until nil brought back for a 2nd spell removed the slogger and their captain in successive deliveries. From there we seized control of the game as their tail fell to pieces trying to lift the run rate to lose 4/8 in several overs to be dismissed for 133. All of our bowlers played a part in restricting AKA to the total lead by Nil (4/38) and Kamil (3/25).

A very handy result as going into the game AKA was 2nd and we were 3rd. This result will put us on equal points with AKA going into next week's match against top of the table and undefeated Wenty Waratahs.

B11	10 for 105	Xenium Crusaders	10 for 110	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

B10	10 for 159	Wenty Leagues	9 for 119	First innings win
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Tony managed to win the toss (for a change) and chose to bat first. On a field with grass long in need of cutting, it was always going to be tough to score runs. We got off to a shaky start, losing our first wicket with the score on 8. Fortunately, Tony (36) and Ward (24) steadied the innings with a 56 run partnership. From then on it was a team effort with James (39), Andrew (19), Omal (12) and Ian (10) all making valuable contributions. We were bowled out in the final over for 159. Considering the condition of the ground (the grass was so long that the only way to hit boundaries was to take the aerial route) we were pleased with our performance with the bat.

The team effort continued with our bowling and fielding. Tight bowling and good fielding allowed us to keep Wenty Leagues below the required run rate for almost the whole innings. Tony (2-11), Eddy (2-13) and Andrew (2-33) were the pick of the bowlers on the day. The main fielding highlight was Ward's sensational diving catch in the outfield to remove the 'danger man' for 52. Special mention must go to Rick, who took his first wicket ever in outdoor cricket on just his second ball ever in outdoor cricket.

It took a while, but we finally managed to notch up our second win of the season. Let's hope we don't have to wait so long again for next win.

Bowling performances: T. Senior (2-11), E. Nield (2-13), A. Gay (2-33)

Batting performances: J. Chatman (39), T. Senior (36), W. Koski (24), A. Gay (19)

Catches: W. Koski, E. Platt, T. Senior, D. Chatman (2)

Man of the match: T. Senior

Hall of Shame: R. Chant (dropped catch and a duck), E. Nield (duck)

B9	10 for 78	Kings Langley	5 for 79	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

B8	10 for 217	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 25	First innings win
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Well not really much of a game. We were washed out in the first week but managed to dry up the pitch for the second. Pendle Hill Colts could only manage to field 7 players so the 200+ score line was not much of a surprise considering one of their 7 was a junior. Grant played happily with the bat swatting about 89 runs and the rest of the team did their job.

B5	10 for 25	Kellyville	10 for 69	First innings loss
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B. Stapleton 5 for 15 off 5 overs

Special mention to Lenny for a fantastic first spell for the season.

JUG PENALTIES:

Dropped Catches:

B. King

B. Stapleton

Ducks:

H. Izmirlian

R. McInerney

B. McLaren

J. Billings

A great bowling and fielding effort was rewarded with a small target to achieve victory.

Our run-chase however is probably best described as a nightmare.

One of those innings where you think to yourself "It's only a bad dream, I will wake up soon and everything will be all right".

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B4	BYE	BYE
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Nothing to report

B2	10 for 126	Rebel Warriors	10 for 123	First innings win
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Batting

J.Currey - 24

J.Bocking - 24no

Bowling

P.Mamo - 4/34 (10)

B.Dooley - 2/14 (9)

M.Griggs - 2/13(3)

S.Hilbrink - 2/11 (4.4) plus 3 catches

B1	10 for 108	The Bulls	10 for 161	First innings loss
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B1s played Bulls at Arthur Philip, washed out first week, reduced to a one day game. We bowled 40.3 overs and took 10 for 161, with B. Jenkins 3-41 and L. McIlvinie 5-25. We were bowled out for 108 in the 35th over with P. Thomson 7-38. No one in our team scored over 30. Disappointing day.

A	Wenty Leagues	Draw
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Both Days washed out