

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:

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| B10 | Outright win | 15/1 | Outright win |
| B10 | Minor premiers | 12/2 Maroon | Outright win |
| B12 | Minor premiers | 11/1 | Minor premiers |

Individual Achievements

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| John Weatherall | B8 | 3/21 | Gabriel Joseph | 15/1 | 61 |
| Josh Rich | B8 | 58 | Tom Ortiz | 15/1 | 7/10, hatrick |
| Andrew Gay | B10 | 52 | Matt Newson | 15/2 | 4/19 |
| Daniel Chatman | B10 | 42 | James Galofaro | 14/2 | 3/32 |
| Rajitha Wijesekera | B11 | 7/56 | Amol Marwah | 14/2 | 3/12 |
| Neshan Dias | B11 | 41 | Aidan Cousin | 14/2 | 55 no |
| Jake Gorman | B12 | 71 | Karanbir Singh | 14/3 | 5/18 |
| Teshan Weragama | 16/1 | 53 | Dineth Dayananda | 14/3 | 3/19 |
| Trent Stubbs | 16/1 | 4/12 | R Rajapakse | 11/2 | 2/1 |
| A Johnson | 16/2 | 57 | J Robson | 11/2 | 2/6 |
| Michael Bennetts | 15/1 | 97 | | | |

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 –

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MORNING

AFTERNOON

Semi-Finals

Volunteers required

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Volunteers are needed to man the canteen. If you can help out for an hour or two on either Saturday or Sunday, in the morning or afternoon, please let Leigh know. You can contact her on 0407 280 343.

The President's Roundup

Well, after a season decimated by the weather, the preliminaries are over and we are down to the crunch games. The equation is now very simple if you want that premiership – win the next two games!

We have five senior teams (A Grade, B4, B10, B11 & B12) & nine junior teams (U16/1, U15/1, U15/2, U14/1, U13/1 Maroon, U13/1 Gold, U13/2, U13/3 & U11/1) in the finals. Congratulations to all the teams that made the finals. We also had three minor premiers – B10 & B12 in seniors and U11/1 in juniors. An outstanding performance was all four U13 teams making the semis!

To all team managers, coaches and captains, we sincerely thank you for your efforts this season. We understand the task is not an easy one, but thanks for giving up your time to run your team. To all parents and loyal club supporters, again thanks for your input this year.

Of course, to run a club with 31 teams is a massive task and it would not be possible without the hard work of the committee. Thanks to all committee members – Chris, Sally, Jason, Ian, Peter G, Rick, Tony and Ram. Also a big thank you to Leigh for her work with the social committee and running the canteen.

But to continue running a club of this size, we need people willing to join the committee. Are you will to help run the club? I hope we have some volunteers!

To celebrate the end of the season, we will be holding a get together back at the Sports Club on Sunday 30 March, commencing at 6pm. It will be held downstairs in the same place we have our monthly meetings. We look forward to seeing you there and hopefully we will be celebrating a successful end to the 2007/2008.

The extensions at the Sports Club are almost complete and a Gala Open Day will be held on Sunday 20 April at the club. Come along and see the “all new” Club. You will also see a new corporate logo for the Sports Club, as Bankstown Sports updates its identity. Our clothing will, over time, incorporate the new logo.

The Presentations will be held on the last weekend in May, both at Northmead Bowling Club. Seniors will be on Saturday night, 31 May and juniors on Sunday 1 June. More details will be advised at our last monthly meeting on 1 April

With season's end, all those end of season tasks are coming up. What do you managers and coaches need to do?

- Season stats need to be submitted to Rick Thomas (results@baulkocricicket.com.au). These have to be submitted to PDCA in mid April, so we need your stats back by Friday 11 April. Junior trophies from PDCA are based on these stats, so if you are late, your players may miss out!
- For seniors, we need stats for ALL players who played in your team this year – full time players, reserves and players from other teams who filled in for you!
- Kits need to be returned to Terry Webb ASAP. Kits MUST be cleaned out – please get rid of all the grass, rubbish etc before returning them. Kits are to be returned to Terry not later than April 26. Make sure all cricket balls are returned, included used ones. We need them to provide practice balls for next season's trials
- Keys to ground facilities are to be returned to either Ian Chatman or Peter McLoughlin.
- Perpetual Trophies need to be returned. Contact Ian Chatman, Rick Thomas or Peter McLoughlin
- Annual Reports are to be submitted to Rick Thomas (results@baulkocricicket.com.au). These are required by 30April
- Each team (both junior & senior) has an award for fielding. Junior sides (U14 & below) also have an encouragement award. Please list your nominees when you submit your stats.

The Seniors v Colts match was held on Sunday 2 March at Ted Horwood. The seniors triumphed by about 40 runs in what was a highly entertaining game (see the separate report in this edition of Owzatt).

When you write these reports, you wonder if anyone reads them. Well, I got pleasant surprise earlier this week. I was looking in my junk email and saw a message titled “David Banks”. I opened it and it was from a guy who played for Kellyville B5's against David last year. He has moved to WA. He wanted to wish David all the best after

his open heart surgery! How did he know? Well let's be positive here - I can only guess that he read the Owzatt & saw my mention of David's operation.

All the best to all of our teams!

Peter McLoughlin
President

Seniors vs Colts Twenty20 Match

Well the weather intervened, with the turf pitch at Charles McLaughlin out and the game was moved to Ted Horwood. The 10am start is always a problem for some of the younger guys, but it was great to see Mitch Walters there bright and early and Keith Morrison was the first colt to arrive, even though he was out until 4pm celebrating his 21st.

The seniors, captained by Chris Springall, won the toss and decided to bat. The match was played as a Twenty/20 match, with each bowler limited to 2 overs. The weather was overcast and a bit drizzly early, but cleared later. Consistent scoring throughout the innings saw the Seniors make 164 in their 20 overs. Top scorers were Charuka 38, Jason 27, Chris 26 no, Keenan 14, Brett 12 & Steven 11. The wickets went to Ayesh (3), Matt, Evan & Keith with 2 each & Troy with 1.

The colts set about the chase disastrously, slumping to 3 for 4 in the 2nd over. The required run rate was always a problem and although the lads knuckled down, the target of over 10 runs per over in the last 10 overs was too much and they finished at 8/121. Top scorers for the Colts were Greg 53, Reece 15, Troy 13, Mitch 11 & Ravi 9 not out. Wicket takers were Brett, Chris and Ward with 2 each and Keenan & Jason with one each.

The teams were:

Seniors: Chris Springall (Capt), Sumit Kalia, Brett McLaren, Keenan Galas, Jason Currey, Tony Senior, Steve Hobbs, Charuka Abheywickrama, Andrew Gay, Rick Thomas, Ward Koski,

Colts: Mitch Walters, Greg McLoughlin, Matthew Hardy, Keith Morrison, Reece Jones, Josh Rich, Troy Higginbotham, Evan Platt, Ayesh Amarasinghe, Ravi Jayanetti & James Senior. Chris Gunton also had a spell on the field, including umpiring at square leg.

Thanks to all who took part and those who helped run the show – Sally & Peter G scoring, Leigh running the canteen and cooking and the lads who helped cook the BBQ.

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue

Rouse Hill Rams

Loss on averages

Our boys batted 1st with the loss of only 4 wickets, Matthew top scoring with 9, Jack and Luke 8, Malachi and Angus with 7

With good running between the wickets all the boys did well more than doubling the Rams runs from the bat.

The boys did excellently on the field keeping them to only 22 runs from the Rams batters

So many near catches and run outs in the end would have made the difference, but they tried hard

Well done for the season boys

10 Red

15 for 53

AKA Crusaders

5 for 82

Loss on averages

We saved our worst performance of the year for the last game. Some great bowling & catches from the opposition saw us struggle early & we never recovered from that. When it was our turn, we bowled well but suffered dearly from dropped catches & might have got the score a lot closer. Restricting them to 82 was pretty good as they has some good hitters. Although we lost this game, it was a great game to play against a fantastic opposition. We all had a a great season & can't wait until next year. Well done boys.

10 White

11 for 78

Wenty Waratahs

7 for 87

Loss on averages

Round 11 the Whites were playing against the Wenty Waratahs away.

Oliver was appointed Captain for the Match. We won the toss and fielded.

Some highlights of the first half of the game were:

- Run out by Scott and Patrick,
- And a run out by Nathan.

Chris bowled an excellent spell of 3 overs, picking up two wickets for only 6 runs. Chris was unlucky not to collect a few more wickets.

Blake bowled three overs for 12 runs.

Arsh bowled three maiden overs picking up a wicket in the process, an excellent display of control on a very thin wicket.

Michael bowled a very tight three overs, including a maiden for only 3 runs – a great effort!

Jake bowled for only three runs, limiting the waratahs run rate.

Brandon bowled a tight spell of three overs including a maiden for 4 runs. One ball cut ½ meter from leg stump across to just miss off stump a sensational ball.

Jason bowled an outstanding spell of three overs picking up two wickets for only 8 runs, continuing his great from over the season.

Tarush Bowled three overs for 10 runs, unlucky not to pick up two wickets that shaved the stumps.

Brendan bowled three overs for 13 runs – with a very good second over.

Scott bowled three overs for 7 runs, a good effort.

Oliver bowled three overs for 14 runs, his first over was against one of the Waratahs better batsmen.

Patrick was wicketkeeper for the first half of the game and came on and bowled three overs for only six runs – a tight effort.

Hoping to finish a great season with a strong result the team put in a sub standard bowling performance, bowling 42 no balls and 9 wides.

Nathan was the keeper for the first 18 overs and kept tightly, executing a run out.

Day two saw a confident Whites team prepared to bat.

Chris and Blake opened the batting; the coach was hoping that their running between the wickets would provide a kick start to the innings that the team needed. Unfortunately the coach's plan didn't go to plan as the Waratahs turned up and bowled very tightly, to their credit. Chris scored 2 runs and was bowled twice. Blake kept his wicket intact for one run.

Arsh was first drop and produced one of his best performances for the season, peeling off a high score of 13 runs while keeping his wicket intact – excellent effort.

Patrick was in next and tried to keep the scoring momentum up, but with little luck in penetrating the field, Pat scored 3 runs while keeping his wicket intact – a strong effort.

Jake was in next. The Waratahs bowlers tied Jake down with accurate bowling, which resulted in a score of 3 runs for the loss of one wicket, stumped.

Jason batted with great technique (as always) and scored 7 runs while keeping his wicket intact – excellent effort.

Brandon was in next and was looking to up the run rate. Unfortunately for Brandon he was not able to penetrate the field and scored one run and was bowled by a ball that bounced off the grass edge of the pitch – unlucky!

Tarush batted with confidence scoring on run while keeping his wicket intact – strong effort.

Brendan unfortunately faced some very good bowling from the Waratahs and was bowled a few times and was run out by some good Waratah fielding.

Scott was batting strongly as well until a ball sneaked through his normally strong defence and was bowled; scoring 1 run.

Oliver came in and opened his shoulders with some good shot making, unfortunately for Oliver the thick grass didn't yield in the runs he should of scored, ending up with 4 runs, while keeping his wicket intact – excellent effort.

Michael finished off the innings contributing with 9 runs but losing his wicket twice.

The final result was disappoint, the Whites scoring 78 runs for the loss of 11 wickets resulting in an average of 6.5. The Waratahs deserved winners.

We need to be more protective of our stumps and play with a straight bat early in our innings.

Man of the match goes to Brendan Starr (for his greatly improved bowling and fielding) and Brandon Madden for bowling a very tight spell.

Encouragement awards were awarded to Jake and Jason for the consistently good bowling and batting efforts across the season.

Thanks to parents for a sensational present. Your support is much appreciated.

Signing off for Season 07/08.

Andrew

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| 11/3 | 10 for 92, 10 for 52 | Pendle Hill Colts | 4 dec 157 | Outright loss |
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| 11/2 | 10 for 62 | Kellyville | 10 for 35 | First innings win |
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What a beauty! This is the match that brought our team together. We played as a team, for the first time in this Comps. A bit too late to get into Semis though! If we had played at this level, a little earlier, without doubt, we would be topping the table with all chances of becoming the premiers! At least we found our feet in the last effort which we played for our honour and we did triumph! We go into the off-season with our heads high and with a lot of pride and a sense of achievement. What a great effort! Well done guys! You made all your Parents proud today! All the running around by the Parents for the whole season has borne fruit on this day! Congratulations to the Parents!

James, the Captain for this match promptly won the toss and elected to bat. We had only 7 players on board, at that time! James was so lucky to have won the toss. All our batsmen batted sensibly and steadily. Ritwick was at his scintillating best. Soon, Harkaran came in unexpectedly (after missing so many matches) and by Mark's quick thinking, Viva was picked up from home to come in and bat to save our innings! Viva did not disappoint and topped the score. More importantly we played all our overs without getting all out! Rohit exhibited patience and perseverance and did wonderfully well to remain not out

batsman. Well done guys!

Day 2 dawned very wet and we were afraid that we will end up with another draw. Fortunately, it became bright and Sunny soon and we started our fielding with high expectations! All our bowlers contributed very well. Ritwick and Harkaran opened the bowling with excellent line and length. Harkaran was rewarded with a brilliant caught & bowled to remove the Kellyville opener. James came in with his usual determination and picked up 2 wickets as a crown to his captaincy. Ramal, bowled a tight spell and picked up 2 wickets in a spectacular style, both clean bowled, giving away only 1 run. Viva bowled all maiden overs and got a clean bowled without giving away any runs. Viva also ended up with 2 catches. Milo took a classic catch in square leg. Everyone bowled well, fielded well and for the first time we held our catches! Excellent contribution by all players!

Though all players deserve awards for this match, I am in a difficult position to restrict it to a few.

Best Batting Award goes to Viva.
 Best Supporting Batsman Award goes to Rohit.
 Best Bowling Award goes to Ramal.
 Best Supporting Bowler Award goes to James.
 Catch of the match Award goes to Harkaran.

It had been a privilege and pleasure for me to have participated with all of you. I am very much grateful to all the players who shared my enthusiasm and enjoyment of this game throughout this season. I very much appreciate all the help given, without any asking, by all the Parents, without which the whole season would not have been possible. I do hope that everyone enjoyed this season as much as I did.

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| 11/1 | dnb | Hills Barbarians | 7 for 103 | Draw |
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| 12/2 Maroon | 9 for 232 | Baulko Gold | 10 for 34, 10 for 35 | Outright win |
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The Golds won the toss and sent the Maroons into bat.

As this was the last match for the season and neither teams could make the semi-finals we reversed the batting and bowling line ups giving those boys who had not opened the batting or bowling an opportunity to do so.

This saw Sean (42) and Utkarsh (6) open the batting. The opening stand saw a partnership of 31 runs before Utkarsh was bowled for 6. The batsmen were able to put together some good partnerships and kept the score moving along at a good run rate. At the end of our 50 overs we were 9 for 232, our highest team total for the season. Batsmen who scored runs were Kunal (4), Varun (12), Siddhant (19), Michael (3), Mitchell (4), Ravi (13, including 3 4's of 3 balls), Joshua (38 not out) and Luke (10 not out).

The Maroons turn to bowl and Sean (3 for 6) opened the bowling. Sean got us off to a great start by taking the first 3 wickets to fall. Kunal (1 for 2) opened from the other end and claimed 1 wicket from his 4 overs. All bowlers bowled well and we were able to take wickets on a regular basis, finally dismissing the Golds for 34. Bowlers to take wickets were Siddhant (2 for 4), Joshua (1 for 1), Luke (1 for 8), Hamzah (1 for 1) and Mitchell (1 for 3). 2 good catches were taken by Sean who by this stage was looking good for the man of the match award.

The Gold team was asked to have another bat and this time Ravi (0 for 4) and Utkarsh (1 for 12) opened the bowling. This time the Gold batsmen got off to a good start and it was not until the 8th over of the innings that we took our 1st wicket when Utkarsh bowled one of the openers. Although the Gold batsmen put up stiffer resistance in the second innings we managed to dismiss the last batsman in what probably would have been the second last over of the day, having them all out for 35, giving us a well earned outright win. Bowlers who took wickets in the 2nd innings were Hamzah (2 for 3), Mitchell (3 for 3), Joshua (1 for 2), Siddhant (1 for 0), Varun (1 for 0) and Sean (1 for 1). The second innings saw some great catches being taken, with Utkarsh (1), Hamzah (3), Mitchell (1), Luke (1) and Sean (1) all taking catches.

This was good way to finish the season which saw us just miss out on a berth in the semi-finals. I firmly believe that if we could have fielded a full team each week, we would have been able to make the semi-finals!

All up an enjoyable season and the boys should be pleased with their efforts throughout the season. I look forward to seeing them all return for next season.

Player of the match was Sean for his 42 runs, bowling figures of 3 for 6 in the first innings and 1 for 1 in the second innings and for taking 3 good catches.

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| 12/2 Gold | 10 for 34, 10 for 35 | Baulko Maroon | 9 for 232 | Outright loss |
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Last game for the 12/2 Gold team. Knew we were not going to make the semi's so had a bit of fun playing against our other Baulko side. I'm really proud of the boys for showing such enthusiasm throughout the season. They proved that it's not always about winning, but also about enjoying the game and gaining individual skills and milestones. Look forward to seeing you all back again next year. Thanks to coaches John and Brad and to all the parents and carers. See you on presentation day.

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| 12/1 | 10 for 44 | Guildford Leagues | 10 for 74 | First innings loss |
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Guildford won the toss and elected to bat. Our bowlers took them apart right from the start with George taking a great catch behind the stumps off Michaels (8-3-2-5) 3rd ball. Ravi (5-2-1-4) trapped the number 3 in front and another sharp catch by George again off Michaels bowling. Two more spectacular catches in the field to Alex and Bryce off Josh (8-2-1-9) and Sachins (7-1-3-8) bowling and things were looking good. George took another great catch off Sachins bowling giving him 3 catches for the day and 3 wickets for Sachin. Ishman kindly filled in for us from the Golds and bowled 3 excellent overs finishing with 2 for 3 and a hat trick chance, well done Ishman. We rolled them for 74, certainly a reachable target despite losing Ishman run out 3 minutes before stumps.

Day 2 and our batters tried bravely against the competitions best bowlers, reminding us why Guildford finished Minor Premiers. Only Michael got amongst the runs with a dazzling 22 including the only two 4s of the innings on a wet and slow outfield.

Luck evaded us all year and not much went our way in this match either, but we did manage to restrict Guildford to their lowest score all year and this after our tied match with them in the first round.

Special thanks to Gerrard for umpiring and to Steve for scoring for us all season and especially to Sujeewa for coaching the team. Without these great dad's we wouldn't have the chance to play the game at all. Thanks to all the parents for supporting the team and getting the boys to training and to the games week after week. I hope everyone had fun playing cricket this season and I hope you all come back again next season, you are a wonderful bunch of boys and all very talented cricketers. Well done everyone!

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| 13/3 | 10 for 108 | Pendle Hill Colts | 10 for 97 | First innings win |
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| 13/2 | 10 for 67, 10 for 40 | Kings Langley | 10 for 79, 2 for 30 | Outright loss |
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Winning the toss the boys decided to have a bat. Unfortunately we couldn't put together many partnerships and were bowled out for 67 after only 32 overs. The highlights of the innings were 19 by opener Tom Connell, who continues to improve game by game, and 18 not out by Tom Lockhart, who is really finding some great touch in the latter part of the season. At stumps on day one Kings Langley were 2-29 in reply.

The second day was certainly one full of surprises and drama!! The boys without doubt put in their best bowling and fielding efforts of the season. With such a slender lead to protect we knew it was going to be hard work – but the key was applying and holding pressure for long periods of time. The guys did this brilliantly!

The bowlers really hit the mark today, bowling long spells with great accuracy and constantly probing the defence of the batsman. Todd Ripps (2-5) and Geoff McIntyre (2-16) shared the honours. Openers Nevin Arora (10 overs, 1-24) and Ruben Robertson (10 overs, 1-16) really made life difficult and Tom Lockhart bowled a beautiful spell of 5 overs to take 1-8. Arguably, Tom's second over was the best over bowled by a Baulko player this year - absolutely top stuff. The batsman (who somehow survived) didn't have a clue! Also of note today was Shanon Surendra's first wicket of the season - plumb LBW to a very good pace ball.

For the bowlers to do so well required a concerted effort in the field by all boys. The fielding today was sharp and there was a real buzz in the field. Catches were taken by Ruben Robertson, Jack Marton, Tom Connell and Toss Ripps and we took two run outs as well! The single handed effort by Ruben to stop a powerful drive with a full length dive, and then to get up and throw the stumps down was a stunning effort that brought hoots of delight from all the players.

Kings Langley, to their credit, kept their heads and slowly overhauled our total, being eventually bowled out for 79, a mere twelve run lead. Bowling a second time. Kings Langley launched an intense bowling effort with the fastest spell of bowling we'd faced all season. In the second innings we got the shakes and were bowled out for 40. Looking at the bright side, this was at least a recovery from the precarious position of 4-1 we found ourselves with after the first ball of the second over!! Jack Marton was the only batsman to get on top of the bowling, with solid defence and some powerful leg side shots to end on 16.

With only a few overs available before stumps Kings Langley batted for a second time and with nothing to lose threw the bat to bring up the outright result in the last over of the day's play.

The Baulko players played the game with tremendous spirit and good humour. With just a little bit of luck or another 20 runs in our first innings, this could so easily have been our win today. Next week will hopefully bring a match-up against the undefeated competition leaders Rouse Hill Rams - after today's disappointment how sweet it will be to win that one....

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| 13/1 Maroon | 10 for 105 | Baulko Gold | 7 for 107 | First innings loss |
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The last game of the season before the semi finals saw us up against the other BHCC team – 3rd versus 2nd on the table. It was an excellent and very tight game. BHCC Gold bowled us for 105. We should have scored a few more but they bowled well and we didn't take all of our chances. We were in trouble early but Ashleigh Thomas scores a good 20 and then Amar Subramanian (16) and Joshua Balzarolo (17) put on a great 41 run partnership for the 9th wicket and gave us something to defend.

We bowled very well and had BHCC Gold in early trouble at 7 for 69. We couldn't take the last three wickets and lost a close and very good game. James Benton, Joshua Balzarolo and Joshua Stevenson each took two wickets and Trent Samuels took one. Nick McConnell took two very good slips catches. We now await other results to see how the semi finals pan out. Good Luck boys for the semis!!!

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| 13/1 Gold | 7 for 107 | Baulko Maroon | 10 for 105 | First innings win |
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The Maroons won the toss and went into bat on a glorious morning. Good bowling from Anoop (1/5 off 4) and Brent (0/9 off 4) kept the scoring down in the first few overs. Bowling first change, Blake (0/20 off 8) and James (1/4 off 4) kept the pressure on and we had the opposition at 2/23 after 16 overs. Jonathan (0/15 off 5) and Mitchell (3/7 off 6) also bowled tight spells and the score was 3 for 50 at the drinks break after 30 overs.

After the drinks, Peter let the leg spinners loose and Joel (3/22 off 8) and Jack Michie (1/11 off 8) wrecked the Maroons middle order. A fighting 41 run partnership by their number 8 and 10 batsmen pushed the score past the hundred mark, before Mitchell ended the innings by taking two wickets in his last over. Great work behind the stumps by Jack Delaney, with two stumpings and an excellent run out by Blake were the other highlights of the innings.

We had a small total to chase and all day to do it. James and Jack Michie looked good until Jack played at a wide, swinging ball and was caught behind in the fourth over. James and Mitchell steadied the ship with a 21 run partnership before Mitchell fell for a great catch in the slips for 6. A mini collapse followed, with Blake and Jack Delaney both getting ducks and suddenly we were 4/30 with only a quarter of the overs gone. Taseen and James put on another 18 patient runs before Taseen was out for 11 just before drinks with the score at 48. The instructions at drinks were to be aggressive and to punish any loose bowling. To this end, James started with a great 4 and was unfortunately bowled by the next ball which kept very low. Jonathan chipped in with a quick 10 before being caught and bowled in the 34th over. Things looked tense as we still required 37 runs with only three wickets in hand and the maroons bowling good line and length. A good 37 run partnership between Brent (19 not out) and Joel (12 not out), however, saw us home with a handful of overs to spare.

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| 14/3 | 10 for 107 | Pendle Hill Colts | 10 for 80 | First innings win |
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Praween Senanayake 21
 Karanbir Singh 14
 Karanbir Singh: 5 for 18
 Dineth Dayananda: 3 for 19
 Blake Stafford: 1 for 7
 Victor Phillips: 1 for 21

BHCC 14/3 had their first season win in the last game against Pendle Hill Colts. On day 1 with some solid batting inspired by a smart 21 by Praween Senanayeke ensured BHCC reach 107 all out at the end of day 1.

On day 2, reduced to 9 players because of an injury and one player not being available for this game the team had to produce something out of this world to try and win the first game of the season against a team that till last week was at the head of the competition table.

And produce they did with some very accurate bowling, smart field work and immaculate catching. Karanbir Singh's 5/18 was the highlight, superbly backed by Dineth Dayananda 3/21, Blake Stafford and Victor Phillips.

Great win!

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| 14/2 | 3 dec 138 | Rouse Hill Rams | 10 for 80, 3 for 17 | First innings win |
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Needing to win this match to keep the team's semi-final hopes alive, and possibly an outright win to ensure a semi-final spot, we sent Rouse Hill into bat on winning the toss. A fine all round bowling and fielding effort saw the team dismiss Rouse Hill for 80. James Galofaro 10 overs 3 for 32, Amol Marwah 8 overs 3 for 12, and Ryan Bailey 2 for 6 off 7.4 overs. This left around 50 minutes to bat on the first day and Michael Waddups and Chris Gunton produced another solid opening stand of 30 before Michael was out in the last over of the day.

On the second morning, an excellent 63 run partnership for the 3rd wicket between Jake Bailey (27) and Aidan Cousin (55 not out) made sure of 1st innings points and then was able to increase the run rate on the very slow outfield. A feature of the partnership was some excellent running between the wickets. This enabled the team to declare the innings closed at 3 for 138, a lead of 58 and gave just over an hour to try and bowl Rouse Hill out for a second time. Despite some good aggressive pace bowling, Rouse Hill were able to survive and finish at 3 for 17. James Galofaro finishing with 2 for 3 off 5 hostile overs and the ever consistent Ryan Bailey picking up 1 for 3 off 5 overs.

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| 14/1 | 10 for 10, 4 for 13 | Greystanes | 10 for 210 | First innings loss |
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| 15/2 | 9 for 79 | Kings Langley | 10 for 78 | First innings win |
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Baulkham Hills 9 for 79 defeated Kings Langley 10 for 78 on 1st Innings points to beat Kings Langley for the first time ever, and advance to the finals for the first time in the teams history. An excellent game of cricket was played between two very evenly matched teams. Baulko bowled and fielded brilliantly on the first day, to set up the chance at victory and that long awaited finals appearance. The 2 new opening bowlers, Hamish and Matt D, bowled with great line and length to set us off on the right path. Hamish bowled 2 sensational spells and finished with 1 for 8 off 12 overs with 6 consecutive maidens in his second spell...Inspirational!! Taseen, 2/12, Jack 0/8, and Shivang 2/5 held them down well in the middle stretches, and Matt N capitalised on their good early work by cleaning up the tail with a great spell that returned 4/19. Eric held on to a scorcher to remove Elliott and Rob stood in as keeper and kept with great efficiency. The second day saw us chasing 78 but against a highly competitive fielding outfit it was never a given. The boys fought it out for every run and squeaked home in the end thanks to a great knock by Eric which included the only 4 for the game. Of the bats, Pasindu, Jack and Eric put up the main resistance in an extremely exciting run chase. Fortune favoured the bold when the final shot of the day, played by Eric, was dropped at long off, much to the disappointment of the Kings Langley boys, who had fought bravely. However it was a sensational win for our boys and has given them some much needed momentum going into the finals. It is a very even competition and anything can happen in the next 2 weeks. Well done boys, you deserve a tilt at the title after all these years.

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| 15/1 | 3 for 191 | Pendle Hill Colts 16/2 | 10 for 27, 10 for 54 | Outright win |
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We were sent in by Pendle Hill..

Gabriel Joseph (61) and Michael Bennetts (97) batted powerfully and scored quick runs to guide us to 3 dec for 191 from 30 overs.

Pendle Hill then went in to bat and our opening bowlers tore through them to bowl them out for 27 in just 11 overs Tom Ortiz finished with 7/10 from 6 overs and Ajay Joshi with 3/13 from his 5 overs.

We sent them back in and had them 3/14 at the end of the first days play.

We returned in the second week and bowled the last 6 batsman out from 15 overs in total for 54 runs.

Tom Ortiz was again in the wickets with 3/5 to give him 10 wickets for the match. He was supported by Ornob Abedin with 2/20, Luke Woodman 2/18 and Omal Fernando 1/1 from his 1 over and Matheesha Gunaratne with the last wicket from just a single ball bowled.

A good solid outright win leading into the Semis.

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| 16/2 | 10 for 106 | Rouse Hill Rams | 4 for 186 | First innings loss |
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| 16/1 | 10 for 135 | Guildford Leagues | 10 for 46, 8 for 54 | First innings win |
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| B13 | 10 for 46, 10 for 48 | Guildford Bowling | 5 dec 180 | Outright loss |
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| B12 | 10 for 205 | AKA Crusaders | 10 for 191 | First innings win |
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| B11 | 10 for 121 | Xenium Crusaders | 10 for 199 | First innings loss |
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| B10 | 8 dec 167 | Wenty Leagues | 10 for 60, 10 for 67 | Outright win |
| Capt Cranky | 3-15 | | | |
| Son of God | 2-14 & 2-12 | | | |
| W O Fox | 2-11 | | | |
| D-Train | 2-2 (from 6 overs & 2 no-balls) | | | |
| Just Evan | 2-14 | | | |
| AG | 52 | | | |
| D-Gen | 42 | | | |
| Just Evan | 29 | | | |

Who would have thought it after a season that started with near outright losses, dropped catches that cost in excess of 300 runs and basically piss weak performances here we were going into the last round 2 points in front of the field. 2nd place Winston Hills were going to get the maximum points scored in either of the other two games by virtue of a bye created when the Xenium were kicked out of the comp by the Federal Police invoking little used Cricket Terrorism Laws.

So we needed to win and we needed to at least match the result in the other game being played by Kings Langley and Pendle Hill.

Things started well when it didn't rain but soon turned bad when Captain Cranky lost yet another toss.

Wenty Leagues sent us out to have a bowl and were soon regretting it. The Wily Old Fox & AG both picked up wickets in the opening 2 overs. Rowdy's dive in front of the Motivation Coach to catch the 2nd wicket had everyone breathing a sigh of relief. From there the wickets fell with more regularity than runs as Wenty succumbed to 69 from 39 overs with a brief drought for the 4th wicket as Aragorn made a guest appearance from Middle Earth.

Raul Dravid got things off to an unexpected start when he smacked a 4 through mid wicket on his first ball but aggression proved not to be his thing as he fell for just 5. 1 for 6. Captain Cranky was all out of sorts and fell after 4 scratchy singles. 2 for 18. The Wily Old Fox was also unusually out of sorts and fell in the 18th over. At this point we were scoring at just under 2 an over – we were making a real meal of it.

It was then the youngsters took the game by the scruff of the neck. D-Meister and Just Evan added 43 runs in 6 overs to get us the first innings points. After Just Evan's departure the next 6 overs continued in the same theme with 46 as AG plundered 15 off the second last over for the day.

The next week we learned that the Kings Langley & Pendle Hill game was headed for an almost certain outright – we now needed one too. Ultimately, untimely and prematurely we declared 15 overs into the second day with 8 for 167 with a looming century by God who unfortunately fell short by 94 runs.

Wenty were never up to the task although we did have a brief relapse to early season form with 2 wickets to get when we put down 3 very gettable catches. Ultimately it took Cranks bowling pies to make the breakthrough. Part time bowler & fulltime run-out specialist Steady Eddy finished them off for 67 with minutes remaining as Flyboy took the catch at mid-off.

So there we were Minor Premiers and a home final against Wenty who must now harbour serious doubts about their ability to turn things around.

Notable mentions from the game include The Son of God's miracle catch in cover, TSoG and the Holy Ghost having a brotherly discussion about who should have caught the regulation slips catch they both let pass between them and God's gutsy fielding effort. Hall of Shame goes to Flyboy who showed an unnerving penchant for looking at other men's groins!

Oh & the Motivation Coach got a catch. Amazing stuff all round.

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| B9 | 10 for 171 | Kings Langley | 8 for 182 | First innings loss |
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| B8 | 10 for 114 | Pendle Hill Colts | 10 for 180 | First innings loss |
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| B5 | 10 for 56 | Kellyville | 8 dec 162 | First innings loss |
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| B2 | 10 for 182 | Rebel Warriors | 10 for 245 | First innings loss |
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