

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:

B8	Outright win	14/1A	7 for 295
16/1	3 for 261		

Individual Achievements

Adam Tinley	A	4/52	Bryce Stewart	13/1	27 & 2/10
Sumit Kalia	A	55	Ravi Marwah	13/1	3/8
Ben Dooley	A	54 no	Amar Subramaniam	13/1	32
Jason Currey	B2	48	Sean Svanetti	13/2A	63
Sam Freman	B3	98	Devin Liyanage	13/2A	27
David Cope	B3	7/40	Luke Bertus	13/2A	23
Peter Newman	B8	5/15	Jackson Manning	13/2A	2/5
Gabriel Joseph	B8	114 & 3/33	Humzah Bokhari	13/2A	2/13
Evan Platt	B8	46	Tom Waddups	12/1	30
Cameron Burns	B8	3/22	Michael McConnell	12/1	3/17
Nick Bertus	16/1	118 no	Sumal Fernando	12/2	3/25
Ben Abbott	16/1	58 & 3/3	Nikhil Kuchi	12/2	2/10
Michael Bennetts	16/1	52 no & 3/61	Connor Ryan	12/2	2/35
Matt Samuels	15/1	4/15	Matt Price	12/2	2/5
Tevin Liyanage	15/1	3/12	Viva Raja	12/2	2/13
Brendan Archbold	15/3	3/19	Jimmy Farrell	12/3	62 no
Karanbir Singh	15/3	20	Jake Smith	11/1	39
Blake Newman	14/1A	142	Arsh Kapila	11/1	21
James Dallaway	14/1A	53	Jake Smith	11/1	2/14
Joshua Stevenson	14/1B	5/35	Alex Johnston	11/2	21
Taylor Stewart	14/2	32no	Max Delaney	11/2	2/23
H Shokry	14/2	2/30	Ruvn Medis	10R	2/0
Gajanth Sivapalan	14/3	42	Angad Malhotra	10R	2/4
Joshua Monks	14/3	20 & 2/6	Wijith Wijeyasiri	10R	2/4
George Joseph	13/1	56	Cody Whittaker	10R	2/9

Team Rosters

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
September 27 2008	B7A	16/1
October 4 2008	No junior games	14/1G
October 11 2008	B3	15/3
October 18 2008	B9	14/1M
October 25 2008	B10	14/2
November 1 2008	B11	14/3
November 8 2008	B13	13/2A

Meat Raffle Roster

The following teams have been rostered to sell tickets for the Saturday Night Raffle, to be held back at the club after the game. Please make every effort to ensure your team helps out in this important fundraiser for the club.

This season the raffles are only being held on the first week of every senior game.

Ticket sales are to start by 6:30pm.

DATE	TEAM
September 27 2008	B8
October 11 2008	B9
October 25 2008	B11
November 8 2008	A Grade
November 22 2008	B14

in2CRICKET Roster – Charles McLaughlin Oval

To help out with the in2CRICKET (formerly Have-A-Go) clinic, senior teams have been rostered to provide 4 players to one of the sessions. Please make every effort to ensure your team helps out in this important junior development opportunity.

The clinic is held on Friday nights at Charles McLaughlin Oval. The sessions run from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

DATE	TEAM
September 26 2008	B13
October 3 2008	School holidays
October 10 2008	A Grade
October 17 2008	B2
October 24 2008	B14
October 31 2008	B3
November 7 2008	B7A

The President's Roundup

Well, here we are again. September is upon us and cricket is on again. Summer is approaching and cricket rules once more.

Welcome to all our players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters, especially those who are joining us for the first time. We hope you enjoy playing cricket with us. We look forward to seeing you around the grounds and at our functions.

Of course, a special thank you goes out to Ian Chatman, our Junior Secretary, who has put in a massive effort to get all the junior teams entered. Thanks Ian. Our new Senior Registrar, Tony Senior has done a great job getting all the teams sorted. He has really put in a lot of time and effort. Thanks Cranky.

Thanks to all the managers, coaches, age co-ordinators and committee personnel who worked so hard to get our teams graded and entered into the PDCA competition. And a special thank you to all those who have committed to coaching and managing junior teams this season. We appreciate your commitment. Thanks to Fiona Senior who has taken on the role of canteen co-ordinator this year. Also, a big vote of thanks to our Equipment Officer, Terry Webb, who has worked miracles to get all the kits ready for our teams. As has been the case for many years, Terry has done a great job.

Thanks also to PDCA, who donated 30 sets of stumps, 10 scorebooks and 20 balls to us, as part of their sponsorship with Kookaburra.

The grounds have been a bit of a problem, with both Yattendan and Masonic getting new pitches, which put them out for Round 1. Hopefully they will be finished this week. The construction of the new pitches has been made possible by our financial contribution to Council. The turf pitch at Charles McLaughlin will not be ready for a few weeks yet, due to the work required to get it up and running after the winter sports.

The new shirts have now arrived (phew – just in time!) after a few teething problems, leaving Rick Thomas a very relieved man. The Grecian 2000 has done a wonderful job hiding all the grey hairs! But the playing shirts look great and we will soon have our new club shirts as well.

We have a total of 29 teams this year, down from 31 last year. We have 19 junior teams, with a team in all grades and ages except for U16/2. We also have 10 senior teams, from A grade to B14

Amazingly, the rain did not come on the first day of cricket this season. It actually came the previous Saturday! So we got in a full round of 2 days and we had mixed results – from outright win to outright losses.

Of our 10 senior teams, 6 had byes in round 1 and trudged off to umpire. The remaining teams all won, with A Grade chasing down 191 with 5 wickets to spare, thanks to captain Sumit Kalia with 55 and Ben Dooley, in his first A Grade game, making 54 no. B2's recorded good win with an even team performance, whilst in the B3 victory Sam Freeman came so close to that elusive ton with 98 and the evergreen David Cope took 7/40. The B8's scored an outright win, with Gabriel Joseph making 114 (just having a hit before playing grade) and Peter Newman bagging 5/15. Not bad for a young fella!

In juniors, Nick Bertus had a spare weekend before grade commenced and helped himself to a nice 118 for the U16/1's. The highlight of the day was Blake Newman of the U14/1A's who made a slashing 142, his first century I believe. Made it a good weekend for the Newman family! Other batting highlights included Ben Abbott (16/1) with 58, Michael Bennetts (16/1) with a quick fire 52 no, James Dallaway (U14/1 with 53, George Joseph (U13/1) with 56, Sean Svanetti (U13/2A) with 63 and Jimmy Farrell (U12/3) with 62. The bowlers all chipped in, with Matt Samuels (U15/1) getting 4/15 and Joshua Stevenson (U14/1B) taking 5/15.

The U10's commenced their season (well 2 out of 3 did) and I went along to watch the U10 Whites for a while and saw some very promising young cricketers – some as young as 7 or 8! Speaking of U10's, Alex Johnson (U10 Blue) filled in for the U11/2, as his team had a bye and he top scored with 21! Well done Alex.

This season, the Have-A-Go Cricket has changed its name and is now known as In2Cricket. The season commenced last Friday, at Charles McLaughlin and will run through to early December. It runs from 6.00pm to 7.30pm each Friday night. This year, each senior team has been rostered for one week, providing four players to assist with the coaching. We hope you will get along and help get the children ready for their future cricket careers, by developing their skills.

The Baulkham Hills Sports Club renovations are complete and we will be holding our meat raffles on the first week of each round. Not only can you win some lovely meat trays, but the members badge draw will be held each week. You need to be there and if your number is drawn, you win \$100. This will jackpot if the winner is not present. All cricket club players, coaches, managers, spouses and parents are eligible. You just need to send us your membership number and then be there for the draw around 7.00pm. Send your name and membership number to jackpotdraw@baulkocricket.com.au. Let's all support the Sports Club.

Speaking of supporting the sports club, I would like to thank Bankstown Sports Club for their financial assistance. In late August, we received around \$23,000, which covered basically all the costs for last year's juniors. That's just another reason to join the Sports Club. It is great value for just \$12.

The social committee is busy and will be updating the calendar at the next monthly meeting.

Don't forget our monthly meetings, which held on the first Tuesday of each month (except January). The next meeting is on Tuesday 6 October, at the Sports Club, commencing at 8pm. We require a representative from each team to attend the meetings, so please make sure you attend.

Housekeeping matters

- All teams are asked to submit a match report after each game. This will then be included in the Owzatt which can be viewed on the website after each round.
- Match results are to be submitted by 12:00 Sunday. They can be emailed to Rick Thomas at results@baulkocricket.com.au
- Whilst on the website, you should check it out – Rick Thomas has done a great job & is constantly updating the site and adding information, facts and figures from the past. Get along to: www.baulkocricket.com.au

As usual, I have said too much, so I will go back to my other life (work). Good luck to all teams this season.

Remember, enjoy yourself, as in the end it is only a game! We trust you will enjoy playing for or supporting Baulko this season.

Go Baulko!

Peter McLoughlin

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue

BYE

BYE

Nothing to report

10 Red

5 for 115

Kellyville

14 for 52

Win on averages

Ruvn Medis 2 for 0

Angad Malhotra 2 for 4

Wijith Wijeyasiri – 2 for 4

Cody Whittaker 2 for 9

A big first up result for the red team. A nice hot sunny day with a nice dry, flat ground made it an easy decision to bat with the win of the toss. Captain comedy (Armaan), Dilshan & Stephen got us off to a great start & then the middle order, Ruvn, Wijith & Cody piled the runs on & at the end of the day got us over 100 runs which in most cases is defendable. Week 2 saw another perfect day for playing cricket. Our performance with the ball & our fielding was outstanding. We were all over them. Dilshan & Ruvn sharing the keeping duties got us 3 stumpings. Stephen with a great run out, Cody with a nice catch & Emil taking a very difficult catch which seemed to stay in the air forever! Some great enthusiasm shown in the field by all players saw us completely dominate the opposition & get us off to a great start for the season. Well done team!

10 White

7 for 83

Pendle Hill Colts

11 for 89

Loss on averages

Baulko won the toss and elected to bat. Malachi (16) opened the batting with Aiden (25) and together they got us off to a great start with neither of the boys losing a wicket. Between them they hit 5 fours, 1 to Malachi and 4 to Aiden. The next batsmen in were Alex (5) and Blake (4) and the runs kept flowing, though we lost 4 wickets during this partnership. Next batsmen were Harrison (7) and James (7) and these 2 batsmen kept the score ticking over with neither batsman getting out during their time at the crease. They were followed by Johan (8) and Toby (4) and Sarthak (3) and Yasith (4) who all batted very well to see us finish with a total of 83 runs for the loss of 7 wickets.

Baulko's turn to bowl and Malachi (0-13) and Blake (0-10) opened the bowling. Both boys bowled well with good line and length but the Pendle Hill opening batsmen were up to the task and didn't lose a wicket during their opening partnership. Next to bowl were James (1-9) and Harrison (5-6). Although both boys bowled well it was Harrison who did all the damage taking a wicket with his first ball and at one stage was on a hat trick, only just missing out. Then Johan (1-5) and Sarthak (0-22) came on to bowl and kept the scoring down with some tight bowling which took us to the half way point and drinks. Resuming after the break was Alec (1-5) and Aiden (2-6) who both bowled a tight line and kept the scoring to a minimum. Yasith (0-9) and Toby (1-6) finished off the innings and we had managed to take 11 wickets for 89 runs. Under normal conditions this would have seen us easily win the match, however we were 2 players short and this allowed Pendle Hills Colts to remove their worst 2 batsmen which meant they immediately regained 6 wickets, and when the averages were calculated we were unfortunately beaten.

There were some outstanding fielding by the boys and in particular the catching was excellent so early in the season. Catches were taken by Blake (1), Malachi (2) and Aiden (1). 2 very good run outs were made by Johan and Harrison who combined with Malachi, who was keeping at the time, to complete the run outs. Aiden, when he was wicket keeping, made a very smart stumping, giving the batsman no chance to gain his ground.

A big thank you to Alec and Aiden who filled in from the U10 Blue team while we had some players away on holidays.

All up a very promising start to the season, well done to each and every one of you.

11/2

10 for 76

Rouse Hill Rams

4 for 216

First innings loss

The boys all worked hard in hot and windy conditions, but were outclassed by Rouse Hill this round. Well done to Max for his 2/23 from 6 overs and Jake for his tidy and economical 0/5 from 5 overs. Thanks also go to Alex for filling in and for being top scorer with 21 not out. I would also like to thank the Executive, Daniel Chatman and all the parents for their assistance whilst our Coach is away.

11/1

10 for 120

Kings Langley

8 for 123

First innings loss

What a great effort by the boys in their first game in the under 11s competition.

With limited training the boys went out on the field full of enthusiasm. We batted first in difficult conditions. (At one stage we were 4 wickets for only 8 runs.) Jake Smith and Arsh Kapila fought hard, putting on a 71 run partnership. Jake with a brilliant 39 and Arsh with an entertaining 21 kept us in the game. The team ended the day being all out for 120.

The following week we fielded in very hot conditions but the boys were positive and worked hard. Unfortunately we lost by 2 wickets with only 2 overs to spare. The highlights in the field were: Jason with 1-7 of 8 overs, Arsh with 1-9 of 8 overs and Jake with 2-14 of 7 overs.

Patrick for his brilliant wicket keeping and his encouragement on the field of his team mates.

Luke M for an exceptional effort in fielding.

12/3	10 for 175	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 93	First innings win
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An excellent start to the season for a team with lots of new faces.

Jamie Budgen captained the team and started off well by winning the toss and electing to field.

The boys bowled magnificently and kept a tight field to minimize the opposition scoring to a total of 93.

No catching was required as the only other mode of dismissal besides bowled was lbw. The wickets were shared which is very encouraging.

The batting started off on the right foot with Venthan and Milo scoring a partnership of 23 before retiring for the second day.

The scoring was steady on the second day with a magnificent 62no from Jimmy Farrell with plenty of support from all of the other boys.

A special mention about the great running between the wickets which received very positive comments from the opposition coach.

Well done boys.

12/2	10 for 66, 10 for 83	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 144, 2 for 7	Outright loss
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We all were hoping for a dream start of the season for our Dream Team. Right from the Toss, things started to go against us. We all put in a heroic effort to stem the tide. Though we lost, there were some sparks of brilliance from our players to show some bright outlook for the immediate future. James Robson was the Captain for this round. He did us proud.

First Innings:

Batting: We lost the toss and we were sent in to bat. The ground had patches of wet and overgrown grass and a very slow outfield. The opposition had no idea of the rule change to 142 gm balls and played with 156 gm ball. Our players faced some dangerous bowling of bouncers aimed at their faces. Sumal was hit in the helmet. Viva was given out caught, while trying to protect his face. We were totally unprepared for this onslaught. But still our players resolutely fought on. It was great to watch our players playing in such a dignified manner. Siddanth Sanjay thrilled the spectators with three consecutive & effortless fours. Matthew Price hit a stylish four. Varun Aswal was delightful at the crease with a sparkling four. Nikhil Kuchi remained Not Out inspire of getting hurt, repeatedly. Openers Viva Raja & Connor Ryan did their bating admirably with a determined knock lasting several overs, in adverse conditions. We were bundled out for a small, virtually undefendable total.

Bowling: The first four overs really justified our Dream Team status. The Openers Viva & Connor thrilled the spectators by taking a wicket in each of their first two overs. Soon, the Score was 4 for 15, in the fourth over. Snowy was spectacular behind the wickets. He exuded so much confidence that we played without any back stop! But slowly the outfield dried & the fours became very easy for the opposition and the smaller 142 gm ball helped to get them many runs Our fielding deteriorated as the Sun started scorching us with 32 degrees heat! By the end of day 1, the Opposition were 5 for 71. The sweet satisfaction was a powerful in swinger from Rithwick that cleaned up the middle Stump of the Pendle Hill Captain, late in the day. On day 2, we were down to 10 players, as Siddanth was away in Queensland. Pendle Hill continued their plunder of runs till Nikhil put a brake on it, by uprooting the Middle Stump of their Star batsman, who was on 51, with a superb in swinging yorker. It was very exciting and thrilling to watch our kids play with so much enthusiasm and heart. Sumal bowled brilliantly to get 3 for 25. The fielding improved dramatically on Day 2. It was very impressive to see the catches being held and the balls fielded with more confidence.

Second Innings:

Batting: Spectacular efforts by all the players made us prevent an Innings defeat. Surprisingly, we didn't get any bouncers, this time. Matthew Price hit a scintillating knock of 16 with 3 superb fours. Viva who again penned with a dogged determination, batted on for most of the Innings. Well done Viva! Cameron hit a stylish four, Sumal was colourfully aggressive in his batting with another four. But he was too eager to keep on swinging and forgot my suggestion that he should bat on at least 20 more minutes to avoid Outright loss and got clean bowled. It doesn't matter, he had tons of fun. Tony also hit a four with exquisite style. We just couldn't hold fort for another 20 minutes to prevent the outright loss!

Bowling: Matthew Price opened the bowling and what a spectacular opening it was! First ball he got the opener caught by Tony. Third ball he had a caught & bowled with a spectacular catch. Well done Snowy! Varun didn't get a chance to bowl as he was supposed to open at the other end. Varun, keep practising. You will get your chance soon.

Pendle Hills won Outright by 8 wickets. But we learnt a lot from this first outing. Once we come together as a team and start playing as a team, we will indeed perform as a Dream Team.

Man of the Match award goes to Matthew Price! Well done, Snowy!

Thanks to all Parents for helping out in warming up the Players, Scoring & looking after them. Thanks Tracy for being our manager.

Our motto: Explore, Experience & Enjoy the game!

Now the Dream Team is ready to face the Greystanes next week! Bring it on!

12/1	8 for 132	Wenty Leagues	9 for 131	First innings win
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13/2B	10 for 146	Kings Langley	8 for 148	First innings loss
No report				

13/2A	10 for 193	Wenty Leagues	9 for 108	First innings win
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What a great start to the season for the 13/2 A team. On two very warm days all boys performed well. Captain Pavan won the toss and elected to bat. Our openers got us off to a good start before the first wicket fell at 29. We lost another couple of quick wickets before Luke came in and gained his highest score of 23 – well done Luke. A great partnership prevailed between Pavan and Sean before Pavan fell with the score at 101. Sean went on to gain his highest score of 63 - well done Sean. His 63 consisted of 6 fours, 1 three, 7 twos and the rest singles. Some more good batting continued before all ten wickets were lost for 193 runs. Devin was not out on 27 runs.

We talked about going for the outright during the week but to Wenty's credit they played a good innings. It took a number of overs to settle into our fielding positions, and we gave away more byes that we would have liked, but once things settled wickets began to fall. I was pleased with everyone's bowling and the efforts of our two wicket keepers, Blaine and Sean. Wickets were taken by Humzah (2 for 13), Michael (1 for 11), Devin (1 for 6), Pavan (1 for 10), Shubh (1 for 5), Jackson (2 for 5) and Daniel (1 for 15). Whilst not taking any wickets Luke bowled an amazing four maidens in a row off 5 overs (0 for 4) and Tanveer also bowled a couple of maidens off 5 overs (0 for 5). Jayden went so close to getting a wicket on many occasions but they seemed to elude him today. Blaine also did well for his 2 overs.

At stumps we had Wenty at 9 for 108, getting the first innings win by 85 runs. Catches were taken by Devin (2) and Humzah (1). Fielding award for the match went to Devin. Other good fielding performances were noted from Humzah and Daniel.

Well done to Shubh in his first competitive game of cricket, taking a wicket and bowling some tidy overs. Thanks to Nigel and Udaya for umpiring, Terry for helping me with the scoring and all parents and carers for supporting the team. Looking forward to our next game boys. Keep up the good work.

13/1	6 for 175	Winston Hills	10 for 113, 3 for 84	First innings win
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What a way to start the season!! A fine sunny day and Baulko won the toss and sent Winston Hills to bat. Right from the start, Baulko demonstrated slick bowling and Winston Hills lost their 1st wicket in the 5th over when the score was 16. The outfield was pretty fast and Winston Hills did manage to keep the runs ticking at the rate of about 3 runs per over when they lost their opener for a catch by Josh Koski when the score was 46. This followed another quick wicket again claimed by Josh in his own bowling. Wickets subsequently fell at regular intervals with Ravi claiming three of them, and Bryce further two wickets with his tight spin bowling. Spectators had a great day witnessing some good catches being taken by Ravi, Cody & Joe. Half way thru the 36th over, Winston Hills lost its last batsman for a brilliant, lunging catch by Josh Koski. The target then set for Baulko was 114 to win the match.

Baulko started its innings with almost an hour to spare for the day. Cody & George opened the innings with absolute ease, were never in, any sort of trouble facing Winston Hills bowling attack. Runs were coming at the rate of about 3 runs per over when Cody got bowled trying to steer the ball away for a quick run. Amar joined George and both of them played still stumps and finished the day at 1 for 50.

Following week was another fine sunny day and George and Amar took complete control of the situation with some fantastic shots all around the field. It was not only the heat that was making Winston Hills sweating since the partnership between Amar & George was continuing unabated for almost an hour when finally after 97 runs partnership Amar fell run out returning for a second run. However when 2nd wicket fell the score was already 125 with just about an hour gone during the day. Baulko continued on and declared with a score of 6 for 175.

Winston Hills was sent back to bat with an hour and half to stumps. Though Baulko was tighter than 1st innings in conceding runs, Winston Hills did show a bit of resistance and did not lose any wicket till the score was 46 when Siddhant claimed the 1st wicket with his first ball. Winston Hills lost their 2nd wicket from a good catch by the wicket keeper Cody off George when the score was at 51. 3rd wicket also fell quickly when Ravi took another great running catch off the 1st ball of Bryce.

Time ran out and at stumps Winston Hills were 3 for 84.

Man of the Match was George for this superb innings of 56 and a wicket in his bowling of 3 overs.

A great way to start the season with a First Innings victory and Baulko should be happy.

14/3	10 for 166	Kellyville	10 for 164	First innings win
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14/2	10 for 69, 1 for 57	Pendle Hill Colts	9 dec 205	First innings loss
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Firstly, a warm welcome to new Baulko players this year in Jasan, Dilshan, Haytham and Anshul.

Drawing Pendle Hill first up was always going to be a challenge with them coming down from Division 1 last year.

Winning the toss, Pendle Hill sent us into bat and ran through us for only 69 in the 35th over. Jasan 12 and Geoff 11 were the only two batsmen to make double figures, though Amit and Todd put on a valuable 17 run partnership for the second last wicket. Pendle Hill hauled in the total in just 17 overs ending up in an imposing position of 2-79 at stumps.

Baulko fared better on the second day with some good all round bowling. Haytham (2-30) and Reuben (2-44) returned the best figures, with Taseen, Geoff and Todd also claiming wickets. Anshul pulled off a screamer of a diving catch at point which lifted the team's spirits. Pendle Hill declared 9-205 at drinks and put us back in for a potentially testy period to the close of play.

In our second innings we batted much better with a great deal more patience and control. Taylor remained unbeaten on 32 when stumps were drawn 20 minutes early (with the score at 1-57) and played some lovely shots. Amit, opening with Taylor, batted for an hour for his 9 runs and looked solid at the crease. This second innings batting effort showed what the guys are capable of – we look forward to this amount of patience and focus on building an innings in future games!

14/1B	10 for 115	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 155	First innings loss
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Our first game was a generally a good all round effort by the boys. We were sent into bat but didn't really fire as we hoped. We were dismissed for 115, which was not enough. Josh Balzarolo scored a good 21 and Tom Hughes a solid 16 n/o. There were several good shots and players made a start only to be dismissed cheaply.

We bowled very well and generally fielded well, although a couple of catches went down and we let a few balls too many through to the boundary.

Joshua Stevenson picked up a very good 5 wickets for 35. Antonio Castellarin bowled very well with 1/ 4 off 10 overs. James Senior (2), Matt Sibley (1) and Joshua Balzarolo (1) all pitched in for the other wickets.

The game was very tight for the most part and played in a very good spirit. We will improve from here and we look forward to return matches with Rouse Hill. Next game is a one day match against our rivals in the 2006 grand final, AKA Crusaders. We look forward to a great game and an improving effort.

14/1A	7 for 295	AKA Crusaders	8 for 89	First innings win
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Batting first, our openers Jonathan (22, with 4 fours) and James (53, with 6 fours) got us off to a great start putting on 57 runs in the first 19 overs for the first wicket. The fall of the first wicket brought in Blake who proceeded to produce the, his and the teams highest individual score to date. Blake scored a magnificent 142 hitting 18 fours and one six and sharing partnerships of 69 with James, 48 with Brent (13), 83 with Jack Michie (18) and 26 with Praveen (18 with 2 fours and a six). The boys scored a whopping 95 runs in the last 10 overs!

AKA was always going to struggle to get anywhere near our total. Although their openers looked solid in defence, they found it very difficult to score against our opening pair of Anoop (0/1 off 5 overs) and Jack Farrel (0/2 off 5 overs) who bowled eight maidens in a row. That set the tone for the rest of the morning and the scoring was very slow through the innings with wickets falling at regular intervals. The wickets were shared by Blake (2/2 off 4 overs), Joel (2/13 off 8) Mitchell (2/24 off 10) Jack Michie (1/13 off 5) and Praveen (1/7 off 5).

An excellent first up performance with both bat and ball by the whole team.

15/3	10 for 81, 10 for 38	Pendle Hill Colts	8 for 137	Outright loss
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Bad luck guys on the loss but this was our first game together and it was evident that you all tried hard and put in 100%. It was always going to be a big challenge with only 7 players in the first week and 9 in the second week. There was some great batting by Karanbir (20) and Blake (19) in the first innings, with a partnership of 42 runs. Dineth (6) looked good with the bat until he hit the ball onto the wickets. Bad luck Dineth. There was some great bowling by Brendan, 3/19 off 9 overs, Michael, 2/10 off 3 overs, Jack, 2/22 off 6 overs and Praween, 1/7 off 3 overs. Kausthub also bowled economically with 8 overs 0/15 and was unlucky not to take a wicket with that effort. Some great catches by Hugh at mid on, a one hander by Jack at square leg and Praween at mid off. There was also some great batting in our second innings with Jack (19) and Brendan (9) trying desperately to stay in and ward off an outright loss. Thank you to Krish, Kausthub's dad and for umpiring in week one and Brendan's dad, Michael, for umpiring at square leg in the second week. Thanks also to Judy, Hugh's mum, for her help with scoring. Keep up the hard work guys.

15/2	10 for 110	Kings Langley	8 for 251	First innings loss
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With only 9 players on the first day, we were sent into bat after losing the toss. Last season's successful opening combination of Michael Waddups and Chris Gunton again gave the team a solid start putting on 44 for the 1st wicket before Chris was out for a well compiled 24. However, the team failed to capitalise on this start, being all out for 110. Michael Waddups top scored with 25 and was the last wicket to fall. Despite not being in the best of form, Michael's innings was a great example of concentration and the almost 2.75 hours he spent at the batting crease will no doubt stand him in good stead for coming matches. The only other significant contribution was a hard hitting quick fire 21 from Blaine O'Brien which included a towering 6.

This was a score that was always going to be difficult to defend on a smallish ground and fast outfield. Kings Langley finished the first day at 3 for 49. Early wickets were the key on the second morning. The Kings Langley batsmen held firm against some good early pace bowling from Ben Graham and James Galofaro, followed by a very tight spell of medium pace from Saj Howpage which included 3 consecutive maiden overs. However, we were unable to take the 4th wicket until they had reached the first innings lead of 111. Kings Langley then proceeded to bat in a more attacking vain to reach 8 for 251. James Galofaro finished with 2 for 45 off 11 overs, Udit Pillay picked up 2 for 43 off 7 overs while Damian Wilks picked up 3 quick wickets for 45.

This was a game that was tighter than the end scores might suggest. Even another 30 or 40 runs would have had Kings Langley under far greater pressure chasing our score.

15/1	10 for 51	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 86	First innings loss
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After losing the toss we were asked to field. Our bowlers did a fine job early restricting the flow of runs. In particular Matt and Tevin provided great bowling displays, taking key wickets. The fielding was generally good though there were a couple of costly dropped catches and a very close missed run-out, both at crucial stages during their innings. Pendle Hill All Out 86

The second week didn't go according to plan. Despite some good batting from both Sam and Matt, there just wasn't the back up required to go the distance out in the middle. When we started to build some sort of partnership, Pendle Hill seemed to make a breakthrough with relative ease, which is of concern. Baulkham Hills All Out 51

A great deal more patience is needed at the crease from all of our batsmen if we are going to challenge for a spot at the end of the season.

Matt SAMUELS:-10 Overs 5 maidens 4 for 15

Tevin LIYANAGE:-10 overs 5 maidens 3 for 12

16/1	3 for 261	Kellyville	10 for 167, 2 for 56	First innings win
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No report

B14	BYE	BYE
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Nothing to report

B13	BYE	BYE
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Nothing to report

B11	BYE	BYE
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Nothing to report

B10	BYE	BYE
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Nothing to report

B9	BYE	BYE
Nothing to report		

B8	5 dec 235	Guildford Leagues	10 for 94, 10 for 59	Outright win
Welcome back viewers to the central commentary position for another season of superlatives, sledging and half truths. Its seems like only yesterday the B10's were modestly celebrating a totally dominant maiden season of unparalleled skill resulting in a swathe of accolades including Minor Premiers, Premiers and Baulko crickets' Team of the Year! A simply marvellous effort that!				

Well, enter the 2008-09 B8's season and the more things changes the more they stay the same. (Stay tuned for more clichés to come)

Last season's all conquering squad remained relatively unchanged apart for losing our keeper Rowdy, who is currently touring the US in the Laser Tag World Series. Our off season recruiting suffered a setback when a 43 year old, balding, hobbled, decrepit, arthritic, broken down, pathetic, out to pasture has-been who couldn't get a bowl in a Chinese restaurant or get a bat in a cave, who just wanted to play cricket with his mates was not allowed by the PDCA to join the illustrious band of merry men. (That's another story that we won't go into right now) This player named Alan Butterworth will remain anonymous. New Caps, Cameron "Friction" Burns and Pete "Neeewwwmaaan" Newman stepped into the breach and proved to be valuable additions to an already wonderful team of cricketers.

Continuing the theme of "the more things change..." Captain cranky, having been encouraged to practice his "tossing" during the off season, so we could at least get off to a better start than last season, proved that he had picked the wrong meaning of the word and proceeded to lose the toss for the 10th game running. His new white shirt to allow for his rippling right bicep looks nice though.

Positional changes for the run on team have been limited to the illustrious Captain Cranky now moving to the position of wicket keeper. Having last season bowled 300 overs, batted in the top order scoring over 400 runs, taking all the catches and being awarded the Bowling Award, Batting Award, Fielding Award, Best and Fairest, Most Valuable Player, Supporter of the Year, Clubman of the Year, Captain of the Year and All Round Good Guy Award, thought he would add wicket keeping to his already impressive resume. It is believed he wants to limit his bowling this season to only 200 overs! That's the benefit of having a new and improved right arm!

The Guildford 10 batted first and despite a good start faltered after Cranks slowed the over rate to a crawl with constant sorties to bowlers mark despite having the keepers gloves on. Those same gloves would later let him down when he proved clues less to the spin bowling of a 10 year old boy. Never-the-less Guildford collapsed (94 all out) in the face of an onslaught by a man with arthritic knees, no viewers, not Ward, aka Ozzie Osborne, but the newbie "Neeewwwmaaan" who captured 5-15. Super Effort That!!

So 94 was the target in this typically stinken flamin hot day in Guildford which was quickly overhauled with the aid of the same 10 year old boy who, as a minor, will not be named, scored a quick fire 114. Special mention must go to "Just Evan" who took part in the 141 partnership with the 10 year old and was absolutely dominant scoring 32 of the runs. Great effort that and is a player to watch in the future. Well done Evan (who also took 4 catches for the match but we wont "gild the lily") We did mention more clichés coming! Well there it is.

An amazing event did happen 30 mins before stumps. The 10 year old was just dismissed after scoring 20 runs in 5 balls, The colour blind Cranky joined the fray to partner the legally blind "Just Evan" to then appeal against the light. Go figure!! After the match there was plenty of crack on offer for the boys as a reward for a great day's cricket. Thanks Evan for bending over and leaving us with that lasting impression. If it wasn't for his bonds undies we would all be blind. Simply marvellous!

Week 2.

Back to the dismantling of the Guildford 10! This started off with worrying signs for Baulko as late arrivals being AN, AG, Mr. Cricket, The Holy Trinity and "Neeewwwmaaan" meant that losing early wickets was not an option at this stage. "Just Evan" again our saviour played another dominant role in the 44 partnership with Cranky scoring 12 of those runs. Well done again Evan!! Baulko plundered the attack the finally declare at 5-235 with a 140 runs lead.

Guilford's 2nd innings piled on the grief due to a commanding fielding display at first slip by the "motivational coach" and proved the inspiration for JJ's aka "Just Evan" fielding efforts. In an act of mercy Guildford was put out of their misery by being dismissed for 59 providing the Outright Win and a perfect start to the new season. This win, however, was clouded by the health scare of a key player who was displaying signs of an early assault of dementia by forgetting the score book twice in one day! We all wish him the best as he overcomes this challenge. The test results are expected back any day and our thoughts

are with him at this point in time. Anywhoooo, special mention goes to The Wiley Old Fox who in the capacity of part time spectator/ non player did manage to empty half of the esky and smoke all the ciggies. Well done and a simply sensational effort Ward!!

What a start to sensaaaastional summer of cricket.

So viewers, there you have it until next week. An enthralling display of wonderful cricket, and now east coast viewers will be leaving us for the 6 o'clock news

Richie and Tony

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Nothing to report

B3	10 for 204	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 175	First innings win
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The B3's this season is basically a combination of last years B1's and B4's teams. The season started well under clear skies, (unusual for the first game) and the skipper won the toss and elected to bat. Highlight being a personal best for Sam Freeman, who opened the batting, and almost carried his bat – being the last man dismissed on 98. Sam batted beautifully, and it seems this year he will (finally) fulfil his potential and natural strokeplay. We all felt for Sam when he was caught at point two runs short of a century.

We had Seven Hills four down by the end of day one, with veteran Dave Cope collecting three of these wickets with a great run-out thanks to a bullet throw from Keith Morrison. We could have had another couple, as a hot catch was dropped and a confident appeal for caught behind have everyone on the affirmative except the person in the middle who counted.

We were in the wickets early again on day two, with Copey again in the wickets, including a great caught behind taken by Scott Thorn. Dave Cope bowled almost the entire innings from the northern end, and ended up with outstanding figures on 7/40 off 18 overs. Matt Hardy and Banksy picked up the other couple of wickets. Seven Hills fell 30 runs short of the target, but really never looked confident in getting there. Our fielding was very committed and all in all, lots of positive signs for the season ahead.

B2	6 for 166	Hills Barbarians A	10 for 164	First innings win
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Playing against one of last years semi finalists we bowled first on a hot day and a quick small/outfield and did well to restrict Hills Barbarians to 164. Wickets were shared between seven bowlers (Pat 1/19, Sacha 1/7, Jono 1/34, new boy Hansie 2/7, fill in Roger 2/32, Murph 2/28 and fill in Dane 1/0).

At stumps on the first day we had ridden our luck and were in 0/30 in reply. Homsy did a great job to see it through to stumps after being promoted to open. On the second day we only really needed one decent partnership to get us home, and we left it to the seventh wicket to do it! We were in a bit of trouble at 6/103, but a fine unbeaten 63 run partnership by Matty Smith (30 not out) and Brad Murphy (33 not out) got us home. Highlights include Murph hitting his first ball received for six and a couple of Matty's cracking cover drives.

Special thanks to Roger, Dane and Rick for filling in for us as we were struggling for numbers for this game.

Highlights:

Pat Mamo 1/19 (10)

Sacha 1/7 (5)

Jono 1/34 (6)

Hansie 2/7 (7)

Roger 2/32 (8)

Brad 2/28 (5) & 33 not out

Dane 1/0 (0.2)

Jason 48

Steve 25

Matt 30 not out

A	5 for 195	Kings Langley	10 for 191	First innings win
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After completing just 5 games prior to the finals in season 07-08 it was a veritable treat to have blue skies and temperatures nudging the 30 degree mark for all (except the pace bowlers). With a far more abbreviated pre season schedule training than last year, coming up against last season's wooden spooner's, Kings Langley, provided an opportunity to clear away the rust and get off to a winning start in 07-08.

However, bowling first we were unable to capture the early break throughs required to get on top early. Through a combination of less than efficient use of the new ball and composed batting we looked set to head to the drinks break wicket less, until a combination of the old and the new transpired with 17 year old debutant wicketkeeper Mark affecting a stunning leg-side stumping from the left arm medium pace of the team's elder statesmen Bobby Simpson (1-17 from 6).

Thereafter, Kings counterattacked and few wickets fell with their number five taking a liking to the offerings and subsequently making a commanding 72 with support from the top four. With heaving inroads established by Kings, and with wickets in hand, they had the opportunity to put on a sizable total, but as they attempted to hit the accelerator we came back into the game strongly with spells from the long awaited A-Grade debutant Ben Dooley (1-13 from 9) and Keenan Galas (1-22 from 8) and Jack Townsend (2-44 from 11) respectively. However, it was Adam Tinley, fresh from the examination room who really curtailed the run scoring picking up 4 wickets (4-52 from 12) thanks to his superb control and the extra bounce he extracts from his 6'5" frame. In the end Kings batted their allotment of 63 overs making a credible 191.

Our run chase began shakily losing both openers inside the first 30 minutes to leave us 2-23. However, a period of consolidation followed by strong counter attack saw us swing the run chase strongly in our favour with an aggressive 36 from Bobby Simpson and an equally aggressive 55 from Captain Sumit Kalia. Any deliveries that were not on the mark saw both Sumit and Bobby send the ball crashing into, and often over the pickets. Those watching were spoiled with the opportunity to witness the full array of strokes from both players including cuts, drives, pulls and delicate flicks to all parts of the ground. Both players fell in fairly quick succession leaving the door ajar for the opposition, but soon enough a innings of elegant stoke play mixed in with reckless endeavour from Keenan Gals (29) who supported the long awaited A-Grade debutant, Dooley (54 not out) saw victory secured for Baulkham Hills. Dooley's innings was simply outstanding! His timing and natural power saw him generate boundaries all around the ground, and his ability to drive on the up off front and back foot was highly impressive. With all batsmen taking advantage of any loose offering it came as little surprise that the 192 required for victory was acquired inside 46 overs with 5 wickets in hand.

Overall then, while our bowling was below the expected high standard thanks to the endemic rust of round 1, our run chase was commanding and punctuated with some technically proficient and powerful stroke play from Bobby Simpson (36), Sumit Kalia (55) and Ben Dooley (54 not out) in particular.