

The Third Man's Report

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

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

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

To all Captains, Coaches and Managers

Match Results

I need match results in **following the conclusion of the game**, so they can be submitted to the PDCA. You can either drop them off at the club or email them to me at results@baulkocricicket.com.au. 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:

B9	Outright win	B10	Outright win
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Individual Achievements

Andrew Denlow	A	49	Jack Carney	15/3	40 & 23
Steve Sarlog,	B2	66 no	Jack Delaney	14/1A	151 no
Andrew McLellan	B2	3/31	Mitchell Webb	14/1A	33
Matt Hardy	B3	5/91 & 52	Blake Newman	14/1A	2/5
Greg McLoughlin	B3	92	Joel Pienmunne	14/1A	2/9
Brett McLaren	B7A	4/32	Praveen Samarasingha	14/1A	2/13
Richard McInerney	B7A	4/27 & 60	Sam Shiel	14/1B	2/20
Daniel Chatman	B8	102	Taylor Stewart	14/2	4/5
Tony Senior	B8	8/57	Jasan Grewal	14/2	21no-carried bat
Nirav Goradia	B9	108	Joshua Monks	14/3	27
Nirav Goradia	B9	6/29 & 5/1	George Joseph	13/1	55
A. Chauhan	B9	75no & 4/24	Joshua Koski	13/1	3/27
John Mclean	B10	4/27 & 3/0	Bryce Stewart	13/1	2/40
John Young	B10	3/27	Daniel Leafe	13/2A	4/1
Greg Leeson	B13	69	Luke Bertus	13/2A	3/13
Don Crawford	B13	42	Jayden Stafford	13/2A	28
Christian Millgate	B13	3/18	Tanveer Mokha	13/2A	25
Matt Toomey	B14	6/15	Raad Monir	13/2B	4/16
Ben Abbott	16/1	56	Tom Waddups	12/1	2/8
Michael Bennetts	16/1	6/32	Mark Foscett	12/3	3/15
Tevin Liyanage	15/1	4/57 & 42	Jamie Bugden	12/3	3/16
Daniel Mason	15/1	3/33 & 45	Jimmy Farrell	12/3	42
Sanji Fernando	15/1	37	Patrick Hassarati	11/1	47
Sam Hubbard	15/1	31	Arsh Kapila	11/1	3/1
Saj Howpage	15/2	4/23	Luke Jerome	11/1	2/4
Michael Waddups	15/2	32	Yuvn Liyanage	11/2	2/14
Kausthub Krihnamurthy	15/3	4/17	Nile Rahman	11/2	25

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
October 25 2008	B10	14/2
November 1 2008	B11	14/3
November 8 2008	B13	13/2A
November 22 2008	B2	13/1
November 29 2008	B9	10 Blue
December 6 2008	B7	10 White
December 13 2008	B8	12/1

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
October 25 2008	B11
November 8 2008	A Grade
November 22 2008	B14
December 6 2008	B2
January 24 2009	B3
February 7 2009	B7

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
October 24 2008	B14
October 31 2008	B3
November 7 2008	B7
November 14 2008	B9
November 21 2008	B10
November 28 2008	B11
December 5 2008	A Grade

Request for Sponsorship – 7 Bridges Walk

Club Treasurer, Peter Gunton, is taking part in a 25 kilometre charity walk in Sydney on Sunday 26 October, known as the 7 bridges walk, to raise money for the Cancer Council, Heart Foundation, Beyond Blue, and Diabetes Australia. Details of the event can be found at www.7bridgeswalk.com.au. He is seeking sponsorship from club members, and if you wish to sponsor him, please contact him on 8836 3123 or 0402 246484 or e-mail at petergunton@optusnet.com.au

The President's Roundup

Well, we had mixed results for round 3, with 8 out of 10 seniors winning, but juniors showing more losses than wins. There were some outstanding performances, led by Nirav Goradia of the B9's. He scored 108 and then proceeded to take 6/29 & 5/1 with the ball. The grading stewards will definitely be in touch Nirav. The team had an outright win, with Amit Chauhan also chipping in with 75no & 4/24. Daniel Chatman with 102 & Tony Senior with 8/57 helped the B8's to a first innings win, whilst Steve Sarlog scored 66 no for the B2's. Other performances of note were Greg Leeson (B13) with 69, Matt Toomey (B14) who took 6/15, Matt Hardy (B3) with 5/91 & 52 and Greg McLoughlin (B3) with 92. A Grade also recorded a good win over last year's premiers Greystanes.

In juniors Jack Delaney (U14/1A) scored 151 no, George Joseph (U13/1) scored 55, Ben Abbott (U16/1) scored 56 & Michael Bennetts took 6/32. Well done to all these players.

Baulko celebrates its 90th year this year and the social committee are busy planning lots of events. These include the game against the Vision Impaired Cricketers on November 9, the annual Bankstown Challenge matches in early February, the Trivia Night and Junior Double Wicket in February, the Seniors v Colts in March and a 90th Anniversary Dinner in March. We will also be selling 90th Anniversary wines, specially labelled with our logo. Tasting will be held at the November Monthly meeting, so all the more reason to attend.

Good luck to Peter Gunton and three of his U15/2 players, who are taking part in the Seven Bridges Walk on Sunday, to raise money for various charities. If you would like to donate or sponsor Peter, please call him. Check the website for his number.

The NSW DCA competition commences this weekend. Good luck to all the Parramatta teams. PDCA has teams in the following divisions:

Juniors - U11 Creak Shield, U12 Cawsey Shield, U13 Gee Shield, U14 Moore Shield, U15 Weblin Shield & U16 Watson Shield.

Seniors: U19 Durham Shield & Opens Martin Shield where some 9 Baulko players are representing Parramatta

The junior competition will run through until mid December and seniors will continue until February next year. Congratulations to Antonio Castellarin who was also selected in rep sides, but was omitted from the list in the last Owzatt.

Some housekeeping matters. Please ensure that grounds are cleaned up after your game. You should remove any rubbish and place it in the bins or take it with you – whether home or away. Also, where the toilet facilities have keys, please make sure they are locked before you leave. All teams have been given keys! At Ted Horwood, please ensure only one car is parked inside the ground. This is to allow the kit to be brought inside. No other cars should be inside the ground and definitely no parking on the netball court!

In2Cricket is up and running on Friday nights at Charles McLaughlin and has about 60 players registered. All senior teams have been allocated one night to come along and assist with coaching, so please make sure you help when rostered.

Don't forget the meat raffle and members badge draw – held on the first week of each round at the sports club. The draw will take place around 7pm. Congratulations to Scott Thorn who won the badge draw last round, collecting a tidy \$200. Make sure your name and badge number is registered by emailing your name, badge number and team to jackpotdraw@baulkocricicket.com.au. See you at the Sporto on Saturday night!

Go Baulko!

Peter McLoughlin

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	8 for 108	Greystanes	10 for 90	Win on averages
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The week off must have done the boys some good because they came out firing. After winning the toss and choosing to bat Aidan and Sam started the boys off well. Cameron and Thomas also had a good partnership. Alex was determined not to miss any opportunity to score runs chasing down no-balls, anything to get a run and it paid off, he was the top scorer with a fantastic 15 runs.

The boys finished up with 108 runs and only conceded 7 wickets with an average of 13.5 an improvement from last games average of 12.0.

In reply Greystanes batted well finishing with 9 for 90 with an average of 10.7 they had no answer for our busy fielding and exciting bowling. The best bowling figures went to Matthew Dunn with 2-5 with Alec, William Smith, Sam, Cameron, Rufus, Thomas and William Abbott also picking up one wicket each. Other highlights in the field were some fantastic run outs with direct hits from Alec and William Smith. Good win, thanks boys.

10 Red	7 for 126	Hills Barbarians	8 for 71	Win on averages
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Performances

Ruvn Mendis 12 n.o , 1 stumping, 1 run out

Dilshan Wijesena 11 n.o , 1 for 4 & 2 stumpings

Armaan Dhaliwal 11 n.o

Stephen Burns 9 n.o & 1 for 4.

Losing the toss & fielding first for the first time in 15 games was something different for us. We were hot in the field. Our ground fielding was superb on a lightning fast ground. The commitment by our team was shown by diving, putting bodies on the line & generally not giving the opposition much room to move. They only got one boundary from us in 33 overs. There was also a lot of talking in the field. To restrict them to a total of 71 was a great effort.

Week 2 saw us get off to a great start with Ruvn & Armaan tearing their bowling attack apart with some great shots. We had almost reached their total by drinks. The instruction from the coach at this point was to shut up shop & defend wickets to keep our average up & take a comfortable victory. This was almost followed to the letter until a couple of unlucky wickets fell. A late splurge of runs came from Dilshan & Stephen with some fantastic controlled shots. That's 3 from 3 boys, keep showing that commitment & we will have a great season. Well done!

10 White	12 for 105	Kellyville	10 for 125	Loss on averages
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The toss was won by Kellyville and they elected to bat.

Sheehan (1 for 10) and Tom (1 for 14) opened the bowling for Baulko with Sheehan achieving success in his second over when he cleaned bowled one of the Kellyville openers. Tom also took a wicket in his second over with a great stumping by Malachi. Following on from this early success both Blake (3 for 4) and Harrison (2 for 8) kept up the pressure on the Kellyville batsmen with some very accurate bowling displaying good line and length. Malachi swapped his wicket keeping pads with Tom and immediately took 2 wickets in his first over, unlucky not to achieve a hat trick, with a catch just falling out of the reach of a diving Johan who made a great attempt to catch the ball. Malachi ended with figures of 2 for 0. The other bowler to take a wicket was Jaelyn (1 for 9) and she is improving with every match. The other boys all tried hard to take a wicket when it was their turn to bowl and you can see the improvement in their bowling with each game and it will only be a matter of time before all boys are taking wickets. The other bowling figures were Nicholas (0 for 18), James (0 for 7), Eric (0 for 14), Yasith (0 for 19), Johan (0 for 10) and Binara (0 for 6). Blake took the only catch of the innings with a great catch off his own bowling and Sheehan made a good run out by throwing down the wicket with a bullet-like throw.

Baulko's turn to bat and Blake (8) and Harrison (8 no) opened the batting and batted very well against a good opening attack from Kellyville. Next to bat was Nicholas (11) and Tom (11 no) who carried on with the good start made by Blake and Harrison. James (9) and Malachi (16) kept the score ticking over with Malachi hitting the only boundary of our innings. Johan (9), Yasith (8), Binara (11), Jaelyn (4), Sheehan (6 no) and Eric (4) all tried hard to reach Kellyville's total however we came up a little short and with the loss of 12 wickets our average score was not enough to beat Kellyville who were deserved winners.

Best performances were:-

Bowling: Blake 3 for 4; Malachi 2 for 0; Harrison 2 for 8

Batting: Malachi 16; Nicholas 11; Tom 11; Binara 11

11/2	10 for 120	Hills Barbarians B	6 for 162	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

11/1	2 for 121	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 43, 4 for 75	First innings win
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No report submitted.

12/3	9 for 132	Hills Barbarians	7 for 148	First innings loss
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Not a win but well played by all.

Christian was captain for the game with some excellent bowling from Mark Foskett with 3 wickets for 15 and Jamie Bugden scoring 3 for 16. Everyone put in good efforts on the field and was supported by Jake behind the wickets.

All the boys batted exceptionally well Jimmy Farrell 42 runs and Milo's 14 topping up our score but not quite enough for a win.

Well done boy's a great game we kept the pressure on all the way never giving in , well played , we just need a bit more practise and to refine our skills and we can only get better from now on.

12/2	10 for 82	AKA Crusaders	9 for 140	First innings loss
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A big learning experience for us! Sid was our captain for this round. He won the toss & elected to bowl! At that time we had only 8 players. I had to call Varun's dad to rush & bring him to the ground. Connor & Viv opened the bowling with great confidence. Soon Connor got the opener clean bowled! Excellent work! Then Nikhil & James came on and troubled the AKA batsmen. Ricky was superb and with powerful pace attack and got the breakthrough and got the other opener clean bowled. Soon he got another batsman clean bowled. Brilliant! We frustrated their top order so much that the score board remained still for a long time. All our bowlers contributed very well for the team! But our fielding soon deteriorated. We were not sharp enough and we missed a few opportunities. We relaxed too much and let the game slip through our fingers. We have to learn a lot from this experience! At the tail end of the game Viv took three great catches! Excellent! Our over rate is still very slow and we managed to bowl only 50 overs on the first day!

On the second day we batted without our usual determination and purpose. We lost early wickets and we could not recover in spite of a brave fight put up by our middle order. Nikhil top scored and remained not out. Well done! We were unfortunate that a couple of umpiring decisions went against us! I was away attending a course but I rang up Tracy & Paul and got the running commentary. We will go through new drills on this training day and prepare ourselves for the next round with new strategies in place.

We might have lost but we surely gained a lot of tactical knowledge & experience!

Michael Clarke's T 20 game versus Blacktown City:

What an exciting day for our dream team! This was our first T20 match, and wearing coloured jerseys! We were all pumped up. Everybody looked great in their new Twenty 20 shirts. Viv was our captain for this match. He won the toss & elected to bat! Our batting was solid! Viv & Sid opened the batting with great composure & confidence. Viv carried the bat and remained not out! Sid was very impressive! Well done guys! Snowy came on first drop and did a fantastic job! He top scored with stylish fours which was so delightful that even the opposition was full praise for him! Well done! Cameron was in his best and remained not out. Excellent! For the first time our fielding was sharp and the bowling was terrific! All bowlers contributed to the team very well. Connor & Nikhil opened our bowling with excellent line & length. Soon Rithwick & Sumal came on and they were on song. Sumal bowled 2 overs both maidens and he took a wicket. Brilliant! Varun bowled with all heart and was rewarded with a delightful wicket. Blake & Tony bowled brilliantly to contain the Blacktown. Well done guys! Sid & Viv bowled well each capturing important wickets. Excellent work!

Man of the Match: Matt Price – for his brilliant batting & superb keeping! Well done Snowy!

In all, in freezing conditions, our dream team fired up to produce an emphatic victory! All parents can be proud of this phenomenal effort. We are looking forward to the next round!

12/1	10 for 69, 7 for 58	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 157	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

13/2B	10 for 32, 10 for 42	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 105	Outright loss
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No report submitted.

13/2A	10 for 51, 10 for 114	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 44, 5 for 51	First innings win
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What an eventful game this was. Won the toss and elected to bat. Were missing a few players due to the school holidays, but so was the opposition. Wickets unfortunately fell fast, and by the 22nd over we were all out for 51, with Pavan the highest run scorer on 8. A team talk from Nigel kept the boys focused on the achievable task ahead. Rouse Hill went into bat. Some very fine bowling followed, with wickets once again falling fast. After 26 overs we had Rouse Hill all out for 44 runs, scoring the first innings win. This was a really great team effort with a fine display of bowling and fielding. Wickets were taken by Luke (3 for 13), Pavan (1 for 11) and Daniel with an amazing 4 for 1. Catches were taken by Sean, Jackson, Jaden (our reserve player for the day) and Devin.

So, back into bat we went, still on the first day. At stumps we had lost 3 wickets for 11 runs. Come day two we had our full compliment of players back. Some very fine batting followed, particularly from Tanveer, Luke, Jayden and Pavan. Wanting to ensure we had a big enough score, we continued to bat until just after the break, when we were all out for 114 runs, giving us a lead of 121 runs. Rouse Hill went back into bat and looked a little dangerous with some big hitters. We put in a huge team effort in trying to get the outright, with some further displays of fine bowling, but time ran out. At stumps we had Rouse Hill 5 for 51, missing the outright but securing our first innings win. Wickets were taken by Daniel (1 for 9), Michael (2 for 14) – well done Michael, Tanveer (1 for 5) and Luke (1 for 8). Catches were taken by Pavan and Jayden. Special mention must also go to Humzah who was our 13th man, due to having to borrow a player last week. Despite not being able to bat or bowl he never complained and gave his full effort in the field. Thank you for that Humzah. Fielding award for the match went to Daniel.

Keep up the good work boys. As Nigel said, you are a really talented team who work well together. Let's keep our focus, practicing the things we need to at training and fine tuning our skills. Look forward to the next game.

13/1	7 for 138	Wenty Leagues	6 for 173	First innings loss
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Captain Bryce won the toss and sent Wenty Leagues to bat on an outfield which was slow due to fair amount of grass grown.

Right from the beginning Wenty seemed well set to make a tall score. However Baulko had an early break when the score was 22 when their opener fell to a good catch by the captain in the 2nd over of Josh Koski. Though Baulko maintained generally a good line and length Wenty had answers for the bowling and kept their run rate at a steady 3 runs per over. Their second wicket also fell to another catch by Bryce when Amar came in to bowl and earned a wicket maiden. Wenty's opener resisted Baulko's attack and continued to score a lot of singles but fell for a run out from a good throw by Michael to the wicket keeper Cody when their score was 104. Wenty subsequently started losing rest of their wickets at regular intervals and finished their innings with an over all target for Baulko at 9 for 173. Josh Koski's figures were 3 for 27, Bryce 2 for 40 and Amar 1 for 9 while the rest 3 wickets were run out.

Baulko started our batting on the following week which had a still slower outfield with further grown grass. Wenty maintained a tight bowling which made scoring that much more difficult for us. Out run rate continued on at around just over 2 runs per over. Opener George kept one end going with a lot of singles while the other end saw regular turn over of batsmen. Our first wicket fell when the score was 26. The partnership for 3rd and 4th wicket were about 30 runs but the slow run rate from the beginning with much slower outfield did not help our cause much. Baulko finished the innings at the drawn of stumps with a score of 7 for 138 thus conceding 1st innings victory to Wenty.

George was declared the Man of the Match with a not out score of 55 runs.

Baulko will have to wait for another game for the elusive victory.

14/3	10 for 110, 1 for 32	Wenty Leagues	6 for 506	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

14/2	10 for 74	Greystanes	10 for 163	First innings loss
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Tom L and Ruben (co captains) won the toss and decided to bowl again. Unfortunately, Greystanes bowlers took a liking to our attack after getting 0/192 against us last season. The boys worked hard in the field and bowling, but we still let too many runs go. At one stage Greystanes were 3/150 but we recovered well to bowl them out for 163. Tom L (0/18 off 10) was unlucky not to get a wicket, Ruben (2/25 off 8), Haytham (0/29 off 7), Todd (1/33 off 9), Amit (1/38 off 10) and Dilshan (1/2 off 1) all bowled well but the stand out was Taylor, who doesn't usually bowl, taking 4/5 off 8 overs. Well done Taylor. Also well done to Jack on a superb stumping. Good performance towards the end of the innings to restrict their total boys, especially fielding all day with 10 players and without 2 of our regular bowlers!

We lost early wickets with the bat to be 6/31 before partnerships between Jasan and Jack and Jasan and Ruben took us to 71, before we lost our 9th (last wicket) when the score was 74. Standout with the bat was Jasan (21 n.o), who carried his bat through the whole innings. He showed the boys you can easily work the ball around instead of going for the big shots. Another

big game this week against Kings Langley, with a bit of work on our batting and fielding, we are in with a big chance of doing really well this season!

Round 2 vs Guildford Leagues

We won the toss and bowled first. Ansul bowled a superb opening spell (4/4/0/0) along with Tom L (4/2/1/5) and built a lot of pressure on the opposition. Haytham (4/0/1/12) and Todd (4/0/0/9) supported them well and Geoff took 4/12 off 5 overs at first change. Tom L and Ansul then came back on and cleaned up the tail, Ansul finishing with 1/6 off 6 and Tom 4/5 off 5.2. We bowled them out for 54, with 9 ducks on their scorecard.

Jasan and Taylor opened the batting and we started slowly, being 1/17 off 8 overs. Jasan (9) and Geoff (2) got out in quick succession before Tom L (23 n.o) and Taylor (17 n.o) saw us over the line with a quick 34 run partnership. A great effort by the team..

14/1B	10 for 70	Baulkham Hills A	7 for 244, 3 for 88	First innings loss
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Baulko A's batted first and although we created plenty of opportunities, we dropped too many catches and let them off. They made the most of the opportunities and set a good score. Sam Shiel was the best of the bowlers with 2/20 off his 10 overs. He backed that up with 2/10 in the second innings. Antonio Castellarin and Josh Balzarolo chipped in with a wicket each. Trent Samuels and Samuel Bennetts each got 2 runouts in the match.

They bowled very well. Joshua Stevenson top scored with 16 and Greg Malyon (13 n/o) and James Senior (11) batted well.

Good luck next game, boys.

14/1A	7 for 244, 3 for 88	Baulkham Hills B	10 for 70	First innings win
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Stand in captain Mitchell won the toss and elected for us to bat. We didn't get off to the best of starts with Joel being run out early for a duck. Mitchell came in at number 3 and proceeded to make batting look like the simplest thing in the world. He and Jack Michie shared an excellent partnership of 44 before Mitchell was out for 33. This brought in Jack Delaney who took the score to 79 with Jack M at morning tea. Their partnership was set to blossom after the break when Jack M. was out LBW for 14. Jack D. was 30 not out at morning tea and just limbering up. After the break he proceeded to play a magnificent innings to be 151 not out at the end of the day, hitting 10 sixes and eight fours in the process. Brent (2), James (duck) and Anoop (2) came and went in quick succession before Jack Farrel (15) and Taseen (9 not out) shared in partnerships of 60 and 58 respectively with Jack D. The last 100 runs come in just 12 overs and we ended the day at 7 for 244.

The second day got off to the best of starts with Blake (2/5 off 5) bowling the Maroons number 2 and 3 batsmen with successive balls in his first over. After that the Maroon's innings recovered slowly until Praveen (2/13 off 5) produced another double blow by removing batsmen 4 and 5 in his 4th over. The rest of the wickets were shared by Jack M (1/9 off 5), Anoop (1/7 off 5) and Joel (2/9 off 2.1). Jonathan (0/8 off 4) and Jack F. (0/7 off 2) also bowled steadily and the innings was over in the 32nd over, all out for 70.

We batted a second time and Jonathan (13) and Praveen (34) put on a breezy 44 for the first wicket. Joel batting at 3 went quickly, but Anoop and Jack F. took advantage of the situation hitting 12 and 16 respectively before the umpires called a halt to the proceedings.

15/3	10 for 72, 8 for 72	Wenty Leagues	10 for 143, 2 for 52	First innings loss
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A tough game boys but congratulations on holding off an outright loss. Some great bowling by Kausthub with 4/17 off 8 overs in the 1st innings and 2/9 in the 2nd innings. Jack (2/22), Mahir (2/26), Brendan (1/11) and Praween (1/11) all helped take wickets in the 1st innings to keep the score respectable, considering we only had 9 players on the field. Mike and Hugh fielded well with both taking catches. Some good wicketkeeping by Dineth and Jack helped keep the byes to only 7 for the 2 innings.

We were still short 71 runs in the first innings with Jack scoring 23 runs and Hugh and Brendan with 8 runs each. Wenty went in and batted out a very quick 53 so they could go for an outright win but the Baulko boys had other ideas. Karanbir went out and scored a good 12 runs. Jack came in at number 4 and scored a magnificent 40 runs in 20 minutes. This included two 6's, six 4's and four singles. It was very exciting to watch and the Wenty team started to get a bit worried. You could feel the tension and frustration on the field between the players and their coach. Unfortunately Jack got caught out and this slowed our run rate considerably and we then lost three quick wickets. Brendan and Kausthub were the last two batters and had to hang in there to hold out an outright loss, which they did. Brendan did well by blocking out the last over.

You played the game with a lot of spirit boys. It was great to see. Well done.

15/2	10 for 84, 2 for 38	Winston Hills	8 for 194	First innings loss
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B Hills bowling Saj Howpage 4 for 23 off 7 overs

B Hills batting 1st innings Michael Waddups 32

Winston Hills commenced its innings in overcast conditions with some light rain about. Some tight bowling by James Galofaro, Ben Graham and Udit Pillay restricted the Winston Hills scoring but we were unable to achieve an early breakthrough. This then enabled Winston Hills to build the momentum of the innings through the second half of their overs, aided by 3 or 4 dropped catches that should have been taken, 1 or 2 untidy bits of fielding, and Ben Graham due to illness, being restricted to just 3 overs. This saw Winston Hills reach 8 for 194 off 60 overs. Saj Howpage bowled an excellent second spell to finish with 4 for 23 off 7 overs, while Jon Coulter also bowled tightly as indicated by his 2 for 15 off 8 overs. Blaine O'Brien did a fine job in his first full innings of wicket keeping.

The 194 was probably 30 more runs than Winston Hills should have got but still a gettable target on Max Ruddock no. 1 in the good batting conditions that prevailed on the second day. However, a generally disappointing batting display saw the team dismissed for just 84 in the 41st over. Team captain Michael Waddups, for the second time this season was the last man dismissed, having opened the innings, this time making a well compiled 32, and displaying the concentration and application that is needed to make big scores. A few other batsmen made encouraging starts but were unable to go on with it. With Winston Hills leading by 110 runs on the first innings, Baulkham Hills was asked to follow on and batted out the remaining 40 odd minutes to finish at 2 for 38.

15/1	10 for 223	Greystanes	10 for 296	First innings loss
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We lost the toss and were asked to field. After losing an early wicket Greystanes took advantage of some short early bowling and scored at a rapid rate. Good bowling by both Tev and Mase produced much needed wickets though our opposition were already on the way to a healthy total. Greystanes All Out 296.

Mase and Sanji started the second days play at the batting crease with what would be a difficult task ahead, and nightmares of last years drubbing of our batting attack (by the same opponent, at the same ground) somewhere in the back of all of our minds.

Both batsmen were determined and put on a fine 78 run stand with Mase leading the way with some memorable shots (4 sixes and 3 fours) before he was bowled just 5 short of his half-century.

Tev came to the crease and produced a fine display of timing and placement producing a much needed 61 run partnership with Sanji.

Unfortunately our numbers 4, 5, 6 and 7 failed to accumulate more than 10 runs between them which made our job much harder. Hubbo came to the crease and never gave up. While the tail was wagging around him there was still a slim hope we could chase down the required target, however it did not happen and we were bowled out some 73 runs short. Baulkham Hills All Out 223.

Daniel MASON 45

Tevin LIYANAGE 42

Sanji FERNANDO 37

Sam HUBBARD 31

Tevin LIYANAGE 4 for 57

Daniel MASON 3 for 33

Though we were beaten it was pleasing to see we batted sensibly with determination and did not give up at any stage. Well done lads.

16/1	10 for 151	Wenty Leagues	9 for 194	First innings loss
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The second of our two day fixtures for the year proved to be quite a challenge. We won the toss and decided to bowl, due to the longish damp grass in the out field, and bowled fairly well in the first session without luck. Ben Abbott was our best bowler with 1 for 17 of 6 overs and Riley after a slow start got us rolling with 1-22. However in spite of playing and missing on numerous occasions the opposition were 2 for 110 at drinks and in a mood to push on for a big total. Bring on the spin twins Michael and Matthew who applied great pressure over 23 overs. Michael finished with the superb figures of 6-23, and Matt was unlucky with 1 for 34. Hamish, Vrushank and Ben Delaney also bowled some tight spells to help build the pressure. However they were all out for 194 which was a substantial score.

To say we started the run chase poorly is an under statement, and at one stage we were 6 for 38 before the two Ben's came together. They batted with great power and took to the bowling with a very long handle, with Ben A scoring a great 56 and Ben D a terrific 28, before both falling to big shots. Michael finished off a great all round game scoring 24 not out and if a few had stayed around with him we could well have won the game. Riley applied himself well with the bat but it was not to be our day, and we went down by 43 runs after a valiant fight back.

While our team work in the field was excellent and a marked improvement, one I think we can still play much more industrious, hard nosed cricket. We have the talent, there is no doubt, but we need to toughen up to win games of cricket. What I hope we learned from the game is that we must bat out our allocated overs to win games of cricket. That will take concentration and discipline and needs become part of our team work ethic sooner rather than later. It needs to be the case in this very even competition, where the mentally tough teams will get the points more often than not.

B14	10 for 77, 7 for 72	Kings Langley	10 for 110, 6 dec 122	First innings loss
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Baulkham Hills 1st innings bowling Matt Toomey 8 overs 3 maidens 6 for 15

Baulkham Hills 1st innings batting Jimmy Ou 30

This was a very interesting game of cricket featuring fluctuating fortunes that saw both teams with winning chances at varying stages. Some excellent pace bowling from Matt Toomey, who finished with the outstanding figures of 6 for 15 off 8 overs, well supported by Chris Soares with 2 for 30 and Bryce Jones with 2 for 18 saw the team dismiss Kings Langley for 110. Baulkham Hills commenced its innings with just under 2 hours play available on the first day. After reaching 3 for 45, a mini collapse before play was called off early for bad light saw Baulko finish the day at 6 for 57. This loss of 3 for 12 late on day 1 proved vital in the battle for first innings points. Baulko was only able to add a further 20 runs on day 2 before being dismissed for 77, a lead for Kings Langley of 33 on the first innings. The Baulko batting highlight was a sound innings of 30 from Jimmy Ou, who opened the innings.

Kings Langley went about its second innings with a clear aim of a declaration and giving itself some time to pursue the outright win. Kings Langley declaring its second innings closed at 6 for 122 after 24 overs. In the absence of Matt Toomey on the second day, Bryce Jones (2 for 23) and Chris Soares (1 for 18) again bowled well, supported by Jeff Foskett's 2 for 25. This left Baulko trailing by 155 runs, with 115 minutes left for play. There were some anxious moments with the team slumping to 3 for 20 before recovering somewhat through innings of 20 from Sachin Sachdev and 19 from Dave Hugill, before another mini collapse took the innings to 7 for 70. Fortunately the 2 Chriss, Soares and Gunton were able to bat out the last 10 minutes without further loss, Baulko finishing at 7 for 72.

B13	7 dec 177	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 105, 2 for 45	First innings win
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No report submitted.

B11	5 dec 196	Wenty Leagues	10 for 112, 5 for 90	First innings win
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A. Battle: 4/18

T. DeRidder 2/5

K. Chaudry 2/13

J. Shanahan: 59

T. Chesher: 54 n.o

P. Touzel: 30

N. Perera: 2/7

S. Koralege: 2/34

Day 1:

The day opened up at St Paul's College, Greystanes with Gorman volunteering to undergo the crucial mission of winning the toss in place of our absent Captain who felt he needed a bit of a sleep in on this particular Saturday morning – his excuse was that he had an accounting exam. Isn't that the same thing anyway? Naturally, Gorman's complete lack of practice, experience or general ability in this part of the game meant we were alternating between hastily donning the creams for a day in the field and directing a torrent of abuse and general ridicule towards our (sometimes) reliable keeper.

Walking out to the middle, there was the customary argument between AB and Nils over who would get the best end to bowl from. As is the norm, they finally agreed on an end (in other words, AB backed down from Nils' repeated death threats and wandered down to fine leg) and Nils opened the innings with a few very innocuous and boring deliveries. AB, good team man that he is, took time out of his busy schedule of making sure his hair looked just right to take a couple of wickets to have them reeling at 2-6. Another wicket fell with the score on 20 and by the first drinks break we had them 4-40 odd, courtesy of AB who ended up with 4-18 in a tidy display of bowling.

Coming back on the field, it was Sul and Sparksy's turn to have a go at flinging the ball down. Sul did OK and managed to extract a bit of bounce from the pitch, however this didn't seem to trouble their standout batsman too much who packed him away for a couple of boundaries before the general consensus came out that he should leave. As for Sparksy, he didn't let the new appearance of a beer gut gained in the off-season deter him as he bowled without much luck, managing to pick up a single solitary wicket after being carted around the field every time he bowled a bad ball. Sparksy eventually got the order from the

Captain to "have a rest, mate" which of course we all know translates to: "you're bowling badly".

When the petulant tears stopped flowing, it was time for Kamil and the Door to wrap up the innings. Before they did so, a mix up in communication with the batsmen – where the non-striker seemed to be distracted by something (we later found out it was most likely the two lookers sitting in the pavilion behind him near our gear, tanning their legs) and was run out at the keeper's end. The runout was guaranteed as the ball travelled to AB anyway. Gorman completed the job well, deftly scooping up the unusually wide-ish throw from AB to knock all three stumps down. Gorman always has to knock them all down. Even if he misses one, he'll have another go at it. Must stem from his recent rugby experience.

Kamil and Door bowled well, finishing off the tail between them. Door managed to get a wicket with his first ball, yet couldn't quite bowl straight enough to finish off their number ten, who looked like he was from under 10's as well. Our talented spinner, Kamil wanted plenty of fieldsmen around the wicket with his bowling (despite being extremely reluctant to field in close himself!) and this eventually contributed to their best bat trying to hit over the top and holing out to Nils in the vicinity of short mid on. He was the last man out at 42 and greatly contributed to their score of 112 which was 40-50 runs higher than it should have been. Nevertheless, this was definitely not a total beyond our reach, with most of our batsmen seemingly in good nick from the previous match.

Gilly also owes a certain someone a beer or ten after dropping a dolly of a catch!

Walking out to open the innings and hopefully see out the day without a wicket being lost were Shanahan and Touzel. Of course, the opening two overs were maidens, before Touzel suddenly unleashed a couple of cracking cuts to the boundary off his extra wide and smoking blade which had us questioning the fact that it really was Touzel out there. It was later revealed that the sneaky bloke had half a weetbix (with extra skim milk and around 28 geriatric pills) while reading the paper over breakfast that morning... imagine if he did nine! This must now be a regular event, considering his first scoring shot for the year during the last match was a towering six aided by hurricane strength winds which landed about a foot over the boundary marker over very short backward square! Touzel and Shanahan continued the good work, steadily accumulating runs and made sure we were at a strong position in us being 0-32 at the close of play. We actually had a bit more time to bat, however, seemingly ominous approaching storm clouds gathered up behind one of the bowler's end's accompanied by a couple of lightning flashes. Of course, Touzel and our erstwhile Captain (who both apparently use the PDCA rulebook as comfort toys in bed at night) managed to talk the umpires into calling the game off for a half hour while waiting for the weather to clear. Eventually with the sky getting darker, it was decided to call it quits for the day and we could get on with winning the match next week.

Day 2:

Touzel and Shanahan continued the good work accompanied by Gilly's scintillating Benaud-like commentary of "beautiful" every time Touzel got bounced and "can someone else score, please?" They managed to take the score to 66, before Touzel's weetbix energy ran out when he was on 30. This brought Kamil to the crease. Our man Kamil had spent a long time waiting for his turn in the middle on both Saturdays. It seems the waiting around with his pads, gloves, box, thigh pad and helmet already on, complete with bat in hand, the constant pinching of other people's smokes, etc got to him, as he was soon back under the trees with a donut beside his name. Never mind mate.

With these couple of wickets falling at 66 and 72, it was important we steadied the ship. The Captain and Shanahan took the score to 126 before Shanahan was finally out some time after the drinks break for an elegant 59, while trying to up the scoring rate. I reckon he'll do pretty well this season. He just needs more beer.

Enter the Gorman. He came and went with 19 to his name, including one entertaining over where he took 14 runs off the three balls he faced off their unfortunate spinner. One six landed in the car park and had Sparksy and Pittman hanging around the area to try and hopefully catch one of those \$1000 crowd bonuses. And to protect the cars, of course. Unfortunately for us, their captain had wisely taken off their spinner - only three balls of our stocky keeper launching himself and his bat into two fours and a six had him back-peddalling for a bowling change. It proved successful as Gorman's middle stump was seen cart wheeling towards the keeper from the very next ball he faced. It was entertaining stuff - all of us had a chuckle at his expense.

AB came in with the score at 157 and batted like his usual laidback self. I guess it was effective as he pulled a six over mid wicket to where Nil's vehicle had been an hour before. Earlier Nils had quickly relocated his beloved car (which he probably found in a box of Cornflakes and certainly wouldn't look out of place sitting in the car park of North Parramatta MacDonalds on a Friday night) to the other side of the toilets at the menacing sight of Gorman padding up. This proved to be a good decision, considering where AB's six landed. Wouldn't want a ding in the Millennium Falcon now, would we Nils?

We eventually declared at 196 for 5, with our solid Captain on 54 not out. We had an hour or two before stumps to try and get the outright, but unfortunately this wasn't the case. We had a sniff, when Nils took two wickets with their score at 6, but they proved too stubborn for us, as the next wicket fell at 55. Overall it was a good match where pretty much everyone got a go and we're looking to extend our undefeated streak of two matches to three. Keep it up boys!

B10	10 for 116, 2 for 18	Wenty Leagues	10 for 41, 10 for 92	Outright win
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We lost the toss again and were asked to field. The opening bowlers restricted the scoring to a trickle of runs, and after the 1st change the wickets started the crumble. Thanks to a great effort by John Mclean who snared 3 wickets in the space of 2 overs before he twisted his ankle on the edge of the new pitch, and couldn't bowl anymore. That was just what we needed to start tearing through the middle order, the rest of the bowlers inspired by John's effort, chipped in to roll them for 41. Fantastic, it was a great team effort in the field.

We didn't start the chase very well, at one stage we were 4-23, but thanks to a partnership between Braith Gallard and Gavin Eades we got back on track. We passed the 1st innings total and then started to gain a healthy lead so as to go for the outright. It didn't go quite as planned but we managed to get a 75 run lead which we thought was good enough anyway.

They came out blazing with nothing to lose, we started taking regular wickets which slowed them down, but to the boys credit they backed up the bowlers in the field and soon we had them all out with us needing only 18 runs to take the outright victory.

Great effort boys in what was actually our 1st complete game for the year.

B9	10 for 318	Wenty Leagues	10 for 64, 10 for 48	Outright win
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Everyone from the subcontinent has been walking with their chests out and noses in the air after the thrashing dished out on the weekend. For those of you who were there, you know what I'm talking about. We ended up winning the match by an innings and some 200 runs! Yes, I am not talking about our brothers back home, I am talking about the brothers in the Parramatta district cricket.

On the face of it, it sounds like an incredible performance by the team. In reality, it wasn't. The team did hardly anything. Two guys in the team pretty much did everything while the others contributed with a lot of clapping and sledging of the two guys who did all the work. The obvious question is who those two star performers were. Well, as Sherlock Holmes would say, "Elementary Dr Watson. Let's get there through a process of elimination."

We won the toss and chose to bat – simply because the skipper couldn't be bothered bowling. The usual openers did the usual thing. One opener was back in the hut before the first over was over. The second opener followed not much later.

For those of you, who are unfamiliar with our team tactics, don't be fooled. This is a tried and tested strategy that saw us win the grand final last year. Every time the openers don't do anything, the team posts a huge score and we win in style. The senior brains trusts of the team settled on this strategy after trying numerous other strategies that failed. This was the one strategy they could count on to occur every match.

And once again the strategy worked like a charm. One down batsman Charuka scored his mandatory 13.5 runs in 3.5 balls before aiming at a bird and only managing to swat a fly. He handed his bat to Rajitha. Actually, he had to first use his bat to hit Rajitha on the helmet to wake him up when he got back to the hut and found Rajitha snoring away. Again for those of you unfamiliar with the team tactics, this is a standard occurrence. Rajitha then bounced into gear, grabbed the bat and offered little resistance to the opening bowlers who had yet to warm up.

Before long captain Rav was at the crease eyeing the boundary. As you might recall, all our top batsmen have a habit of eyeing the boundary very carefully as soon as they get out to the middle. It is usually to make sure they don't trip over the rope on their way back which usually happens in a couple of balls.

Rajitha eventually gave way to Ayesh after scoring a few runs and not succeeding in running his partner or himself out. Ayesh was pumped, but then again he always is. In Hayden fashion Ayesh dispatched the bowling to all parts. This resulted in a change of strategy for the opponents. They decided rest their opening bowlers. The problem was they only had opening bowlers. Ayesh got all his Christmas presents at once and was like a kid in a candy store. He hit a four, followed by a six. However, unlike some other team members, he was very unselfish and decided to allow the remaining batsmen an opportunity to enjoy the pies being chucked out there. He felt we had enough runs and gifted a catch. We were on about 90 runs. He was right – we did have enough runs on the board. In fact we had enough runs to bowl them out twice with. Unfortunately only Ayesh knew that.

As was usually the case, the senior brains lack of trust was busy revising the teams expected total to 95. After the first three overs we had our eyes set on 40 runs all out. We had now gone through three revisions and were hopeful of making 95.

Someone forgot to tell the skipper that we would have been happy with 95. Or may be he thought we wanted 95 from him. Whatever the case, he took matters into his own hands and asked Prasad to sit tight on one end while he despatched everything into the trees. Between overs he almost despatched the water boy into the trees as well – he was swinging wildly. One of the neighbours got so concerned about the damage being done to the roofs in the area that he dobbed Rav in to the Wild Life

Protection Agency. There were reports of a few birds dropping out of the sky. Another neighbour thought it was a better idea to send a peace offering instead of upsetting Rav any further. He personally delivered some masala tea and Indian sweets. Rav, however, was unmoved.

Finally Prasad got wind of the refreshments in the pavilion and he hooked – he ran back to the hut faster than we have ever seen him run before. Rickster was more than happy about this development. He ran out to the middle as fast as Prasad had run off. Some of the opposition fielders had blinked and not even realised that Ricky had replaced Prasad.

Ricky gave Rav good support. Like the rest of us, he stood and cheered Rav's every shot and managed to duck out of the way when Rav's bullets occasionally came his way. Then he too felt it was time for another cup of tea and headed back in a very unselfish manner.

Sam then strolled out and pledged his support to Rav. Unfortunately for Sam, the umpire on duty was one of Sam's best disciples and the very first ball that Sam faced he was given out. No one ever found out why Sam was given out, but Sam said he had no issues with the decision and was actually very proud of his student. He said it is a proud moment for all masters when the day comes that one of their students outshines the master. Sam said he was really impressed with how quickly this umpire was able to draw his ringer out of his pocket and raise it without provocation. It all happened even before he could blink. Sam was seen talking to the umpire after the match getting a few pointers – literally. He was later seen practicing the quick draw in the car park. The team is bracing itself for the repercussions of this.

This left the job of supporting Rav to his century in the hands of Amid and Pranav. Please note that when Amid showed up to our first match he was asked if he batted, to which he promptly said no. He was then asked what type of bowler he was and he said he didn't do that either. While most team managers would have been stumped by this, we signed him up immediately cause we knew we had found an equal peer.

His orders were to hold up one end while Rav blasted his way from 50 to 100 at the other end. Amidst this storm, Amid had other ideas (pun intended). Before the scorers had time to write his name down in the book he blasted his way to 44. Nirav managed to get enough strike to score his maiden century for the team. He then clobbered a few more and headed back for his tea and sweets.

Meanwhile Amid was left hanging on 44. Pranav was now given orders to support Amid to his 50. Pranav said no problem. He too, however, had other ideas. He started pelting the ball to all parts as well. Amid was now edging close to his 100. Pranav was pumping his way to 50. The senior brains lack of trust then decided to put an end to this blatant lack of respect and inability to follow orders. More importantly the top order realised their spots on the side were in serious jeopardy and quickly declared.

With all forecasts out the window and 314 runs on the board, the goal was to get a wicket before the end of play. The scorers had a bit of trouble tallying the scores because they had never had to count that high before.

Rav who was as fresh as a spring chicken took the new ball. The only problem was he was the only bowler on the side who could chuck the ball faster than he could walk. He said he was too tired to bowl from both sides, so we asked Lasith to take the other side, considering he contributed nothing with the bat – even with the new revised version of the DL formula that now factors in what the batsman had for dinner the previous night and whether or not they had a good night's sleep, he managed to score himself only 2 runs.

We did get three wickets before the end of play and suffice it to say, all the wickets came from one end and the runs from the other end. The following week, the remaining seven wickets came in no time. Nirav who continued to bowl this time decided to give Amid the ball from the other end. After Amid showed us what he meant by not being able to bat, we figured his not being able to bowl would be our best opening option. As expected, Amid decided to add to his 75 runs with the bat by sending four batsmen back in quick procession.

Before Nirav could consider a second change bowling plan, we had them all out. We asked them to bat again. Once again, before Nirav had time to consider a bowling change the innings was wrapped up. Lasith took a stunning catch where he ran, dived, got up, ran again, dived again and then the ball fell into his right palm. It was spectacular. So much so, that later in the day when Las got another couple of catches, he refused to take them saying he did not want to lower his standards.

Nirav ended up with 5 for one in the second innings following his 6 for not many in the first. That was 5 wickets for one run, by the way.

Nirav and Amid thanked everyone else for coming and cheering them on. We ended the match with a couple of hours to spare and were considering putting them in again, but someone mentioned that the Indian match was on TV so everyone rushed off.

So as mentioned earlier, while the performance sounded like a great team effort, it wasn't. The line up for next match will only be Rav and Amid. Don't expect a match report from that match, cause neither of them can write! In all fairness to the rest of the team – all that clapping did take a bit of work. Well done boyz. How's zhat?

B8	10 for 163	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 138	First innings win
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Well folks...it finally happened to D all conquering Baulko Team!! D Day! Confused..rightly so! Let me count D ways that Saturday was D Day.

Ducks,
Disaster,
Dreadful,
Ducks
Dreary,
Dull,
Ducks
Dead,
Diabolical,
Ducks
Dumb

But best of All....

Daniel Chatman
Dynamic,
D brilliant
D century
Dodged a bullet
Do I need to say more?

D. meister's lone hand hundred to drag D baulko team out of D toilet was sensational and well worth a sip of D amber lemonade for his efforts. His 102 not out of the teams total of 163 will be an innings I am sure he will treasure as his first hundred playing with D men or should I say D girly men. Both openers out for ducks, being just 2 out of a total of 5 feathery friends and special golden duck for JC. Nice work James!! All senior players were dreadful. Great work from Easy and a special little knock from none other than Mr. Cricket helping the D train get D ton.

Day 2

With the opposition at 1/40, the true test of Baulko's mettle was at last here. It was a game of the two un-beaten teams so far and to say we had to dig deep to fight off these upstarts was an understatement.

Just as the D train had done the previous week, it came down to one of the many Baulko stars to nail the opposition to the proverbial wall. Please note the first match report which did in detail discuss our wicket keepers over limit of 200 overs this season. Crank came to the fore yet again...giving up the pads and gloves to the D-Train, he single handedly bowled all the overs and surprisingly enough took all the wickets. Well...almost all the wickets. The Crank opened the bowling on day 2, bowled the first ball of the day and then subsequently bowled the last. Not bad for a wicket keeper!!! It's good to be the King!

The opposition were in the game at 2/60 but then fell apart to the massive pressure applied by this fantastic Baulko team to then be 6/64 and – well - out of the game frankly.

For the trivia buffs this team is now 1 win from being unbeaten for a full season! The team's natural humility prevents us from making more of this statistic.

Oh yeah...Crank finished with the trophy grabbing figures of 8/57. Cranks 8 wickets would have been restricted to 7 if not for a superb piece of captaincy in using Mini Cranks at mid-off to put down a catch off JC. In any case the Waratahs were finally out for 138.

Man of the match was a tough call however, after many beers and ciggies it came down to the D Train for his first hundred in the seniors. Good try though Crank. It needs to be noted that the Crank has only 100 overs left to bowl this season before he is back to just keeping, this I am sure he will complete in the next 2 games.

Position Vacant, part time donkey drop, pie thrower for leading park cricket team, position available from round 8. Any one? Anyone? Bowler? Anyone?

Dishonourable mentions for the week are:

The Motivation Coach dropping 3 catches at first slip....(all would have also been dropped by Mathew Hayden) and also chipped in with a duck. Fine game that in any grade. This guy should be in A grade!! (A for Abysmal)

JC, who dropped an absolute sitter from his own bowling which, unfortunately precluded him from criticizing the 3 other dropped catches off his bowling! It must be noted that JC has developed the habit of yelling CAAAATTTTCHHHHH!!!! whenever the ball is hit in the air off his bowling, and as a result, scaring the hell out of everyone around him including the umpire and batsmen not to mention the sound waves dislodging the bails at both ends. It was this scream that put himself off his own catch. Nice work James!! Funny to watch though.

Mention has to be made of Easy who forgot the Beers for the post match celebration. That, at any other time would be cause for immediate castration...lucky for Easy we won!! Score a few runs and take a few wickets, he thinks he is The Man!! Easy...you need to know that Rowdy is the Man!! So get down off your pedestal and bring the beers on time. Rowdy...if you are reading...we all miss you. A big kiss from Daniel and we hope the Laser Tag World Championships are going well. x

Juggling act of the day went to Mr. Cricket who after dropping the ball 3 times, then kicking it twice, heading it once, off the shoulder, then off a back heel, he finally caught the ball! Great catch mate!! What an entertainer folks.

So fellow cricket lovers. That's it for another week.

Bye
Fred and Barney.

B7A	10 for 146	Parramatta Crusaders	10 for 127	First innings win
R. McInerney	60			
M. Ritchie	32			
I. Renton	25			
R. McInerney	4 for 27			
B. McLaren	4 for 32			
J. Billings	4 catches			
D. Tipton	1 catch			

Jug Penalties:

D. Henry..Duck
J. Billings..Duck
D. Stapleton..Duck
D. Henry..2 x Dropped Catches

A big thank you to Ian Renton (B13) & Daniel Mason (U15/1) for filling in for this match.

Special mention must go to Daniel, who in his debut senior match, had the unenviable task of facing a hat-trick ball, which might I add came straight off the middle of the bat. He also showed a high level of skill and talent whilst fielding. We will all be looking forward to seeing you in the senior ranks from now on. Well Done.

B3	10 for 69, 5 for 220	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 234	First innings loss
Sadly this game was lost in the first hour and a half, with us succumbing to some fine bowling and enthusiastic fielding from a quality opposition. They also passed our score fairly easily and got away with some cheap runs later in the day to finish eight wickets down. Matt Hardy bowled with some fine line and length coupled with some heat and was rewarded with 5/91 off an extended spell. Pendle Hill batted on the following week and put on an extra 30-odd runs, setting us a score of 165 just to avoid an outright loss and/or make them bat again.				

We lost a few early wickets irregularly then Greg and Matt saved the day, and any thoughts of an outright loss, with some aggressive batting. Matt batted with finesse to compile a gritty 52 (a great double for the match) whilst Greg fell short of three figures again, holing out for 92. It wasn't Greg's most stylish knock, but there was some serious bludgeoning of the ball as he used his effective "stand and deliver" technique. The game was called off with just over an hour of play possible. Amazing the difference a week makes to a batting line-up.

B2	10 for 183	Cumberland Community	10 for 135	First innings win
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Round 3 saw the mighty B2 make their way past the willow wielding Wenty teams and into the realm of the challenging chaps from Cumberland Community Club. Day one saw beautiful sunshine and a great day to pad up and put some runs on the board. A good 40 run opening partnership by Jason and Billy had us off to a great start....however much like a poorly built house of cards, constructed by a PS3 raised 8 year old, things fell apart and we ended up at 7/94. Enter Steve "My bats bigger than yours" Sarlog. Slog worked well with Phil for a 34 run 8th wicket stand and then Pat for a 44 run 9th wicket stand and ended up with an average boosting 66no. Close of innings and we finished with 183, certainly something to bowl at.

After a quick change of innings, we took the field only to be called off after 2 balls as lightening closed in on Bogan St and its surrounds.

Day two and a pumped up B2's were all ready to try and get the required 10 wickets by 4:03pm.....just enough time to get off the field and tune into 2KY to listen to the Caulfield Cup.

A solid start by their openers, particularly by a left hander whose vision statement must read "To endanger spectators who sit down the ground or at cow corner" had Cumberland off to a good start. Slog and Schick toiled away with Slog picking up the first wicket. A change of bowlers saw Woodsy pick up the second wicket and we had them 2 for 30 odd. The next session belonged to Cumberland and at the long break, they were looking as good as Miranda Kerr at the Races.....real good, at 2 for 100 with both batsmen set.

After Jas gave Sacha a motivational speech at the luncheon interval "Sacha, I am going to take you off and give Schick another spell" Sacha responded the only way a bowler knows how "oh come on, give me one more" and thankfully Jas wilted and Sacha took the match turning wicket only balls later after a great outfield catch from Matty Smith.

The next hour was one of those hours in cricket you only ever read about in Owzatt, or on the net, or in an email. With Schick and Sacha and Murph bowling in tandem and making runs harder to get than a big cold glass of tap water in Mittagong, the Cumberland Chaps slumped to 7 for 109 as the B2's took 5 for 9 in the hour.

It was all over bar the shouting and shortly after drinks as Baulko picked up an unlikely win as we got them all out for 135.

The bowling was shared with Schick getting 3 for 31, Murph 2 for 17, Slog 2 for 26 and Sacha 2 for 35.

Special mentions to Slog for his batting and bowling before he takes a mid season hiatus to tighten up his ailing knee, good luck mate and see you in the whites after Christmas. Also to Hush who actually made a throw back into the keeper on the full.....keep up the good work mate.

A	7 for 183	Greystanes	10 for 180	First innings win
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Turning up to Roberta street in a grand final replay there was confusion as to whether we were going to kick off or have a bowl; with rugby posts at either end and sand mounds strewn across the run ups it was going to be hard going for the seamers after losing the toss and being forced into bowling first. Once again we failed to get an early breakthrough but the run rate never looked threatening and eventually we picked up wickets steadily without conceding many runs. The storm we expected finally arrived after 63 overs with Greystanes 8-147 with 4 overs to bat on week 2.

Taking the field with 9 players on week 2 the opposition plundered 33 runs before being bowled out on the last ball of the innings; hardly surprising with gaps everywhere due to latecomers. All of a sudden a modest chase of 148 turned into a challenging 181.

A solid start between make shift opener Mark Ryan who had another great game behind the stumps and Andy Denlow saw us with all ten wickets in hand at drinks. Mark fell soon after drinks but Sumit and Andy guided the team into a very strong position with Sumit continuing his impressive start to the season with 42 and Andy playing a very composed innings falling one short of a very well deserved half century. Losing a few wickets with only limited contributions the finish became a lot more tense than we would have liked but eventually we scored the winning runs with 3 wickets in hand and 12 balls to spare.