

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:

B7A	Outright win	14/1B	Outright win
B9	Outright win	13/2A	Outright win

Individual Achievements

Ben Dooley 96	A	96	Matthew Samuels	15/1	5/12
Keenan Galas	A	54	Ryan Bailey	15/1	3/7
Vasant Cherichan	A	47 no	Adarsh Subramaniam	15/2	4/6
Chris Hush	B2	38	Ben Graham	15/2	4/17
Troy Higginbotham	B2	3/49	Karanbir Singh	15/3	39 no
Matthew Hardy	B3	7/44	Michael Djurichkovic	15/3	2/7
David Banks	B3	5/34	Trent Samuels	14/1B	44
Mitch Walters	B3	48	Nick McConnell	14/1B	43 & 3/17
Roger Deane	B7A	81	Antonio Castellarin	14/1B	2/7 & 3/2
Richard McInerney	B7A	4/17 & 3/18	Matt Sibley	14/1B	3/9
Neshan Dias	B9	142	James Benton	14/1B	3/7
Prasad Chelliah	B9	64	Gajanth Sivapalan	14/3	75
Rajiv Setti	B9	4/30	George Joseph	13/1	77
John Young	B10	5/43	Michael Robertson	13/1	47
M Kumar	B10	43	Siddhant Gandhi	13/1	42
James Attard	B13	5/44 (hatrick)	Devin Liyanage	13/2A	3/4
Greg Leeson	B13	71	Shubh Raina	13/2A	3/8
Mark Gosling	B13	44	Troy Black	12/1	35
Ryan Bailey	B14	31no	Nikhil Kuchi	12/2	34no & 2/2
Ben Abbott	16/1	3/14	Jamie Bugden	12/3	35
Michael Bennetts	16/1	32	Cody Whittaker	10B	3/4

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
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
December 20 2008	B3	12/2

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
November 8 2008	A Grade
November 22 2008	B14
December 6 2008	B2
January 24 2009	B3
February 7 2009	B7
February 21 2009	B10
March 7 2009	B13

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

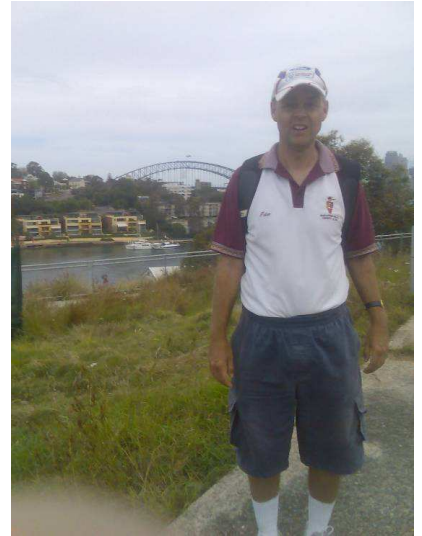
The President's Roundup

Well done to Peter Gunton and the boys for completing the Seven Bridges Walk. I understand they have raised a tidy sum for the charities. And to prove it, here is a photo of Peter Gunton.

The games continue to throw up weird results, with outright wins, outright losses, one run wins. Well done to all teams and keep playing the game in the right spirit!

Baulko celebrates its 90th year this year and the 90th Anniversary wine range is available for purchase. Samples were available at the monthly meeting last Tuesday and will again be at the next monthly meeting on December 2,

The annual match against the Vision Impaired players takes place this Sunday at Charles McLaughlin, commencing at 10.30am. Get along and enjoy this game. We are still looking for some senior players to take part. If you want to play, please call Peter Gunton on 0402246484.



The NSW DCA competition has completed 2 rounds in juniors and Parramatta teams are performing well. Keep up the good work.

On a slightly unsavoury note, if any problems occur at your game, please do not just email the executive. Please call one of us as soon as possible. That way matters can be resolved early

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. The members draw jackpot is at \$200 this week. 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	14 for 110	Wenty Leagues	9 for 102	Loss on averages
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Although this was our first loss of the season the boys continue to improve from week to week. Wenty scored 25 runs off the bat compared to our 50. The boys have discovered the art of running between the wickets whilst creating heart attacks for the spectators at the same time. Out of the 3 games we have played so far the two of the totals have been over 100 runs.

We fielded the first week and Cody picked up 3/ 4 off 3 overs. Other wicket takers were Alex, Cameron, Matt and William Smith with 1 each. In the field Rufus delivered an accurate ball over the stumps for a run out and Alec and William Smith both took catches.

Alex continues to impress with his batting by hitting 10 runs off the bat followed by Aidan with 8. All other boys helped out with respectable scores as well. Well done to all of the boys and the growing number of parents that are helping to make the game fun for all.

10 Red	7 for 127	Kings Langley	10 for 101	Win on averages
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Ruvn Mendis 11
Dilshan Wijesena 12 n.o & 2 for 10
Stephen Burns 12 n.o
Wijith Wijeyasiri 2 for 4.

This was a quality game against a quality opposition. We lost the toss in the heat & the opposition wisely chose to bat first. Our bowling was the best that we have delivered this year. Our fielding however was unusually bad & we should have restricted them to a much lower total. We missed stumpings, put a few easy catches down & the run outs, normally our strong point, did not happen as much. Week 2 saw a focused batting side stroll out to the wicket. More value was placed on our wicket & a few minor hiccups by the halfway point saw us cruising at 58 runs with a healthy average. As we were ahead on averages, this is where we needed to follow our game plan. After drinks, our defence was brilliant. Our object was not to worry about scoring runs as we knew that they would happen, but to protect our wickets & keep our average up. This was almost followed to the letter & a couple of bad overs from the opposition copped some big run scoring overs. Some other great performances of note need special mention. Alex Robinson standing up like a soldier in defence. His 6 no was not a true reflection of his performance. Nathan Crouch 1/11 was his best spell of the year. Angad Malhotra 4 n.o & being solid as a rock as opening batsman. We are still undefeated after 4 games. Keep up the great work boys.

10 White	7 for 150	Hills Barbarians	5 for 135	Loss on averages
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What a game, we actually scored more runs than Hills Barbarians but as we lost 2 more wickets they did we lost the game on averages. It was a great effort by the team to chase down a score of 135.

Hills Barbarians won the toss and decided to bat. Nicholas (1 for 6) and Toby (1 for 4) opened the bowling with each of them taking a wicket a piece with some tight and accurate bowling. The good bowling effort continued and Malachi (1 for 14) and Blake (1 for 5) kept the pressure on the batsmen. After 18 overs the score was only 39 with the loss of 4 wickets and we were in a strong position. Although we tried very hard, we allowed the score to get away from us and only managed to take 1 additional wicket. The other bowling figures were Johan (0 for 4), Harrison (0 for 6), Tom (0 for 10), Sheehan (0 for 15), Yasith (0 for 18), Jaelyn (1 for 21), Eric (0 for 18) and James (0 for 14). Sheehan also took a good catch while wicket keeping.

Baulko's turn to bat and right from the start we made our intentions clear that we were going to do our utmost to pass the Hills Barbarian's imposing total. Tom (6) and Nicholas (7) opened the batting and ran very aggressively between the wickets. Next in was Eric (6) and Toby (12 no) who continued our good start with some determined batting, Toby hitting a great 4 through square leg. Next in were James (5) and Johan (11) who kept the scoreboard moving along. They were followed by Malachi (32 no) and Harrison (21 no) and this turned out to be the partnership of the match. Malachi was outstanding hitting 5 boundaries with Harrison hitting 1 boundary, but it was the running between the wickets that was a feature of the partnership. Sheehan (12 no) and Blake (8 no) kept the momentum going and they were followed by Jaelyn (17 no), Yasith (13 no) and Binara (14 no).

All up a very good team effort and you can see the improvement in each every player with every game.

Best performances were:-

Batting: Malachi 32 not out; Harrison 21 not out

Bowling: Blake 1 for 5; Toby 1 for 4

11/2	10 for 60	Pendle Hill Colts	7 for 220	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

11/1	9 for 99	Wenty Leagues	10 for 68	First innings win
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With the boys equal third with Wenty Leagues at the start of play, this game was an important one to win to continue the winning form from Rounds 2 and 3 and to consolidate our position on the points table.

Baulko's batting was nothing short of excellent with the entire innings full of commitment, courage and dedication. All boys batted well and applied their talents to good scoring shots and sensible defence against a competent attack with at least three very good bowlers. Luke Jerome and Jake Smith were the top scorers with 17 and 16 respectively but the stand out performances go to Nathan Hamilton and Luke McGuinness who shared in an unbeaten 35 minute last wicket partnership of 21 runs to play out the day and avoid donating an important 9+ overs to Wenty. All others batted very well and it is pleasing to see some solid defence developing across all players.

With 100 runs to chase for victory Wenty's chances were dealt three harsh blows early with wickets falling at scores of 0, 6 and 11 thanks to two wickets to Jake Smith and one to Ramal Rajapakse, all bowled. This brought Wenty's two representative players to the crease and we knew the next wicket was going to be tough. All bowlers were on notice from mid-week training that line and length bowling was essential and although it was another 15 overs before a wicket fell, their rep players were restricted to a partnership of only 25 runs. After drinks and with four wickets down Wenty upped the run rate but soon lost wickets in quick succession to be all out for 68 batting one man short. Other wicket takers were Jason Luther with two and Luke McGuinness with one, again all bowled, the three remaining wickets being run-outs to Luke Jerome, Jake Smith and Jason Luther – a direct hit!

As coach I can say that this win was particularly pleasing, as it is apparent that the hard work at training is starting to show through in the boys play. Fielding was much improved this game, as was the number of wides and no-balls bowled, down to only 22 from 36 overs instead of nearing 50 as in previous games. Next week we are up against Greystanes in what will likely be an extremely tough game. So to all boys, congratulations and very well done this round. Let's bring our best form next week and show Greystanes just how good Baulko is.

Round 3 - Baulkham Hills 2 dec 121 def. Seven Hills 10 for 43 & 4 for 75 - First innings win.

With one win from two games everyone had their fingers crossed that another win would come in Round 3. Seven Hills were yet to win a game so we set out hopeful of dominating early. What an understatement that turned out to be.

Winning the toss, Seven Hills were sent in on a cool day and with a damp field. Although the rain didn't fall, the wickets certainly did and at what a rate, about one every three overs. With so many wickets in quick procession it seemed like Seven Hills were scrambling in a flurry of pads on the sideline just to keep up. With all the noughts we were unsure whether the scorebook had turned into a lottery cheque or whether we should open a donut shop! And the noise of those ducks was unbearable.

Seriously though, the boys bowled extremely well against what was a young and inexperienced side. After only 29 overs Seven Hills were all out for 43, having scored a total of only 16 runs off the bat with five ducks and a nought not out. Wicket takers were Arsh Kapila with an amazing 3 for 1, Luke Jerome with 2 for 4 and Ibteeda Masud, Nathan Hamilton, Chris Blinman and Michael French all getting one each. The last wicket was a run out.

Patrick Hassarati and Luke Jerome opened the batting this game in a fine display of calculated defensive play and aggressive stroke play. Batting for twenty overs and piling on a 40 run partnership for the first wicket (Luke run out in a mid-pitch mix up for well crafted 15) meant we were only a couple of runs away from a first winning win. Michael French then stepped up and batted with Patrick in a second wicket partnership that lasted another seven days. Setting our sights on a declaration at Patrick's 50, celebrations were cut short following an LBW dismissal for 47, a truly fine innings (with some chances).

Getting a first innings win on Day 1, Seven Hills were sent back in facing a 78 run deficit with two and a quarter hours to play. However, a much-improved batting performance saw them keep our bowlers at bay finishing the day's play at 4 for 75. Jason Luther, Ibteeda Masud, Blake Peisley and Michael French all got one wicket each. Other catching chances also presented but were not taken.

Although this was an excellent game for Baulko's boys, it was also an introduction to second innings play and the difficulties of taking 20 wickets. Everyone played very well this game but beware, there's fielding practise on the horizon.

Congratulations to all boys for a fantastic game.

12/3	10 for 101	Kings Langley	9 for 132	First innings loss
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We started off losing the toss but got the desired result with two down for the first week which was fielding. All boys bowled well to restrict Kings to 132 off 55 overs. We wouldn't have bowled so many overs if the silly coach didn't lose count. Anyway....

The second day went well and even though we didn't pass the total, it still was respectable with a healthy 101. We were a man down with Milo being sick, so it may have been a different result with a full squad.

Well done boys. It won't be long before we notch up another win.

12/2	10 for 67	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 69	First innings loss
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What a disappointment! We had this game almost wrapped up last week! Yet we let it slip through our hands this week! We handed over the match to Rouse Hill on a platter, just by giving away those 40 extras.

There is absolutely no excuse for us to lose this match! Blake, our rookie, alone can have some exemption as he did not have enough opportunity for training day or match day practice. We have to admire his enthusiasm and team spirit though! Keep it up Blake. You will get your chance!

Unfortunately, the rain gods frowned on us and made us miss two trainings. So we went in without adequate preparation and practice.

Today, I was able to observe that we did not try our best. I was able to see some of our players getting bored while fielding. They were distracted and started losing concentration, thinking that they had the match wrapped up. We have to be extremely sharp at fielding. Why? Well, to answer that question we will have to just look back this season. You see round 1, we had Pendle Hill down for 3/12 off 4 overs! We were on fire! But then our fielding worsened because we were too relaxed thinking we had already won. Pendle Hill took advantage and scored a lot while we were distracted.

In Cricket, fielding is a very important integral aspect. Just by stopping those balls getting past us and hanging on to those catches, we can ensure our victory! Cricket is also a team game. We support, motivate & help each other. If you are bored and are not interested when someone else is bowling, how can you perform your best when you are bowling? And how can you expect the team to field well when you are bowling?

A group of great players do not make it a great team. Even average players who play as a team can win any match against a group of top players. (I hope that we can remember this when we play against the Baulkham Hills Division 1 players).

However we can take a few positive pointers from this game, now that we have learnt it the hard way:

- Batting - we should patiently bat through all our overs and avoid donating 20 or more of our overs to the opposition.
- Bowling - no more extras.
- Fielding - we enjoy all aspects of fielding, all the time.

All said, it was not all bad news. It was such a delight to watch some of our players play with all heart. As the saying goes – "The difference between ordinary & extraordinary is just that little bit extra". It was thrilling to see some of our players reaching that little bit extra today. Watching some players diving & throwing their body in line to stop the ball - was just such an awesome experience!

Kudos to:

- Siddanth - for a fantastic diving catch off his own bowling (definitely a Classic Catch of the Season), which evinced great admiration from the opposition coach!
- Nikhil - for a superb all round performance
- Tony - for a brilliant spell getting 2 clean bowled wickets in one over

Man of the Match: Nikhil Kuchi – of course! Well done Nikhil!

12/1	8 for 128	Hills Barbarians	3 for 126	First innings win
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This game was against our grand-final opponents from last season. All our previous match-ups versus this Hills Barbarians side have been close encounters – and this one did not disappoint.

Week 1, our bowling and ground fielding was excellent – though the stats may not reflect this. We only took one wicket with the ball – a well deserved one to Tim Anstee who finished with the figures of 8 overs, 2 maidens, 1 wicket for 10 runs. With the help of 2 neat run outs, we held the opposition to 3 for 126 at the end of their 55 over allotment. The bowling was tight, and totally restricted the shot making and run-scoring ability of the other side. The boys had listened to the feedback following our previous loss, and concentrated on getting the right line and length with their bowling. Every player got to have a bowl, and whilst everyone improved significantly from the previous game, Tim, Owen, Troy, Liam and Tom were the standouts.

Our batting was also solid, with every boy displaying a greater level of application than what was evident in the previous game. Troy Black's innings was a standout. Troy batted for 2 and a quarter hours for a well-compiled 35 runs. It was by no means flashy, but helped provide the backbone for our other batsmen – notably Tim, Michael McC, Michael B, Owen and Tom to take us through to victory with 2 wickets and 2.4 overs left in hand.

This was another close match but a good solid win.

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Nothing to report.

13/2A	10 for 113	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 22, 10 for 42	Outright win
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What a fantastic outright win for the 13/2 A team. Baulko won the toss and elected to bat on a nice looking pitch which turned out to be very slow in the outfield. Pendle Hill looked good in the field, picking up some nice catches early in the innings. Their bowling let them down however as they gave us 31 runs in no balls. Humzah and Jayden put on a decent partnership of 25 runs, and it wasn't until the final partnership between Daniel and Jackson of 38 that most of our runs came. Our score at the end of the first innings was 113, with Jackson top scoring on 24 runs. With half an hour left to play Pendle Hill went into bat. We knew they would be tired after fielding nearly all of the morning, so our plan was to try and take as many wickets as possible. Our boys gave us just what we needed, and at stumps on the first day Pendle Hill were 5 out for 6 runs.

Day two. We re-evaluated our situation and planned to go for the outright. Talk from Pendle Hill was that they were determined not to let us take their wickets. Unfortunately for them, that's just what we did. They were sitting on 6 runs and we had to get them all out for 38 to force the follow on. We stuck to our bowling order with faith and the boys delivered. They displayed excellent teamwork in the field, taking all but one of their catching opportunities. By the 20th over we had Pendle all out for 22 runs just after 9am. An absolutely fantastic team effort. Wicket takers were Humzah 2 for 3, Jackson 1 for 1, Sean 2 for 9, Luke 1 for 0 off 3 maiden and 1 wicket maiden overs, Jayden 1 for 5 and Devin 3 for 4. Catches were taken by Humzah (2), Jackson, Pavan and an awesome wicket keeping catch from Blaine, who had a great game behind the stumps. So, we forced the follow on to go for the outright.

Once again, we had faith in our talented line up to continue with our bowling order to give everyone an opportunity for a wicket, and once again the boys came through with the goods. By the third over we had our first wicket. We knew Pendle would be more determined to deny us of the ten points, but the bowling was straight and the fielding was good (thanks to all those training drills, hey boys). With great excitement we secured our first outright win of the season, taking all of Pendle Hills wickets for 42 runs. Wicket takers were Pavan 1 for 3, Shubh 3 for 8, Tanveer 1 for 6, Daniel 2 for 4, Humzah 1 for 7 and Jackson 1 for 2. Well done to Shubh who is new to cricket this year taking his first wickets, and three at that! It must have been somewhat intimidating coming into a team of experienced players. You showed what a little listening and practice can do. Keep up the good work. Daniel also showed us his talent in the field by a direct hit at the stumps for a run out. Catches were taken by Sean (2), Humzah, Jackson, Tanveer and Daniel (a caught and bowled).

I would also like to thank Jaden McGovern who is our reserve who plays for us when we are short. Thank you so much for helping us out at short notice on the first day Jaden. You slot into the team so nicely and have shown us your talents.

This was a fantastic team effort. Nearly everyone in the team was involved in the wickets taken in this game. I am so very proud of you all. Keep up the good work and keep focused on the tasks we have ahead.

13/1	6 for 241	Hills Barbarians	8 for 129	First innings win
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Baulko won the toss and elected to bat first. Right from the start Baulko took charge of the game and was in complete control. Though we lost a couple of quick wickets by the time the score was 16, Michael & George brought in the stability to the innings and posted a 102 runs third wicket partnership. While George was making regular singles, Michael was making more in 2s & 4s before he fell LBW when he was at 47 & when Baulko was at 118. We lost the 4th wicket when the score was 128.

Siddhant came in and it looked again that both Sid & George were set to build a huge partnership before George got caught when his score was 77 & the total was 175 with another 12 more over left in the day. 6th wicket fell when the score was 180 and Bryce came in and between Bryce and Sid they made another 61 runs partnership. Baulko finished the innings with the over all tally of 241 for 6.

Following week, it was overcast & looked as though it may rain. However play progressed without any interruption. Similar to batting in the previous week, Baulko continued to dominate the game in bowling also. First ball from Michael saw the ball pitched just outside the offstump being edged to Amar's safe hands in 2nd slip. Next batsman fell clean bowled by Josh Koski. The other opener of Hills Barbarians was the only batsman who could stand up reasonably well to Baulko's bowling attack before he fell to Sid, again being caught by Amar in 2nd slip. Rest of the game saw wickets falling at regular intervals before the opposition finished their game with a score of 129 for 8. Sachin, Sid, Koski, Amar, Ravi, & Bryce all took a wicket each while Michael got 2 wickets.

Siddhant was awarded Man of the Match for his unbeaten 42 runs and 1 wicket in 3 runs.

14/3	10 for 145	Pendle Hill Colts	9 for 171	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

14/2	10 for 53, 5 for 69	Kings Langley	10 for 226	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

14/1B	7 dec 193	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 30, 10 for 120	Outright win
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After falling short in the first three rounds, the boys put it all together for this game and came up with an excellent result! We batted very well with several boys posting their top score for the year. Trent Samuels led the way with 44, Nick McConnell 43, Tom Hughes 32 and James Senior 22, all batted very well. Antonio Castellarin looked good on 16 n/o. We declared, setting Wenty Waratahs a tough 193 to get. Matt Sibley opened the bowling with a first ball wicket and picked up 3/9 off four overs! We bowled Wenty for 30 and sent them back in. They rallied well and nearly survived the day. We bowled them out a second time with 10 minutes to spare, recording an outright win!

Matt Sibley (3/9), James Benton (3/7), and Antonio Castellarin (2/7) led the way in the first innings. Antonio fired up in the second innings to record 3/2 and Nick McConnell 3/17 bowled really well. All the boys put in with other wickets shared and some excellent catching.

This was a great all round effort and we look forward to some more positive results in the next few weeks!

14/1A	10 for 50	Kings Langley	10 for 156, 3 for 24	First innings loss
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A match of contrasting performances. On the first morning Kings Langley won the toss and elected to bat under perfect conditions. Despite our opening bowlers, Anoop (0/14 off 5) and Praveen (0/21 off 5) putting in good spells the King's openers raced to 28 in the first seven overs. Their threatening partnership was broken by a direct hit from fine leg by Joel to run out Alex. This put the brake on the scoring and tight bowling from all our bowlers restricted King's to 156 all out off their 60 overs.

It was undoubtedly our best effort in the field this season and it was what was required to keep the competition leaders from scoring heavily on a perfect batting day. Every bowler bowled tight line and length and the wickets were shared around; Jonathan (2/3 off 4), Blake (2/12 off 5), Brent (2/12 off 7), Taseen (1/14 off 5), Jack M. (1/20 off 9), Joel (1/22 off 10), Jack F. (0/12 off 5), James (0/14 off 5). In addition, our ground fielding was sharp and committed and only one catch was dropped late in the innings. A great all around effort by all!

The second day in contrast was one of our poorest on record. Our run chase never got off the ground and we were all out for 50 in the 28th over. King's bowling was good but they were helped by our lack of application and poor shot selection. Having gotten off to the worst possible start with two run outs in the second over, our innings became a procession. Jack D. top scored with 12 and was the only one in double figures, apart from sundries which was equal top score.

Kings batted a second time and Jack M. (2/13 off 4) and Mitchell (1/9 off 4) bowled a good eight over spell before stumps were drawn early.

15/3	10 for 41, 3 for 73	Kings Langley	10 for 160	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

15/2	10 for 80	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 79, 10 for 76	First innings win
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As the scores suggest, this was a very interesting and keenly contested game of cricket. Wenty won the toss and elected to bat in bright, sunny conditions. Despite a useful opening partnership of 26, some fine pace bowling from Ben Graham and some

good catching soon had Wenty under pressure, with 0 for 26 soon becoming 4 for 31. Wenty managed a bit of recovery, with the 5th wicket not falling until the score had reached 64. However, a great spell of attacking spin bowling from Adarsh Subramaniam was the key to curtailing the Wenty innings for 79 runs. Adarsh and Ben finishing with 4 wickets each.

This left Baulkham Hills with just over an hour to bat on the first day. The loss of 2 early wickets soon had the team under pressure. A useful partnership between Chris Gunton and Amol Marwah then steadied things for a while before Chris was out for 17. Unfortunately we lost 2 further wickets close to stumps to finish day 1 at 5 for 37. We lost a further wicket at the start of day 2 to be 6 for 37, before an excellent 39 run partnership between Blaine O'Brien and Ben Graham took the score to 76 before both were out at this score and both having made 17. We lost a further wicket at 78 before reaching the 80 runs required for the first innings points.

With about 75 minutes available for play, Wenty returned to the batting crease but an excellent all round bowling and fielding display saw them dismissed for 76 in the last over of the day. Ben Graham, James Galofaro, and Chris Gunton each took 2 wickets, but a pleasing aspect of this innings was that only 9 sundries were conceded.

A narrow victory but a well deserved one and something that can be built on in the coming games.

15/1	10 for 89, 3 for 36	Hills Barbarians	10 for 55, 5 for 93	First innings win
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No report submitted.

16/1	10 for 177	Rouse Hill Rams	7 for 211	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

B14	10 for 51, 3 for 73	Seven Hills RSL	7 for 274	First innings loss
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Seven Hills won the toss and elected to bat in fine, warm conditions. Another good all round bowling display from Baulkham Hills had Seven Hills RSL at 6 for 128. However, thoughts of dismissing Seven Hills for a moderate total were soon dispelled by their number 8 batsman who proceeded to make 83 not out and with good support at the other end, only 1 further wicket was lost by stumps with their total at 274. Jeff Foskett with 2 for 36, Bryce Jones with 1 for 31 and Chris Soares with 1 for 64 all bowled well.

The conditions were very different on day 2, overcast with a hint of light rain around when Baulkham Hills went to the crease. As the all out for 51 total would indicate, the innings never gained any momentum, with Matt Toomey with 21 being the only player to reach double figures. With about 110 minutes remaining for play Baulkham Hills returned to the crease with a revised batting order. Despite losing an early wicket, Ryan Bailey was joined by Chris Gunton and this pair batted solidly for just over an hour to avert the prospect of an outright defeat. Chris was eventually out for 18 and the loss of a further wicket saw the team reach stumps at 3 for 73. Ryan Bailey showing a lot of maturity to finish 31 not out.

B13	10 for 116, 8 for 120	Kings Langley	10 for 238	First innings loss
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Coming off two good wins in our first two matches, we were hoping to carry this confidence with us into this game against Kings Langley (KL). To the disappointment of some team members, our illustrious captain decided to bowl upon winning the toss. True, the conditions seemed fruitful for batting; however, the skipper had other plans and was keen to take some heads off and then chase the runs down. If we didn't like this then someone else could be captain and make all the decisions. The aggression was certainly there from the skipper.

It was clear from the outset that KL were a bunch of cowboys and not too keen on running between the wickets. After a decent start by our bowlers, we were on top of KL with 4 wickets down at the drinks break. We came out confident that we could clean them up and get to batting. This wasn't to be. At every possible chance someone dropped a catch and the fielding was terrible. The only person that stood up was Chris Mills who seemed to be a magnet for the ball and ended up taking 4 catches by the end of the day. Excuses were thrown around as to why the catches were being dropped and frustrations were evident. At one stage Ian Renton claimed that he dropped a catch because he only had 0.4 seconds to react. Despite the absence of a piece of technology capable of determining this, the umpire concurred with Ian that he did indeed only have 0.4 seconds to react.

Ian's positive attitude and ability to count time in hundredths of seconds must have motivated the team to get their act together because the wickets started to fall, thanks mostly to James Attard. Despite being told that "sh*t gets wickets" by the other team, Jimmy went on to clean up KL with 5-44 and one of the best hatricks you'll ever see. In the end we bowled KL out for 238 and Jimmy demanded the respect that he deserved.

Long story short, we were terrible with the bat. Mark Gosling managed to play some very good shots on his way to 44; however, the wickets kept falling and we were bowled out for 116 in our first innings. In our second innings our number 11 Russell Howell opened and managed to stick around while the wickets fell around him. The highlight of Russell's innings was the fact that he forgot his undies and was playing with boxers on. Given that a cricket box doesn't fit well into boxers, Russy

had to hold his groin region as he ran up and down the pitch as his team mates chuckled on the sidelines. We just hung in for a first innings loss and at stumps we finished on 8-120. Well done to Russ and Chris on their stellar performances and big congratulations to Jimmy on his superb bowling including a hatrick.

Round 3 v Seven Hills RSL

After coming off a first innings win in our first game, the boys were quietly confident of chaulking up a second against a team which had been beaten outright the week before and who only managed a paltry second innings total of four runs.

The toss was lost and Baulko was sent onto the field. Things were looking promising when Seven Hills' first wicket fell at 1-9. James Attard, bowling a flighty left arm orthodox, then capitalised on two batsmen who were getting their eye in. yY the time we had them at 4-83 we were into the tail and Seven Hills were subsequently bowled out for 105 with only 9 players. Some excellent line and length from Christian Millgate (3-18), the king of spin James Attard (2-88) and a tight spell from Ash Jolly (1-8 off 6 overs) proved the punch.

The batting order was reviewed and amended accordingly to try and capitalise on a light field, with Chris Mills being promoted from No. 11 to opening bat. Things were looking shaky early in the innings at 3-3 when Chris, Mark Gosling and Christian Millgate fell cheaply – Gozo & Ranga both with donuts. Ash and Paul then resumed before Ash retired hurt with cramping. Greg Lesson then joined Paul to see out stumps where we ended the day at 3-38.

Greg and Paul resumed on Day 2 before Paul was finally dismissed for 18. A fresh Ash 'Bollywood' Jolly then resumed his innings with Greg. A lengthy bout of lusty hitting saw the pair put on a 65 run partnership before Ash went cheaply to a caught and bowled for 25. Donald Crawford then joined Greg at the crease after a bender the night before. He surprised us all by opening the shoulders and maintaining the run rate established by Greg and Ash. The pair put on 60 runs in 6 overs before Greg was bowled for a well-batted 69 runs. Russell "Hot Buns" Howell joined Don for a brief stint (4 runs) before Don called it a day when he was caught for 42. Captain Fatman was impressed with the lads and then declared at 7-177; a lead of 72 runs and put Seven Hills back in a crack at the outright. The outright never happened and the match was called with the opposition at 2-45 – Ian Scollay (1-11 off 4 overs) and part timer, Russell Howell (1-5 off 1 over) the wicket takers.

Congratulations on our second win, let's keep the momentum flowing.

B11	10 for 164	Wenty Waratahs	9 for 171	First innings loss
No report submitted.				

B10	8 for 211	Guildford Leagues	9 for 275	First innings loss
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We won the toss and chose to bat due to being down some players for the first day. Things started well and it wasn't long before we got the breakthroughs. Having them at 2 for 19 we were looking good once again, but then we let things slide with some poor fielding. The opposition began to get a nice partnership going and we were offered many chances but couldn't take them. Ultimately they managed to get a very good score batting freely in the remaining overs with wickets in hand.

Thrown into bat with 40 minutes left of the first day, we took a gamble and opened with 2 batsmen that we knew would not be able to come back next week. J. Gorman and M. Kumar did a great job and at the end of the first day we were 0-59. (Thankyou Jake for filling in this game.)

Start of the second day, we were glad to see that M. Kumar was able to come back, he managed to get to 43 which helped put us in with a real chance.(well done) Some wickets started to fall, however, thanks to Braith Gallard we managed to keep a few partnerships going, and things were looking pretty good. Lack of batting practice and time out in the middle took its toll, and wickets started to fall, B. Gallard played a great knock and showed all of us once again that partnerships and patients can get results (well done). Enter T. Manning, another good knock, he smashed 34 runs and helped get us over the 200. We finished with 8 wickets out, 1 wicket short and one retired, so if we had the extra 2 wickets we may just have snuck home.

Considering we had player issues this game with different players on both weeks, i think it was a pretty good effort. We got some much needed batting practice and it was nice to know we batted for 64 overs without being bowled out.

PS Thankyou to Ben Eades U13/B2, Jackson manning U13/B1 and Todd U14/B for helping in the field.(great catch Todd)

B9	10 for 280	UTY & VOT	10 for 81, 10 for 60	Outright win
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In the last match report it was mentioned that future match reports would only be compiled when there was a performance worth reporting. We won by an innings and some 150 runs!

More on that in due course, but first we need to make a correction. It has been pointed out that Amid is in fact not Amid and is actually Amit. It is not clear why, if this is the case, he was calling himself Amid. He has been reprimanded and has agreed to

change his name to Amid. So we will now call him Amit.

Back to our latest win. After Nirav's swashbuckling performance with bat and ball in the previous match, he announced his retirement – yet again. For those of you unfamiliar with this ritual, it is a weekly occurrence with one player or another announcing their retirement from retirement the very next day after retiring. Rav said he wanted to throw in the towel while at the top of his game. His wife threw the towel back at him and asked him to do his own laundry. Someone else reminded him that he was at the top of his game some 20 years ago. Meanwhile, his grand kids who are not even a glimmer in his son's eye yet have informed him (through a medium) that they will not be putting up with him reliving every ball every time they see him.

Anyway, his absence was a bit of a worry. It was like we lost 10 players from the previous match. We still had hope because Amit was in the side. Given this dire situation, a cunning but fool proof plan was concocted.

Charuka pulled a few strings and had the ground changed at the last possible minute. We figured we could get to the correct grounds and it would take the opposition at least 30 minutes after the start time to find the new grounds, by which time we could claim a forfeit and head to the pub.

The plan worked beautifully. No one even bothered to change into their whites. Ricky didn't even bother to bring underpants. But then with one minute to spare before we could have called a forfeit, they showed up. The game was on.

We won the toss and decided to bat for the usual reason – it was a hot day. Rajitha immediately went back to sleep. The openers were sent out to execute the tried and tested match winning strategy – get out quickly and do the scoring. And on cue, one of the openers was back in the hut before the scorers have even sharpened their pencils. He was patted on the back. The scorers are on very good terms with the openers because they never trouble each other. Actually the official scorers are the openers.

Rajiv then came out to take control of the situation. After an over of doing that, he too went back to the hut before his cool beverage got warm. This resulted in Charuka strutting out. He too didn't want to let his cool beverage get warm and made his way back after providing catching practice. Rajitha was hastily woken up and asked to pad up. He obliged. He had a brand new bat to knock in and was looking forward to a good hit.

Unfortunately the only thing that got hit was the wicket which has been thoroughly knocked in – in fact in our team, it is the off stump that holds the highest run average for the team. We were now 4-47. The brains lack of trust had revised the team target up to 55 all out. They even asked the bowlers to start warming up. The bowlers barked back that it was so hot and the only way to get warm was with a few cold ones.

Prasad, who normally opens the batting at one-down, was now opening the batting at 4-down. He made his way to the crease while the ball was still new and swinging. As always, he started scoring his mandatory 50 in quiet fashion. With the help of the wicket keeper and the fielders, we inched our way to close to 200 runs. At that point Ayesh summoned Prasad back saying we had too many runs. Ricky was smiling now that he had his pads on as well. He had yet to locate a pair of underpants though.

Ayesh made his way out and asked the other batsman what the bowler was doing. This batsman said he had no idea. He was told to simply close his eyes and swing like mad. He obliged as always. Anything that was within touching distance was going to be dispatched to the neighbouring suburb. Some of the guys were seen running towards their cars to move them to safety. The bowlers were meanwhile trying to rearrange Ayesh's nose. Even the flies in the area were aware of this highly volatile situation and they declared the grounds a no-fly zone.

Ayesh swung so hard at one ball that the ball actually let out a little cry of anguish as it passed by. The opposition mistook this for a nick and appealed in unison. Charuka, who was umpiring, has consistently failed to pass Sam's umpiring course - he did not raise his finger. Ayesh said he hadn't heard or seen a thing - in fact his eyes were still shut. The opposition was almost in tears, and this really touched Rajitha who was fast asleep as the square leg umpire. He decided to raise his finger. Not even Sam has attempted that before. Rajitha said he will show Sam how to do that at their next meeting. The team is bracing for the repercussions of this.

This resulted in a quick procession of wickets. Actually that is incorrect. The quick procession of wickets started from the first over and was halted briefly by Prasad. It was simply resumed. Ricky and Amit came and went. Ricky's excuse was he didn't have any underpants.

Then Samir made his way to the crease. He dispatched his first ball straight past the bowler for an exquisite 4 in Tendulkar fashion – it was easily the best shot of the day. He followed this up with a few immaculate defensive shots and a couple sublime cut shots. The scorers were troubled finally. After not having to do much all day but put big ducks next to batmen's

names, they now had to keep up with the rapid fire scoring. Then Samir got run out by the other batsman who was making the bowling look good and did not appreciate Samir making him look bad.

This brought Aneesh to the crease. He had been waiting since the first ball of the day for this. In fact he tried to out run Ricky on to the field earlier but Rickster beat him to the crease. After spending a few balls on the non-strikers end, the other batsman who was in fact the opener who had forgotten to get himself out finally put himself out of his misery and Aneesh was left waiting for his chance to bat.

Aneesh was thrown the ball instead. Somehow we had managed to edge ourselves to 280 runs with more than half of that being extras in the form of overthrows and byes. We still had another 8 overs left in the day. They went into bat and started dispatching everything to the boundary. It looked like they would have their 280 runs before the 8 overs were up.

By the end of play we had them 3 down for around 30 – Amit got a couple and Aneesh got one. The following Sat Aneesh picked up another wicket before the ball was given to Rajitha and Samir. Samir baffled the batsmen and was on a hat-trick at one stage. Before long we had the innings wrapped up at only 80 runs. Samir ended up with 3 wickets for 7 runs. They were asked to bat again.

Ricky donned the keeper's gloves. To practice his glove work he kept fondling his crown jewels. It didn't work – the batsman hit a skyer that anyone on the field could have caught. Ricky had the gloves so he placed himself under it. The ball however had other ideas and managed to dodge Ricky. Ricky claimed he saved a four.

Prasad was asked to have a go at one end. He appeared a bit confused because he marked a run up similar to that of Brett Lee. He then steamed in and bowled balls at paces not seen since 1959 – in fact none of us were alive back then so this has never been seen. One of Prasad's balls was hit for what should have been a sure 4. Prasad halted his follow through, did a back flip, followed by a triple pike and a summersault and caught the ball with one finger. He ended up getting 2 wickets while Rajiv ripped through the batsmen like a knife through hot butter on the other side. He hit the same stump at the same spot 4 times. The second innings was wrapped up for a total of 60.

Now while this sounds like a moment to celebrate, the senior lack of brains trust was shattered. The reason was that one of the openers had not followed the tried and tested team strategy and scored more than 20 runs. This has brought into question the integrity of the team strategy. The senior lack of brains trust has called an emergency meeting to address this issue. The meeting date has been set for Jan 2012 sometime.

On the plus side, it is clear that as we move up grades the easier the competition is, so we are considering playing at international first class level next season. This too will be discussed at the Jan 2012 meeting. How's Zhat?

B8		BYE		BYE
Nothing to report.				

B7A	10 for 182	UTY & VOT	10 for 77, 10 for 90	Outright win
No report submitted.				

B3	10 for 75, 10 for 134	UTY & VOT	10 for 177, 8 dec 142	Outright loss
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After winning our first two matches we have come back down to earth with a couple of defeats. This game was played on a deceptive ground, with the pitch in one of the most unusual positions, both in location and its orientation. The sun gets in your eyes if batting in the later part of the afternoon, and whilst the boundaries in some parts you could literally throw a cat over, others parts seemed a postcode away!

Anyhow the Voice of Tamils batted first and posted, what we thought at the time to be a below par score of 177, even though we were a couple of players short on the field. Dave Cope and Matthew Hardy bowled very well, with Matt producing good heat and venom to snare 7/44 off 15 overs. This would be one his best bowling figures for quite some time. Our batting was woeful, all out (well eight wickets down...same result) for 75, only Matt really troubled the scorers with 27. Surprisingly, even though they could have asked us to follow-on, they decided to bat again and at a rather sluggish rate ended up declaring at 8/142, with Banksy taking 5/34 off eight overs. We could only muster 134 in the second dig, with Mitch's top scoring 48, and Dave Higginbotham making 22.

Positives to come out of the game included the skippers bowling (and catching!), Thorny taking a wicket and Josh Rich bowling some tight overs and was unlucky not to get a wicket (Thorny???) and he did take a good catch to help Thorny get his wicket.

B2	10 for 133, 3 for 108	Wenty Waratahs	7 dec 192	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

A	10 for 337	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 171	First innings win
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For the third consecutive game we lost the toss; surprisingly however, we were sent in and given the opportunity of inaugurating a brand new track at Charles McLaughlin. With the new ball being delivered into good channels run scoring became a secondary concern with going to drinks without loss the new objective. Unfortunately close to drinks Andy fell for 9 bringing a very inform captain to the crease. Sumit's stay was brief lasting only a few overs, however in that time he took a liking to the opposition's second change bowler clouting him for 6 over cover, a feat that will have the historians rifling through their record books as nobody could remember such a stroke being played at our home ground previously. Sumit falling for 20 shortly before drinks brought Bobby Simpson to the crease. Bobby failed to trouble the scorers leaving Baulko 3 down at drinks.

Following the break runs began flowing far more easily with the remaining opener, Gaurang "G" Merani (29), finding a mixture of singles and boundaries comfortably before surrendering his wicket to a waist high full toss from a spinner which he meekly bunted to mid on leaving him furious at not cashing in, having got through a challenging first hour. At 4 for 69 and two new men at the crease Baulko were in a precarious position. What followed at was stunning 5th wicket partnership of 136 between Keenan Gals (54) and the sublime Ben "Hooley" Dooley (96) that redirected the match in our favour.

Keenan's extra cover driving was great to watch as was his severity on anything short. Dooley on the other hand was severe on anything that was bowled to him. With the opposition retaining at attacking field Dooley stuck the ball with immense power through, and over the field in every direction. His strike rate was well in excess of 100 and soon team mates were scrambling for the best vantage point to watch the 'Dooley show'. They were not to be disappointed, and by the time men were pushed back the horse had bolted; Dooley was beating men on the fence with strokes along the ground, such was the cleanliness of his striking. The only disappointing part of Dooley's innings is that he fell just four short of a most thoroughly deserved century that I doubt even the opposition would have knowingly denied him.

With a few quick wickets falling we were 8-227 and in danger of not fully capitalising on the superb Galas-Dooley partnership. The opposition continued with attacking fields unaware of our batting depth and sure enough A-Grade debutant Vasant Cheriarchan began hitting the ball delightfully through cover and off his pads to begin building a noteworthy 9th wicket stand with Trent Hession (16). At Trent's dismissal the door was again ajar; however Dave Byrne strode to the crease and began playing shots in the mould of Freddy Flintoff. Previously going about his business at the other end quietly, Dave's aggression became infectious and soon enough Vasi took 17 runs from the opening bowler and captain with series of stunning cover drives both through and over the field. Vasi, now in sight of 50 and in combination with Dave who continued to find, and clear the boundary the 10th wicket partnership flourished until Dave was taken spectacularly on the boundary for 35 leaving Vasi stranded on 47 and Baulkham Hills with a dominant 337 from 61 overs.

A sense of inevitably shrouded day 2 with the result all but secured with 337 on the board. Restricting the opposition for as few runs as possible and capturing that elusive early break through become the new objectives. We managed to capture that early wicket with G (1 for 21 from 7) taking the new ball and setting a trend which was going to be dutifully followed by the other bowlers by bowling their opening batsman. With the opposition one down at drinks Baulkham Hills began to dismantle the Waratahs batting line-up with Jack 'Wacko' Townsend bowling their other opener before Adam 'Tin-Man' Tinley bowled superbly picking up 3 for 38 along with Keenan who capped of a fine game with 2 for 12. The honours of closing out the match went to the big pace man Dave Byrne who kept the ball in his second spell and was reward with 3 quick wickets to the complete the route skittling the opposition for 171 in the 47th over. In the end 8 wickets were captured by bowling opposing batsman!

Overall is was a commanding display with bat and ball that has provided the team with valuable time at the crease and a lot of confidence for their upcoming top of the table clash with Hills Barbarians.