

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:

B3	Outright win	B10	Outright win
B7A	Outright win	B13	Outright win
B8	Outright win		

Individual Achievements

Andy Denlow	A	60	Jack Michie	14/1A	5/12
Adam Tinley	A	47 no	Anoop Vaidya	14/1A	29 & 2/7
David Cope	B3	4/35	Jack Farrell	14/1A	2/5
David Higginbotham	B3	47	James Senior	14/1B	3/60
Matt Hardy	B3	44	Nick McConnell	14/1B	2/20
David Banks	B3	5/55	Sam Shiel	14/1B	2/36
Roger Deane	B7A	8/54	A Balakrishnan	14/2	50 no
Brett McLaren	B7A	3/33	T Stewart	14/2	48
Mark Ritchie	B7A	61	G McIntyre	14/2	36 no
Daniel Chatman	B8	55	H Shokry	14/2	3/18
Evan Platt	B8	6/30	Gajanth Sivapalan	14/3	46
James Chatman	B8	3/26	Joshua Minks	14/3	42
John McLean	B10	5/12	Connor Jarvis	14/3	38
Greg Leeson	B13	55 no	Alex Linco	14/3	2/33
James Attard	B13	5/16	Jackson Manning	13/2A	2/5
Adam Fahey	B13	4/26	Mark Foscett	12/3	6/16
Jimmy Ou	B14	47	Arsh Kapila	11/1	3/20
Chris Soares	B14	5/45	Chris Blinman	11/1	3/21
Matt Toomey	B14	3/37	Aaditya Gholkar	11/2	44
N Webber	16/1	65	Emil Nissanka	10R	3/1
Saj Howpage	15/2	42 & 27 no	Nathan Crouch	10R	2/6
James Galofaro	15/2	5/33	Malachi	10W	24 no
Udit Pillay	15/2	3/21	Toby	10W	2/8
Blake Newman	14/1A	53	Sheehan	10W	2/9

Team Rosters

Canteen Roster – Ted Horwood Oval

Teams are reminded to have people available to man the canteen at Ted Horwood Reserve. The canteens raise valuable funds for our club, which help us to keep the fees down. The following teams are rostered in the next few weeks –

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
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
January 10 2009	No junior games	16/1
January 17 2009	No junior games	15/2

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 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 this report comes from beautiful Bundaberg. Rainy one day and rainy the next! Here we are with no daylight saving, no fluoride in the water and no Sunday trading. What year is it up here?

Anyway, looking at the results from last weekend, the seniors were superb - with 5 outright wins and only one loss. And a special congratulations to the B14's on their victory. The tables are looking nice at present with B7, B8, B9 & B10 sitting on top and all 10 teams sitting in the top 4. May it continue!

The juniors were affected by the rain, but there were still some outstanding performances. Keep it up everyone.

The game against the Vision Impaired team was played at Charles McLaughlin on Sunday 9 November. Thanks to those players who played for Baulko in this game.

The 90th Anniversary Wine offer is open now and samples will be available at the next monthly meeting, coming up on Tuesday 2 December. There are some nice wines available including the aptly named "Horwood Reserve", all of which would make a nice addition to your cellar or a great present for Christmas.

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 \$100 this week. Make sure your name and badge number is registered by emailing your name, badge number and team to jackpotdraw@baulkocricket.com.au. See you at the Sporto on Saturday night!

Go Baulko!
Peter McLoughlin

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	4 for 34	Hills Barbarians	12 for 77	Draw
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We lost the toss and bowled the first week. All of the boys were outstanding in the field with a special mention to Cody with 1 catch, 2 run-outs and bowling figures of 3/3. Other wicket takers on the day were Will Abbott, Sam, Thomas, Rufus and Alec. The boys continue to improve, making it difficult for the opponents to score runs off the bat. We need to tighten up on the bowling with regards to our extras.

Week 2 was shortened by the rain with only 14 overs being bowled before the play was stopped. We only had 4 outs at that stage with good batting by Will Abbott with 5, Cody with 8, Aidan with 5, Alex with 6 and Joshua 1.

10 Red	Did not bat	Seven Hills RSL	12 for 75	Draw – Day 2 washout
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Emil Nissanka 3 for 1
Nathan Crouch 2 for 6

Another loss of the toss & we found ourselves fielding first. The game started well with Dilshan swallowing a big edge at first slip off Nathan's bowling on the first ball of the game. Our bowling & fielding for the rest of this game was brilliant. We were hungry for the ball, put our bodies behind the ball & held our catches. The day however, belonged to Emil. He took a classic catch at point when a ball coming at lightning pace just "stuck" in front of his face. We couldn't stop laughing as the coach had only said 2 balls before that. "He's going to smash it at you soon Emil, keep your eyes on the ball!" Emil also delivered his best bowling performance of the year. We also continued our good fortune with run outs with Alex Robinson & Stephen Burns both getting direct hits. A disappointing result with the weather as we had set ourselves a goal of 120 runs which we believe that we would have achieved quite comfortably.

10 White	12 for 113	Wenty Waratahs	12 for 126	Win on averages
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Wenty Waratahs won the toss and elected to bat.

Yasith (0 for 15) and Binara (1 for 9) opened the bowling with Binara claiming a wicket in his second over. Yasith also bowled well, showing much improvement. Next to bowl was Sheehan (2 for 9) and Blake (1 for 8), both these bowlers kept the pressure on the Wenty batsmen with some good line and length resulting in both bowlers taking wickets. Johan (0 for 11) and Toby (2 for 8) continued the good bowling taking the attack up to the Wenty batsmen, Toby's bowling is improving each week and he is bowling with good pace. Malachi (0 for 6) and Nicholas (1 for 11) both bowled well keeping the runs to a minimum. Eric (0 for 17) and Harrison (0 for 11) were the next to bowl and both tried hard to get a wicket with some catches just dropping out of the reach of the fieldsmen. James (0 for 14) and Sarthak (1 for 7) finished off the innings with some accurate bowling. Nicholas and Sheehan both took catches, with Sheehan's catch, while fielding in slips, taken just centimetres off the ground. A great run out was executed by Binara.

Baulko's turn to bat and Binara (5) and Sarthak (3 no.) opened the batting and got us off to a steady start against some very accurate bowling. Next in was Malachi (24 no.) and Harrison (12 no.) and these 2 really picked up the scoring rate with some good running between the wickets and some powerful hitting from Malachi who managed to hit a 4 despite the slow and wet outfield. Blake (6) and Sheehan (13 no.) kept the scoreboard moving, with Sheehan in particular playing some nice off side shots. Johan (7 no) and Tom (14 no.) continued the good batting with some aggressive running between the wickets. Nicholas (8) and Eric (13 no.) both batted well and made good contributions to the score. James (2) and Jaelyn (5) were the last pair into bat and managed to keep the Wenty Bowlers at bay while scoring some valuable runs for the team.

At the end of the day Wenty Waratahs actually scored more runs than we did, however, they lost more wickets than we did and subsequently their average was not as good, giving Baulko a well deserved win.

Best Performances were:

Batting: Malachi 24 not out; Tom 14 not out; Sheehan 13 not out; Eric 13 not out; Harrison 12 not out.

Bowling: Sheehan 2 for 9; Toby 2 for 8

11/2	9 for 177	Kings Langley A	1 for 196	First innings loss
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We have been working at training, on patience and ball selection, this paid off immediately as our opening pair started well. Unfortunately Saad was run out, but Aaditya made up for this with a great innings of 44, with plenty of fours to keep the fielders busy.

Everyone managed to stick around in the middle and we batted out our 53 overs finishing on 9-177 with every batsman getting a turn. We scored our highest score, batted through the most overs and many of the boys hit their highest score. Well done boys on this great improvement.

Kings Langley batted first and we had a long day in the field, they scored 1-199 from 53 overs, we bowled on through the last few overs in the rain. A great catch behind the stumps to Yuvin from the bowling of Sushant being our only break through. Saad had 6 tight overs, 4 maidens, 0-2.

11/1	Did not bat	Greystanes	10 for 164	Draw – Day 2 washout
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Round 5 promised to be a tough game. Greystanes were equal second with us on points but enjoyed a better quotient forcing us to third place on the ladder. With two of Greystanes' players also in the J H Creak Shield representative side, it was obvious that we would have to bat and bowl particularly well.

Blake Peisley was captain this game, and unluckily he lost the toss in what could only be described as a 50/50 chance. Although Greystanes hesitated, their coach promptly helped his captain to decide on batting, and into the field we went.

The game started well with Baulko's bowlers trying hard and bowling a much improved, tighter line. Length wandered occasionally and this was all Greystanes needed to get their innings under way. For the first time this season Baulko had to be patient for that elusive first wicket, as Greystanes' openers had plans for a high score (one in particular scoring all the runs and batting exceptionally well). Finally though, in the 21st over the wicket fell and pretty soon others followed in regular succession.

At drinks the score was 4 for 95 from 31 overs with wickets to Jake (1), Chris (1) and Arsh (2). From here the game could easily have gone in one of two directions. Either Greystanes would capitalise on a well-crafted platform of runs, or Baulko would need to take wickets, and take them quickly. Thankfully the latter proved true thanks to a wicket in the first over after drinks (Chris) and a further two wickets within the next five overs (Jake and Chris). Suddenly it was 7 for 115.

At this point, Greystanes forced another brief partnership, but thanks to two wickets in two balls (Blake) the runs were slowed and soon it was all over at 164, Arsh picking up his third wicket. With time for about ten minutes of batting before stumps on day one, a light shower passed through and stumps were called early.

Day 2 arrived and so did the rain, which was a pity because it would have been a really interesting run chase. However, presented with persisting showers and a pitch that was sodden with plenty of puddles, we simply weren't too keen to go on. Greystanes, initially liking their chances, hesitated but soon agreed the conditions were not conducive to play. An early finish and a draw resulted.

Highlights from this game include a dramatic improvement in sundries (by all bowlers) with the number of wides and no balls bowled reduced by half. This was fantastic and enormously important; keep it up boys. Also a stand out was the improved fielding, which shows that the weekly efforts at training are paying off. Although a few catches were dropped, all were very difficult chances and at 10 years of age these just aren't expected. Catches that were taken included an excellent caught and bowled by Arsh, two caught behinds by Patrick (unlucky not to be given a third) and one to Luke J, who possibly has the safest hands in the team (so far!).

Once again, well done to all boys on yet another good effort this game. There is definite improvement and I'm predicting with continued efforts, some good wins are coming our way. Kellyville at Kellyville (Memorial Drive) are our next opponents. Let's go get 'em!

Finally, it would be remiss not to congratulate the two representative players from Greystanes (Glen and Jake) on a fine display of batting and running between the wickets. Both played extremely well.

12/3	9 for 110	Seven Hills RSL	7 for 116	First innings loss
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Another close game that ended in a loss to Baulko. An excellent batting effort, batting out the entire 55 overs to reach 9/110. Jake K. and Mark J. made a great opening stand, which laid a strong foundation for the rest of the team.

Bowling on the second was a mixed result with Mark F. taking 6/16 and Mark J 1/10 but with the rest of the bowlers lucking out with the wickets with some really close shaves that could have the desired result on another day.

Sundries was our enemy again but was actually better than the opposition. The match really could have gone either way.

A really good effort guys.

12/2	Did not bat	Kellyville	7 for 131	Draw – Day 2 washout
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12/1	10 for 73	Winston Hills	3 for 90	First innings loss
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This was the final game of Round 1, having now played all teams in the competition once. We finish the round in equal 2nd position, having won 3 out of our 5 games. However, we are NOT in good shape.

Our overall quotient is the lowest in the comp. We have the worst bowling average, and the 2nd worst batting average. We have lost games to the top and bottom placed teams. More disturbingly, we are coming up against teams on a weekly basis who are applying themselves to the disciplines of cricket much better than we are.

To say we run hot and cold is an understatement. One week I talk about our brilliant fielding, the next we are dropping catches, gifting overthrows, letting the ball go between our feet, etc, etc. With the bat, we have boys who can hit the ball with precision and power – and, I think, some of the best talent in the comp. Yet no-one this season has displayed the patience required to build a big innings. With the ball we can be devastating one week, bowling out sides cheaply. The next, struggling to buy a wicket and throwing down ‘long hops’ (or worse still, no-balls and wides) which sit there and ask to be punished to the boundary.

A number of the boys in the team have incredible talent, and are capable of future representative honours. However, they are failing to apply themselves – or don’t have the ability (or desire) to concentrate on each and every ball – a skill required to master this game. Mum’s please note, I’m thinking a ban on late nights, womanising and red cordial may be in order for Friday nights, now until the end of the season.

Winston Hills completely outplayed us in this game in all facets. They were fully deserving of their first win this season. (In fact, I’m sure they will have many more to come this year). They bowled and fielded almost without error, and they displayed the patience required with the bat (‘wait for the loose ball’) that our boys can take learnings from. Not even the rain could save us from a comprehensive defeat. For Baulko, young Daniel Waddups top-scored with a well-compiled 22 – but continues to rue the lost opportunity for a higher run tally. Michael Bellam took a great forward diving catch at point, and James Gardiner and Tim Anstee always put in with the bat, ball and in the field. Other than that, it is a game best left well behind.

Enough of the navel gazing and lamenting opportunities lost. Onwards and upwards from here. Wenty Leagues next week and we will likely bat, bowl and field like champions again !

13/2B	10 for 90	Seven Hills RSL	0 for 12	Draw – Day 2 washout
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No report submitted.

13/2A	10 for 102	Greystanes	3 for 24	Draw – Day 2 washout
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Arriving at the game undefeated and in first place, we wanted to keep the boys focused on the challenges of the new game and new opponent, instead of where we were sitting on the ladder. It appeared that council hadn’t been around to mow the grass, so our plan was to field first. Unfortunately we lost the toss and were sent in to bat on a very long and slow outfield. Greystanes looked good in the field and took five of our wickets with some pretty good catches. They pressured us, fielding up close but to our credit, the boys pulled together as a team and produced a decent score of 102 runs. Highest run scorers were Sean Svanetti 22 not out and Tanveer Mokha 14.

With about an hour left to play, Greystanes went into bat. Some good, straight bowling saw us strike early success taking 3 wickets by the 10th over. Wickets were taken by Jackson Manning (2 for 5) and Tanveer Mokha (1 for 5). With about five minutes left to play the rain came and we called it stumps. We arrived to the match on day 2 to rain and storm clouds. Both teams agreed that the conditions were too slippery and the weather did not look like it was going to clear, so the match was called off, resulting in a drawn game.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the 13/2 A team, to wish Luke, Nigel, Merryn, Nick and Hayley Bertus a safe trip to the West Indies. We wish Nick all the very best for his tour and we hope that you play to your full potential. We are very proud of our ‘Baulko Boy’! Luke, we look forward to having you back in the team in December.

13/1	0 for 91	AKA Crusaders	10 for 53	First innings win
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Baulkham Hills won the toss and sent AKA to bat on a perfect day for cricket with a clear blue sky and a light breeze. And what a day it turned out to be for Baulko.

First ball from Michael got sent for two runs and the third ball for another run. Those were the only runs that Michael conceded during his spell of 5 overs in the innings. 4th ball from Michael was a catch straight to Josh Koski 1st ball from the next over from Michael witnessed the bails flying off from a beautiful straight delivery on the stumps. AKA was down 4 for 2 wickets. Last over from Michael was a sharp catch to Bryce in 1st slip and when their score 11 for 3. Josh Koski came into bowl and 2nd ball from him sent another sharp catch to Bryce again in 1st slip. From then on AKA never recovered and Baulko rounded them off when AKA’s score was 53. Michael’s bowling figure was 3 for 3 runs, Sachin 1 for 8, Koski 3 for 6

and Bryce 3 for 9.

Baulko started their batting with 50 minutes to spare and made 27 runs before rain stopped play 10 minutes early. Following week start had to be delayed again due to rains and play started only at 9.00. Baulko made the required runs without any kind of pressure from AKA's bowling. Though rain did interrupt play once more briefly play continued on. At the end of 34th over Baulko had made 91 runs without losing any wicket. Cody was unbeaten 35 and George was 39 when game was stopped with mutual consent.

In short it was a very easy and comfortable win for Baulko.

Michael was adjudged Man of the Match for his excellent bowling of 3 wickets for 3 runs in 5 overs.

14/3	8 for 236	Kings Langley	10 for 230	First innings win
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No report submitted.

14/2	3 for 163	Kellyville	10 for 118	First innings win
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No report submitted.

14/1B	0 for 12	Kings Langley	7 for 276	Draw
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This round saw us come up against the leading team. They won the toss and batted. We bowled well and fielded reasonably well but they batted very well to post 276. There were some good bowling performances with James Senior 3/60, Nick McConnell 2/20 and Sam Shiel 2/36. The best catch of the game was actually by James Benton's father, Jeff, who casually reached out and caught a well hit six from his chair!

The second week was washed out after four overs. We made a good start against some good bowling and were solid at 12 n/o from 4 overs before the game was abandoned. We now focus on next week's game against Rouse Hill, a new team to the competition who have been doing very well! Good luck boys.

14/1A	10 for 160	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 74	First innings win
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Rouse Hill won the toss and on a cold, damp morning decided to put us in. Our openers, James & Jono faced some very tight opening bowling with Jono taking the more aggressive approach with three early boundaries. With the score at 17 his luck ran out, top edging one to deep gully for a well earned 15. Enter Mitchell who put on a brief partnership with James before the latter was given out lbw with the score at 41. Mitchell then got a good ball from the spinner that turned sharply and he was bowled for 17. Brent looked in good touch but nicked one which was brilliantly caught by the keeper. Jack Farrel and Blake then put on a quick fire 14 run partnership before Jack was bowled. Then came our best partnership with Blake and lefty Anoop putting on 70 runs. Blake took to the bowling with some superb drives and pull shots with Anoop rotating the strike well and punishing anything down leg side. Blake finally reached his 50 with yet another boundary but was out shortly after for 53, one of his best knocks. Anoop was finally out caught for 29 his best ever score, well done! With the score at 7-147 and with only 10 batsmen, we perhaps should have batted out the overs, but we seemed to panic and lost the last two wickets in run outs, the highlight being a couple of boundaries by Jack Michie. All out for 160, we bowled 2 overs before stumps but didn't get a wicket.

With plenty of rain around we somehow managed to get the innings started on a surprisingly good surface given the wet conditions. Rouse Hill resumed at 0-3 and needed 2.7 runs per over to get the required runs and they started very well picking off anything loose or short. They put on 54 runs in the first hour before a drive off Anoop's bowling was brilliantly caught by Jack Michie at short mid-on and the partnership was finally broken. Enter Jack Michie, who removed the other opener lbw for 17 and then went on to rip through their middle order with some outstanding spin bowling. Jack finally finished with superb figures of 10 overs, 5 maidens, 5-12. Jack Farrel bowled with good pace and accuracy finishing with figures of 2-5 off five overs. Anoop also got in on the wickets taking 2-7 in five overs with another brilliant catch, this time taken at square leg by Taseen. We bowled them out in the 43rd over for just 74. An all round good performance from the whole team seeing us back on winning terms.

15/3	Did not bat	Hills Barbarians	10 for 168	Draw – Day 2 washout
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Our start in the first week was great boys and we certainly had the opposition worried. We had a wicket by Dineth caught Blake at first slip with the second ball of the day. Wickets to Karanbir, Praween, Kausthub and two to Hugh quickly followed to have Hills Barbarians at 5/45. At morning tea they were 6/81 and they continued to get a roll on. Brendan and Michael bowled well after the break with a wicket each and Praween took the last two wickets just as it started to rain. Contributing to the fall of these wickets were great catches by Mahir, Jack, Dineth and another catch to Blake. Unfortunately we were very expensive with our total sundries so this is something to concentrate on next game. The rain settled in and we were unable to bat but they had left us with a big run chase of 168. The second week had us at the ground with miserable weather. It had not stopped raining by about 8.50 and with a very slippery pitch it was decided to call it quits. The game a draw. Some nice fielding and bowling guys but tighten up the extras to keep that run chase more achievable as we are already disadvantaged

with one less in the batting line-up.

Round 4 - B/Hills 41 & 3/73 Vs Kings Langley 160

Another first innings loss but we held out the outright loss with our 9 player batting line up so well done boys. In the first week we had some great bowling by Michael with 2/7 off 5 overs and Praween also taking 2 wickets for 18 runs off his 5 overs. Dineth also bowled very well with great figures of 1/5 off 5 overs and had 2 maidens. Wickets were also taken by Kausthub, Mahir and Brendan. Good catches were taken in the field by Blake and Karanbir and Jack had a great run out early in the game to have the opposition at 1/0. Hugh also contributed well in the field with some great fielding. We managed to keep their run rate down early but unfortunately they got away from us near the end. It was always going to be a big challenge in the second week to get 161 runs knowing we were going to be short of another player but there were some great individual efforts. Mahir batted out the entire first innings and went from opener to last man standing with a 16 not out so well done Mahir. Karanbir achieved a great 39 not out and was able to stay in with Brendan 10 not out to frustrate the opposition with their 30 run partnership. They had to settle with first innings points and they would have been confident of an outright win after our poor first innings performance. Well done to the other batters in second innings with Kausthub, Mahir and Jack helping out. When we finally have everyone firing at the same time we will be a force to be reckoned with so hang in there guys.

15/2	10 for 99, 3 for 77	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 72	First innings win
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B Hills won the toss and elected to bat but despite reaching 1 for 65 at one stage collapsed to be all out for a disappointing 99. Saj Howpage showed the way with a well compiled 42 which included 5 4s and a range of good shots. However, Michael Waddup with a patient 17 was the only other batsman to reach double figures.

This left around 50 minutes to bowl on the first day and excellent bowling from James Galofaro and Udit Pillay reduced Rouse Hill to 5 for 37 at stumps on the first day. The bowling continued to be of a high standard on the second morning with the team eventually dismissing Rouse Hill for 72 for a lead of 27 runs on the first innings. James Galofaro and Udit Pillay continued where they left off on day 1, James finishing with 5 for 33 and Udit 3 for 21. Saj Howpage finished with 1 for 5 off 6 tight overs of medium pace. Also noteworthy was the high quality keeping effort of Blaine O'Brien who, despite never having kept wicket before this season is rapidly developing into a quality gloveman. In this innings Blaine took a smart catch and only conceded 1 bye.

Baulkham Hills used the remaining time to try and gain some further confidence with the bat and with a revised batting order, finished at 3 for 77. Saj Howpage again leading the way with 27 not out.

That makes 2 wins in a row with another high quality bowling and fielding performance. However, more solidity and consistency is needed in the batting.

15/1	Kings Langley
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No report submitted.

16/1	6 for 195	AKA Crusaders	7 for 183	Draw
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An excellent and disciplined display with the bat amounted to nothing when this rain interrupted affair saw us unable to bowl out the opposition in day 2. The first week saw Rob Tatko and Ben Abbott bat beautifully in 40 run opening partnership, which was followed up with a great 65 by Nick Webber and 35 by Daniel Chatman. The pleasing thing about our batting was the absence of the cavalier approach that has dogged us all season, and it was replaced by discipline and technique...a great sign for our batting for the rest of the season.

Unfortunately our fielding did not match our efforts with the bat. Our bowlers are simply not delivering enough wickets for us, and with a wet ball and time lost due to rain the task in week two was made difficult for us. However there is absolutely no excuse for dropping 12 catches!! In a game where we needed the points badly the fielding let us down badly. The team now has their destiny in their own hands, and need to be more switched on next week against Kellyville. If we bat as well as we did this game, bowl a good line and length, and concentrate better in the field we will get the points. We need to up the intensity to take on this entire competition, and if we do, we will be the team with the X factor that will shake up the competition.....there is absolutely no doubt in my mind on that issue. The only issue is, "does every player believe this and want to do something about it?" If we do not switch on, then the season will pass us by in the blink of an eye and we will not even play finals. We have the talent we just need the attitude and the application and the results will come. At the moment we are the laughing stock of the competition, as everyone knows how much talent we possess, and how far we are under performing. A fact that does not sit well with the coaches and should not with the players either. Pride in performance should ensure that this situation is turned around immediately.

Switch on guys, as now is the time to make a statement to the competition.

B14	10 for 141, 8 for 91	Hills Barbarians	10 for 113	First innings win
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B Hills lost the toss and were invited to bat. Despite never getting on top of the bowling, a few useful partnerships saw the team eventually total 141. Opener Jimmy Ou top scored with a gutsy 47. Jimmy received valuable support from Chris Gunton (19 run partnership for the 1st wicket) and David Wilson (41 run partnership for the 3rd wicket). A quick fire 21 from Bryce Jones was the other batting highlight.

This left our opponents with 80 minutes batting time on the first day. Fine pace bowling from Chris Soares and Bryce Jones reduced Hills Barbarians to 4 for 31 before some lusty hitting late in the day took them to 4 for 70 at stumps. Fortunately this dangerous partnership was able to be broken early on the second day and although Hills Barbarians were able to reach 5 for 98, 4 wickets then proceeded to fall, taking the score to 9 for 98, with Matt Toomey taking 2 wickets in 2 balls but missing the hat trick. After a couple of big hits from their no. 11 batsman the final wicket was captured with the score on 113, and a 28 run lead on the first innings. The highlight of the bowling was the pace bowling of Chris Soares who finished with 5 for 45. Chris was well supported by Bryce Jones with 2 for 24 and Matt Toomey with 3 for 37.

Baulkham Hills then returned to the batting crease and slumped to 5 for 29, before a solid 31 run partnership for the 6th wicket between David Wilson with 19 and the undoubted man of the match for Baulko, Chris Soares, who finished with 16 not out. Baulkham Hills reached 8 for 91 by the close of play.

B13	10 for 77, 6 for 99	Winston Hills	10 for 85, 10 for 88	Loss on First innings, Outright win
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No report submitted.

B11	10 for 152	Kings Langley	10 for 125	First innings win
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No report submitted.

B10	10 for 82, 6 for 97	Radiant Sports	10 for 57, 10 for 120	Outright win
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It was a fairly gloomy and overcast couple of day's cricket at Fortress Yattendon, with an outright victory to Baulkham Hills not such a "radiant" result for the lads from Radiant Sports. I'm sure that pun must get used every year in the match report.

With 22 wickets falling on the first day's play an indication of the difficult batting conditions, Baulkham Hills secured a first innings victory by stumps leaving a full day to chase an outright.

J Young won his second toss of the season and put Radiant into bat on what had proved in our first home game to be a difficult batting wicket. Radiant failed to take into account the conditions and were soon reeling at 4 for 12 and shortly thereafter 8 for 38. Fast and accurate opening spells from G Korny (2-18) and J Young (3-16) were well supported by J McLean (2-14) and C Harding (3-6). Both J Young and C Harding narrowly missed out on hat trick opportunities. T Manning again deputised well behind the stumps and the fielding effort was generally improved. The tail was quickly wrapped up and Radiant ended their first innings on 57, which was probably worth at least 100 in the prevailing conditions.

Baulkham Hills started their chase in poor fashion falling quickly to 6 for 18 after only 16 overs. An accurate, if not overly-threatening Radiant attack made scoring runs difficult and it took a 38-run 7th wicket stand between J Weatherall (20) and T Manning (19) to calm the nerves and secure the first innings points. Radiant set a curious field - 4 slips, 2 gullies and a leg slip. None of them took a catch. J Young blasted a quick 20 before Baulkham Hills were all out for 82. Not a convincing batting effort, but good enough.

Radiant then had to see out 30 mins and lost two wickets before calling for bad light. Amusing, since the light had actually improved throughout the course of the day and it was actually brighter than when we first took the field.

Baulkham Hills resumed the second day in similar overcast conditions. For whatever reason we came out flat and off our game, not helped by being two down in the field. Radiant, with nothing to lose, started with more zest and added a quick 70 runs for the loss of only two more wickets. The fielding was poor, catches were dropped and the energy levels were down. Perseverance, the arrival of the two extra fielders and a searing 4 over spell from J McLean (5-12) raised the spirits and Radiant was finally knocked over for 120. J McLean also missed out on a hat trick opportunity - making three in a game for Baulko!! It could have been a lot worse but it was a challenging target.

Some applied batting from Baulkham Hills, with the only real difficulties being caused by a couple of very poor umpiring decisions and some overzealous appealing, saw us knock off the 96 required for victory with 30mins spare. G Eades (10) looked in ominous form before a dodgy decision which cost him his wicket, and perhaps his bat after it came off second best following an introduction to the brickwork on his return to the pavilion. J Weatherall (24) and H Rangwala (25) broke the shackles and J McLean (9no) hit the winning runs. B Gallard (15no) was unbeaten and it must be said that the Baulkham Hills batting looked much more balanced with Braith playing his familiar anchoring role.

Well done lads, still plenty of room for improvement but an outright is a great result nonetheless. Thanks again to Jackson Manning (U13/B1) and Ben Eades (u13/B2) for their fielding efforts and congratulations to Grant on his first pair for the season.

B9	10 for 270	Kings Langley	10 for 153	First innings win
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Well because it was yet another good performance for the most part, this drivel has been put together again. As always, we need to make a correction before proceeding further. It has been pointed out that in the last report there was yet another typo. Appears that the report contained the following two phrases: 'senior brains lack of trust' and 'senior lack of brains trust' - a correction and an apology has been demanded.

This was in fact a typo. The use of 'senior brains lack of trust' was incorrect and should have been 'senior lack of brains trust'. There will, however, be no apology.

As for the action on the field - our batting was something worth reporting. As you all know, in the previous two matches, all the batsmen except for two on each occasion were on strike. The names that consistently get featured heavily in the scorebook are Extras, Caught and Off Stump. Not so this time. All the batsmen except for one contributed. A total of 270 was piled on without a single batsmen scoring over 50! This was a true team effort.

The openers set a decent platform for once - something that the middle order batsmen generally do not know how to handle. On the rare occasion that this has happened in the past, the middle order would gift their wickets away in very unselfish fashion to give the lower order an opportunity to save the match. And often this unselfishness extends to the lower order and the opposition is given the opportunity to get a few points on the points table.

Not so this time. Rajitha, Ayesh and Sameer got into their forties without working up a sweat before handing over the opportunity to the lower order. Prasad who has been in his forties for a few years now (in fact he is pushing fifty) was the only one who was unselfish. He gave up his wicket immediately upon getting out there. Correction, Ricky was the most unselfish batsman. He gave up his batting spot, which as you all know is unheard of. He normally shows up at the ground the previous night and pads up to increase his chances of opening the batting. This match, he said he was still struggling after an overdose of amber liquid and butter chicken from the previous night.

Ayesh too was struggling from this same ailment. We told him to simply go out, pick the ball in the middle of all three that were coming at him and swing like mad. He said not to worry because that's what he always did. In fact he said he never realised that the bowler was in fact bowling just one ball at him. He had always seen three balls coming at him and occasionally they went in different directions when he hit them.

He went out with his tennis cap and started playing like Nadal. He pumped a few forehands and overhead smashes to the boundary. This had the opposition foxed. They had never seen anyone play tennis with a cricket bat and ball. He hit one forehand so hard that even though it went all the way to the boundary fielder, he did not have enough time to take a single.

Sameer meanwhile on the other side stuck to cricket and contributed a sublime 45, stroking the ball to all parts in a masterful display. Lasitha's 30 was also noteworthy considering he tried every which way he knew to get out, saying he was injured, and put on 30 runs instead.

When it came time for us to bowl, Nirav had a bit of trouble finding a bowling partner while he held down one side. Aneesh had to retire after the bouncers he was bowling kept hitting his toes. Wickets did, however, come consistently, especially when Rajitha was brought on. Sameer was asked which end he wanted to bowl, and he made the classic rookie mistake of saying he wanted the end the skipper was bowling from. Suffice it to say, he only ended up getting a couple of overs towards the end of the day.

We did bowl them out for 147ish, still more than 100 runs behind our total. So we put them into bat again, expecting capitulation as has been the case with our other opponents. Not so this time. The second innings did not go exactly to plan. They sent their number 10 and 11 batsmen out to open the innings. We struggled to get them out until finally Nirav bowled a ripper.

This was probably not such a good thing because the batsmen that followed seemed a bit upset. Every ball was despatched onto a neighbour's roof. The peace-keeping neighbour from last time emerged again with another peace offering - masala tea. Unfortunately for him, he offered it to the wrong team - he gave it to us. So after the tea break, when we went back in, his house got pelted. One suspects that is the last we'll see of him.

Rajitha was thrown the ball. After two overs he threw the ball back at Nirav. He complained he had a sore neck after watching his 10th consecutive delivery fly out of the ground. Nirav looked around the field to throw the ball to someone else but no one

else was on the field. Everyone had run for cover and was no where to be seen.

Although the batsmen were gifting plenty of catches, there were no fielders to take them. Had there been fielders, each bowler would have had about 8 wickets each to their name considering how many chances were given. Sameer, however, being a rookie was the only silly bugger on the field and he had to catch everything. He bagged himself 6 catches in the process.

When Ricky saw this, he decided to join in as he was a bit worried about loosing his spot as our only fielder. He was then seen flying all over the field stopping bullets. This was unprecedented. Normally, he's seen running all over the ground dodging bullets, but this time he was putting himself in the line of fire. In fact, one such bullet was heading for a sure six when Ricky, for some unknown reason, chose to dive straight into it. He almost caught it in the process. A couple of overs later, he did catch one that was also heading for six. We have a feeling this was the result of the overdose of amber liquid and butter chicken. The remnants of the butter chicken were giving him the jet propulsion while the amber liquid had made him oblivious to all pain.

Whatever the case, with all the carnage going on, the lack of brains trust gathered for an emergency meeting. They needed a scapegoat and threw the ball at one of the lesser bowlers. To make sure the ball didn't come hurtling back they threw it at him hard. There was a cry of anguish but it was made clear that nobody cared. This resulted in a series of pies being chucked at the batsmen. In a cunning plan concocted by bowler and keeper, a rumour was started that there was ketchup and fries in pavilion. They all started dancing down the pitch and headed back to the pavilion one by one. The trick worked and we finally managed to get them all out, but not before they had done considerable damage to more than a few roofs in the area.

The damage was so bad, that we had to call the match off at that point. And we were left thanking our lucky stars that we had managed to avoid this beating in the first innings. How's Zhat!

B8	10 for 192, 0 for 45	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 64, 10 for 170	Outright win
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Adventures of Batman

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More in the adventures of the Dynamic Duo...and the Baulko B's

Narrator: Meanwhile...back in stately Wayne Manor, Batman and his faithful companion The Boy Wonder are searching their super Bat Computer to uncover the whereabouts of their arch enemies the Penguin and the Joker, who have joined forces to once and for all finish off their nemesis the Dynamic Duo.

Robin: Gosh Batman, this computer is awesome. Its almost as much fun as Laser Tag. My good friend Rowdy just loves that game.

Batman: Not so fast Robin, the computer is only a means to find information. Nothing replaces hard study and learning the old fashioned way. Isn't it time you hit the books?

Robin: Batman you are right again! As always! Have you uncovered the whereabouts of those dastardly troublemakers the Penguin and the Joker?

Batman: Not yet my good friend but patience is a virtue. I am just punching in the coordinates of their last sighting. Hmmm let's see They were last sighted at the Baulkham Hills Sporting club.

Robin: Holy Cheap Beers Batman let's go before the beer and ciggies run out.

Batman: Easy does it my over eager masked crime fighter. Let's make sure we are not heading into an ambush of crusty old blokes playing the pokies and drunken cricket players.

Narrator: Ever faithful Alfred winds his way down the Bat stairs into the bat cave with a newspaper on a silver platter.

Alfred: Sir, here is today's copy of the Gotham City Times

Batman: Thankyou my old friend, you know, one should never be too far away from today's society, and by just reading this paper is in a way, contributing to the society that we protect.

Narrator: Geez Batman is really full of it in this episode.

Robin: Holly sports news Batman, I am reading about the Baulko B 8's, looks like they are going to win again. It says here Baulkham Hills Cricket Club

that they scored 192 thanks to Daniel Chatman who scored 55 and Andrew Gay who scored 33. Then had the Rouse Hill Rams 4/15 at the end of the day. Evan Platt got wickets too. Gosh Batman I wish we could beat criminals as easily as they beat other cricket teams. They really rammed those rams!

Batman: It just goes to show boy wonder that if you strive and practice hard you will prevail and be successful.

Robin: Geez you go on with some crap sometimes batman! Hey Batman here is a team photo of the B 8's. Holly masquerade Batman, I can see the Joker and the Penguin pretending to be players.

Batman: Good spotting Robin, what are their names in the team.

Robin: Tony Senior and Ward Koski are their names Batman. Wow...what a great cover. No wonder we couldn't find them.

Batman: Good going Boy Wonder. Paying attention is a virtue.

Narrator: The Dynamic duo rush to the ground at Kellyville where they know the Penguin, the Joker and all the henchmen are playing cricket.

Batman and Robin pull up at the ground to see the Baulko B'8 finishing off the Rams for an outright win.

Robin: Holly big wins Batman, Looks like Baulko bowled out the Rams for 64 sent them back in and bowled them out again for 170. Leaving themselves only 43 runs to get to win outright. Batman!!! Look there must be the Penguin, I think they call him Ward, look at the way he is waddling...what a great disguise Batman!!

Batman: Yes boy wonder, Indeed that is a great disguise, he even told his team mates he hurt his toe to disguise his Penguin type walking. He is smarter than we thought.

Robin: Holly bad jokes Batman, is that the Joker batting? I think they call him Crank. "Kapppowww" The Joker hits another six. "Crackkkkkk" and a four!!!

Batman: Yes my masked friend that is the Joker, look at the way he is making a joke of that bowling attack!!

Robin: Batman its time we have a signature all in fight for the end of the show! Let's Go!!

Batman: Easy Boy wonder looks like there is no fight here, the rams got beaten by 10 wickets and the Joker scored 43 off 25 balls to finish the game.

Narrator: That's it everyone, that's another episode of Batman and Robin. Join us back here..

Same Bat time, Same Bat channel.

B7A	10 for 127, 5 for 157	Hills Barbarians	10 for 106, 5 dec 172	Outright win
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No report submitted.

B3	10 for 210, 2 for 54	Guildford Bowling	10 for 92, 10 for 169	Outright win
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This was a very sweet outright victory, for a number of reasons. Firstly it was some sort of revenge against the team that defeated (thrashed?) our B4 team from last season, on the same ground. It was also the match that gave Dave Cope his 300th wicket in senior cricket for Baulkham Hills Cricket Club. Congratulations Dave on a significant milestone from all of your team mates, both past and present.

We won the toss and put the opposition in under overcast and somewhat dull conditions. Our bowling was very good and straight (with some good swing and pace) and our fielding supported the attack. Dave Cope took 4/35 (to finish the innings on 299 wickets) with Matt Hardy taking 3/44. Matt's pace has certainly increased over the past couple of seasons. Even Thorny got his second bowl in as many matches!

Despite losing a couple of early wickets (Sam & Ben were dismissed to great catches off the middle of the bat), Dave Higginbotham raced to his favourite score of 47 (47 for Higgy is equivalent to a 50 for most people it seems) with all-rounder Matt scoring 44. It was nice to see Banksy back in the runs with 24 including a couple of sixes. We finished on 210 and set ourselves up for an outright win.

Guildford had to face a nervous half an hour of our bowling before stumps, and Dave Cope struck (courtesy of a great catch by "that man" Matt Hardy) to claim his 300th scalp. More drama was to follow when the skipper claimed the wicket of his

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opposing captain off the last ball of the day (the infamous 7th ball of the over!) by a vicious off-break that spat off the pitch and bamboozled the batsman to clip the top of leg stump. Much excitement (and dismay) followed! So they finished the day at 2/41.

We toiled away the following Saturday and after a slowish start the wickets started to fall. The catalyst was a great sharp catch by Hobbsy at first slip ("it wasn't that hard" S.H.). However our fielding was a bit slack at times with some easy chances spilled that let them achieve a higher score than we would have liked. It was one of their batsman ("Whiskers" i.e. 9 lives) who used up all of his teams luck. (He must have had at least 6 lives throughout this match). Guildford was finally dismissed for 169. Bowling honours (surprisingly) went to David Banks with 5/55 who took a "Michelle" (Pfeiffer / five-for...get it!) for the second consecutive match. The "Highwayman" has now claimed 13 wickets at just under 10 a piece! Great to see Mitch claim his first wicket of the season.

We were set 51 for victory which we passed with two wickets down. Higgy steadied the ship and Mitch finished the game in style with a robust lofted straight drive for six which was arguably also the shot of the match.

At least we got over our "hiccup" outright loss from the match before, and that is now behind us.

B2	BYE	BYE
Nothing to report.		

A	10 for 173	Hills Barbarians	7 for 176	First innings loss
For the fourth consecutive game we lost the toss and were subsequently put in to bat on a very green, very wet pitch in our top of the table clash with Hills Barbarians. The first over, negotiated comfortably with both openers getting off the mark was not a sign of the events to follow. In two obscure dismissals G (3) got his bat tangled with his pad and Sumit (4) dragged a ball swinging down leg back unto the stumps with his back foot, leaving us 2-13 inside the first 4 overs.				

Bobby Simpson fought his way to 9 but was undone by some extra bounce and he was followed in very quick succession by Keenan (1) caught behind on a deck his was proving harder to handle than an angry cobra. Ben 'Hooley' Dooley walked to the crease and hit his first ball for 4 giving the team hope that he was going to continue his incredible start to the season. After clouting a six on a deck that was doing plenty hope continued to rise, before he fell to a ball that both seamed and stayed down for 10. The return of Marj was short as he fell for 2 and keeper Ryan received a bouncer that zipped off the green pastures strewn across the pitch to be caught at mid wicket for 1. At 7-52 we were on the rack but with opener Andy playing beautifully at the other end showing the value of having a very sound technique and unflappable temperament thoughts of a total north of 100 was still being entertained.

Coming off an unbeaten 47, Vasant (13) shared in a 48 run partnership through determination and the use of his sound judgement before receiving one that stayed down and under edging to the keeper. Adam 'Tinman' Tinley joined the resolute technician Andy and played himself in before picking his ball and launching an awesome counter attack filled with 4 fours and 3 sixes, one of which was simply enormous! Andy and the Tinman shared in a 72 run stand, and this time Andy played second fiddle with Tinman contributing 46 to the partnership before Andy eventually fell for 60 having almost carried his bat though the innings; on such a deck his 60 was deserving of three figures.

At 9 for 172 an awesome resurrection had taken place and thoughts of another 70 run 10th wicket stand as accomplished in our last innings sprung to mind but this time it didn't come to fruition with the innings coming to a conclusion at 173 with Trent failing to score. Coincidentally, for the second consecutive match our number 10 batsman made 47 not out!

With an hour of play left we were determined to use whatever the surface had to offer and capture as many wickets as possible before coming back in a week to attempt to complete the come from behind victory. It got off to a fantastic start with Trent picking up a wicket in the 3rd over which was followed by a Dave Byrne special in the 6th over to leave the opposition 2 for 13. The good work continued with the Tinman getting a wicket in his first over with a well held caught and bowled chance. At 3 for 34 serious inroads had been made but unfortunately lapses in the field prevented us from taking a 4th wicket. At stumps the game was evenly poised with the opposition ending the day's play 3 for 55 still requiring a further 119 runs 7 wickets in hand.

Week two and heavy overnight rain made us hopeful that the pitch would be in a similar condition to that which we had to bat on. We were to have no such luck having put the hession down for week two, having left it off week one. Subsequently the pitch was dry, hard and flat giving a strong advantage to the opposition. Once again we did not help ourselves by putting down two chances in the first session which was dominated by the opposition who went to drinks without loss and the addition of another 60 runs. We were unlucky to not have the partnership broken before drinks with a sprint, pickup and diving underarm throw from stand in skipper, G, appearing to have broken the established 4th wicket stand with a direct hit.

However, soon after drinks a good take from Tinley at mid off removed the opposition's top scorer and in quick session the

other established batsman fell to the leg-spin of former keeper Chris Marjionemi (2-29). Through outstanding bowling from Tinley (2-28 from 16 overs) sustained pressure was applied to the opposition batsman and soon enough we had them 7 for 134 and victory was in our sights. Needing another 40 runs, 3 wickets in hand the screws continued to be tightened but in the end their 8th wicket partnership held firm and chased down the reaming runs despite a strong effort from Baulkham Hills.

While one could point to the disparity in batting conditions faced by us to explain the loss it would be an oversight in many ways; had we taken even half of the chases we dropped we would have gone a long way towards remaining undefeated and taking top spot. Having literally dropped our chance at victory the team is looking forward to bouncing back next game, playing to our high standards and challenging for top spot.