

## The Third Man's Report

### Check out our web site

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

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

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

### To all Captains, Coaches and Managers

#### Match Results

I need match results in **following the conclusion of the game**, so they can be submitted to the PDCA. You can either drop them off at the club or email them to me at [results@baulkocricicket.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:results@baulkocricicket.com.au) by Tuesday night after the game. Newsletters will be published during the week after a game.

### Team Performances:

B8	Outright win	B10	Outright win
B9	Outright win		

### Individual Achievements

Robert Simpson	A	94	Joel Pienmunne	14/1A	4/23
Michael Homsy	B2	41	James Senior	14/1B	5/33
Troy Higginbotham	B2	3/46	Geoff McIntyre	14/2	90 &, 3/6
Brett McLaren	B7A	64	Reuben Robertson	14/2	35no
Richard McInerney	B7A	3/38	Tom Lockhart	14/2	30
James Chatman	B8	5/10	Joel Howell	14/3	4/12
Stanley Sebastian	B9	138 & 5/10	Shanan	14/3	43
Sameer	B9	4/10	Ishmam Masud	13/1	4/10
Charuka	B9	48	Ravi Marwah	13/1	3/16
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Clint Harding	B10	5/39	Michael Robertson	13/1	47
John Young	B10	3/13	Sean Svanetti	13/2A	25
James Attard	B13	5/49	Devin Liyanage	13/2A	23
Chris Soares	B14	3/86	Michael Bellam	12/1	3/4
Matt Toomey	B14	40no	Liam Graham	12/1	2/12
Daniel Chatman	16/1	120no	Michael French	11/1	50no
Michael Bennetts	16/1	49	Jake Smith	11/1	40no
Riley Astill	16/1	3/52	Ramal Rajapakse	11/1	4/16
Karanbir Singh	15/1	3/13	Nathan Singlacher	10R	3/5
Asad Rizvi	15/1	3/20	Armaan Dhaliwal	10R	2/1
Tevin Liyanage	15/1	67	Dilshan Wijesena	10R	2/2
Matt Samuels	15/1	48	Wijith Wijeyasiri	10R	2/5
James Galofaro	15/2	5/58			

## 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
December 20 2008	B3	12/2
January 10 2009	No junior games	16/1
January 17 2009	No junior games	15/2
January 24 2009	B10	12/3
January 31 2009	B11	11/1

### Meat Raffle Roster

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

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

Ticket sales are to start by 6:30pm.

DATE	TEAM
January 24 2009	B3
February 7 2009	B7
February 21 2009	B10
March 7 2009	B13

### Hook in2 Hockey

In January 2009 Baulkham Hills Hockey Club are running an exciting new program just for you and your friends. It is called



It is a program for new and current players age 8-11.

WHEN: January 21st and 22nd 2009

TIME: 6:30pm each day.

WHERE: Ted Horwood Reserve Hockey Field. Renown Road Baulkham Hills.

COST: 30 per child (Registration for 2009 will be reduced by this amount for all participants)

REGO: Email me at [dgirtlen@yahoo.com.au](mailto:dgirtlen@yahoo.com.au). There are a limited number of places so please contact me asap to confirm your place.

Darren Thomas  
President  
Baulkham Hills Hockey Club

## The President's Roundup

Christmas is fast approaching, and on behalf of the committee I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you back in the New Year. To the committee, coaches, managers, captains etc, thanks for your work so far. It is most appreciated.

The 90th Anniversary Wine offer is open now and 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. The 90th anniversary wines are available for purchase, so contact the webmaster to get an order form.

A reminder to all team officials and players - please ensure that you look after the native landscape. We don't want to see branches being broken on trees or damage being caused. Please look after the parks. And please clean up any rubbish before you leave the parks.

Player umpire duty is a task which we do, albeit reluctantly. But a few points to remember when umpiring:

- Dress correctly - if you read the blue book it lists suitable attire
- Don't have your phone turned on when out in the centre. AND don't talk on the phone whilst umpiring! One club had their umpire talking on the phone & giving an LBW at the same time!!!!!!
- Remember, you have the same power as an official B&W umpire - you are official as well. So if problems are occurring, then talk to the captain and if it is not remedied, then report the matter to the Executive and PDCA. Action will be taken for serious offences!

Don't forget the meat raffle and members badge draw - held on the first week of each round at the sports club. It will recommence on January 24 next year. The draw will take place around 7pm. The members draw jackpot stands at \$200 after it was not won last week. Make sure your name and badge number is registered by emailing your name, badge number and team to [jackpotdraw@baulkocricicket.com.au](mailto:jackpotdraw@baulkocricicket.com.au). See you at the Sporto on Saturday night!

Go Baulko!

Peter McLoughlin

## Match Results and Reports

<b>10 Blue</b>		AKA Crusaders		Draw - Day 2 wash out
No report submitted.				

<b>10 Red</b>	Did not bat	Wenty Leagues	14 for 83	Draw - Day 2 wash out
Performances-				
Wijith Wijeyasiri 2/5				
Dilshan Wijesena 2/2 + 1 run out				
Armaan Dhaliwal 2/1				
Nathan Singlachar 3/5				

A great start for us in the field on week 1 put us in a great position. Our bowling & fielding was the best that we have achieved this year. Having the opposition 4/48 at the half way point was excellent. After drinks, we went back out very focused & proceeded to clean them up & we took 9/35 in 18 overs. For the third game in a row, we have been washed out on the second week. Well done boys!

<b>10 White</b>	11 for 129	Wenty Leagues	9 for 98	Win on averages
Wenty Leagues won the toss and sent Baulko into bat.				

Toby (7 no) and Johan (8) opened the batting for Baulko and got us off to a steady start. Next in to bat was Sarthak (3 no) and Yasith (17 no) who kept the score moving along without losing any wickets. Eric (8) and Malachi (10 no) were the next to bat and managed to keep out some tight bowling from Wenty Leagues. Harrison (12) and Blake (14) were the next in to bat and these 2 upped the run rate though they lost a couple of wickets. Tom (13 no) and Jaelyn (11) both batted well with Tom hitting a nice 4. Sheehan (13) and Binara (13) finished off the innings with a couple of good knocks giving us a total of 129 runs from our 36 overs.

Baulko's turn to bowl and we were going to have bowl and field well to win. We were aided by the fact that Wenty were 2 batsmen short, while we were 1 player short. Blake (0 for 11) and Malachi (0 for 2) opened the bowling, both boys bowling good line and length keeping the run scoring to a minimum. Their tight bowling caused the Wenty batsmen to go for a quick single and Jaelyn combined with Harrison to execute a great run out. Next to bowl were Tom (0 for 5) and Nicholas (0 for 9) who both continued the good bowling and dried up the runs. Harrison (1 for 5) and Eric (0 for 14) were the next to bowl and continued the tight bowling of the bowlers before them. Next to bowl were Yasith (0 for 18) and Jaelyn (0 for 13) who kept up the pressure on the Wenty batsman. During this pairs spell the Wenty batsmen were finding it difficult to score runs and began to take some risks with their running. Baulko fielding was up to task and we secured 3 great run outs, one each to Blake, Tom and Sheehan. Next to bowl was Johan (2 for 5) and Sheehan (0 for 6) and again the bowling was very accurate and consistent. Another great run out was secured by Sheehan, making that 2 for the game. Sarthak (0 for 8) was the last the bowl after wicket keeping for 1st half of the game and bowled probably his best spell of the season.

Catches were taken by Malachi and Nicholas, Nicholas's catch while fielding in the gully was superb.

Best Performances:

Batting: Yasith 17 not out

Bowling: Johan 2 for 5

Fielding: Sheehan with 2 run outs; Nicholas with a great catch in the gully

<b>11/2</b>	10 for 66, 10 for 45	Wenty Leagues	2 dec 132	Outright loss
No report submitted.				

<b>11/1</b>	5 for 177	AKA Crusaders	10 for 84	First innings win
A great result in Round 6 placed us in first place on the competition ladder. A win this game would hopefully keep us there.				

Our captain for this round was Arsh Kapila, a young cricketer that can seemingly do anything, including breaking the drought of lost tosses. Finally we won one and batted on what was quite a hot morning. The coach had wanted to bowl this game but after seeing the bowling efforts at training (that pitch must've been sloping down to leg side) Arsh's and the team's choice to bat was readily accepted.

Michael and Pat opened the batting and got the team off to a good start with a 30 run partnership. Pat initially started quite slowly but after three blistering fours through the leg side was bowled by a good delivery. Ibteeda batted at three and was looking very good but was unfortunately mixed up in a bad decision to go for a second run, leading to an early run out.

Ramal, batting at four, strode to the wicket with purpose and without any doubt displayed the most mature approach to batting of anyone this year. That 'good-old' golden rule of defending balls on the stumps and smashing those off the stumps was textbook perfect. Ball after ball was belted about the field with good fielding the only thing preventing a huge score. Once bowled, Ramal was replaced by Jason who latched onto a pull shot with so much vigour the square-leg umpire was noted ducking for cover. Unfortunately, AKA's square-leg fieldsman was perfectly positioned and took a fantastic catch that any batsman is unlikely to see twice in a season.

Chris came in at six and showed a welcome return to form with fine defensive play and an eagerness to score whenever possible. Unfortunately, a late leg-cutter glanced the outside edge of his bat for a faint nick and a good catch behind the stumps. Luke McGuinness also chipped in with a well-deserved 11 not out batting at number eight and for his short innings, never looked like getting out.

This week's batting honours however, go to Michael French and Jake Smith. Michael, for playing an outstanding innings (when his Dad wasn't there to see) in the heat and carrying his bat right through to the 47th over, scoring 50 not out before being forced to retire (man those last few runs took a long time!) Jake, for scoring an unbeaten 40 off 57 deliveries batting at number seven. AKA's coach and scorer were both dismayed to see batsmen after batsmen continue to score at will all the way down the batting order. After 54 overs we had amassed 5 for 177, proving once again that a maximum of 55 overs is not enough to get everyone a bat.

Somewhat cruelly, rain threatened on day two but with clearing showers, a perfectly good wicket, dry run-ups and an assembly of muddy parents with buckets, sponges, towels and brooms the puddles in the outer were soon a memory (seriously, the things we do for our kids!)

Play started 50 minutes late but it wasn't long before the wickets began to fall, thanks to a mesmerising opening spell from our king of in-swing Ramal, who picked up four wickets for 16 runs, including three wickets in four balls, all four bowled (it's times like this when you wish you could let a bowler continue beyond his four overs in a spell!) Everyone else chipped in with sound bowling, Blake, Michael, Jason, Chris and Nathan all getting one wicket each. The final wicket went to Jason who threw down middle stump with a direct hit from about 20 m out (after many bounces along the ground - Jason, mate, how do you do that?) A great result nonetheless. Arsh kept wicket in terrific style, showing once more he has many strings to his bow.

Although we came away with a good win this round it would be negligent not to point out that this was probably the worst fielding effort of the season. Once again there will be considerable fielding practice at training because like all good sports, cricket has its own share of clichés. So let's not forget that big one - "catches win matches". Michael, Jake and Jason did manage one catch each, Chris also getting on from a no ball.

In signing off this week, congratulations go to Michael for scoring the first 50 of the season, and to all boys on another good win. We'll make a disciplined fielding side out of you guys yet! See you all next week for a big game against Kings Langley at Masonic (home). It's a one-day game so be there early for an 8:20 am start. Hang around too, there'll be a BBQ after the game. Bring your appetite; all else will be supplied.

<b>12/3</b>	<b>10 for 69, 0 for 40</b>	<b>Pendle Hill Colts</b>	<b>8 dec 169</b>	<b>First innings loss</b>
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We went into this match knowing it would be tough and it was. After losing the toss, the boys were sent into bat. After 1 hour we were 4 down for not many. The second hour was much better with just one wicket falling on the last ball before drinks, thanks to disciplined batting by Christian and Mark J. Mark carried on after drinks but couldn't quite reach his goal of 20 with his wicket falling for 17. The wickets fell regularly from there for the team to be out for 69 at 11:30. Not quite the score that was hoped but at least much of the morning was batted out.

After being 1/31 at the end of the first day, our opponents Pendle Hill Colts, went on to declare at 8/169 at around 10:30 on the second day.

The boys were put in to bat a second time but easily staved off an outright with the two Farrell brothers taking the day out unbeaten in the second innings at 0/40.

Overall, a good effort against the top ranked team.

Thank you to Parathan's brother for filling in on the field on the second morning.

<b>12/2</b>	<b>0 for 1</b>	<b>Guildford Leagues</b>	<b>3 for 151</b>	<b>Draw - Day 2 wash out</b>
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No report submitted.

<b>12/1</b>	<b>10 for 99</b>	<b>Kings Langley</b>	<b>10 for 82</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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Well, we won the toss and batted for a change. Our openers put on 21 for the 1st wicket off the first 14 overs and we were looking solid. Even at 1 for 36 off 22 the coach was pretty happy, and being 3 for 66 off 34 overs just after drinks, a platform (for once) had been established from which a big score could be built. Once again though we collapsed, and ended up amassing only 99 in total and only seeing out 47 of our allotted overs. It was pretty disappointing in the end, given that the opposition bowling, whilst good with line and length, really didn't have anything hostile about it. We just failed to take toll on the loose balls, played some impatient cricket and, at times, silly shots. Our score was well and truly flattered by 32 sundries, and we were pretty shattered at the end of the innings given the good start that had been established. Jimmy Gardiner was the best of our batsmen, scoring 12 and unluckily falling to a great catch down at deep fine leg.

There was plenty to do if we were going to pull this one out of the fire. There was still time for 8 overs on Day One, and through some fine bowling we were able to take out 2 of their top wickets that day for them to end up at 2 for 18. It could have been more with a couple of chances just falling wide or short.

Week 2 and the weather had been wet and wild. We didn't think there was much chance of play, but headed to the ground nonetheless for the formalities. What greeted us on arrival was a revelation. Golden Grove over the years would become a swamp after the lightest of rains, but some drainage work on the off-season has done wonders. Both teams were keen for a game, and we started play only 45 minutes late, with the game delicately poised.

We bowled and fielded well all day, and kept pressure on the opposition batsmen throughout. We picked up wickets here and there, preventing any major partnerships from building. Kings Langley had a couple of batsmen who stood tall and applied themselves to the job which was making the going tough - and all the while inching towards our score. Dismissing one of these batsmen on the last ball before drinks proved to be the turning point, however, they took it right down to the wire falling only 17 runs short of our total. In the end, the sundries 'gifted' to us the prior week were a big part of the difference. Our best bowlers were Michael Bellam (6 overs, 3 for 4), Liam Graham (8 overs, 2 for 12), Tim Anstee (6 overs, 1 for 7) and Jimmy Gardiner (8 overs, 1 for 10).

Special mentions must go to:

- 1) Michael McConnell - he only got to bowl 1 over of his spin in the innings. It was late on Day One, but was able to pick up one of their danger batsmen; and
- 2) Daniel Waddups - his finest display of wicket keeping yet, taking two catches and letting through only 2 byes of the 49 overs we bowled.

This game was befitting two teams who were tied on the ladder for 2nd spot. It was low-scoring, yet enthralling on both days. Our next game is against the competition leaders - and we are out for redemption after the flogging they handed out to us in Round 1.

<b>13/2B</b>	<b>10 for 57, 10 for 76</b>	<b>Rouse Hill Rams</b>	<b>5 dec 190</b>	<b>Outright loss</b>
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Unfortunately we went down to a team who could score runs quickly and were just that bit too good on the day.

As has been the story all season we just couldn't quite get enough runs to make the difference and to give our bowlers a real chance. As always there are one or two partnerships but we just don't seem to be able to finish it off with the bat. The runs that each person scores doesn't truly show the worth of the innings. As has been the trend all season it is not the opposition's best bowlers that are taking the wickets but the slower bowlers.

Gradually everyone is coming to understand their batting style and is spending more time at the crease. Over the next couple of games if we focus on our running between the wickets the runs will really start to pile on.

Everyone showed how dedicated they are having to field in the worst of the conditions, on both days. Day one we got to field in the peak of the heat and then on the morning of day two with a wet slippery ball. Everyone got a bowl and showed what they can do when they pitch up the ball. The fielding is getting better and better with each round. Well done everyone.

Keep up the great effort guys and that special game will just happen.

<b>13/2A</b>	<b>10 for 120</b>	<b>Kellyville</b>	<b>2 for 14</b>	<b>Draw - Day 2 wash out</b>
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Baulkham Hills won the toss and elected to bat. Things started off a little slow for us, losing 4 wickets for 14 runs at the 8th over. Devin and Michael however went on to build a healthy partnership of 24 before Michael fell for 13. Another nice partnership followed between Devin and Jaden until Devin lost his wicket at 23 runs. Sean came in and picked the pace up a little, scoring four boundaries within his innings, showing us all that it was possible to find the rope and making it look effortless. He eventually fell for 25, which was our top score for the innings.

Our innings was interrupted somewhat by drinks breaks needed every hour due to the extremely hot weather. This seemed to effect our concentration at times and probably cost us a couple of wickets just when things were looking comfortable. Mr Consistent (Daniel) once again showed what a great stayer he is, scoring 18 not out with some nicely placed shots. With half an hour left to play Kellyville went in to bat. Humzah and Blaine came through, taking early wickets (one a piece). At the end of the days play Kellyville were 2 for 14.

Day two saw rain, rain, rain. Even though the sun beamed out strongly at 8.30 and as badly as we wanted to play, there was a swimming pool at one end of the pitch which was not going to dry up within a couple of hours. This would deny us the chance to defend our place at the top of the ladder and resulted in a drawn game.

Don't worry boys, not much we can do when the weather is not on our side. Keep your heads up and keep playing the way you are. I'm very proud of you all and I have every confidence in your abilities as a team. Look forward to the next game.

<b>13/1</b>	<b>10 for 180</b>	<b>Guildford Leagues</b>	<b>10 for 203</b>	<b>First innings loss</b>
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Baulkham Hills lost the toss and was sent to field on a fine and sunny day with a good fast outfield. Guildford started their innings and was restricted to just 16 runs in the 1st 10 overs with some tight bowling spell from our openers. The 1st wicket fell when their score was 31 for a LBW from Ravi. 2nd wicket fell to Ishmam when their score was 60 for a catch to Josh Koski. The opposition run rate improved with their middle order batsmen though wickets fell at regular intervals. Notable dismissal was an excellent catch by Ravi from their top scored batsman from a full blooded shot off Bryce. Guildford completed their innings with final score of 203 when Baulko took their last wicket with 8 minutes of play left for the day. Successful bowlers were Ishmam 4 for 10 runs, Ravi 3 for 16, Sid 1 for 14, Sachin 1 for 17 and Michael 1 for 29.

Next week due to rains from the previous day the entire outfield was wet with some huge puddles around wicket area at one end. A lot of cleaning up was done before play could start and game started only at 9.00a.m. Though Baulko had the opportunity to score the required runs in 67 overs, right from the start it was doubtful whether we could do it with such a poor outfield. Our batsmen had to be cautious to run since the ball would travel and stay in the outfield once the ball hit the wet grass. We lost an early wicket when the score was only 7. 2nd wicket fell at 31 and Michael came in and started executing some fine strokes and kept the score board ticking well. He was the top scored batsman for us and had a huge 6 before he was caught when his score was 47. Josh Koski continued where Michael left and made 34 runs and he also hit another six in the innings. The ground conditions did not improve much during the innings and many runs which would have been definite boundaries just got us singles and at the last over of the day we lost our final wicket when our score was 180.

Had the outfield been similar to last week it was definite that Baulko would have made it very comfortably. Though we lost our game, our boys must be congratulated for a very good spirited fight shown through the innings.

Man of the Match was awarded to Josh Koski for the stability he brought to the middle order innings & partnership in the game.

<b>14/3</b>	<b>10 for 124</b>	<b>Seven Hills RSL</b>	<b>10 for 175</b>	<b>First innings loss</b>
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No report submitted.

<b>14/2</b>	<b>7 dec 239</b>	<b>Guildford Leagues</b>	<b>10 for 59, 2 for 40</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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Top game!! Dominant throughout!! Thwarted by the weather for our opportunity to go for our first outright win of the season.....

Losing the toss, Baulko was sent into bat by Guildford. Possibly a brave decision given the forecast hot weather. At the top of the order Amit Balakrishnan and Dilshan Dassanayake got off to good starts batting solidly for scores of 13 and 15 respectively. Neither team could wrestle the ascendancy and in the 18th over the game was finely balanced at 4-59. From then on the game swung clearly into Baulko's favour as Geoff McIntyre and Reuben Robertson build a game-changing 112 run partnership for the 5th wicket. Good aggressive batting and shot selection and excellent running between the wickets kept the runs ticking over at a good rate.

Geoffrey's wicket fell with the score at 171 - with a personal total of 90 for the day. This is the highest individual score by a batsman in the team, Geoffrey's first 50 and contained (seemingly more important to him) his first six! A top effort well appreciated by his team mates.

Following Geoff's departure Tom Lockhart joined Ruben and continued the attack against a side no doubt wishing by now it had chosen to bat first. Tom played some lovely shots and raced to 30 before being caught chasing quick runs near the end of the day's play. A very good and typically unselfish innings by Tom. A 51 run partnership had set the team up for a good score. Reuben batted for over two hours to end up undefeated on 35 and played a very large part in the team ending day one at 7 for 239.

Declaring overnight, Baulko was keen to try for its first outright win of the season. Unfortunately, even through the ground drained well and the outfield was excellent for cricket, pools of water lying around the pitch and on the bowler's run up at one end was not a good sight when we arrived. Our opponents seemingly weren't that keen to get going (I think our total psyched them out on the first day). That's where the parents came in - with many hands working and moral support from some others we shovelled, sponged, brushed and eventually cleaned up the pitch and applied sand to the doubtful run up. With the help of some sun and wind even our reluctant opponents could not disagree to a start at 9:30am.

The guys delivered a very professional effort in the field with all the bowlers working hard and almost all our chances being taken, including some very good catches. The catching practice seems to be paying dividends! The bowling honours were shared around, which was a fair reflection of the consistency of the effort. Best figures were Geoff McIntyre 3-6, Reuben Robertson 2-5, Taylor Stewart 2-6 and Amit Balakrishnan 2-8. Although not having the luck on the day to get a multiple wicket haul, both our opening bowlers Tom Lockhart and Anshul Kapila also put in big efforts. Guildford was bowled out for 59 for a comprehensive and very well deserved first innings win.

With the time at 11:15am and our tails up, we thought "why not, let's have a second crack at them". Unfortunately the time proved inadequate and pushing too hard for wickets meant we probably didn't bowl quite as well as in the first innings. At stumps Guildford were 2-40 in their second innings. Of note, however, was that by the end of the second innings Taylor Stewart had snared four catches for the day - not bad considering these were all taken in the outfield or as caught and bowled chances.

Overall, a tremendous result as reward for some excellent cricket. Well done guys!

<b>14/1B</b>	10 for 104	AKA Crusaders	9 for 161	First innings loss
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We lost the toss and were sent into the field. We bowled and fielded very well with James Senior leading the way with an excellent 5/33! Sam Shiel, Antonio Castellarin, Josh Balzarolo and Greg Malyon all pitched in for a wicket each. Samuel Bennetts was excellent behind the stumps taking 3 catches and a stumping! In all it was a great effort and AKA set us a reasonable target of 161.

With the bat we were disappointing in difficult conditions. Antonio Castellarin topped the scores with 20. AKA bowled and fielded well and were deserved winners.

Next week we take on BHCC A's in what should be a great game. Good luck boys!

<b>14/1A</b>	1 for 33	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 85	Draw - Day 2 wash out
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On a hot day Wenty won the toss and elected to bat. Tight bowling by all saw Wenty all out for 85 in the 46th over. Wickets were shared by Joel (4/23 off 10), Blake (2/9 off 3.3) and Jonathan (2/17 off 5); in addition there were two run outs. Also worth a mention was Mitchell's spell of five maidens in a row at the top of the order.

We batted for about 40 minutes on the first morning and reached 1/33 at stumps; Anoop 6, Blake 22 not out and Joel 2 not out.

The second day was unfortunately washed out by overnight rain.

<b>15/3</b>	10 for 74	Kellyville	1 for 133	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

<b>15/2</b>	1 for 10	Guildford Leagues	10 for 216	Draw - Day 2 wash out
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B Hills bowling James Galofaro 5 for 58

Guildford Leagues took to the batting crease in warm conditions but some spirited pace bowling from Ben Graham and James Galofaro aided by some smart catching, especially from Amol Marwah who took 3 catches, had Guildford in trouble at 5 for 48. However, from this point the wheels seemed to fall off with the combination of some belligerent, cavalier batting, at times ill disciplined bowling, and a couple of dropped catches enabling Guildford to take their score to 10 for 216 in seemingly no time at all. Among the general untidiness, a positive aspect was a sound keeping display from Blaine O'Brien which featured 2 smart catches and 0 byes. Baulkham Hills was then left with 25 minutes to bat before stumps on the first day and a senseless run out saw the team finish at 1 for 10.

With the second day washed out, the match ended in a draw.

<b>15/1</b>	7 for 228	Wenty Leagues	8 dec 72, 0 for 17	First innings win
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No report submitted.

<b>16/1</b>	<b>5 for 239</b>	<b>Kings Langley</b>	<b>8 for 197</b>	<b>Draw</b>
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After a slow and jaded start to the season, the Baulko 16d1 team is starting to hit form. Fresh from a great victory over Kellyville the week prior, this match was looming as the make or break game as we cling onto 4th position on the ladder. Bring on the undefeated and highly rated Kings Langley outfit. We won the toss and decided to bat on a very hot day. Ben and Rob opened and were playing very sensibly and looking good when Ben leant on a defensive drive to be caught and bowled. Rob lasted 12 overs before going caught behind, and Nick was run out before he even warmed up. All of a sudden we were 3 down, with 45 minutes to go before the drinks break. It was time for Daniel and Omal to dig in, and did so in marvellous fashion. Omal found the bowling to his liking and hit an intelligent 31. Michael then came to the crease and batted with Daniel for most of the rest of the day. Michael has been the rock in the middle order for most of the season and again dug deep with a great knock of 49, when he was run out with 3 overs to go. Daniel was superb and scored 120 magnificent runs in 142 balls. His powerful monsterring of the bad balls was awesome to watch, as was his discipline by respecting the good balls. A real Captain's innings coming to the crease when the side was in all sorts, and steered the scored to 239!!

The start of Day 2 was not ideal with Michael being struck by an errant ball during warm ups in the nets, and going to hospital with a broken nose. One of our key bowlers out before we even took the field and down to 10 men. How unlucky can you get...both Michael personally and the team. After batting the 3 overs due to us, and a late start due to rain, we took the field. The bowlers toiled manfully with a wet and slippery pill, and we started well with Riley (3-51) picking up 2 of their best in quick succession. Hamish (3-17) also bowled some excellent swing, and he and Daniel (2-23) almost bowled us to victory in the final stages of the match. Omal, Jason, Ben D, Nick and Vrushank also bowled well, and Matt tried hard but found the slippery ball hard to handle with his wrist spinners. A few dropped catches in the last 45 minutes of play may have delivered us a victory but it was not to be.

In the end we had them 8-197 at 12:30pm, 5 overs short of our maximum overs. It was a good draw as Brad Smith compiled an excellent century for KL and was not out at stumps. Both teams fought it out to the max. However the Baulko lads can take enormous confidence from the game, as we put it up to the opposition and it must be said that our bowling line up was depleted and the wet ball did not help much either. The team is improving week by week and the mental toughness is now there to match the obvious skill within the playing group. We still have some work to do with our fielding but it will come with hard work, as I sense the group now knows one very important point....and that is, that they can go as far as they want to in this their last season junior cricket with the Kookaburras.

<b>B14</b>	<b>10 for 110, 5 for 55</b>	<b>NSW Tamils</b>	<b>7 for 243, 4 for 39</b>	<b>First innings loss</b>
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1st innings bowling Chris Soares 3 for 86  
1st innings batting Bryce Jones 39 not out  
2nd innings batting Matt Toomey 40 not out

As the scores may suggest, a strong batting display from the Tamils on the first day put them in a strong position, declaring their innings closed at 7 for 243 late on the first day. The bowling was again highlighted by another fine display from Chris Soares who did very well to maintain pressure on the batsmen throughout his 20 overs in hot conditions to finish with 3 for 86. He received useful support from Jeff Foskett and Matt Toomey who each finished with a wicket. The Baulkham Hills reply was soon in trouble, finishing the first day at 4 for 15 with Chris Gunton the only top order batsman to offer much resistance. Baulkham Hills started the second day needing a long partnership to have any chance at a respectable total. David Wilson and Martin Carney proceeded to defy the bowling with purposeful defence for over an hour and a half adding 30 runs for the fifth wicket. However, the innings then slumped to 8 for 58 before a bright innings of 39 not out from Bryce Jones including 4 4s and a 6, took the total to 110.

The almost 63 overs taken up by this innings meant that the Tamils only had just less than 2 hours to attempt to force an outright win. Surprisingly, given their first innings lead of 133, they returned to the batting crease and declared at 4 for 39, leaving Baulko with 75 minutes to bat to avoid an outright defeat. This Baulko managed to do but not before slumping to 4 for 5. Matt Toomey then proceeded to produce his season's top score of 40 not out including 5 4s to help the team finish the day at 5 for 55.

<b>B13</b>	<b>10 for 65, 10 for 45</b>	<b>Rouse Hill Rams</b>	<b>10 for 144</b>	<b>Outright loss</b>
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No report submitted.

<b>B11</b>	<b>1 for 16</b>	<b>Pacific Oceans</b>	<b>10 for 130</b>	<b>Draw - Day 2 wash out</b>
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No report submitted.

<b>B10</b>	<b>10 for 119, 2 for 24</b>	<b>Kellyville</b>	<b>10 for 59, 10 for 82</b>	<b>Outright win</b>
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Another stirring performance by the B10 lads saw them comfortably record their third outright win in three home games at Fortress Yattenden. The pitch has become an elephant graveyard where opposition batsmen come to quietly and mournfully bury their reputations and plant their willow in the hope that one day it may grow into something resembling ability.

Struggling for numbers, the first day saw Baulkham Hills fielding first with Grant Korny showing up for a valuable hour opening the bowling before having to leave to attend a function. Great commitment from Grant which was duly rewarded with a couple of valuable wickets. Again the conditions were muggy and warm and suited the bowling team, and Baulko relished the opportunity to exploit a youthful Kellyville team who were 3 players short. Some accurate bowling from Grant Korny and John Young removed the dangerous openers, and Jason Faulkner (welcome back) and Adam Meakins chimed in to help clean up the balance of the shortened Kellyville batting line-up. It was an improved fielding effort from the Baulko Boys, with Glen Eades pulling off a spectacular diving catch at Long On and pulling a shoulder muscle in the process. Terry Manning also took a sharp catch close to the bat showing that he actually catches better without the wicket keeping gloves.

Chasing 60 for the first innings win, a confident start was required against the young fellas who were looking a bit downhearted having to field with only 8 (we know how they feel) and defend such a small total. Captain John Weatherall opened the innings and again contributed mightily with the bat before falling to a great catch. John's average for the first half of the season remains in the high 40's. Adam Meakins backed up his sharp bowling display with a valuable contribution anchoring the innings with a hard fought 27. Baulkham Hills finished the first day having secured a first innings victory, with a healthy lead and wickets in hand.

The second day saw some improvement in the conditions although Baulkham Hills were unable to add many to their overnight total, losing their last couple of wickets in a short period to be all out for 119, a healthy lead of 60. Grant Korny managed to snare one of the dangerous Kellyville openers with a good short pitched delivery and a good catch by John Weatherall behind the stumps. Kellyville then had a good period of consolidation and added some quick runs, going to drinks at 63 for 1. Baulkham Hills were a bit flat, the bowlers struggling in the gusty conditions, although not for lack of effort. The turning point in the second innings was a great diving catch by Clint Harding off his own bowling. Clint was as stunned as his own team mates by the fact that the ball stuck (unlike on several simpler occasions earlier in the season). That catch saw the end of the other Kellyville opener and the end of some spirited resistance. The rest of the Kellyville innings folded like an origami swan in the face of some purposeful bowling and accurate fielding. Clint Harding picked up another 4 wickets to claim a well-earned 5 wicket bag, and Adam Meakins took 2 wickets to cap a very well rounded game. Grant Korny took a great one handed catch at first slip to close out the innings.

Left chasing 24 runs for the outright, Baulkham Hills lost a couple of early wickets but Jason Faulkner, in his return match after a lengthy injury lay-off, saw them comfortably to victory. A big thanks to Rob S for filling in and a well done to all the lads in B10 for a solid first half of the season. Let's see if we can back it up in 2009.

B9	10 for 218, 7 for 75	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 238, 10 for 50	Outright win - First innings loss
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While this match didn't exactly go as planned, and for the first time this season we actually took a beating when we were cruising to another victory, it was one of the best matches we have been apart of. In fact it was absolutely spectacular. It literally all happened. Actually that's probably a gross understatement.

Let's review. Since the start of this season we have had some spectacular games and each time we have a great match we think it's not going to be possible to top that. All those matches we have won easily. Not so this time - and yet it was the best match of them all.

Those of you who were with us last year will recall the match we played where we needed an outright win to get ourselves into the semi-finals. We needed about 24 runs off two overs and we got there with balls to spare. That match is etched deeply in the memory of the boys who were there. Well, we now have another match that tops that, believe it or not.

And with matches like that, it doesn't matter whether you are on the winning or loosing side, as long as you were a part of it. Or so they say. You be the judge.

This last match had the same ingredients of the India-Australia series - the one where Laxman and Dravid played beyond their skins and turned the series around. Our opponents were the number 2 side in the grade and they showed us why. We were lacking a number of our senior veterans who said they had better things to do. Missing in action was Nirav, Prasad, Rajitha, Chani (who appears to have been deported) and Rajiv who has yet to come back from his fishing trip. Back in the line up was Sacha and we had a new old face Kailash - aka KK.

Our opponents started the first day by batting and batting well. We got occasional wickets but they had regular partnerships and kept the scoreboard ticking. Lasith did some serious damage with the ball along with Aneesh getting some good swing and line. But our efforts on the field were nothing to write home about. If anything, half the guys wanted to go home after having to chase leather on a pretty hot day. They were not scoring fast, but they were not getting out easily. We did however inch towards their last man.

In true Christmas spirit, they sent out Santa to bat at number 11. He was in a jolly spirit and proceeded to hammer a few shots. He needed his elves to help him get from one side to the other. We were hoping to run out one of the elves, but nothing doing. Ricky finally went to Santa and asked him to grant a wish. Santa agreed. He then asked Santa to get out so he could bat. He did. They ended on 238.

We had only 4 overs to see out the first day and no one wanted to bat because everyone was tired. Lasith agreed not to bat because he was going to Lanka the next week and thought it better that Rajitha bat on the second week instead. So Stanley took the reigns.

On the way out, Stanley said he'd take the strike. He wasn't kidding. In four overs we scored a total of 70 runs! The other opener only scored 2 of those runs. Stanley got to 50 in 16 balls. The opposition were all either on the boundary or hiding behind trees. The scorers had their helmets on.

Baner who had shown up at the grounds to support us agreed to do some umpiring and he too made a call into the pavilion on his iphone for a helmet. Stanley had taken his AK47 out to the middle again and was spraying bullets left and right. It was a good end to the day. We now had to only chase 168 the following week. At our present run rate, we would only need 12 overs.

The following week came and we went back out to bat. Stanley picked up where he left off and we had 147 on the board in less than 15 overs. He passed his 100 before everyone had realised. The other opener had made it to 4 at this stage.

During this rampage, Santa got a bit worried about Stanley accidentally knocking one of his elves out of the sky and approached our bench. He said that Stanley should not be playing in this grade. Then we lost a wicket. Fortunately it was the other opener who was merely a cardboard cut out on the field. With less than a 100 runs to get and Stanley still in a foul mood, it looked like a walk in the park.

But then Stanley got out. On the way back, Santa shook Stanley's hand and told him that he was wasting his talent in this grade and should play somewhere else. As a team we agreed that this Santa was definitely wasting his talents on the cricket field and should be posted as our next ambassador to Afghanistan, where he will surely find a diplomatic way to tell Osama where to go.

Everyone agreed that the remaining runs to get was so easy that they left it to the next batsman to do until of course we ran out of batsmen. It didn't help that one of Sam's best students was umpiring and he was firing his finger left and right - all it took was a bird to chirp and he was sending batsmen back. One of their bowlers - a spinner - ended up with seven wickets. We needed 20 runs to win. While the other team sent Santa in to finish the job for them, we sent Santa's nemesis - aka KK. KK has been known to terrorise young kids (mainly under fourteens) in his neighbourhood on the cricket field. His acts of terrorism lasted two balls.

We ended up 20 runs short. We were one batsman short as Rajitha was sick in bed, so it was all over red rover. Everyone was playing what if scenarios. If only Rajitha was there. If only Stanley had scored 220. If only we knew how to bat.

The time was about 3.30. We had sent a couple of the boys to the store and they had come back with supplies - sausages and cheap beer. We all patted each other on the back and said bad luck, let's celebrate.

But before we could open the beer and get the barbie going our skipper was on the field talking to the opposing skipper. We saw them shake hands and then he ran back to tell us that their skipper wanted to bat again and we had to take the field. This didn't bring out the best in the guys. Nevertheless, we did a few stretches and headed out into the hot sun again.

Their openers came out slowly and shut shop immediately. They refused to play at anything and we could not find the stumps. Our plan was to simply get 10 to hit the pad and count on Sam's pupil to do the rest. We didn't succeed. We could not for the life of us figure out what their plan was - why did they want to bat again if they were not going to try and pull off an outright?

We couldn't take the suspense any longer and decided to ask them. They said they had no plan and wanted to know why we asked them to come out and bat again. The truth had been revealed. We had been duped by our skipper who had wanted to play on, not theirs. Our skipper then decided to pull another ace out of his sleeve - seeing that the game was going nowhere slowly. He told the umpires within hearing shot of the batsmen that we would bowl another three overs and call it a day. This got everyone excited, especially their batsmen who thought they had done their job and won the match.

So much so that we got 2 wickets in the over that followed. Then Charuka kept changing his bowlers until he found 2 guys who could bowl and before we knew it, we had them all out for 50 runs.

So given that we were 20 runs behind them in the first innings, this meant we had to get 71 runs to win this game outright. The only problem was that we only had 45 minutes to do this in.

Problem? What problem? The solution was simple - Stanley. We asked him to take his AK47 and get out there. He did. He forgot to load the AK47 this time and fired a blank. He was back in the hut on the second ball. By the 4th ball, the other opener was back in the hut and we were now 2 down for no runs chasing 71 with only 9 overs to go.

Considering we were short a batsmen and the remaining batsmen only managed to score less than 60 runs in total in the first innings, we started preparing the bbq. This was when Charuka turned to the second page of his plan - the one he refused to share with anyone else.

He started going hammer and tong at the bowlers, while the batsmen on the other end were dropping like flies - actually even flies have longer life spans than that. The target was always well out of reach - we needed something like 15 runs an over at one stage and with Stanley on the way home at this stage, the cause was getting further lost.

Aneesh then tonked a six that gave us some hope. Charuka kept hitting the ball and reaching the boundary and all of a sudden we were down to last over and we needed only 8 runs. Aneesh, however, had managed to get himself out and Ricky our superhero made it out to the middle and got a single first ball. Then we got a wide. Then Charuka hit a four. Then it was a dot ball and Ricky ran like crazy only to be run out by the keeper. We now needed 2 off three balls and Sacha made his way out to middle. He was on strike and we all looked at Santa to ask him for one more wish - a single to get the scores tied. He told us to get stuffed. Sacha in his usual cool manner did get the single and the scores were level. We had 2 balls to get the remaining run. Charuka clocked the next one for 4 and we were home! It was the Stanley-Charuka show. Charuka ended on 48. They have told us that nobody needs to show up next week as they were going to print out 9 cardboard cut outs and use them as fielders while they do all the work.

Three innings, 25 wickets, 270+ runs in one day and we came out with another outright WIN - with one ball to spare! It truly doesn't get much better than that. Surely? If it did, you wouldn't want to miss it. Be there next time!

B8	10 for 43, 5 for 91	Greystanes	10 for 54, 10 for 79	Outright win - First innings loss
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Well readers, it almost happened, "what?" you ask...the unthinkable I say...The Baulko 11 suffering their first defeat for the season. We tried hard to loose and we virtually did on the first days play, and this is how....

We started off in the usual Crank manner by loosing the toss. The brave opposition decided to bat and were quickly back in the sheds compiling a meagre 54 runs. Stand out performer for Baulko was The Son Of God! Hallelujah Praise the Load, Jesus aka JC aka James Chatman, struck again and again and again and again and again, in taking 5/10 off only 6 overs. The new ring in for the Baulko team, one of Junior Team's rising stars Antonio Castellarin aka (swish swish swish) Zorro, came on to bowl and bagged 2/9 off 5 overs. We are still of the belief that he has no idea who Zorro is and how he got the name, well Antonio (Banderas), I am sure you will work it out, ask your dad. Sensational bowling from the Young Gun though, hang on, that's Emilio Esteves. ....Think about it....

So there we were, back in the sheds and the openers were putting their pads on to bat before the first hour had finished, then before the next hour was over the tail end batsmen were taking their pads off with the Baulko team bundled out for...43. Yes you heard it, we lost the first innings. In went the Greystanes batsmen for the second time for the day and by stumps capitulated again to be 6/46. Sublime bowling from AG taking 4 quick wickets really putting the opposition to the sword. The day's summary was 26 wickets for just 143 runs. With 11 batsmen scoring ducks for the entire match. Well done Doc for getting a GOLDEN. Sensational stuff that!

The renewed Baulko team arrived at the ground for day 2 with grit and determination to try and resurrect the match by getting an improbable outright win after loosing on the first innings by 11 runs. We quickly wrapped up the Greystanes innings and required 90 runs to win the match.

The openers, The Willey Ol' Fox and the Motivational Coach got us off to a solid start until the MC was adjudged caught behind down leg side, "I never hit it" I was not out I tell you" any whoooo....., two fine innings followed with Evan aka JJ, Just, Just Just, Just Evan, Choc, The Man, Champeeeoon or Champ, dominated the bowling attack compiling a very fine duck, then Crank came to the wicket. Well readers, as those of you who bat, you know the feeling of being at the crease for a while, be it 10 overs or half an hour, you have passed that nervous initial stage, and you start feeling confident, and your internal dialogue goes something like "Keep it going, I am feeling good out here, I am scoring runs today" Yeah...you know the feeling...so the Crank comes out to bat, first ball bowled at him was punished to the boundary, Then comes Crank's internal dialogue after ball one!!! ..." Keep it going, I am feeling good, I am scoring runs today". Second ball Crank faces ...hmmm well....so then Crank is taking his pads off saying "...and I was feeling so good out there". You can never say he lacks self confidence.

Baulko's run chase shuddered a little to be at one stage 3/24 until the Ward and Doc came together, steadied the ship and off we sailed with them combining for a great partnership of 46. After about 30 minutes of Ward batting creates a change in nick

name for him as he then starts to shuffle and stagger around the crease and between the wickets, so the batting display of Ozzie Osbourne was fantastic as he fought hard for the top score from the 4 innings played in this round of 36 runs. This great knock assured us of taking maximum points and snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. Do we need to mention the D Meister hitting 3 sixes from as many balls? No...his ego is only matched by Choc's as evidenced by the quote of the day by our resident bowling machine, when looking at the faltering Greystanes bowling attack he said, "The problem with that team is that I am not bowling for them" Great Call JJ.

Great performances from Baulko were.....hmmmmmm....lets see.....hmmmmmm it's probably easier to say who had shockers...the list is long... Everyone on day one and almost everyone on day 2. Nuff said about that!!

So folks, the Baulko heroes continue on, but it must be said the unbeaten run will come to an end very soon if the current form continues. Lift your game boys!!!

<b>B7A</b>	10 for 195	Pendle Hill Colts	9 for 200	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

<b>B3</b>	10 for 190	AKA Crusaders	8 for 203	First innings loss
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Sam Freeman 38  
David Banks 2/32  
Michael Crew 3 catches and 2 stumpings

Greg won the toss (as the skipper was delayed) and elected to bat on a sunny but windy afternoon. We ended up scoring a respectable 190 that I thought would be enough as long as we bowled well, held our catches and had an element of luck - which always plays a part one way or another. Many guys got amongst the runs with contributions from Ben (20), Greg (29), Sam (38), Mitch (24), Josh Freeman (30) - his highest score in seniors and Josh Rich (24) played some nice clean shots with his new bat.

Our bowling was generally sound, but a couple of lapses in the field may have also contributed to our loss. Banksy took the bowling honours with 2/32 off 12 overs. But simply, on this ground (Granville Park) we didn't score enough runs despite six guys scoring 20 or more, but no-one went on with a big score. To their credit, AKA batted sensibly and patiently to eventually sneak past our total.

Special mention must go to Michael Crew, who kept wickets this match. Michael executed a couple of very sharp and effective stumpings, as well as taking three catches - one of these a great diving effort from a skied ball that went miles in the air.

It's never a great feeling to lose a match, but I would like to commend AKA Crusaders in the excellent way they conducted themselves throughout the match. They played hard, but in excellent spirit - and were especially fair when awarding a couple of stumpings from square leg. During our batting a couple of very close LBW's were turned down, but they didn't blow up at all - just took it on the chin. I would like to think that this same level of sportsmanship is the norm in our teams here at Baulkham Hills.

<b>B2</b>	10 for 163	Hills Barbarians B	8 for 257	First innings loss
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<b>A</b>	10 for 216	Wenty Leagues	0 for 0	Draw - Day 2 wash out
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