

## 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:

#### Individual Achievements

Sumit Kalia	A	51 no	James Dallaway	14/1A	4/22
Adam Tinley	A	5/44	Reuben Robertson	14/2	4/8
John Jerome	B2	73	Anshul Kapila	14/2	4/21
Brad Murphy	B2	42no	Geoff McIntyre	14/2	39
John McLean	B2	3/9	Tom Lockhart	14/2	30
Matt Hardy	B3	35	Cody Thomas	13/1	44
Greg McLoughlin	B3	2/40	Ravi Marwah	13/1	36
Daniel Chatman	B8	48	Michael Robertson	13/1	3/5
Andrew Nicholls	B8	40	Jackson Manning	13/2A	3/10
Ward Koski	B8	31	Daniel Leafe	13/2A	28
James Chatman	B8	4/17	Tom Waddups	12/1	3/2
Daniel Chatman	16/1	114	Michael Bellam	12/1	3/4
Karanbir Singh	15/1	3/22	Liam Graham	12/1	2/4
Karanbir Singh	15/3	31no & 3/11	Jake Smith	11/1	25no
Jack Delaney	14/1A	100 no	Daniel Joller	11/2	25 (ret)

## 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
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 [dgirlen@yahoo.com.au](mailto:dgirlen@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

The Christmas break sees all 10 senior teams in the top 4, with 3 teams leading (B8, B9 & B11). In juniors we had 8 out of 16 teams in the top 4 (Under 10's don't have a competition table). Well done to all teams and good luck for the run home.

The last round before Christmas saw a number fine performances from Baulko teams and players. In juniors Daniel Chatman (U16/1) scored a second consecutive century, with 114, to follow up his 120 not out the previous round. He also followed up in the afternoon with 48 for the B8's. a pretty successful day. Jack Delaney (U14/1A) grabbed a quick fire 100no in the U14 Baulko derby. James Dallaway (U14/1A) then took 4/22 as the A's got home over the B's. Other bowling performances were Reuben Robertson & Anshul Kapila (both U14/2) with 4/8 & 4/22 respectively. The U12/1 bowlers ran through the opposition with Tom Waddups (3/2), Michael Bellam (3/4) & Liam Graham (2/4) starring.

In seniors Adam Tinley 5/44 & Sumit Kalia 51 no helped A Grade to a win, whilst John Jerome (B2) made 73. Six of our 10 senior teams had byes in this round.

The AW Green Shield competition has commenced, with Parramatta looking to defend the title they won last Season. Nick Bertus is the captain of the team this year, with other Baulko players Ben Abbott, Michael Bennetts & Gabriel Joseph also in the squad. Good luck to the team & get along to watch them this month if you can. You can see the draw on the Cricket NSW website – enter via the PDCA site and go to the Sydney Grade Cricket site.

Speaking of Nick Bertus, he returned from his trip to the West Indies with the Australian U16 Schoolboys team in December. According to his father Nigel, the games were pretty competitive and Nick learnt a lot from the trip. Congratulations to Nick and best wishes as he moves forward with his career.

Lots of events will take place in February, starting with the annual Bankstown Challenge on Sunday February 8. The Junior Double Wicket will follow on Sunday February 15 at Ted Horwood Reserve and the Trivia night will be held on Saturday 28 February at the Sports Club. More details at the February meeting

Don't forget the 90th Anniversary Wine offer – see the website for details. Having bought all 6 selections of red and white, I can definitely vouch for them!

Peter McLoughlin,  
President

## Match Results and Reports

### 10 Blue

BYE

BYE

Nothing to report.

### 10 Red

3 for 47

Kellyville

4 for 27

Win on averages

A great toss to win on a ground with very thick grass. We sent them into bat. Our bowling & fielding was superb. No dropped catches & no misfields. By the time we got to bat, the grass had dried just that little bit more & the sun was out. We also found runs hard to come by due to the long grass but we managed to pass their score by the halfway point (12 overs). We batted well in the second session, concentrating on our defence. With only a few minor hiccups, we managed to post a decent total for this ground. A special thank you to Regan Halligan & Luke Perkin from In2cricket. These boys filled in for us this week, did well & Luke even bagged a caught & bowled. To be undefeated this year has been a tremendous effort by the boys. Well done.

### 10 White

7 for 53

Pendle Hill Colts

5 for 94

Loss on averages

Baulko won the toss and elected to bat.

Eric (1) and Sheehan (1 no) opened the batting and were confronted with some very good bowling first up, the two opening bowlers from Pendle Hill not conceding a sundry in their spell. Next to bat was James (4 no) and Sarthak (4) who managed to steady things with some sound defence. Then came Malachi (7 no) and Harrison (9 no) who with good batting and running between the wickets started to get the runs flowing. Johan (5 no) and Blake (6 no) continued to keep the score moving along, Blake in particular played some nice hook shots and a beautiful drive through the off-side. Next in was Jaelyn (6) and Yasith (10 no) who finished off the innings for us as we only had 10 players.

Baulko's turn to bowl and Sarthak (0 for 21) and Malachi (0 for 15) opened the bowling to a very aggressive Pendle Hill opening batsman who struck the ball very hard, hitting 5 boundaries in his innings. This got Pendle Hill off to a flyer, but to their credit our boys didn't give up and kept bowling a good line and length which eventually paid off with some wickets. Next to bowl was Harrison (0 for 6) and Blake (0 for 8), followed by Johan (0 for 6) and Sheehan (1 for 4). Eric (2 for 5) and Jaelyn (0 for 3) were the next to bowl with Eric getting wickets with his first 2 deliveries, both clean bowled. Yasith (0 for 9) and James (0 for 12) finished off our bowling. Malachi combined with Johan with a great throw over the bails to secure a run out and Blake made a direct hit with a throw from 20 metres away to secure his run out.

Best Performances:

Batting – Yasith 10 not out; Harrison 9 not out

Bowling – Eric 2 for 5

Fielding – Blake and Malachi for good run outs; Jaelyn for excellent fielding at long stop

### 11/2

3 for 107

Rouse Hill Rams

4 for 173

First innings loss

No report submitted.

### 11/1

7 for 115

Kings Langley

10 for 68

First innings win

What a start to the game!

You're in equal first place, playing the team coming third, they're hot on your tail to win and pass you on the ladder, they're the only team to have beaten you all season, the boys are pumped for a big game, and you get to the ground to find the sprinklers in full flow.....NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Frantic phone calls to Ian C and Peter Mc.....HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thankfully, a short 30 minutes later the sprinklers stop and by some miracle we're playing by 9 am. Thanks Ian and Peter.

Luke Jerome was captain for the game and consolidated our grip on the toss finally winning our second one in succession. "Let's bat" was the call and it turned out to be a good choice.

Luke J and Patrick opened the batting against some quick and accurate KL bowling. Unluckily, Luke J was dismissed early, which brought Jason to the crease. Slowly and steadily the runs came although some fine bowling from KL saw Pat and Jason tied down somewhat. Pat was the second to go bringing in Jake. This, together with a change in the bowling saw the run rate increase and KL started to lose their grip on the game. Jake batted particularly well, playing some lovely late cuts, straight and square drives and it seemed as though he was set for a long innings. Being a one-day game though Jake was forced to retire on 25 not out, missing out on a second go at the end of the innings due to excellent batting from the middle order.

Arsh and Ramal were next and started forming a good partnership until Arsh was unluckily run out by the bowler, who

somehow managed to get a flick of his finger on a well driven straight drive from Ramal that crashed into the stumps at the bowler's end. This will probably never happen to him again. Ramal found a similarly unlucky way of getting out, stumped of a wide that he chased just a bit too far.

Chris came to the crease following Arsh's dismissal and set about building an innings of steady run scoring, upping the run rate when set and running byes at every available chance. Although some byes were clearly suicidal, Chris managed to get away with several before finally succumbing to some good KL fielding in the second last over of the game, not before achieving his highest personal score of 17. From there it was just a smash and run feast to finish off the innings with a well fought 115 for the loss of seven wickets. All up, a very good performance indeed.

Just 10 minutes later Arsh and Ramal opened the bowling, each uncharacteristically bowling several wides and no balls. However, they soon settled in, breaking the opening partnership in the fifth over. By the end of their spell KL were falling behind their required run rate.

Chris and Luke J followed as first changes at each end and really tightened down the screws on running. After a further eight overs from this pair, KL had managed only 9 more runs for the loss of two more wickets, one each; Chris bowling his four overs for only one run.

Jason and Michael were the next pair to bowl again each picking up one wicket for not many runs each. Michael going for a few extra runs but showing his left arm spin bowling is really starting to develop. By the time these two were finished though KL was out of the run chase. Jake and Ibteeda bowled 2 overs each, both picking up one wicket. Luke M and Blake chipped in with one over each, Blake getting the last wicket to have KL all out for only 68.

Patrick made a fine return to keeping and showed that Thursdays' training on footwork is working. Pat once again put in a solid performance behind the stumps, pushing himself through the last few overs even when in need of a bathroom break!

Thankfully, all catches were held this game (we wont count Luke M's dropped catch at mid wicket, it was an unbelievable effort to actually get to the ball – we still don't know how he managed it). Fielding was also improved but there is still some ground to make up here. Bowling run ups also need more work but most boys are now starting to settle into their own rhythm.

Well its eight rounds down and four to go and we are currently equal first with Greystanes. It has been a successful pre-Christmas season and with some good efforts in coming games the boys should remain in the hunt for the semi-finals.

Although Pat and I look forward to our few weeks off from training, we can't wait to get back into the game in late January. We wish everyone in the team, their families, relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We'll see most of you on 30 December at ANZ Stadium for the NSW v WA Twenty20 game. To everyone else, Round 9 is against Winston Hills at Max Ruddock Reserve, Winston Hills, starting on 24 January 2009.

<b>12/3</b>	<b>7 for 69</b>	<b>Hills Barbarians</b>	<b>2 for 100</b>	<b>First innings loss</b>
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By the way that the boys bowled, I was surprised that the opposition (Hills Barbarians) had scored 100 runs off their 31 overs. Not too many wickets were taken but there were some tight overs.

The batting was in the end no match to the opponents but could well have been. The Bar Bars bought some cheap wickets with some of our guys not respecting the good balls and playing rash shots in front of their stumps. The final score was 69 for the loss of seven wickets. The consolation being that the team was not bowled out and faced all 31 overs. Some more disciplined batting may have seen a victory.....

A big thank you to Cody and Alex for filling in to make up the 11. Some great fielding and bowling from both.

<b>12/2</b>	<b>8 for 48</b>	<b>Pendle Hill Colts</b>	<b>2 for 51</b>	<b>First innings loss</b>
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No report submitted.

<b>12/1</b>	<b>2 for 25</b>	<b>Rouse Hill Rams</b>	<b>10 for 22</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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No report submitted.

<b>13/2B</b>	<b>10 for 76</b>	<b>Greystanes</b>	<b>1 for 77</b>	<b>First innings loss</b>
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Unfortunately we are beaten by a team who could score runs quickly.

We batted first and everyone showed that they had carried over from practice. Everyone looked like they wanted to score runs. We just couldn't quite hold it together long enough to bat through all our overs. Once again no one got out to their best bowlers nor good balls. We are getting close to putting it all together and then we will get a monster score. There were a number of personal line stones achieved by the boys today with the bat. It is great to see that everyone is getting more

confident every week when they go out to bat.

Although we only dismissed one batsman today everyone bowled really well. But they had one batsman who really knew how to hit a ball. Everyone pitched up the ball and made them play every ball. Yet again our fielding improved.

Although we were out gunned today I am sure that if everyone continues to practice as hard as they have been we will clock up a win shortly.

<b>13/2A</b>	<b>5 for 67</b>	<b>Seven Hills RSL</b>	<b>7 for 66</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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Well, it was very pleasing to wake up to sunshine for this game. The outfield was good but still had a bit of dew, so we thought we might like to field. Luckily for us, we lost the toss and were sent in to field anyway.

Once again our bowlers struck early, taking wickets in the 2nd and 3rd overs. Seven Hills then seemed to settle, and it wasn't until the 15th over that we took our next wicket (3 for 28). The run rate slowly crept up, but nothing too dramatic. Each player was given the opportunity to have a bowl, except for Blaine who was wicket keeper until he caught one on the pinky, which became very swollen and painful and he had to come off for the rest of the game. Some fantastic fielding was displayed from Daniel, who also took two spectacular catches and was involved in a run out. This gained him the fielding award for the game. Impressive fielding was also noticed from Michael, Hamzah, Devin and Blaine, who took 2 catches at wicket keeper. Luke also took a nice catch. Wickets were taken by Jackson (3 for 10), Pavan (1 for 1), Daniel (1 for 7) and Hamzah (1 for 2). At the end of 31 overs Seven Hills were 7 for 66 runs.

Coming in to bat, we unfortunately lost a wicket in the first over and by the 9th were 2 for 18. This didn't seem to panic the boys however and to their credit, runs flowed nicely and consistently. Once again Daniel proved to be the perfect partner and saw out four others. He was very unlucky at the end of the game to be caught after the total had already been reached, as the umpires did not hear my little voice in the wind the ball prior telling them the total had been reached (sorry Daniel). He ended up scoring an impressive 28 runs. Other run scorers were Tanveer 5, Luke 5, Hamzah 10 and Sean 10 (not out). Sorry the rest of you didn't get a bat but it was a great overall team effort over the course of the match.

With 6 overs to spare, Baulko took the win, scoring 5 for 67. Thanks Nigel for umpiring and for your inspiring words to the boys.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year with family and friends. It's been a great experience up to now and I'm sure it will continue in 2009. Stay safe, all the best and see you next year.

Ps. Welcome back to Australia Luke, Nigel and family. We were glad to hear you had a nice holiday and arrived home safely.

<b>13/1</b>	<b>0 for 94</b>	<b>Winston Hills</b>	<b>8 for 89</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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Baulko lost the toss and was sent to field. Right from the start Baulko kept a very tight field and bowled well and kept Winston from scoring huge runs. At the end of 10 overs Winstons were able to just make 15 runs. Next over from Sachin saw a good return catch coming right back to his safe hands when their score was 16. Following over Sachin struck again when George took a catch. Subsequently, Winston Hills looked as though they were stabilizing to set a reasonable score for us to chase. However Joshua King came in and struck straight away and broke the partnership which de-stabilized their middle order completely. Winstons could not get their act together from this position and Michael & Joe came in subsequently and claimed their share of success. Winstons were 89 for the loss of 8 wickets at the end of 31 overs. Successful wicket takers were Sachin with 2 for 8, Joshua King 2 for 9, Michael 3 for 5 and Joe 1 for 9.

Cody & Ravi opened our batting and played out the entire innings with no real pressure at all from the opposition. Runs were coming off their bat in singles, 2s and 4s with ease and they were keeping the opposition busy running all around the field. We made the requisite runs in just 21 overs with a boundary from Cody over mid wicket when our score reached 94.

It was a good way to finish the game with what was made to look like an easy win before Christmas break. This was possible today only due to our boys' over all superb performance and they deserve special congratulations for this.

Man of the match was awarded to Joshua King for his timely break of the well set middle order batsmen which changed the course of the match and his overall figures of 2 for 9.

Incidentally there was an error in the Round 6 report with respect to bowling figures. Joshua King was one of the successful bowlers with 1 for 17 instead of what was reported erroneously as Sachin. The error is regretted.

<b>14/3</b>	<b>4 for 81</b>	<b>Wenty Leagues</b>	<b>6 for 80</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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No report submitted.



<b>14/2</b>	<b>7 for 114</b>	<b>Greystanes</b>	<b>10 for 94</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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No report submitted.

<b>14/1B</b>	<b>10 for 67</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills A</b>	<b>4 for 155</b>	<b>First innings loss</b>
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We lost the toss and were sent into the field. We bowled and fielded very well with Sam Shiel leading the way with an excellent opening spell of 2/6 off his first five overs and finishing with 2/31. James Senior pitched in with a wicket and Samuel Bennetts a run out. The bowlers bowled very well and the fielding was very good. Jack Delaney for the BHCC A's batted extremely well and we had no answer. It was a great effort.

We never really got going with the bat – several starts but no one going on with it. BHCC A's bowled very well. Congratulations to BHCC A's.

We hope everyone has a very peaceful and joyful Christmas and a wonderful new year!

<b>14/1A</b>	<b>4 for 155</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills B</b>	<b>10 for 67</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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We won the toss and chose to bat with openers Jono & Taseen facing plenty of early swing. The persistent good bowling finally got through Jonno's defence bowled for 6, shortly followed by Taseen, their bowler smashing a bail in the process. Jack Michie came in at 1st drop and steadied the innings with Mitchell playing aggressively at the other end before being caught brilliantly in the gully for 4. Jack Delaney then came to the crease and both he and Jack M built a good 54 run partnership against continued tight bowling before the latter was run out for 13 pushing a quick single. Blake then partnered with Jack D and with the score at 4-70, they both then took to the bowling. Blake seemed content to give Jack the strike as he entertained us with a 'Gilchrist like' innings, blasting 9 sixes and losing a ball somewhere down on the bottom field. The pair scored 85 runs in just 8 overs with Blake finishing on 23\* and Jack getting his ton off the last ball, a truly amazing knock!

Chasing 156 for victory, their openers played some patient cricket facing excellent bowling and sharp fielding. Anoop again showed his ability as a good opening bowler getting the breakthrough in the 7th over and finishing with 1-8 off 5. Jack Farrell took 2 wickets in one over with an excellent spell, finishing with figures of 2-7 leaving them reeling at 3-16 after 10 overs. James was then handed the ball and bowled a mixed bag but captured 2 of their top batsmen with his slower ball and was at one stage on a hat-trick. No hat-trick but he did finish with his best figures of 4-22. Brent bowled another superb spell from the other end with plenty of pace and movement, finishing with 1-9 off his 5 overs. Blake and Mitchell took the last 2 wickets, bowling them all out for 67. Congratulations to the boys on another victory. Merry Christmas and a safe new year to all.

<b>15/3</b>	<b>Wenty Leagues</b>
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It was another challenging game for the boys this week playing with only seven players against Wenty Leagues that had a full team. Even though we didn't get the points our boys certainly played well and should be pleased with how they played the game. Wenty won the toss and elected to bat and with only seven on the field there were plenty of gaps. We bowled very well to start with to keep the run rate down to 3 an over for the first 10 overs but tiredness began to creep in and they started to find gaps which meant we had a big run chase on our hands. Karanbir bowled well and ended the match with 3/11 off 6 overs. Kausthub and Blake also took a wicket each. Dineth and Michael also bowled well and there was some good fielding by Mahir. Two runouts contributed to the wickets. The best runout goes to Hugh at wicketkeeper who received the ball from Dineth at the batting end and seeing both the batters there with him sprinted up to the other wickets and ran their highest run scorer out. Fantastic effort Hugh. When it was our turn to bat the boys decided that they were going to give it a go and didn't let the fact that they were four batters short dampen their enthusiasm. We managed to score 88 but had put in one of our better batting performances of the year. Karanbir scored 31 not out, Hugh 20, including four massive 4's to achieve his personal best, Blake 10 runs, Kausthub 5 runs, Dineth 4 and Mahir 2. Well done to Karanbir and Hugh for their fourth wicket stand of 31 runs and Karanbir and Blake for their fifth wicket partnership of 33 runs. You certainly made us proud with not only your effort and performance but also your attitude on the day. Well done boys and give yourselves a pat on the back. Have great Xmas and see you in the New Year.

Round 7: B/Hills - 74

Kellyville - 1/133 (1st Innings win)

We batted well this week boys. It was pleasing to see there was only one duck in our score book. The opposition is the toughest in our competition being the undefeated leaders in our group and we managed to score that with only ten players. Great batting by Michael to stay out there for a half an hour against their very fast bowlers. Jack scored a very good 25 runs and was looking dangerous with the bat. Hugh also batted well this week with a great boundary, almost going for a six. It was always going to be big challenge to stop this team and by the end of play in week one they had only lost one wicket which thankfully was their best batter. This wicket went to Kausthub who clean bowled him and ended up with nice bowling figures of 1/5 off 3 overs. Blake also bowled well with 0/5 off 5 overs including 2 maidens. You seemed to trouble the batters and slow the run rate down so well done. Brendan also bowled nicely and there was some great fielding by Praween, Mahir and Dineth. The second week was washed out as the pitch was under water so Kellyville won first innings. Nice try boys against a team that even the opposition believe are in the wrong division.

<b>15/2</b>	10 for 68	Kings Langley	0 for 71	First innings loss
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Some consistently tight bowling by Kings Langley had the team's batting under pressure from the outset. Wickets fell at regular intervals and the innings never gained the momentum needed to make a big score. Amol Marwah top scored with 19, with Adarsh Subramaniam (13 not out) the only other batsman to reach double figures.

This was always going to be a difficult target to defend and this was not helped by a dropped catch in the opening over. After this, despite some spirited pace bowling from Ben Graham and James Galofaro, we were unable to achieve a break through and Kings Langley achieved the victory target with plenty of overs in hand.

<b>15/1</b>	7 for 131	Greystanes	3 for 139	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

<b>16/1</b>	5 for 208	Wenty Leagues	6 for 164	First innings win
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No report submitted.

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Nothing to report.

<b>B13</b>		BYE		BYE
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Nothing to report.

<b>B11</b>		BYE		BYE
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Nothing to report.

<b>B10</b>		BYE		BYE
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Nothing to report.

<b>B9</b>		BYE		BYE
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Nothing to report.

<b>B8</b>	6 for 164	Guildford Leagues	10 for 105	First innings win
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No report submitted.

<b>B7A</b>		BYE		BYE
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Nothing to report.

<b>B3</b>	10 for 105	Seven Hills RSL	7 for 235	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

<b>B2</b>	5 for 158	Hills Barbarians A	9 for 128	First innings win
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No report submitted.

<b>A</b>	6 for 154	Kings Langley	8 for 153	First innings win
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Sumit returned for round 8 and didn't need anytime recapturing his pre holiday form by losing his sixth consecutive toss. Forced to bowl first on a pitch with as much life as Dodo, we barely conceded a run in the first eight overs with Jack Townsend (0-4 from 4) and Gaurang Merani (0-15 from 6) sharing the new ball in this one day fixture. The pressure was maintained with Sumit (0-10 from 4), Ben 'Hooley' Dooley (0-26 from 8) and Andy Denlow (1-13 from 4). Having conceded only fifty runs at the 20 over (drinks) mark, Baulkham controlled the proceedings well, but the opposition still had their full contingent of wickets in hand.

After drinks the run rate steadily increased despite regular wickets being picked up by Trent Hession (2-30 from 6) and Adam Tinley who achieved up his maiden A-Grade five wicket haul (5-44 from 8).

After 40 overs Kings had compiled 8 for 153 from their 40 overs on a pitch that had broken up faster than a teenage relationship.

We lost openers Keenan Galas (7) and the in form Andy Denlow (13) bringing Sumit Kalia and Bobby Simpson together. The same partnership that put a massive dent into our last run chase against Kings were at it again with Sumit battling very hard initially before finding as much fluency as was possible on disgraceful surface, finishing with an unbeaten match winning 50. Bobby played sensibly working singles and patiently waiting for bad balls which he duly dispatched making a crucial 35 in the process. Once again, as in our last chase against Kings, Hooley Dooley (27) provided much needed fired works clouting 2



sixes in an over to make a commanding contribution, and subsequently turning the match in our favour as the run rate reached dangerous proportions.

However, the match was not to end without drama. After Dooley fell, Dave made a well constructed 9; but with 6 to win could not resist temptation and was caught right on the long-on boundary with 2 overs remaining. Tinley's stay at the crease lasted just one ball which left G facing a hatrick ball that turned out to be a beamer, in badly fading light with a back drop of trees no less. Thankfully formalities were completed appropriately with Sumit hitting the winning runs soon after.

In the end it was a tense hard fought win against the bottom placed team and more than anything it was a relief to get a win after consecutive losses.

Meanwhile, the state of the square is of serious concern with the pitch deteriorating so badly that by days end it was completely littered with pieces of turf and playing as well as a guitar without strings. Rumour has it that another surface like that and our game will be moved to the lower ground at Charles McLaughlin.