

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:

Individual Achievements

Ben Dooley	A	49	Pavan Kasthuriarachchi	13/2A	3/5
Tony Senior	B8	90	K Jayawardena	13/2B	33
Ward Koski	B8	53	A McCaffery	13/2B	2/22
John Young	B10	37	Michael Bellam	12/1	3/4 & 24no
Jason Faulkner	B10	3/27	James Gardiner	12/1	2/1
Sachin Sachdev	B14	41	Brad Ripps	12/1	2/7
Asad Rizvi	15/1	3/16	N Kuchi	12/2	42
Saj Howpage	15/2	64	Jake Smith	11/1	38
Taseen Rahman	14/1A	40 & 2/4	Chris Blinman	11/1	3/10
Mitchell Webb	14/1A	38	Ramal Rajapakse	11/1	2/8
Blake Newman	14/1A	35	Matthew Staker	11/2	30
Joel Pienmunne	14/1A	4/16	Saad Monir	11/2	2/3
Antonio Castellarin	14/1B	48	Ruvini Mendis	10R	3/3
Trent Samuels	14/1B	24	Nakulan Ramamurthi	10R	3/5
Daniel Leafe	13/2A	46			

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
February 21 2009	B7A	14/1A
February 28 2009	B14	14/1B
March 7 2009	B2	14/2
March 14 2009	B8	10 Blue & White
March 21 2009 (Saturday)	B9	13/1
March 22 2009 (Sunday)	B10	13/2A
March 28 2009 (Saturday)	B11	12/1
March 29 2009 (Sunday)	B13	12/2

Meat Raffle Roster

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

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

Ticket sales are to start by 6:30pm.

DATE	TEAM
February 21 2009	B10
March 7 2009	B13

The President's Roundup

Well, it is all happening. The competition is heating up and so is the weather! Gee, what 42 deg on day 1 of the last round and the same again this Saturday. Maybe we should change to winter? The competition has 3 rounds to go and lots of teams are right up there. Some good wins last round in seniors, with A grade winning a close match to move to 2nd place. This week they play competition leaders Hills Barbarians and a win would move them to first. Good luck guys. The enigmatic B3's produced an easy outright, winning by 10 wickets against UTY & VOT. At least they turned up, which their mates in B9 did not do - so they forfeited!

The social calendar is also heating up. Just look at what is coming up:

- Sunday 8 February. Bankstown games - seniors & U11's - players are wanted for the seniors. If you want a game please call me. Plenty of food and refreshments will be on tap, so come along.
- Saturday 21 & 28 February - Team photos. Ian Chatman has put out the roster.
- Sunday 22 February - Junior Double Wicket. Early start at Ted Horwood - 8.30 for a 9.00 am start.
- Saturday 28 February - Trivia night at the sports Club. 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Cost: \$20 adults & \$10 juniors. This cost includes some nibbles on the tables. Please note that you CANNOT bring nibbles into the club. Tables must be booked - there are only a limited number of tables - 8 persons per table. Book a table by calling Peter McLoughlin on 0413 495513 or email me at president@baulkocricicket.com.au. Don't think you can just turn up, as you may be disappointed
- 8 March. Seniors v Colts T20 match at Charles McLaughlin. The selectors are looking closely at form to select any budding Phillip Hughes or maybe some slightly older players!
- 14 March. 90th Anniversary Dinner at the Sports Club. 7pm start. Cost \$60 per head & this includes a three-course dinner and some of our wonderful 90th Anniversary wine. Special guest speaker is Kerry O'Keefe! Again, numbers are limited, so don't leave it and miss out. Again bookings to Peter McLoughlin. You can book for 1 person up to a table or whatever. First come, first served!

So how's that for a busy month or so. And all that before the finals!

And don't forget the meat raffle this Saturday - starting around 6.30pm. The member's jackpot is \$400! Now that's an incentive to be there!!!!

Congratulations to The U12/1 & U16/1's who have made the semis of the Michael Clarke Twenty/20 comp. These will be played at Eric Mobbs on Sunday 15 February.

Best of luck to all teams.

Peter McLoughlin,
President

Baulkham Hills Netball Club – Young players wanted

Baulkham Hills Sports Club Netball Division needs 8 & 9 Years girls to play in their second 9 years team. We train at Ted Horwood Reserve courts & play at Kellyville Netball Complex. For further information please contact our Registrar Viv Thurlow on 9620 4645 or 0439 456 045.

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	DNB	Greystanes	11 for 50	Draw - Day 2 wash out
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What a contrast in weather from week 1 to week 2. The temperature on the first day was approaching 40 degrees and although losing the toss the boys stepped up to the challenge. They actually had their best fielding day for the year dismissing Greystanes by taking 10 wickets for 50 runs. Run outs were the highlight with 5 being taken on the day, most direct hits. Unfortunately we did not get a chance to show our skills with the bat, as week 2 was called off due to rain. All of the boys played a hand in the wickets on the day. Well done yet again to all the boys and we look forward to our last 2 games for the season over the next 4 weeks.

10 Red	DNB	Hills Barbarians	19 for 55	Draw - Day 2 wash out
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Ruvn Mendis 3/3 , 2 stumpings
 Nakulan Ramamurthi 3/5
 Dilshan Wijesena 2/0
 Stephen Burns 2/1
 Emil Nissanka 2/6
 Armaan Dhaliwal 2/7
 Alex Robinson 2/12

Arriving at the ground, we thought we could post an easy total of 120 plus if we batted first. The plan changed pretty quickly when another loss of the toss saw us fielding in the extreme heat again. The temperature made no difference to our performance. We were sensational in the field. Excellent fielding & hunger for the ball, saw the opposition struggle to get the ball into the gaps & with all our bowlers bowling a tight line, it forced the opposing batsmen to make many mistakes. Dilshan on a hat trick, beat the batsman with pace & missed the stumps by mere millimetres. The very next over saw Nakulan on a hat trick as well. With a stacked slips cordon, Nakulan got an edge, but unfortunately the ball fell well short of the slips. Emil's caught & bowled was spectacular as it was smashed back at him & was taken cleanly in front of his face. Ruvn was finally rewarded with some excellent figures of 3/3. Armaan Dhaliwal bowled a very pacy spell & was very unlucky not to have a lot more wickets. Alex Robinson continues to improve & bagged his best figures of the season. To get so many wickets & a low total on a small & fast ground was an outstanding achievement. To be washed out on day 2 was very disappointing. The commitment shown in the field & towards each other is why you are undefeated after 10 rounds. Keep up the great work.

10 White	5 for 103	Kellyville	6 for 189	Loss on averages
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Kellyville won the toss and decided to bat on a very hot day.

Malachi (0 for 1) and Harrison (0 for 9) opened the bowling and although runs were kept to an absolute minimum both opening bowlers were unlucky not to take a wicket. Next to bowl was Blake (0 for 18) and Nicholas (1 for 25), followed by Tom (1 for 13) and Sheehan (1 for 17), Johan (1 for 13), Sarthak (2 for 15) and Jaelyn (0 for 18) all bowled very well, while Eric (0 for 10) and Yasith (0 for 36) finished off the innings. Catches were taken by Nicholas and Sarthak, while Malachi achieved a great run out with a direct hit from 20 metres. Malachi also made a good stumping when he took over the wicket keeping duties after the main drinks break. The Kellyville batsmen were mostly boys in their last year of U10's with several very good batsmen who regularly found the boundary. Our boys never gave up and kept trying all the way through the Kellyville innings in what was a very good effort, given the extreme heat on the day.

Baulko's turn to bat and what a difference a week makes, with cold and wet conditions and wet grass meant that scoring runs quickly would be difficult. This meant that while scoring as many runs as possible we needed to preserve our wickets. Johan (17) and Tom (18) opened the batting and got us off to a good start. Next to bat were Harrison (18) and Blake (12 no) who kept the score board ticking over nicely, Harrison hitting our only boundary of the day. Next in was Nicholas (4 no) and Sarthak (7 no), they were followed by Sheehan (12 no) and Eric (8) and Yasith (7 no). In what was a great effort we only lost 5 wickets, and 2 of these were run outs with 1 a direct hit, leaving us a little short of Kellyville's runs and average score.

All up a very good effort by all our players.

Best performances:

Bowling: Sarthak 2 for 15

Batting: Tom 18; Harrison 18; Johan 17

Fielding: Malachi with 1 run out and a stumping; Nicholas with a great catch

11/2	10 for 114	Hills Barbarians B	2 for 39	Draw - Day 2 wash out
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No report submitted.

11/1	3 for 98	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 91	First innings win
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Round 10 and yet again it's another hot day for cricket. What could be more perfect? Maybe a win against Seven Hills!

Round 9 saw some rusty cricket following the summer break but training this week showed promise for a return to form. Once we settled in to the game on Saturday morning the form improved further.

Nathan Hamilton was Captain this game and after a brief team discussion (and a further chat with the coach) we thought that bowling might be a good idea. Nathan didn't manage to win the toss but we ended up bowling anyway.

Patrick Hassarati and Luke McGuinness opened the bowling with Pat getting us off to a flying start, picking up the first wicket on the third ball of the morning by a fantastic one-handed reflex catch by Chris Blinman at point off a thick and powerful outside edge. Where's the replay when you need one? Both Pat and Luke bowled very well conceding just 2 runs per over during their spell.

Luke Jerome and Nathan Hamilton were next to bowl and the screws really tightened, together giving away just three runs from six overs for the loss of one wicket to Nathan following a fine infield catch to Michael French. Both Luke J and Nathan returned for another two overs each later in the game and continued their excellent bowling, together managing five maidens from their ten overs, conceding just five runs all up.

Arsh Kapila and Chris Blinman followed and continued the good work. Together they gave away just seven runs from six overs, which included two maidens and one wicket to Chris Blinman, caught by Luke McGuinness. Arsh and Chris also returned later in the innings and each bowled a further two overs. Arsh conceded just two runs for no wickets and Chris six runs for two more wickets. Chris finished with the figures of 3/10 of his five overs.

Ramal Rajapakse and Jason Luther were the seventh and eighth bowlers and like all else before them, prevented Seven Hills from scoring runs. From six overs combined, they conceded only eight runs and managing to pick up one wicket to Ramal, bowled from a big in-swing, as usual. Ramal returned for two more overs late in the innings and captured another wicket for only two more runs, an absolute ripper of a catch to Michael French again!

Jake, Michael and Blake each bowled three overs but unfortunately for Michael and Blake, they got to bowl to Seven Hills best batsmen at a time when their form was good. Although a few runs flowed their bowling was still impressive, Blake picking up one wicket with a catch to Jake. Jake was more economical, bowling one maiden and giving away just two runs during his spell.

At the end of 45 overs Seven Hills were dismissed for 91 runs, which included a bonus of two wickets due to absentees in Seven Hills' batting line up. This week was an improved bowling effort but it is still not the form that we showed in the last few games before Christmas. Keep up the hard work at training and I'm sure we'll be back to our best very soon.

Week two saw rain from Monday to Friday and I was certain there would be no play. However, thanks to an accommodating Seven Hills side and a good pitch/field condition, the game was underway after a short delay.

Following a brief and unbeaten opening stance on week one, Jake and Luke M returned to the crease with the over-week score on 0/17. Three overs later the score had doubled but our first wicket, Luke M, was lost for six runs.

Ibteeda strode to the crease following recent illness and built a great partnership with Jake, which included 46 runs from 11 overs before Jake finally went for 38, caught from a miscued shot that went up for a catch. This brought Chris to the crease but a good ball saw Chris playing down the wrong line only to be bowled for just two runs. By this time though, the score was 3/89 and we needed only three more runs to win. Ramal and Ibteeda handled this without a problem, each finishing with one and 21 runs not out respectively. The innings closed at 3/98 once the final over was batted out. Only 21 overs were needed to get Seven Hills' score.

Once again our batting was good and we kept alive our nine game streak of not being completely dismissed. Let's keep the improvement happening and hopefully we'll enjoy the same success in the finals. As I have said before, keep up the good work. Your reward is you're now on top of the competition ladder!

Next game is against Wenty Leagues away at Girraween Park Inner (Octavia Street, Toongabbie). See you all then and don't forget photos after the game on Saturday 21st February and the Double Wicket Competition on Sunday 22nd February.

12/3	8 for 25	Seven Hills RSL	DNB	Draw – Day 2 wash out
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How lucky were these guys? 8 guys threw their wickets away to be 8/25 and then the sprinklers came on – washed out on a 42 degree day.

Then on the second week - rain. We will never know if they could snatch victory from the jaws of defeat but at least the rain had good timing.

12/2	10 for 92	AKA Crusaders	DNB	Draw – Day 2 wash out
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No report submitted.

12/1	7 for 68	Winston Hills	10 for 25	First innings win
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No report submitted.

13/2B	10 for 141	Kings Langley	7 for 143	First innings loss
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Who could predict the weather? Great we won the toss and batted in the heat. Wasn't everyone relieved we wouldn't have to field, so elated that some got out to balls that they shouldn't have and some to great balls.

The highlights were a very patient Kasun (33), Raad (23) and Tim (14). We mustered a very competitive 141.

We even had a little field. Thisal and Tim bowled very well having Kings Langley 1-5 at the end of the first day. Thisal bowling off a much shorter run had the opposition worried and not looking forward to next week.

Unfortunately the weather didn't help us during the week and washed out our practice.

When Saturday came and it had been raining for a couple of days nobody expected us the play. Well we got on at about 9:15am but really started to struggle even holding the ball.

Everyone kept up their spirits but we only held one catch and put down many more. Now everyone knows that catches win matches but everyone dug in and bowled really well, especially considering the ball was like a piece of soap and it was a narrow pitch. Alex (2-22 - 10 overs), James (1-13), Thisal (1-36), Raad (1-6 - 5 overs), Kasun 1-17 and Sharnam (1-7) all did their bit with the ball. With about 10 minutes to go for the day unfortunately Kings Langley eventually passed us 7 wickets down.

I am sure if we were able to practice our fielding during the week the result would have been different.

We almost made it two in a row.

13/2A	10 for 114	Wenty Leagues	7 for 19	Draw – Day 2 wash out
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This game saw two totally different extremes of weather. Day one was a scorcher over 35 degrees. We agreed to play however taking all necessary precautions. We won the toss and elected to bat.

Our first wickets fell in the 6th and then the 11th over at 24 runs. Daniel and Blaine then went on to build a healthy partnership of 33 runs. Blaine did well putting away the bad balls and was looking strong before he fell at 19. Daniel had a fantastic innings, opening the batting and staying at the crease for nearly two and a half hours. He almost made it through the whole innings but unfortunately fell at number 9 just short of his 50 on 46 runs. We were eventually all out for 114 runs with about 40 minutes left of play. So out we went to field.

What was to come from our bowlers was nothing short of fantastic. They were fast and straight and hit their target. Jackson opened with a maiden. Pavan then came on and took two wickets in his first over and was on a hat trick. Unfortunately he didn't get it but he did claim another wicket in his third over. Jackson scored a wicket in his second over and Luke opened with a maiden then took two wickets in his second over. Figures were Jackson 1 for 3 (off 3), Pavan 3 for 5 (off 3), Luke 2 for 2 (off 2) and Hamzah 0 for 9 (off one) - an absolutely awesome effort. Including a run out, at stumps on day one we had Wenty at 7 for 19 runs after just 9 overs. Blaine also did a good job at wicket keeper against the fast bowlers, gaining him the fielding award for the day. Given Wenty were short of players on the day we would have needed just two more wickets to secure the win. But 12 o'clock came and we had to wait until day two.

The weather on day two produced feelings of utter disappointment - rain. We tried our best and the boys did a great job clearing as much water away from the pitch as they could, but unfortunately our duty of care left us with no choice but to call it off for the day. Even though we really, really wanted to play, we just couldn't take the risk of someone hurting themselves. We had to concede a draw.

You put in a great effort in this game boys, especially in the extreme heat. I want to thank you also for turning up on day two and looking so enthusiastic. Hang on to that feeling. You are a great team and I'm really proud of you all. Hope to see you all at training this week.

13/1	9 for 139	Wenty Leagues	DNB	Draw – Day 2 wash out
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Baulko won the toss and elected to bat. We started a bit more cautiously than normal and was scoring at the rate of about 2 runs per over till the 15th over when we lost the top 3 wickets with the score of just 28 on board. Ishmam came to the crease and again did a repeat performance in this game too with some good defence and runs started building up slowly. Ishmam and Koski added 47 runs for the 5th wicket. Sixth wicket partnership with Cody added another 31 runs when Ishmam was on 39. Time was running out. We were down to the last 5 overs to go. The other end again started seeing wickets tumbling and Ishmam seized the opportunity and executed a good boundary in the second last ball of the day to reach his 50 and finished the game with an excellent 51 not out.

Baulko could not take the field next week due to rain. The match ended up in a Draw.

14/3	1 for 20	Kings Langley	10 for 115	Draw – Day 2 wash out
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No report submitted.

14/2	0 for 2	Kellyville	10 for 138	Draw – Day 2 wash out
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No report submitted.

14/1B	10 for 115	Kings Langley	DNB	Draw – Day 2 wash out
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This game was against the first placed Kings Langley. We won the toss (a major cause for celebration!) and batted. The conditions were very hot and the boys produced an excellent effort. They were all out for 115 – one of the highest scores against Kings Langley this year! The boys applied themselves well against a very good attack and demonstrated patience and solid defence.

Antonio Castellarin topped the scoring with 48 and Trent Samuels batted well for 24. It was a great effort. The match ended in a draw as the ground was under water for the second week.

We look forward to taking this form into the last two rounds – must win games to prove ourselves worthy of a place in the semis! Good luck boys!

14/1A	8 for 175	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 75	First innings win
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On another day of record heat Blake again won the toss and sent the opposition into the field.

Our openers James (3) and Jonathan (9) almost saw off the opening bowlers before James was bowled in the 7th over with our score on 12. Jonathan was the next to depart and we were 2 for 20 the 11th over when Mitchell (38, four 4s and a six) and Blake (34, two 4s and a 6) came together. Both started cautiously and then proceeded to put on 60 runs in 17 overs at nearly 4 runs per over. Running between the wickets and dispatching the bad balls to the boundary, or over it, were features of this partnership and it was a treat to watch Mitch and Blake pile on the runs. After Mitchell's departure Blake kept the score ticking along as Jack D. (0) and Brent (7) made brief visits to the wicket. When Blake was out in the 35th over we looked a rather shaky 6 for 107 and Rouse Hill was looking to finish off the innings in quick time. The next 16 over saw two great partnerships with Taseen (40, five 4s) being the dominant partner in both. He first put on 41 with Praveen (15 with a massive 6) and then 26 with Jack M. (4 no) to take our score to a respectable 174 in the 52nd over.

The second day was in complete contrast to the first; cool, damp and with a steady light drizzle. Understandably Rouse Hill was not keen to bat. Fortunately the officiating 'black and white' umpire managed to persuade them to play and after a delayed start we were on. Jonathan and Anoop effected an early run out before James (5 overs, 4 maidens 0 for 1) and Anoop (5 overs 2 for 12) dismissed the rest of the top order. After Jack F. (0 for 6 off 3) and Praveen (0 for 13 off 2) it was time for the two leggies to take over. Considering the wet conditions both Joel (4 for 16 off 10) and Jack M. (0 for 15 off 10) bowled exceptionally well. Jack was unfortunate not to pick up a wicket in his first five over spell when after a single off the first ball he proceeded to bowl 29 consecutive dot balls. Rouse Hill was 7 for 47 in the 28th over and it was our turn to think of wrapping up the innings quickly before the rain would wash out the match. A low order partnership of nearly 30 runs lasting 15 overs frustrated us before Taseen took two wickets in his last over to finish with 2 for 4 off 5 and Brent finished off the innings in style by bowling the last batsman with his third ball.

A good win set up by great batting performances by Mitchell, Blake and Taseen and followed by patient accurate bowling and good fielding by all.

15/3	1 for 14	Hills Barbarians	3 dec 204	Draw – Day 2 wash out
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We were unlucky to lose the toss on the first week of this game and we were sent in to field. We knew this was going to be a tough challenge, not only because of the extreme heat, but we only had 9 players until 10.30 and then 8 for the rest of the day. Hills Barbarians were off scoring runs easily due to the holes in the field but wickets to Karanbir, Mahir and Michael helped a little. Hills Barbarians ended up scoring 204 runs and sent us into bat. Hugh got off to a good start with a couple of boundaries before he was bowled out for 10 and Kausthub helped out with 4 not out at the end of the first days play.

The second week brought wet weather and unsafe playing conditions which resulted in the game being called a draw. Well done boys for putting in a great effort in the first week playing in the extreme hot conditions without a full team and not once complaining. It was a tremendous effort and we are extremely proud of you for not giving up the whole time you were out on the field.

15/2	8 for 174	Winston Hills	DNB	Draw – Day 2 wash out
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Baulkham Hills took to the batting crease in hot conditions and got off to a shaky start to be 4 for 34 in the 20th over. However, Saj Howpage proceeded to play an excellent innings of 64, including 7 4s to put the innings back on track. Saj received great support from Amol Marwah, who though he only made 8 runs, shared a 60 run partnership for the 5th wicket with Saj. After this pair were both out, a fine attacking 56 run partnership for the 7th wicket between James Galofaro (28) and Damian Wilks (25) both personal batting bests, ensured that the team was able to build a respectable first innings total, given the batting friendly conditions.

With rain washing out the second day's play, the match finished in a draw.

15/1	3 for 43	Kings Langley	10 for 96	Draw – Day 2 wash out
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No report submitted.

16/1		AKA Crusaders		
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No results submitted.

B14	10 for 95	Hills Barbarians	2 for 47	Draw – Day 2 wash out
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Baulkham Hills went to the batting crease in hot conditions and were soon in trouble at 4 for 11, before a 45 run 5th wicket partnership between Sachin Sachdev (41) and Matt Toomey (19) steadied things. However, after this, only Bryce Jones was able to reach double figures with 17, with the team slumping to all out 95, a somewhat disappointing total in the batting friendly conditions.

Hills Barbarians faced 24 overs before stumps, batting steadily to finish at 2 for 47. Bryce Jones took 2 for 9 off 5 overs. Rain washed out the second day's play leaving the match as a draw.

B13		Winston Hills		
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No results submitted.

B11	3 for 64	Kings Langley	10 for 188	Draw – Day 2 wash out
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No report submitted.

B10	10 for 67	Radiant Sports	10 for 104	First innings loss
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John Young – 37

Jason Faulkner - 3 for 27 off 4 overs

Adam Meakins - 2 for 21 off 9 overs

John Young - 2 for 24 off 8 overs

Clint Harding - 2 for 13 off 4 overs

Grant Korny - 0 for 17 off 10 overs

Hozefa Rangwala - 1 for 0 off 1 ball

This round ended up being a little disappointing for us. Both weeks had both extremes of weather, extreme heat in the first week and rained out in the second. We suffered a 1st innings defeat in the first week on the second last ball of the day. Arriving on the second week with more batters we were ready to claim back an outright victory when rain got in our way.

We arrived on the first week in the sweltering heatwave that had embraced Sydney with an unwillingness to play as I believed it was unsafe to play. You only need one person to faint or suffer heatstroke and that is too many for a game of park cricket. With umpires right on start time play was underway with us bowling first. At least it was agreed to have drinks every 1/2 hour

Grant and Adam got things started and despite a six of his first over Adam bit back to have an opening spell of 2 for 16 off 5

overs. Despite not taking a wicket Grant kept Radiant at bay with only 9 runs scored off his first spell. The first change came from John Young and Clint attacking at the other end. Tight bowling kept Radiant at bay with wild swinging being the order of the day. It was slowly becoming obvious that our biggest enemy of the day was going to be the 40+ degree heat not the wild attempts at striking the ball from the batsmen.

The biggest surprise of the day came mid way through the innings when in the middle of an over one of our players was reminded that he wasn't supposed to be there that day. For personal reasons he unfortunately had to leave us that day and even more unfortunately he can't return until further notice. This player did bring more than was realized to us and we hope he can return.

That bought us down to 9 players on a hot day. We all had to dig deep to get through it. The bowlers kept it tight and the fielding was superb. There was only one dropped catch for the day which didn't cost anything as we had that batter was out 3 balls later. Hozefa who has snuck under the radar for dropped catches (behind other more renowned butter fingers) did remind himself on how it is done with a screamer later in the day. The heat was slowly getting to everyone especially to the bowlers later in the day but everyone managed to step and keep the batters contained to 104 for the day.

Which brings us to our batting innings. Whatever is said about their batting performance was nothing compared to the effort we put forward. Captain Courageous must have earned the respect of his players as his efforts in this innings were promptly copied by the majority of the top order. Captain Courageous decided it would be a good idea on the third ball of the innings to play a nice lazy shot and get cleaned bowled. The next 4 wickets fell in quick succession and we were 5 wickets down in 6 overs. This brought in Terry Manning and John Young who with their obvious lack of respect for the captain's tactics decided to go down their own path and thought that getting out wasn't the way to win the game. What did they know? With their cavalier attitude runs started to come our way. After a while Terry came around to the captain's way of thinking and was cleaned up. With 1/2 an hour and two wickets left Jason came in. Jason however kept to the captain's plan and decided to get out. But he was a bit rebellious and thought he would get out LBW a metre out of his crease not clean bowled. This left Hozefa and John Young at the crease. John had plenty of time to corrupt Hozefa into his attitude of not getting out.

John Young was even getting to the captain of Radiant Sport because he tried to extend the day by ten minutes because we started late. He was hoping we were stupid and was hoping to scam extra time to get the last couple of wickets. He even had the audacity to call one of my players a cheat forcing us to resort to using the blue book.

John's plan was working well and with one over to go it looked liked we would see out they day. Unfortunately on the second last ball of the day one snuck through and the final wicket fell to give Radiant a first innings win. They didn't need the extra time in the end but it was still a dodgy ploy.

The second week was officially called off due to the rain. Things could've been pressed in our favour as only one player from the opposition had shown up from their team at 1:30. Where were the home team? Were they trying to delay the inevitable Out Right victory we would've gotten with our full batting actually their in the second week? 15minutes went by and by the rules we could've claimed a forfeit pending a decision from the exec committee of the PDCA (who know what they are doing). I was told at 1:30 from the one player who was there that their captain was parking the car. He arrived 25 minutes later through the driveway. Eventually they had seven there and the game was called off. But why weren't they there at the start of play?

Our bowling remains our big strength with our batting having a bad day. However even in that position a full line up would've gotten us through the first week and set something up to maybe get it in the second week if weather wasn't a factor. An unlucky loss with weather and a lack of players due to unforeseen events the main factors. We are still a major force in the race for the title and our next round will set things up for the finals with a game against the current leaders of the table.

B9	10 for 117	Kings Langley	8 for 201	First innings loss
No report submitted.				

B8	9 for 246	Rouse Hill Rams	0 for 16	Draw – Day 2 wash out
Due to various Supreme court injunctions and defamation suits B8 match reports have been unable to be published in recent times. Our crack legal team have managed to have the injunctions lifted and normal publication can now be resumed.				

ROUND 10 17/1/09

Well viewers, normal services have been resumed. The B8's returned to form with a vengeance following the shock loss last round.

Our batting, as has been the case for most of the year was a little fragile. The only real standouts were DC with 54 & Cranks 66. The fall of wickets went 2-4, 3-131 & then all out 164. Not good enough if the Orphans are to make it back to back titles.

In the field we let the ball do the talking and very quickly had Wenty bundled out for a measly 58

Baulkham Hills 10-164 smashed Wenty Waratahs 10-58

Cranks	66
Son of God	54
Our Lord & Saviour	5-10
AG	3-11
AN	0
Our Lord & Saviour	0
Friction	0

ROUND 9 10/01/09

Baulkham Hills 129 lost to Parramatta Crusaders 8-159

AG	38	Zorro	2-17
Friction	23	Cranks	2-17
Son of God			0

ROUND 8 20/12/08

Cranks returned with the unexpected news that he had won the toss and elected to bat. Baulkham Hills opening partnership laid the foundations with Ozzy grafting a solid 31 and AN crafting 40 including a 6 which I understand is a rare feat for him. Next in was a young fellow they call The Holy Ghost, with a quick 48 set Baulko up with a healthy 6-154 from the 40 overs – well healthy on Ted Horwood #2 ground anyway. It's an absolute travesty what the Baulkham Hills Council is doing to grassroots cricket by mowing this ground so thick.

In the field the Baulko side clinically closed out the game having the opposition all out for 105 with JC collecting a very tidy 4-17. All in all an immensely satisfying day – both on & off the field.

Baulkham Hills 6-154 defeated Guildford Leagues 10-105

Ozzy	31
AN	40
Holy G	48
JC	4-17

B7A	Hills Barbarians	Draw – No play
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Nothing to report

B3	Guildford Bowling	Draw – No play
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Nothing to report

B2	BYE	BYE
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Nothing to report

A	10 for 128	Hills Barbarians	4 for 80	Draw – Day 2 wash out
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No report submitted.