

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:

B15	Outright win	13/1	6 dec 254
16/2	5 for 250		

Individual Achievements

Pat Mamo	B2	83 & 4/32	James Senior	15/1B	26
Steve Sarlog	B2	4/33	George Joseph	14/1	69
Adam Pope	B3A	59	Michael Robertson	14/1	56
Matt Hardy	B3B	138	Ishmam Masud	14/1	2/3
Josh Freeman	B3B	121	Mathew Mace	14/1	2/8
James Coombes	B3B	5/21	Ravi Marwah	14/1	2/8
Tony Senior	B6	79	Sharnam Dar	14/2	3/26
Daniel Chatman	B6	57	Jayden Stafford	14/2	4/12
James Chatman	B6	35 & 5/32	Luca McAllister	13/1	77no
Roger Deane	B7	5/23	Joshua King	13/1	39
Adarsh Subramaniam	B9A	4/49	Owen Smith	13/1	29
Doug Visione	B9B	62 no	Troy Black	13/1	28
Jake Gorman	B11	75	Nikhil Kuchi	13/1	2/7
Tim Chesher	B11	75	Michael McConnell	13/1	2/12
Rushikumar Trivedi	B13	82	Mark Johnson	13/3	21no & 30
Romesh Liyanage	B13	79	Sid Sanjay	13/3	23 & 2/5
Ben Hawes,	B15	108 & 5/8	Mark Foscett	13/3	2/9
J Serder	B15	51	Michael Tran	13/3	2/9
Ricky Young	B15	6/15	James Gardiner	12/1	4/24 & 50
Jake Bailey	16/2	3/33 & 35	Viresh Raghavan	12/2	76 no & 2/9
Ryan Bailey	16/2	98 no	Ritwick Misra	12/2	28
Michael Waddups	16/2	34 no	Daniel Joller	12/2	2/6
Blake Newman	15/1A	135 no	Alex Johnson	11/1	33 no
Jonathan Barnitt	15/1A	2/17	Dilshan Wijesena	11/1	3/8
Antonio Castellarin	15/1B	6/11	Malachi Mashiah	11/1	2/5 & 2/12
Samuel Bennetts	15/1B	50	Ruvn Mendis	11/1	2/5

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
September 26, 2009	B6	15/1A
October 3, 2009	B9B	13/1
October 10, 2009	No junior games	15/1B
October 17, 2009	B9A	13/3
October 24, 2009	B8	16/2
October 31, 2009	B3B	15/2
November 7, 2009	B3A	12/1
November 14, 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
September 26, 2009	B13
October 10, 2009	A Grade
October 24, 2009	B8
November 7, 2009	B11
November 21, 2009	B3B

in2CRICKET Roster – Charles McLaughlin Oval

To help out with the in2CRICKET (formerly Have-A-Go) clinic, senior teams have been rostered to provide 4 players to one of the sessions. Please make every effort to ensure your team helps out in this important junior development opportunity.

The clinic is held on Friday nights at Charles McLaughlin Oval. The sessions run from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

DATE	TEAM
September 25, 2009	B9A
October 2, 2009	B12/B14
October 9, 2009	Not Held - School holidays
October 16, 2009	B7
October 23, 2009	B6/B11
October 30, 2009	A Grade
November 6, 2009	B9B/B13
November 13, 2009	B2

The President's Roundup

Welcome to the 2009/2010 cricket season!

It wasn't long ago we were winding up last season and now here we are off and running at the start of a new season! And to start we had a very hot day for the first day of the season.

Firstly, welcome to those players, parents and families who are new to Baulkham Hills Cricket Club. We hope you enjoy playing with us. To those returning again, we trust you will have an enjoyable season. This year we have a total of 30 teams – 14 in seniors (up 4 from last year) and 16 in juniors (down 3 from last year). This makes us the largest club in the PDCA, just ahead of Kings Langley.

A massive amount of work has gone into the pre-season period – registrations, grading, training, submission of entries to PDCA - the list goes on & on! It takes a lot of work to get everyone on the field and I would like to thank all those who assisted with this task. From the committee down through the senior grading committee, captains, age co-ordinators, coaches, managers and helpers, a big thank you for your input.

In juniors, it was a superb start – with all teams who played, from U11 to U16, winning! U15/1A & U16/2 both chased down in excess of 220 to win. Blake Newman (U15/1A) scored 135 no, whilst Ryan Bailey (U16/2) made 98 no. Other players to shine with the bat were Samuel Bennetts (U15/1B) 50, George Joseph (U14/1) 69, Michael Robertson (U14/1) 56, Luca McAllister (U13/1) 77 no, James Gardiner (U12/1) 50 and Viresh Raghavan 76 no. Lots of good bowling performances with plenty of 2 & 3 fa's for not many, but James Gardiner of U12/1 backing up his batting with a 4/24 and Antonio Castellarin (U15/1B) took 6/11! Well done to all players.

Seniors results were mixed with A Grade, B3B, B6, B11 & B13 winning, whilst B2, B3A, B8, B9A, B9B & B15 lost. The B3B's got off to a great start, with both Matthew Hardy (138) & Josh Freeman (121) getting centuries first up. In the B15's, they scored an outright win, with Ben Hawes taking 5/8 & making 108. Good to see the B13's who are new to Baulko coming away with a good win. The B6's left off where they finished last year in B8's – with a good win and James Chatman matched his season's runs for last year with 35 before taking 5/32 with the ball. Lots of other guys made in excess of 50 & took 4 or more wickets, so things look promising for this year.

Our Baulko website has lots of information & is constantly updated by webmaster Rick Thomas. Have a look at www.baulkocricket.com.au. Our website also has a link to the new PDCA website, (<http://pdca.nsw.cricket.com.au>), where results, tables and scoresheets can be viewed. If you want to get your scoresheet on the website, contact Rick Thomas (webmaster@baulkocricket.com.au) to find out how.

The in2Cricket program commenced on Friday 11 September and we have in excess of 60 children in the U6-U8 age group taking part. The program, run by V-P Chris Springall, runs for 10 weeks. We look forward to a fun time (and no rain!). This year we are running a BBQ in conjunction with the program and master chef Tony Senior is hard at work slaving over the heat! So get along and enjoy the food!

The rosters for the year have been finalised and teams have canteen, meat raffle and in2Cricket duties at various times during the season. Make sure your team completes its duty as nominated. As well all senior teams from B3 down have a bye and must umpire 3 games. The penalty is a \$100 fine per game not umpired and the loss of the 10 points for umpiring. So make sure you do your duty.

Registration money is due & if not paid by 30 September, a \$50 late fee applies. So get moving say yourself the penalty.

Player behaviour is again very important. Any serious misdemeanours could see you suspended and your team losing competition points, so make sure everyone plays to the Laws & in the Spirit of the Game.

The social committee are hard at work and a list of events for the season has been prepared. Please be supportive of these events.

The meat raffles will be held on the first Saturday of each senior round, back at the Sports Club. There are a number of great meat trays to win and there is the members badge draw, with \$100 up for grabs each time. And Baulkham Hills Cricket Club

should it not be won, it jackpots! To register, just email your name and badge numbers to membersdraw@baulkocricicket.com.au.

Bankstown Sports Club once again has been very generous with their financial support, with a large reimbursement of our last year's junior costs. We thank John Murray, Richard Phillips and the board for their support. This support helps us to keep our registration costs down. In return for this support, we ask that all those over 18 years of age - players, coaches, managers and parents join the Baulkham Hills Sports Club. It costs just \$12 for one year and you get \$30 worth of vouchers to spend in the club when it is your birthday.

Don't forget our next monthly meeting on Tuesday 6 October at 8pm at the Sports Club. A bonus on this night is the draw for the new car or cash – but you have to be there to win! Make sure you enter the draw by swiping your card and get along early as a big crowd will be in attendance!

Peter McLoughlin
President

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue

BYE

BYE

Nothing to report.

10 Green

11 for 82

Seven Hills RSL

4 for 101

Loss on averages

The season began on a hot morning with a loss of the toss but an opportunity to bat was presented to our young team (average age of 7.7). Our openers Kundan (0) and Ethan (1) got off to a tentative start and were happy just to poke at the passing balls and accruing the wides presented. Luke (5) was next in and scored off his first ball but was bowled twice having a go at some straighter ones while his partner Kaiden (0) yelled encouragement from the non strikers end. Sudaraka (0) and Daniel (0) were enthusiastic but couldn't get past the fielders, then Nikhil came in and very confidently scored 18 including three boundaries, while well supported by Apalak (1). Simon (11) who filled in from the Blue team managed a 5 thanks to some enthusiastic overthrows and Aubhav (1) kept out some good balls and played with a nice straight bat. Well done fellas on your first time at bat. It is tough to score runs when 25% of the balls don't hit the pitch and we were 2 players short.

The following week was cooler and our entire team was there to get stuck in to the fielding. The bowling was excellent and 83% of deliveries were legal. We managed to take 5 wickets and narrowly missed several more. Many balls just shaved or bounced over the stumps and there were about 4 close runout opportunities and one missed catch by Nikhil which would have been a screamer if he held it. Nikhil (1-3) bowled very tightly and was unpassable in the field, Sudaraka (0-6) and Anubhav (0-2) were like greyhounds as they chased the balls and never tired, Rashil (0-6) bowled straight and fast and had the batsmen baffled. Kaiden (1-9) knows a thing or two about spin and Luke (0-22) had most balls being played like hand grenades. Ethan (0-10) and Kundan (0-2) were our two keepers and were marvellous, especially being their first time with the gloves and between them only conceding 1 bye. Apalak (1-12) conceded three fours in his first over but followed up with a maiden and a wicket maiden for some instant improvement and Daniel (0-11) is getting the hang of things and always had a smile. Simon (0-12) carried an injury into the game and played well without complaint and Rahul (1-7) shows a lot of promise with the ball. Jonathan must get a mention here as he was our 13th man and missed out on a bowl but helped give a few guys a rest and fielded happily.

This team really will improve at each outing and are fun to watch.

10 Red

5 for 97

Hills Barbarians

7 for 92

Win on averages

Our first game of the season and we played at our home ground of Charles McLaughlin reserve. Hill Barbarians won the toss and decided to bat. With only one team training session we bowled and fielded well with the boys very enthusiastic and supporting each other. Some great fielding resulted in four of the Hills batsman being run out. When we batted we got off to a great start being 0 for 52 when half the overs had been bowled. After the drinks break we lost some quick wickets and Hills were pushing hard for a win, but in the end we held on comfortably. Special mention to Ijaz and Mevan for hitting the first fours of the season, also to Harrison for hitting a nice drive that just missed finding the boundary. Well done team!

10 White

11 for 114

Winston Hills

11 for 133

Loss on averages

Baulko won the toss and elected to bat. Harrison (25) and Luke (20 n.o.) got us off to a great start, with Harrison hitting three fours and Luke two fours. A highlight of this opening partnership was the excellent running between wickets. Next in to bat was Blake (4 n.o.) and Harry (7) and these two batsmen kept the scoring rate moving along well. Jaelyn (8 n.o.) and Yasith (8) were the next batsmen in and they both contributed well to the score. Next in to bat were Maaran (11) and Nicholas (7n.o.) who both continued hit the ball well. Thisara (7) and George (6) did well and played some nice shots during their innings. Next in was Sachin (3) and he saw us end up with a total of 114. Well done to Nayan from Winston Hills who managed to take a Hat Trick.

Baulko's turn to field and we knew that we had to bowl and field well if we were to win the game. Blake (4 for 8) opened the bowling and claimed a wicket in his first over. He followed this up with 2 more wickets in his second over with 1 wicket in his 3rd over. A very good spell of bowling from Blake. Jaelyn (0 for 12) opened from the other end and bowled a good line and length and kept the scoring down to minimum. Harrison (1 for 8) was next to bowl and he also maintained a very good line and length. Yasith (0 for 14) bowled well and we secured 2 run outs while he was bowling. Luke (1 for 3) and Sachin (0 for 20) were the next bowlers, Luke in particular bowling a very tidy 3 overs. Johan (0 for 6), Thisara (0 for 10), George (0 for 20) and Maaran (0 for 12) all tried hard while Brendon (2 for 7) and Harry (1 for 9) were the other wicket takers.

Catches were taken by Luke (3) and Thisara (1), while Harrison and Blake both secured run outs with direct hits from some excellent fielding and great throws to the break the stumps.

All up an encouraging start to the season.

Best Performances:

Batting: Harrison 25 runs; Luke 20 runs not out.

Bowling: Blake 4 for 8; Brendan 2 for 7

Fielding: Luke with 3 catches

Player of the match was Luke.

11/2	BYE	BYE
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Nothing to report.

11/1	7 for 214	Winston Hills	10 for 83, 4 for 54	First innings win
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Performances

Luke Jerome 19

Alex Johnson 33 n.o

Aidan Gioffre 21

Dilshan Wijesena 3/8

Malachi Mashiah 2/5 & 2/12

Ruvn Mendis 2/5

A great toss to win on a hot day & the decision to bat was easy. A great start from our opener Luke Jerome. A few little stumbles but our middle order held us together. Great batting from Alex, Aidan, Sheehan, Dilshan & Cody helped us cruise through to an easily defendable 7/214. The best thing about our batting was that we followed our game plan to bat for the entire morning, which we did. The discipline the boys showed for the first game of the season was first class. A great start to week 2 with Dilshan Wijesena bowling a pacy spell & was unplayable at times. A great spell of 3/8 from 4 overs was an impressive effort. A close chance saw him miss out on a hat trick. Some great bowling from Malachi also helped keep the total down. One batsman got away from us a little bit but we finally got him out & rolled the rest of the team shortly after. Only having about 75 minutes to attempt to get the 10 points, we went hard but were unable to get the wickets quickly. This included another spell from Dilshan, he went wicket less but a well directed bouncer found its mark & left a dazed batsman with a broken helmet & cost us a lot of time. Malachi & Ruvn also bowled well in the second innings with some great wickets. We tried hard but the opposition batted much better in their second innings. Some great moments in the field with the boys putting their bodies on the line & restricting a lot of runs. A great first up result for the season, well done boys.

12/2	5 for 167	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 120	First innings win
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Man of the Match: Viresh Raghavan

We started slowly but steadily in the first ten overs. Lost 3 wickets but scored runs in most overs until the first break. A good opening score by Ritwick 28 set us up nicely.

The runs continued with the loss of only 2 more. When a second break was taken the boys were asked to push the run rate, in the hope of finishing around 120, but they really motored finishing with 5-167. Viresh controlled the innings with 76 not out supported at the end by Daniel 18 not out. The question was would it be enough?

It was. All the boys bowled well, Viresh 2-9 and Daniel 2-6 (1 caught & bowled) the best, catches held and Farhan threw the stumps down twice to wrap up the opposition in the 33rd over for 121. Congratulations on a first round win.

12/1	7 for 125	Wenty Leagues	10 for 117	First innings win
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With a revised 6-team competition format facing all Division 1 sides this season, and knowing a bit about each of the other teams in our draw, it seems as though the competition this year will be both relentless and of a very high standard. As the first game of a new season approached, I have no doubt that every coach was hoping to start the year with a win. Thankfully, we did.

Four new boys joined the team this year and all come with great experience in the U12/1 grade and with very high praise from their previous coach. With the other eight players being last seasons U11/1 premiers, it feels like there are high expectations for our team this season.

First game scheduled was a match against Wenty Leagues, who like Baulkham Hills is fielding only a slightly changed team from last season. Wenty finished 4th last season and having beaten them three times throughout last season the coach was quietly confident of our chances this game. Of course wins only come if the boys play well and for a first time outing this year it turned out to be an overall solid effort.

Michael Bellam was Captain this game and in fine style dutifully fulfilled his obligations by winning the toss and electing to

field (another week's batting practice really wouldn't go astray right now). Brad Ripps and Jason Luther were thrown the new ball and promptly started to bowl a good line and length. It didn't take long for the first wicket to fall thanks to some alert play by our wicket keeper Daniel Waddups who removed the bails for a stumping on only the second ball of the game. Being a quick bowler, Brad seemed a bit miffed to get a stumping but had no problem collecting the first wicket of the year. Jason supported well at the other end, opening his spell with two maidens. Each finished with one wicket at the end of the days play.

Ibteeda Masud and Ramal Rajapakse were next to bowl and although Ramal was a bit rusty and struggled a little with his length, both continued to tie Wenty down with a good line. At the first drinks break Wenty were only 1 for 30 from 15 overs. Ibteeda picked up one wicket later in the game from a short second spell.

Chris Blinman came on to bowl next and quickly changed the batsmen mindset. Being our spin bowler Wenty saw fit to initially attack Chris' bowling but some tight line and length soon had them covering up in defence. Chris bowled in tandem with Jimmy Gardiner who produced two terrific four over spells ending the day with the figures of 4 for 24 off eight overs, the teams best performance. Jimmy was duly rewarded with a bagful of wickets for his attacking line and length, Wenty's batsmen finding it very difficult to score of him indeed.

Michael Bellam and Nathan Hamilton followed next, each snaring one wicket for very little runs. Frustratingly the coach called a 'no-ball' on Michael only to watch the delivery continue on and knock middle stump out of ground and for a moment Michael must have thought his new coach to be evil. Thankfully Michael picked up a wicket in his next over and all seemed to be OK once more. Amazingly Wenty's batsmen were only able to score two runs from each of Michael's and Nathan's four over spells.

Last to bowl were Blake Peisley and Luke McGuinness and like the rest of our bowlers they too kept Wenty's batsmen frustrated by not allowing many runs from their overs. Although neither boy managed to get a wicket this game, both bowled well and could easily have snared more than one each.

At the end of the days play Wenty had been dismissed for 117 runs off 50 overs with one wicket grabbed by Michael following a direct-hit run out. Although much of the day was spent watching and umpiring a good bowling performance the overall result was marred by a high number of wides and no-balls. In total there were 44 runs gifted to Wenty by loose bowling which only served to make our batting task all the more harder for week two. For fifty overs a reasonable sundries tally should be somewhere around 15, perhaps 20 to 25 given it was the first game of the season. With 44 sundries bowled the coach will be looking for a big improvement over the next game or two.

Week two arrived and brought with it a fine day perfect for batting and chasing down what was a very gettable score. Blake and Jimmy were selected to open the innings and were charged with the orders of no to panic about runs but to try and survive at least the first 10 overs with view to maximising our chances of batting on through to the 'easier' overs later in Wenty's bowling order. Quite proudly Blake and Jimmy managed their task well with Blake being the first to go at the score of 1 for 37 in the 15th over; a healthy first up opening partnership indeed. Blake managed to score 9 runs along the way but provided great support to Jimmy who was finding the scoring a little easier.

Daniel batted at No 3 and started to form a solid partnership with Jimmy until the dreaded drinks break saw some lost concentration resulting in Daniel's early departure for a score of 3, well less than his batting form suggested was likely. This brought Jason to the crease and once again a solid partnership was formed with Jimmy. Together these two lasted 11 overs and put on 28 runs for the third wicket before Jason was caught out on a score of 10.

Chris batted at No 5 and started with some solid defence before he too fell to a second dreaded drinks break skying the first ball after drinks to mid-off. Chris was very disappointed with his dismissal and finished with only 2 runs, he too scoring much less than his form indicated.

Michael strode to the crease with purpose as our No 6 batsman and soon settled in behind some solid defensive stroke play, gradually increasing his scoring rate as his innings progressed. He also formed a good partnership with Jimmy who was still at the crease some 34 overs into the innings. Eventually though Jimmy's innings came to a close when he was run out in a bit of a mix up over a second run. There was probably never a second run in it but a brief hesitation sealed his fate but not before he managed to compile the teams first half century of the season. After watching Jimmy bat through until the 43rd over, I'm guessing that this won't be his last 50 of the season.

With Jimmy out and the score at 5 for 105, needing only 13 more runs to win, the game was all but ours. Thanks to a continued solid effort by Michael and a few well-placed singles from Brad and Jake we finally passed Wenty's score in the 48th over. Not recognising any great cheer from the sideline the coach decided to play out 'one more over' and to Michael's dismay he lost his wicket LBW for 15 on the last ball of the day. Now the coach really wonders if Michael thinks he's evil!

All up this game was a solid performance for a first game outing. Well done to all boys. A win is a win and we'll take one any fair and reasonable way we can. The reality is though that this game showed that much improvement is needed in all facets of the game. Our bowling needs to tighten up on the loose deliveries and be more attacking bringing the stumps into play more often. Our batting needs to gain confidence and loose balls need to be put away with more conviction more regularly. Our fielding also needs improving, as every game there are between 10 and 20 runs that can be saved by being alert and being ready to pounce on every ball that comes your way. I look forward to upcoming games and seeing these improvements along the way.

13/3	10 for 95, 6 dec 67	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 93, 6 for 56	First innings win
Mark Johnson 21no and 30				
Sid Sanjay 23 and 2/5				
Mark Foskett 2/9				
Michael Tran 2/9				

The boys have had a great start to the season, getting first innings points against the Rouse Hill Rams.

The toss was lost and we were sent in to bat. Sid immediately got the ball rolling before getting out for 23, smashing fours everywhere.

We had a minor collapse before Mark Powers Johnson came to the crease to score 21no before running out of partners. Total score 95.

Bowling and fielding was excellent when it was our turn in the field. Wickets were shared by all and by stumps the visitors were 8/55.

The first session of day 2 saw a fight back with a surprise package from the visitors (His coach didn't even know he could bat) before the final wicket finally fell for 93. Phew!!!

The second innings was declared for 67 with one hour to go in the day after another magnificent performance from Powers who scored 30 with support from James Bugden who held the other for 10 during the display.

The end was exciting with our boys capturing 6 wickets and the opposition finishing 13 runs from our total but ended with no further result and some great practice for the team.

Good effort boys. Let's keep it up.

13/1	6 dec 254	Hills Barbarians	9 dec 114	First innings win
Great start to the season against our old foe and last year's premiers Hills Barbarians. Our new-look line-up was sharp at our practices before the season proper, and we had the benefit of the old master Ian Chatman taking the reins for day one (with the coach being absent down the south coast when it counted). We lost the toss on a very unseasonably hot day, and on a ground that is a batsman's paradise, were duly sent into the field. Everyone but the keeper got to bowl and in the end we rolled them for a meagre 114. All bowlers pitched in with Nikhil Kuchi (2 for 7 off 4.2 overs), Michael McConnell (2 for 12 off 4 overs) and Chris Davis (0 for 0 off 2 overs) being the pick. It could have been a better result after having them at 6 for 58 at drinks. Some late order big-hitting made their score more respectable, but we were pleased with the target of 114 to chase.				

Our innings started off well and despite losing 3 wickets, we were feeling comfortably poised on 3 for 32 at the end of day one.

Day two and with the return of the coach we started the run chase with gusto. The two overnight not-out batsmen (Owen Smith and Troy Black) put on a 61 run partnership, and even though we lost both of them in quick succession, at 5 for 94 we were in good shape to take the game.

What followed next was great to watch - two further large partnerships of 68 (Josh King and Luca McAllister) and 92 (Luca McAllister and Nikhil Kuchi) taking us to a massive total of 6 for 254. With an hour to go, 4 wickets in hand and still 31 overs at our disposal the score could have ended up anything. However, we called stumps early and went home very satisfied with the first hit-out of the season. Troy Black's (28) class, Josh King (39) and Owen Smith's (29) power and Nikhil Kuchi's (24no) temperament were great to watch. But Luca McAllister's innings (77no) versus his old team was simply the highlight. A well controlled, even tempered innings finished off with great power (15 from the last over) in which he dominated the opposition bowling attack.

Some things to work on: we bowled a little short and wayward on occasions letting the pressure off at times, our fielding was good but still room to improve, our running and calling between the wickets was overall poor, and we need to show greater patience when at the crease (ie, don't throw our wickets away with rash shots in the pursuit of quick runs). However, for our

first game as a new team I couldn't have been happier with the approach and application from all of the team.

Looking forward to more performances like this!

14/2	10 for 95, 7 dec 94	Kings Langley A	10 for 57, 4 for 38	First innings win
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Baulko won the toss and elected to bat on the very hot day to start our season off. Raad and Jackson opened the batting and played well to frustrate their bowlers. We lost our first wicket in the 11th over and all of our batters managed to get off the mark. There was some great batting by Pavan (16), Thisal (15), Dhiluk (12) and Raad (10). We managed to score 95 in our first innings and hoped that this was going to be enough. We opened the bowling with Sharnam and Luke who both bowled really well with Sharnam 2/22 off his first 5 overs and Luke 0/0 off his 4 overs. Jayden (2/1 off 2 overs), Thisal (0/10 off 1 over) and Jackson (0/0 off 1 over) finished off the bowling on day one to have Kings Langley A 4/33. The boys knew they had a chance at first innings points and started off the second day with a wicket in the second over of the day by Jackson who finished up with 1/9 off 4 overs. The other wickets went to Jayden who finished with 4/12 off 5 overs, Pavan 1/0 off 1 over and Sharnam 3/26 off his 7 overs. Some great wicketkeeping by Sean who took 2 catches and great fielding by Dhiluk (1 catch), Tim, Shubh and Kasun. First innings points to us but we wanted a go at outright so in we go to bat. We scored 94 with a loss of 7 wickets before we declared with some great batting by Dhiluk (21), Sean (17), Kasun (13) and Thisal (10 no). Some tight fielding by everyone with Dhiluk and Raad taking a catch each and great bowling we managed to have them 4/38 at the end of play. Wickets were taken by Pavan (2/8 off 2 overs), Sharnam (1/12 off 2) and Jackson (1/10 off 2). Great start to the season boys. Well done. Lastly thank you to Jim and Udaya for umpiring on the first week. A very big thanks to Rowan and Nigel for putting their hands up to coach the team this season.

14/1	3 for 197	Hills Barbarians	10 for 64, 2 for 71	First innings win
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A great way to start the season by winning the 1st match. Though Baulko lost the toss and was sent to field, right from the start Baulko was on command and when the score was just 10, Ravi claimed his 1st wicket of the season. In his very next over Ravi claimed his second wicket with a ball pitched well up uprooting the middle stump. Not to be left behind Ishmam followed it up with his claim of the next 2 wickets in his next maiden over which left Hills Barbs squirming under pressure with the loss of their top order 4 wickets for just 12 runs on board.

Hills Barbs recovered from here and added few runs in the next 10 overs moving their score to 51 when their 5th wicket fell for Joe from a good catch by Sachin. Sachin came into bowl next and claimed his share of success. Mathew who is new to the team got his season started well with a fine display of the ball claiming 2 wickets conceding just one run in his 4 overs spell. Michael was the last bowler to claim their tail ender when Ishmam took the catch and Hills Barbarians were all out for 64 runs. Joshua did not get to bowl but helped Mathew get his 2nd wicket with a fine catch.

Baulko started off the innings and was never in any kind of pressure and the score kept ticking and looked as though the openers would see it through before Amar got caught when the score was 41. Michael went in and raced the score up with few quick boundaries and between him and George took the score to 90 at stumps.

Following week on another fine sunny day both George and Michael continued their onslaught and Michael was the first to get his 50 with few more boundaries before he fell at 56. Joe went in and took the score up with few quick runs and got caught when his score was 22 but not before getting his 1st six of the season.

Earlier on Baulko had decided to declare the innings at 10.00a.m. and hence when Joshua went in he knew that he would not have much time at the crease. At the other end George was already going well at 59. Thus came further quick runs off Joshua's blade with the second six of the day and when Baulko declared he was at 15 not out and Baulko was 3 for 197.

Hills Barbs went in to bat again but this time around Baulko's bowlers did not capitalize on the opportunity and let the opposition to build some score with inaccurate bowling. Their 1st wicket fell only when their score was at 59 when Sageevan, another new player to the team claimed his 1st wicket from a superb catch by Ravi. Their 2nd wicket fell to Ravi when the batsman got clean bowled and game ended when Hills Barbs were down 2 for 71.

Man of the Match was awarded to Mathew Mace for his excellent display with the ball.

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Nothing to report.

15/1B	6 for 153	AKA Crusaders	10 for 85, 1 for 46	First innings win
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Our first game was a great all round effort. The team bowled and fielded very well to put a lot of pressure on AKA. Antonio Castellarin led the way with 6/11, with Sam Shiel, Billy Bestford and James Benton pitching in with a wicket each. A great run out effected by James Senior and good catches to James Benton, Billy Bestford and Trent Samuels helped us dismiss AKA for a low score.

We batted very well, with Sam Bennetts scoring a great 50! He was well supported by James Senior (26), Trent Samuels (23)

and Matt McKenna (20). Josh Stevenson batted solidly to see off the new ball. We declared at drinks and had a bit over an hour at them. AKA batted solidly in their 2nd innings and only lost the 1 wicket. Sam Shielk was the pick of the bowlers in the 2nd innings with 1/2. A great catch by Nick McConnell in slips was a highlight. In all a great win by the boys and a great start to the season! Good luck next week.

15/1A	7 for 259	Pendle Hill Colts	6 for 255	First innings win
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First game of the season and we chased down 255 with overs to spare to record a great win!

Pendle Hill batted first and made the most of the conditions. Anshul and Daniel opened our attack and had their work cut out as the Pendle Hill openers were looking for runs from the first ball. Their first pair put on 50 runs in the first 15 overs on a lightning fast outfield and despite the best efforts of Anoop, Blake Joel and Praveen, Pendle Hill was 2/151 off 32 overs by the morning tea break. Our cause was not helped by some poor fielding and about half a dozen grassed catches in the morning session.

After the break Pendle Hill's opener, Marcel, reached his century and promptly gave away his wicket. The rest of the morning was much better from us. Even though it was hot and the conditions were perfect for batting our bowlers stuck their task and our fielding effort improved considerably, although we still managed to drop another five or six catches. Geoffrey (1/20), Amit (1/31), Jonathan (2/17) and Tom (0/16) bowled well in the latter half of the innings and managed to restrict the scoring to just over 100 runs during the session to have Pendle Hill on 6/255 at close of play.

Our run chase did not get off to the best of starts with openers Jonathan and Amit back in the sheds when the score was just 12 in the 4th over. This brought together the 'old firm' of Mitchell and Blake who put on 61 runs in just 12 overs and made batting look simple by good shot selection and sharp running between the wickets. We lost Mitchell (22) and the most unfortunate Tom (1) in quick succession and were 4/82 after an hour's play. Blake was however still in on 30, playing a true Captain's innings. Geoffrey (14) came in at number six and shared a partnership of 62 with Blake to take our score to 144. Blake was taking charge of the proceedings in the middle and with the support of Praveen (18 with two 6s) and Anoop (duck) took our score to 188 at the fall of the 7th wicket in the 44th over. After some tense moments Blake with a magnificent 135 not out (22 4s) and Joel (14) shared a partnership of 71 to guide us to victory in the 56th over for a fantastic first up win.

16/2	5 for 250	Hills Barbarians	10 for 221	First innings win
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We lost the toss and Hills Barbarians elected to bat in fine, warm conditions. The bowling was generally tight and backed up by some good fielding which helped contain the Barbarians batsmen who were keen to attack at every opportunity. Jake Bailey finished with 3 for 33, Ryan Bailey 2 for 23, and Michael Waddups finished with 1 for 17 off 9 tight overs. Other wicket takers (1 each) were James Galofaro, Udit Pillay, and Chris Gunton. The Barbarians finished with 221 all out.

This was always going to be a challenging target especially given the difficulty this age group had of making big scores last season. A useful opening partnership of 39 between Daniel Mason (23) and Jake Bailey (35) helped the innings off on the right foot. However, the key to the victory was an outstanding innings of 98 not out from Ryan Bailey which included 11 4s, excellent shot selection on both sides of the wicket, and terrific concentration. Ryan received magnificent support from Michael Waddups who remained unbeaten on 34 and their unbroken 6th wicket partnership of 117 saw the team comfortably, in the end, to victory.

Well done team on a very solid first up victory but this is just the start.

B15	10 for 96, 6 dec 249	Wenty Leagues	10 for 111, 10 for 52	First innings loss, Outright win
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No report submitted.

B14		BYE		BYE
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Nothing to report.

B13	8 dec 343	Wenty Leagues	10 for 119	First innings win
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No report submitted.

B12		BYE		BYE
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Nothing to report.

B11	10 for 283	AKA Crusaders	10 for 134, 0 for 52	First innings win
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No report submitted.

B9B	10 for 96, 5 for 119	Kings Langley	10 for 193	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

B9A	10 for 78, 10 for 119	Winston Hills	10 for 205	Outright loss
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Winston Hills won the toss and elected to bat. Some good Baulkham Hills bowling restricted Winston Hills to 205, a good effort especially considering the shortened boundaries due to the rugby posts remaining up. In his first senior game, Adarsh Subramaniam did a great job with his spinners to finish with 4 for 49 off 10 overs. His efforts were well supported by Bryce Jones whose 7 overs only conceded 6 runs while he took 2 wickets, and Troy Moulder with 2 for 42 off 12 overs.

Baulkham Hills faced a short period at the batting crease on the first day and unfortunately stumbled to reach 2 for 3 when bad light stopped play. Unfortunately things didn't get a lot better with the bat for Baulko on the second day with the first innings ending at a disappointing all out 78. The only real resistance provided by Troy Moulder with an unbeaten 43. This left Baulkham Hills trailing by 127 on the first innings and they were asked to follow on, with just under 2.5 hours left for play. After reaching 0 for 23, the team collapsed to be 5 for 33, before bright innings of 33 from Simon Ruxton and 31 from Bryce Jones ensured the team at least got over the 100 mark. However, the all out for 119 meant an outright defeat by an innings and 8 runs.

Some good bowling guys but more application needed with the bat.

B8	10 for 118, 10 for 142	Parramatta Crusaders	7 dec 301	Outright loss
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No report submitted.

B7	10 for 84, 10 for 77	Guildford Leagues	10 for 103, 2 for 66	Outright loss
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Again we return to the R.N.R.C.G. (Royal North Rocks Cricket Ground) for yet another season. Again we find the local council has done a shocking job in their preparation of the field. No excuses though, our batting was less than inspiring overall and let us down big time. The jug committee seemed relatively happy though, opening the season with a tally of 8.

M. Ritchie 35

R. Deane 5 for 23

Jug Penalties:-

Duck:-

B. Camilleri x 2

D. Henry

J. Dwyer

Dropped Catch:-

M. Ritchie

D. Tipton

B. Camilleri

A. Murphy

Special mention to Luke Riboldi (nickname pending) who on debut claimed his first wicket for the club. Well done Luke.

B6	10 for 282	Guildford Leagues	10 for 107, 3 for 59	First innings win
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No report submitted.

B3B	8 dec 413	Baulkham Hills A	10 for 162	First innings win
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No report submitted.

B3A	10 for 162	Baulkham Hills B	8 dec 413	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

B2	10 for 206	Guildford Bowling	10 for 221	First innings loss
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Round 1 saw the Good Guys travel out to Guildford Park, where we welcomed back into the PDCA, Guildford Bowling. A warm reception it was too....mainly due to it being stinking hot (note, the 638 broken glass bottles on the ground only helped radiate heat upwards, making it even worse) As our fearless Skipper, Captain Cupcake Mamo made his way out to the middle for the toss, the boys had a lot of faith in that Mat Pamo would win the toss and we would get the chance to put the feet up for day one. Needless to say we bowled.....it was always going to be a heads.

We got off to a great start with Sloggy getting an early wicket due to a special in close by new guy Evan Smith (also know as Evan Jayawickrama), before long, Guildford were 2 for 18 off 7 overs. As a couple of their batsman settled in, the day got harder and harder. The heat was taking a toll, as was the constant noise of heavy machinery nearby. The only thing worse than the heat and the noise, was the state of the ball. It took a collective effort to keep a remote shine on the nut (and I am not talking about Schicky's head) However throughout the day wickets fell. Cupcake picking up 4 for 32 (with two wickets

coming off the last two balls) and Judge Judy aka Slog, getting a well deserved 4 for 33 off 20 overs. Judy's spell was especially impressive due to the potential risk of optical strain due to the number of death stares he gave the opposition batsman (which were usually greeted with laughter....by his team mates) Special mention to Pat for his great efforts in attempting to get near a catch in the outfield.....it was an amazing effort to get so far from where the ball actually ended up.

Day two saw bright sunshine, a few degree's cooler and one of our opening bats (Masso aka Rove) not there. Patty stood up as a leader and made his way out with Hushy aka Relay to face the new ball. Hushy played a few flamboyant shots that would have been at home on a float come Mardi Gras time and it looked liked we may get off to a flyer. However a couple of wickets later and we were 2 for not a lot. The boys tried to chase down the required 221, however in the end, we fell short by 15 runs. However, whilst we didn't quite make it, there were plenty of positives in the batting. Pat really put his hand up for an opener's role for the year with a very solid 84. This innings will long be remember for Cupcake's running between wickets, turning two's into sneaky singles. He did however run two 3's which were more wildly applauded than when he reached his 50. Other contributors were Fernando with a great 33, Smithy with 22, Irits Shearman with 20 and our old mate Extras with 33.

This year, the B2's have introduced a new Award that will be awarded each round. The Muller Award is presented the player who receives the most votes from his team mates for those "special" moments in cricket. Its my great honour to award the Inaugural Muller to Hoffy Hilbrink for bowling what is now know as "that over" which went a little bit like this 4, 0, 4, 4, 4, 4. Well done Hoffy and look forward to seeing you in the pink garter in Round 2! Honourable mention to Hushy for being scared of the ball and Patty for his running.

Till next round.....The Hoax

A	8 for 262	Guildford Leagues	10 for 218	First innings win
No report submitted.				