

## 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.

### Team Performances:

B6	Premiers	14/2	Runners up
16/2	Premiers	12/1	Premiers
15/1A	Runners up		

### Individual Achievements

Daniel Chatman	B6	95 & 3/15	Blake Newman	15/1A	28
Martin Ams	B6	40	Praveen Samarasinghe	15/1A	25
Ward Koski	B6	3/8	Anshul Kapila	15/1A	2/7
Ryan Bailey	16/2	5/11	Sean Svanetti	14/2	31
Saj Howpage	16/2	44 no			

## Presentation Weekend

**Senior Presentation Dinner** - will be held on Friday 21 May.

**Junior Presentation Day** - will be held on Sunday 23 May.

Put these dates in your diary. More details will be published as they come to hand. Keep an eye on the web site.

## The President's Roundup

Well, there we are, another season over.

In the final wash-up, we won three premierships - B6 in seniors and U16/2 and U12/1 in juniors. Unfortunately we had two teams finish runners up - U15/1A & U14/2.

The B6's were going for a three-peat. They were in some trouble on day one, but a fine partnership between Daniel Chatman (95) & Martin Ams (40) saw a total of 178 achieved. On day 2, the bowlers were tight and eventually dismissed the opposition for 91. Daniel again did well, taking 3/15 with the ball & then Ward Koski finished the game off whilst taking 3/8.

The U16/2 were comfortable winners, rolling the opposition for 92 and then passing the total early on day 2, with just 3 wickets lost. Ryan Bailey took 5/11, while Saj Howpage made 44 not out. Well done to coach Peter Gunton and the boys.

The U12/1 dismissed their opposition for 100 runs and passed the total with just under 2 overs left. A reasonably tight game, but the boys were on top for most of day 2, before they lost a few late wickets. Congratulations to coach Ray Blinman and the team for a second successive premiership.

The U15/1A's made 124 but were passed 6 down. They put in a great effort and fought right to the end. Well done to Peter Newman on another fantastic season. Next year mate! The U14/2 were outplayed, but enjoyed a very good season under the coaching of Nigel Bertus and his crew.

Sunday night saw a good roll up back at The Sporto. There were a number of players and supporters from teams other than those who played in the finals. The B2's were clear winners in the meat raffle, whilst Tony Senior nabbed the jackpot in the badge draw.

Thanks to all who did the umpire duties during the finals.

Please ensure you get all your stats in, kits returned, award nominations in, keys returned etc. All these will be discussed at our final monthly meeting for the season, next Tuesday 6 April at 8pm at the Sports Club.

Thanks to all those who worked so hard to ensure our club was well organised this season – coaches, managers, captains, committee, canteen, equipment and all the other tasks. Well done to all of you. I am privileged to be President of this wonderful club!

And remember our presentations (Seniors on Friday 21 May & Juniors on Sunday 23 May) and our AGM in late June. We hope to see you at these events. Keep an eye on the website for full details - [www.baulkocricicket.com.au](http://www.baulkocricicket.com.au)

So we move into the off season and before long we will be back at the start – registration day! See you then.

Peter McLoughlin  
President

## Match Results and Reports

12/1	6 for 102	Hills Barbarians	10 for 100	Premiers
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OH YEAH!!!!!!!!!! We love winning finals!!!!!!!!!!

The final was a long awaited rematch against the competition leaders Hills Barbarians, who after twelve competition rounds and a semi-final remained undefeated. This feat was in addition to their impressive performance the previous year where they were undefeated premiers in the Under 11/2 competition. But then we were the Under 11/1 premiers.

Much had been discussed about Hills Barbarians between coaches of other teams during the year, with the common cry being that most coaches thought their sides were capable of beating the Baa Baa's but then, so many had failed to do so. We too were similarly confident of success against this worthy foe but having only played one match against them during the year (a loss – the other a wash out) they remained somewhat of an unknown quantity. This, we hoped, would be the same for them.

Our first game against Hills Barbarians was about as close as any game could be, a defeat by just one wicket on the last ball of the second last over. Although we saw many reasons as to why we lost that game (some poor batting late in our innings, some loose bowling and the occasional costly sloppy fielding) we knew this rematch was going to be tough. After many hours researching their match reports and analysing their team statistics we came up with a plan. We should bat first, because they score less runs when they bat second. As Murphy's Law would have it, we lost the toss and had to field. What a turnaround. We win 10 of 11 tosses during the season but lose both tosses in the finals!

Day 1 of the final was a moderately warm day and quite overcast for most of the morning and these conditions helped our bowlers to cope with the pressure and to generate extra swing. The innings started well with Ibteeda Masud picking up the first wicket bowled in just the second over of the day (his first) and Baa Baa's were 1 for 3. A few overs later the second wicket fell when Ibteeda trapped their No.3 in front LBW for his second wicket and the score was now 2 for 7. The 14th over came and so did the third wicket when Chris Blinman removed their No.4 batsmen by forcing a miss-timed pull shot from a full-pitched delivery and Nathan snared an easy catch. Suddenly, we were in a very commanding position with the score at 3 for 12 and some 17 overs already bowled.

After the first drinks break the pressure was continued and Baa Baa's batsmen found the scoring very difficult. Much to their credit though, their batsmen resisted our attempts to dismiss them quickly. The second and main drinks break was taken after 30 overs and although no further wickets had fallen, the score had moved on only slightly to 3 for 29 thanks largely to some excellent bowling by Chris, Jason Luther, Michael Bellam and Jake Smith, and some very tight fielding by everyone.

Back into the field for the third session we found immediate success, their remaining opener gone, trapped LBW by James Gardiner, and the score moved on to 4 for 29 in the 31st over. This wicket obviously stirred up a strong will to succeed in Baa Baa's No.5 and No.6 batters, as for the next 15 overs Baulko went wicketless and started to leak runs at a much faster pace. Although the bowling remained good, a few sundries crept into play, as did a few miss-fields and a missed chance or two. In what can only be described as a very important partnership for Hills Barbarians, Baulko suffered through a 50 run partnership that took the game from heading towards a possible easy run chase to a total that was now going to be a whole lot harder to get. At the third drinks break the score was 4 for 61 after 43 overs. Baa Baa's had 12 more overs to bat and six wickets in hand.

Into the field for the fourth and final session, and with renewed instructions from the coach to 'never give up, no matter what' we struggled on a little longer until finally the fifth wicket came, their best batsmen gone for the very good score of 39 (scored under immense pressure) caught by Jake off the bowling of Michael B. It was the 47th over and the score was 5 for 79.

At this point in the game we needed to regain control of the match before Baa Baa's took off to a defendable total. Thankfully, wickets continued to fall at a regular rate. The sixth went to Michael French with a catch by James to make it 6 for 80 in the 48th over. The seventh also went to Michael F when he crashed through the stumps to make it 7 for 82 in the 50th over. The eighth wicket followed a brief burst of 15 runs and was picked up by Jason in the 54th over to make it 8 for 97 with a good catch to Chris, and with just one over left to play Baa Baa's went for it. However, Brad Ripps, our final overs specialist was up to the task. Not only did he bowl well, he picked up the remaining two wickets for just three more runs to close out their score at 10 for 100. The last two wickets being a second catch to James and a third LBW – no doubt some just rewards for some good straight bowling!

All in all it was a very good bowling and fielding performance that both struck with vengeance and fought through very good resistance. I thought it was a performance the boys could be very proud of.

Day 2 was a much warmer day with sun blazing and little to no cloud cover. This, we hoped, would help our cause,

particularly if we got off to a good start and made Baa Baa's suffer through some early heat. Confident that if we batted well and batted out our 55 overs we would win the game we started Day 2 with measured confidence and gritty determination.

Our innings was opened by James and Michael F but was soon broken when Michael F was bowled for no score in the very first over. Understandably Baa Baa's were very excited and Michael F was very disappointed. Jake came to the crease and found the scoring very difficult indeed remaining 0 not out for almost eight overs. To his credit though he fought on and forged a very important partnership of 39 runs before being dismissed caught behind for 8 in the 27th over. The score was now 2 for 40 and we were comfortable with our position.

Michael B replaced Jake and he too formed a strong and very important partnership with James, which last 22 overs and realised 46 runs. When Michael B was run out for 12 the score was 3 for 86 in the 49th over and things were still looking very good indeed. Baa Baa's had other ideas though and only two balls later struck again to remove James for the fine score of 40 (also scored under immense pressure) and this gave them renewed enthusiasm. We were now 4 for 87 with two new batsmen at the crease and 49 overs gone. The situation was simple, score 14 runs in 6 overs, or lose.

Chris and Blake Peisley didn't mess around and made their intentions clear, they wanted to win and they were going to run on any half chance to make sure those 14 runs were scored. This put immense pressure on Baa Baa's fielders, who responded well but thankfully for Baulko they made a couple of errors letting us off a couple of run outs. In a final overs frenzy, with orders being barked by both coaches from all sides of the field, and with parents and onlookers in various states of near-death stress (many had gone a ghostly grey-white and were visibly shaking with nerves) Blake was run out for 2 to make it 5 for 90 in the 51st, Chris was run out for 7 to make it 6 for 100 in 53rd, but Daniel Waddups and Brad Ripps brought it home when the score reached 6 for 101 in the 54th and victory was finally ours. We played out the remaining 10 deliveries of the allotted 55 overs and the score finished at 7 for 102, after Brad was bowled for 0, leaving Daniel 5 not out and Jason 0 not out.

Besides the win, a few highlights from this game include Daniel's efforts behind the stumps, which must have seemed to him like a hundred overs under the non-stop pressure of Day 1, every boys steely determination to not give up during the full 110 overs of the game and the ability of the boys not to be too overcome with nerves given that it was a final, their opposition included various friends or team-mates from other cricketing sides and the match being umpired by the Under 12's PDCA Representative Coach.

So what can we say about the victory? To put it simply I could say so many things. To win a semi-final by only 2 runs with amazing fight and maturity to get to the final is one thing. To then win the final the following week under the same immense pressure but this time doing so with the bat is simply amazing. Most importantly and pleasing though, is that in each high-pressure situation several different boys stood tall and got the job done.

There is no doubt in my mind that the premiership victory this season is the result of some outstanding individual achievements throughout the final's games and throughout the season as a whole. There is also no doubt that equally, the win is attributable to the efforts of all 12 boys over the entire season. I openly admit that as coach of this team I have nudged and pushed each and every boy along the way in an attempt to get him to push himself to play the best he can. I believe the ability that they showed over the two final games is the result of each boy's own desire to want to win and is a reflection of their natural competitive spirit and maturity as young cricketers.

To wrap up I would like to say this season has been most rewarding for me as coach, as once again I have got to do something that I love. I am very proud of each and every boy in this team and I honestly believe they have portrayed themselves admirably on the field the entire season. I look forward to seeing you all again on Presentation Day, Sunday 23 May - and don't forget PDCA presentations too!

Who's up for three in a row?

14/2	10 for 112	Rouse Hill Rams	4 for 202	Runner-up
We weren't off to a good start when we lost the toss because we had decided to bowl first against this very good batting side and force them to set the pace but it was not to be. Raad and Pavan started off our innings quite well with some nice boundaries over first slips head. Unfortunately Pavan was caught in the 9th over for 17 runs and Raad was out next over for 9. We were on the back foot already. Kasun and Sean had a nice little partnership happening until Kasun was caught for 12 runs. Sean was batting nicely up until this point and was scoring some nice boundaries. Dhiluk (7), Luke (9) and Jackson (7, including a massive 6) helped a little on the way. Sean (31) was our eighth wicket to go and it was not long before we were all out for 112 runs by 10.35am. Great batting Sean. We knew we were at least a good 70 runs short to be competitive but we gave it our best shot. Jackson and Thisal opened the bowling and in the 4th over Thisal bowled a beautiful ball to bowl our first wicket, Rouse Hill were 1/12. Their best batsman came to the crease and we knew it was going to be even harder now. Sharnam and Jayden came onto bowl and in the 12th over Jayden bowled our next wicket with a great catch to Pavan. Luke bowled our next wicket and Rouse Hill were not much different to our score at the same fall of wicket but they still had their gun batter who appears to have taken out all the batting awards for this division still at the crease. At the end of the first days				

play they were 3/111, just 2 runs away from a win. Ten of our boys turned up the next day and decided to make the most of the opportunity. We informed the umpires and opposition that we would field until 9am as there would most likely be a result in the first over. Everyone was happy with that. Sean our wicketkeeper decided he would like to have a bowl, Dhiluk and Jackson had a go at wicketkeeper. Dhiluk bowled his second over of the season and bowled a wicket with a catch to Jayden. Everyone who had not bowled the day before had a bowl. At 9am our boys came off the field with a big smile on their faces as they had had a good time and knew that even though they had lost they had given it their best shot against a very good team. As I mentioned in our post game talk the boys should not be too disappointed at the loss as they came in second in a nine team competition and had played well all season. Bad luck boys but it was nice to still see smiling faces after the game.

<b>15/1A</b>	<b>10 for 124</b>	<b>Kings Langley</b>	<b>6 for 126</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>
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A hard fought Grand Final, and despite the loss every member of the team deserves high praise for the way they fought all the way and gave nothing to our opponents.

We won the toss decided to bat. We did not get off to the best of starts with Joel out when the score was just 6. Amit and Mitchell took us to 21 before Amit was dismissed for 5. This established the pattern for our innings; every time a partnership appeared to be developing, one of the batsmen was dismissed. A number of the middle order got start but no-one was able to go on to make a big score with Blake top scoring with 28. Praveen batting with his usual gusto hit a breezy 25 to accelerate our scoring rate towards the end of our innings before we were all out for 124 in the 53rd over.

With a small total to defend our bowling and fielding had to be at its best if we were to prevail. Over all it was probably our best bowling performance of the season Anshul (2/7 off 12), Anoop (0/11 off 12) Blake (0/24 off 12) and Tom (1/29 off 12) manfully did the bulk of the work, bowling great line and length, keeping the scoring down and making it tough for the opposition. Daniel (1/8 off 2) and Amit (1/8 off 2) chipped in with wickets, but we just did not have enough runs on the board and KL passed our score in the 63rd over.

A disappointing result, but an extremely gutsy performance to end the season. All the supporters were extremely proud of the way you guys conducted yourselves and the spirit in which you played not just this match, but through the whole season. See you all in September!

<b>16/2</b>	<b>3 for 96</b>	<b>Kellyville</b>	<b>10 for 92</b>	<b>Premiers</b>
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Team captain Daniel Mason won the toss and sent Kellyville into bat. The Baulko pace attack had the Kellyville batsmen under pressure and a wicket to each of Ryan Bailey, James Galofaro, Jake Bailey, and Daniel Mason saw Kellyville at 4 for 46. Then followed a useful partnership which took the score to 80 before some excellent work in the field from Udit Pillay and Saj Howpage affected a run out. Some great pressure from Baulko never allowed Kellyville to recover. Michael Waddups took a wicket in the same over as the run out to leave Kellyville at 6 for 80. Ryan Bailey then returned to commence his second spell and proceeded to take the last 4 wickets in just 14 deliveries, reducing to Kellyville to all out 92. Ryan had also taken a catch earlier in the innings.

Baulko then went into bat with 66 minutes left for play on the first day. Openers Saj Hopage and Chris Gunton got the team away to a solid start and put on 28 for the first wicket before Chris was out for 13. Ryan Bailey followed soon after for 4, leaving Baulko at 2 for 38 at stumps. Saj Howpage was not out 13 and night watchman Jack Farrell yet to score. Baulko started the second day needing a further 55 runs for a first innings lead with 8 wickets in hand. Saj and Jack started confidently, combining sound defence, good stroke play, and alert running between the wickets. They took the score to 71 before Jack Farrell was out for 12. Daniel Mason joined Saj and quickly put the issue beyond doubt. Kellyville conceded with Baulko reaching 3 for 96. Daniel Mason finished 11 not out, with Saj Howpage finishing 44 not out in a tremendous display of batsmanship. His innings included 5 4s.

Congratulations team on a magnificent season and final victory. This is a great reward for your efforts not just this season but in past seasons of junior cricket.

<b>B6</b>	<b>8 for 178</b>	<b>VOT</b>	<b>10 for 94</b>	<b>Premiers</b>
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This was the game we were all waiting for. The chance to win our 3rd premiership in a row and get our own triple crown. We knew it was going to be tough, especially after our 2 previous games against these guys. We had to have a few things go our way and play the best cricket we could. Winning the toss was the 1st thing we wanted and thankfully they called heads and it was tails. We batted 1st and our plan was to grind out the day and get as many runs as we could. These guys have a very good bowling attack and were very confident after rolling their semi opponents for only 44 and us for 47 in our last game against them. Things looked ominous with Wardy getting an absolute corker 1st ball that beat everything, stumps included thankfully. Cranks, at the other end was struggling to get bat on ball and giving them some easy sledging ammo. We unfortunately lost our 1st wicket in the 3rd over, Wardy hitting a full toss to cover. Then Cranks and Dan settled in for 11 overs before Cranks had a brain fade and lost his middle stump. Their bowling made survival our number 1 priority and with scoring very difficult we limped along at little over 1.5 runs per over whilst losing wickets along the way with Dan being the only 1 looking somewhat comfortable. We found ourselves at 6/71 after 41 overs and in need of a big partnership. Marty came in to join Dan

and with Dan leading the way they proceeded to dismantle their tiring attack and put on 99 over the next 23 overs and putting us in a strong position. Their running between the wickets and Dans ability to clear fence totally dominated the opposition. Dan finished with 95 in his best innings for us so far, unfortunately missing out on what would've been a very deserved 100. Marty finished with 40, only getting out trying to push it along in the last couple of overs. We finished up 8/178, a very pleasing score in the context of where we had been.

Day 2 arrived with us feeling pretty confident. We have never lost at Big Ted when we have posted 160 or above and new if we bowled and fielded well it would be a very hard chase for them. Ward and JC opened up and gave them nothing. After 10 overs they were 1/15 and struggling to find ways to score. Dan came onto bowl after Ward and just to further stamp his mark on this game proceeded to take 2/11 from his 1st 6 over spell. Cranks, Ed and Omal all continued to keep things tight and picked up a wicket each. Our fielding was very good and our catching faultless with Omal, JC and Rick (x2)all taking very good catches. At our 4.30 drinks break they were 7/92 and in big trouble. We went out pumped up and looking to finish it quickly. However we didn't expect it to finish within the 1st over after drinks. Ward came back on and took 2 wickets and with Cranks getting a runout as well we took 3/2 in 5 balls and got our triple crown.

Ward finished with 3/8 from 6 miserly overs. Dan was man of the match with 95 and 3/15 from 12 overs and his partnership with Marty was instrumental in us winning the game.

This was by far the most satisfying and challenging of our premierships so far.