

The Third Man's Report

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Have a look at the Baulko web site. All the news about club events, fixtures, results, ladders etc are all available at the following web site – www.baulkocricicket.com.au 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 see your team's results, go to www.baulkhamhills.nsw.cricket.com.au, select 'Team Results' then select your team (grade). For details of your team's draw select "Fixtures". For the progressive points ladder select "Ladders".

To all Captains, Coaches and Managers

Match Results

All match results must be uploaded onto the www.baulkhamhills.nsw.cricket.com.au website by 12 noon Sunday **following the conclusion of each game**. A brief message stating the match result should also be emailed to results@baulkocricicket.com.au, together with a short list of outstanding performances. If no results are submitted you get **NO POINTS and your team may be fined!** It is up to you to get the results in on time – the club will not chase you. Please ensure all details are entered correctly, as both teams must agree on the submitted match result.

Team Reports

Team reports for this newsletter can be put in the box at the Club or emailed to owzatt@baulkocricicket.com.au by Tuesday night after the game. Newsletters will be published during the week after a game.

Team Performances

16/1	Tied Match	15/1	10/49
10 White	Ave 18.7	10 Red	Ave 16.2

Individual Achievements

E Nield	B4	2/9	B Ripps	13/1	1/2
D Chatman	B4	2/18	K Chhatbar	13/1	1/3
D Mason	B7	2/15	A Gioffre	12/1	3/11
R Khan	B4	32	L Jerome	12/1	2/11
A Khan	B12	4/19 & 26	J Bartlett	12/2	2/2
M Rajendram	B12	36	F Robertson	12/2	2/13
R Kapoor	B13	31	C Noud	11/1	2/0
T Lockhart	16/1A	26	L Perkin	11/1	2/2
A Subramaniam	16/1A	4/33	A McElroy	11/1	2/3
B Newman	16/1A	2/32	C Noud	11/1	2/0
A Sibley	16/1B	3/5	L Perkin	11/1	2/2
J Stevenson	16/1B	2/9	A McElroy	11/1	2/3
A Castellarin	16/1B	2/11	GR Quinn	11/2B	25*
J Balzarolo	16/1B	2/12	N Jones	11/2B	2/8
J Macrae	15/1	3/5	L Brooke	11/2B	2/18
J Stafford	15/1	2/8	N Gupta	10 Red	1/5 & 10
S Rajapakse	15/1	2/11	A Cramer	10 Red	1/3 & 6
M Robertson	15/1	46*	A Anpalagian	10 Red	1/6 & 8
L McCallister	14/1	32	M Blinman	10 White	1/3 & 9
G Joseph	14/1	30	M Srithar	10 White	8
S Shaheen	14/1	2/9	B Lath	10 White	1/4
J Bugden	14/3	4/25			

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. This season's canteen duty roster is listed below.

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
January 8	No junior games	16/1A
January 15	No junior games	15/1
January 22	B4	10 White
January 29	B2	16/2
February 5	B1	16/1B
February 12	B7	15/2
February 19	B8	14/1
February 26	B11	14/3
March 5	A Grade	13/1
March 12	B13	13/2
March 19 (Sat)	B14	12/1
March 20 (Sun)	B12	12/2
March 26 (Sat)	10 Red	11/1
March 27 (Sun)	10 White	11/2A & 11/2B

AM Canteen Duty

DUTY: FROM 8.20 TO 12.00

COLLECTION OF KEYS:

Canteen Coordinator will phone in week prior to organise

RETURN CASH TIN & KEYS TO SPORTS CLUB FRONT DESK

PM Canteen Duty

DUTY: 1.15M TO 6.00 PM

COLLECT KEYS & CASH TIN FROM SPORTS CLUB FRONT DESK

RETURN CASH TIN & KEYS TO SPORTS CLUB FRONT DESK

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 11	B1
September 25	B7
October 9	B8
October 23	B10
November 6	B12
November 20	A Grade
December 4	B14
January 22	B11
February 5	B2
February 19	B13
March 5	B4
March 19 (Sat)	B9

The President's Roundup

The weather patterns reverted well & truly to predictable, with lots of rain over both days leaving a number of games as draws. Only B12 & B13 managed to get a result in seniors.

The juniors were luckier, as it seems the rain falls mainly on the parks after midday! U16/1B staged a remarkable comeback to defend a low score of 52 by bowling out their opponents for the same score, thus grabbing a tie!

With teams dropping out in both U13/2 & U16/2, the PDCA has instituted cross over games, with the teams having a bye in U13/1 playing U13/2 and similarly in U15/1 & U16/2. The U16/2 played Guildford Leagues, who were highly placed in U15/1 and defeated them, a very good result indeed. Round 8 will see our U13/1 & U13/2 teams clashing in a cross over game. Whilst some may say it is unfair to be playing teams from different divisions, it does give the players a game; otherwise they would have had extra byes and no cricket.

Thanks to both the seniors & U11's who took part in the Bankstown Challenge matches on Sunday 14 November. From all reports, the bus trip to Bankstown must have been rough, with motion sickness coming into play for one of our intrepid players. At least mother hen Sally was there to carry out the domestic duties and calm the driver! And to top it off the driver did not have a clue where the ground was situated. Get him cab licence! On the field, it was mixed, with U11's losing but seniors winning. All who attended seemed to enjoy the day. The hospitality shown by our hosts was fantastic. Well done to all & thanks to Bankstown Sports.

Are you submitting a match report after your game? Please do, as it is good to hear all about the games. Our Owzatt Editor Ray Blinman will be on your case if you don't!

Don't forget our meat raffles and members badge draw on the first Saturday of each senior round. Get back to the Sporto for a chance to win. To register for the badge draw, contact Secretary Sally Rich or Rick Thomas with your name and club membership number or email your details to badgedraw@baulkocricicket.com.au.

Our Baulko website has lots of information & is constantly updated by Webmaster Rick Thomas. Have a look at www.baulkocricicket.com.au. Our website also has a link to the new PDCA website, (<http://pdca.nsw.cricicket.com.au>), where results, tables and scoresheets can be viewed.

Peter McLoughlin
President

Bankstown Match Report

Played at Bankstown – 14th November 2010

Squad: Brett McLaren (capt.) (B7), Greg McLoughlin (vice capt) (B2), Josh Rich (B2), Matthew Hardy (B2), Keith Morrison (B2), James Chatman (B4), Ian Chatman (B4), Tim Chesher (B9), Bahi Sundaram (B12), Romesh Liyanage (B12), Sal Dharmadasa (B12), Patrick Mamo (B2)

The day started at 8 am, with 8 of the 12 members meeting at the Sporto, for what we expected to be a short bus ride across to Bankstown for the Annual cricket game. One nearly missed the bus (Greg) arriving at 8:20 am. About 10 minutes into the bus ride, we ran into some strife, with Tim asking the bus, does anyone have a plastic bag? The slow response from the bus saw Tim jump out of his seat, with hand over the mouth and headed toward to toilet. Unfortunately, he didn't quite make it that far and the next few minutes saw him bringing up some of his breakfast. The bus driver was fuming, having a massive go at the poor lad. We pulled over on Woodville Rd, at the BP and resident Mum, Sally Rich, and Dad, Ian Chatman, preceded to clean up the mess. Whilst this was going on the bus driver again got out of his seat and gave Tim another spray about not cleaning up his own mess.

We proceeded to get going again, with sick bags in hand, and Tim lasted another 200 metres or so, before the rest of breakfast decided to make an appearance. Was a weird smell, a mix of Vegemite, Peanut Butter and Weet-Bix. At this stage the whole crew was in hysterics, especially JR and Keitho we were in tears. So we eventually arrived in Bankstown, with the bus driver deciding to do 2 laps of the complex before being dropped off at the gate to test out Timmy's stomach. We got off the bus, running late, and the bus driver, deciding to leave more of his 2 cents, gave Timmy another spray.

Luckily for us, the opposition had not got a full squad together yet, so the start was delayed. Our skipper, who decided to travel separately to the team, was running late after a big night out, so Greg stood in for the toss, effectively losing it, and we had been sent into bat. To keep with tradition, the batting order was drawn out of a hat, and every batsman had to retire at 30. Tim was handed the duty of beer wench, and the first beers were opened for the day at 9:50 am.

We opened up with the Father & Son combination of Ian & James. James was out in the 3rd over, after hitting the most impressive 6 of the innings, over the point region, dismissed for 11. Greg was next in. Dared to bat left handed, no one thought he would do it. His first ball was one of the ugliest shots ever seen in a game of cricket. In the next over, he tried again, actually hitting the ball $\frac{3}{4}$ the way to boundary and not taking the runs. He decided to bat right handed from now on, and took until his 5th ball to get off the mark. In the next over, Ian was dismissed (13), hitting a ball, which was yet to land (but was headed a few metres off the pitch) straight to cover.

Next in was Keith, bringing to the crease his fine form from the day before. The next 5 overs were painful to watch, with Keith working on missing most balls, getting inside edges, chipping the ball over the keepers head or landing it between fielders. It could regularly be heard from the batters dressing room, "C'mon Bankstown, time for a wicket". At the 10 over mark we were 2/79. Shortly after Greg retired at 30, before Keith decided to use his bat, pushing the score over the 100 mark in the 13th over before retiring. Timmy, fresh from some water and a bit of a rest, came out at 5, with Pat batting at 6. The opposition and umpire, by this time, were well aware of Tim's performance earlier in the morning, and gave him some stick for it. Pat was the first player to not wait to hit a boundary to get off the mark, and hit a ball to backward square, where the fielder claimed a catch to what most people at the ground could see, at bounced in front. Pat was on his way for 5. Romesh came in next and didn't waste any time passing Tim and retiring on 30 off 9 balls. Sal joined Tim at the crease. They proceeded to put up a picket fence and slow the scoring as we wanted to leave the opposition with a total to chase. At the 20 over mark we were 3/163, with a third of the innings left.

Our last third of the innings was the quickest in scoring ranks. Tim retired for 30, and Matt came in and scored a quick 30 off 10 balls. Josh (6), Sal (11), Brett (13) and Bahi (17) all pushed the score along before Rom (41 no) and Greg (47 no) both came back in to finish off the innings. Some good hitting at the end of the innings took us to 7/266 off 31 overs.

We went out to bowl with the bowling order reversed from the batting order. The opposition never really chased the runs, happy to knock the ball around in the first 10 overs before lunch, as they were 2/50. Lunch was served and was, as always, a big highlight for the day. After a good feed for lunch, we pushed forward to the field, Baulkham Hills Cricket Club

restricting the Bankstown boys furthermore. Everyone got a bowl, with most people bowling 3 overs each. Towards the end of the innings, the required run rate was skyrocketing, the last pair of the opposition never looked to chase any runs, meaning at one stage we had three fielders holding hands talking with a beer in hand. B12s lead the wicket taking, with Sal taking 2 wickets, with Bahi and Rom both taking 1. Ian also chimed in with a wicket as Bankstown finished on 5/175 off their 32 overs, falling 91 runs behind our total.

Highlights in the field included the Skipper's fielding, spilling two beers in attempts on the ball, including throwing one in the air. Matt's catch in his hat was a 2nd highlight. Unfortunately the very serious number 8 batsman for Bankstown didn't find it as amusing. Keith's terrible 2 overs were a lowlight, handing Bankstown some very easy runs. The constant sledging amongst the B12s players was good comical relief. Another solid performance from the Baulkham Hills cricket club meant the victory was never in question. The day finished with another bus ride home, which was uneventful in comparison to the way there, although the bus driver was never going to let the morning ride, rubbing in the fact that he got in trouble from his boss and had to get a replacement bus. Lighten up buddy! This was followed by celebratory beers at the Sporto. It was even reported that three members continued the party well into the night at the Bullo.

On a serious note, we would like to thank Sally Rich for accompanying the team for the whole day, and scoring for the whole game. Also much thanks to Bankstown for putting on such a wonderful day for those of us who were there, with a great feed and plenty of beers to be had for the half of the team who were drinking. At last count, Matt, Josh, Keith and James tallied well into the 40s between them with the rest of the team pushing the total closer to 60.

Greg McLoughlin.

Match Results and Reports

10 Red	3 for 65 (Ave 16.2)	Hills Barbarians	4 for 64 (Ave 12.8)	Win on averages
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Round 5 was against Hills Barbarians at Eric Mobbs for a one-day game after a wash out for the first week.

Alexander won the toss and we elected to bowl while the day was still cool. Our bowlers were very tight and the opposition found it hard to get the ball through the gaps, as our fielding was pretty good. Alex Cramer was our best for the day, pouncing on everything that moved, stopping fours and directly hitting the stumps from 30 plus metres upon returning the ball. Alex also bowled very straight and collected 1/3 off his only over. Rhys continued to shine in the field with his accurate throwing when he quickly returned one to Aniruddh from the covers who ran out the batsman. Neelabh showed good reflexes when he took a great caught and bowled in his first over. Sudaraka and Anas (13th man) also held onto some tough catches. The team bowled really well this week in terms of only conceding 1 no ball per over, a fantastic effort.

The batting effort was great with only 3 boys losing their wickets, Michael doing so on the last ball of the day, unfortunately. Neelabh (10*) and Aniruddh (7*) teamed up for some heart stopping running between the wickets, backing each other up strongly and putting lots of pressure on the fielders (and my nerves). Alex (6*) concentrated well and hit a lovely boundary, as did Aaruran (8).

The final scores were Baulko 5 for 67 (adjusted to 3 for 65, Average 16.2) defeated Hills Barbarians 4 for 64, average 12.8. on averages. Well-done fellas in a close match.

10 White	2 for 56 (Ave 18.7)	Kellyville	8 for 58 (Ave 6.4)	Win on averages
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What a difference a week makes! Last week play was cancelled, as the ground was underwater, today we had the sunshade up and had an entertaining one-day game against Kellyville. The boys all contributed with bat, ball and in the field resulting in a win for Baulko 2-56 to Kellyville 8-58.

Our numbers were down to only 8 players this week but the boys batted very well. All of them scoring runs, looking for singles and defending well. To lose only 2 wickets against a good bowling attack was a great effort. We had a few close shaves with the running between wickets - something to consider for training next Friday. Top scorers were Michael with 9, Maaran with 8 and Ryan 5 who all hit some great boundaries.

Kellyville had 11 players and the team restricted them with tight bowling and good fielding. The boys took 4 catches, made 2 run outs and kept the pressure on the batsmen. The bowling was consistent with wickets spread amongst 6 bowlers with all players being economical. Only 22 extras were conceded which is the best effort so far this year. The training sessions are certainly working.

Jack was captain today and Maaran, player of the match for a good all round effort. Keep up the great work team!

11/2B	7 for 92	Rouse Hill Rams	8 for 98	First Innings Loss
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No report submitted.

11/2A	? for ??	Pendle Hills Colts	9 for 67	First Innings Win
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No report submitted.

11/1	2 for 34	Winston Hills	10 for 32	First Innings Win
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1st week was a washout. The match was reduced to a one-day match, 31 overs per side.

Winston Hills won the toss and decided to bat. Very tight and accurate bowling shared by Baulkham Hills 10 bowlers - Winston Hills was dismissed for 32 in the 28th over. Highlights include 7 different wicket takers. Two wickets each to Luke, Adam and Cameron. One wicket each to Blake, Ryan, Amaarn and Rohan.

Batting - Amaarn and Adam opened with 3 runs each. Harrison King finished 9 not out, and Luke 12 not out. Man of the match was Luke with 2 wickets and 2 sharp catches. Great team performance and positive cricket by the boys! Thanks also to the coach Graeme for helping the boys improve their skills and achieving another great result.

12/2	7 for 53	Kings Langely	6 for 72	First Innings Loss
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Our third Two Half-Day Match for the season...

Wet weather again marred the first day of another Two Half-Day Match – we were washed out until next week, where we would play a One Half-Day Match decider...

We won the toss & elected a bowl first plan. It started well, with the guys having the opposition concerned at a 2 for 5 run effort, after only 5 overs. We then took 2 more wickets before their middle order started to stabilise there innings. They hung on through our bowling attack, scrambling to a 6 for 72 run total to defend.

We started out with the attitude of “hold our ground” & play ourselves into the innings. We gave our best & most determined effort yet, we walked off at drinks with not too many runs posted, but all of our wickets intact ready for the chase.

Returning to the crease saw our openers fall early, but not from the lack of determination. All the guys thereafter played the waiting game well, only falling to sharply offered chances of caught & bowled opportunities, which to our detriment were taken. At the close of our innings effort we were in arrears by 19 runs, posting a 7 for 53 total score, conceding game & points to Kings Langley.

12/1	8/82 (31 overs)	Kings Langely	6/83 (28)	First Innings Loss
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Cody Whittaker 16, Luke Jerome 16 no & 2/11, Alec Gioffre 3/11

A loss of the toss & being sent into bat suited us fine. We were off to a good start & a few decisions did not go our way & put us in trouble. We hung in there & batted out our overs. We bowled & fielded well but were unable to bowl them out. Better luck next time boys, we will beat them easily in a two-day game.

13/2	10 for 34	AKA Crusaders	0 for 39	First Innings Loss
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We met AKA crusaders at Granville and had our worst performance of the season. We were bundled out for a mere 34 runs with no one making double figures. AKA crusaders hit the runs in just 6 overs. It was a very disappointing performance by the boys. Hopefully they will learn to be patient and apply what they learn at training.

13/1	7 for 73	Auburn	7 for 68	First Innings Win
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Week 1 provided the joy of a long drive to Auburn only to be promptly turned around by the weather Gods.

Week 2 became a one-day game and losing the toss Auburn elected to bat first. Against an opposition that was yet to post a big score, our front line bowlers soon had Auburn reeling. At the 10-over mark it was 3 for 14 so we mixed up the bowling, sharing the fun and by innings end we had reduced them to just 7 for 68 from 31 overs. Brad was the best of the bowlers finishing his four overs with the impressive figures of 1 for 2. Everyone else was close behind.

Mixing up our non-existent batting order, and getting a few of the bowlers in the top five soon proved a little too confident, as some tight bowling and poor shots saw us lose three batsman, all for ducks. We obviously took this game way too casually, as 7/41 from 19 overs is well beyond this team's ability. However, as always, the boys were not about to throw the game away and by the end of the 26 over we had won, our final score 7 for 68. James and Matthew were the best of our batsmen, each getting a start before ending not out on 15 and 18 respectively. Once again Matthew showed what to do with short-pitched balls. He makes most leg boundaries seem quite short. Well-done chaps but let's play a bit harder next time around.

14/3	6 for 87	Kings Langely	8 for 92	First Innings loss
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After only 11 overs in the 1st week, the match turned in to a 34 over each game. Batting was good but not great and we reached 87 for 6 wickets.

Kings Langley then batted and the boys could neither bowl them out nor knock them out (there were a couple of retired hurts unfortunately but they came back) and with the help of our dropped catches they passed our score. Lesson learned – catches win matches.

Good effort by James Robson who again carried bat and Aatitaan who bowled 5 overs straight for not many runs.

14/1	6 for 105	Rouse Hill Rams	4 for 113	First Innings Loss
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After a complete washout on day one, a bright and sunny morning was laid on (at last) for our round 5 game versus Rouse Hill on our home digs.

We won the toss and sent Rouse Hill into bat, as the boys prefer to know what score they are chasing. Last instructions to the boys were that this one was going to be tight and every run would count – so tight fielding, NO wides or no balls, and NOTHING pitched short were the order of the day.

Early on we bowled fairly tight. Every short-pitched ball was punished as predicted, but the boys were giving their best. Whenever we had the ball pitched up the opposition found it difficult to score. However, we continued to drop the occasional one short and paid the penalty. At the half way mark (15 overs) we had them at 2-38 so we were keeping a throttle on their scoring if not taking massive wickets. With 5 over to go Rouse Hill were 2 for 76 – a great battle underway between bat and ball. From there it did not go so well – 37 runs off the final 5 overs – with too many full tosses and sundries. But we were still happy with the final score of 4 for 113. Saad Shaheen was the pick of our bowlers (5 overs, 2 for 9). He should have been given more overs at the death – a mistake captain and coach will learn from.

Rouse Hill bowled particularly well early on with one of their openers bowling 4 consecutive maidens. So, from the word go our run rate was under pressure. However, our openers were gritty and at the half way mark (15 overs) we were 0 for 39 and therefore in front of their score on comparisons. Even with 5 overs to go we were in a comparatively good position (1 for 88 vs. their 2 for 76) but given the fact they got 37 off their final 5 overs we needed to get cracking – especially with their strong bowlers coming back on. In the end we fell 8 runs short in a disappointing end. Our top order missed taking advantage of loose deliveries throughout the innings, which put enormous (and subsequently impossible) pressure on the guys coming in later on. In a one-day game like this we can't afford to not take toll on the overpitched and half-track deliveries – especially when their less strong bowlers are plying their trade in the middle overs. We lost 4 wickets in the last 2 overs where our middle order had to take unprecedented risks to try and get the 11 runs an over required.

This was a game we should have won. Hats off to Rouse Hill for taking out the game with quality batting, bowling and fielding. We will definitely take some lessons away, and hope that this loss won't come back to haunt us when the top 4 is decided late in the season.

15/2	4 for 62	Hills Barbarians	8 for 61	First Innings Win
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No report submitted.

15/1	10 for 130	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 49	First Innings Win
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This game was reduced to a one-dayer by rain and we made short work of Rouse Hill, bowling them out in their innings for just 49 in 18 overs. Joe led the way with 3 for 5 off three overs. Sachin, Ishman and Jayden all took two wickets each. In short, Rouse Hill had no answer to our excellent bowling.

Earlier, we scored 130, with Michael making a welcome return to form with 46 no. The foundation for the innings was laid by Bryce and Ishmam, who put on 36 for the first wicket in very quick time. Sean looked in great touch for his 13 before a very unlucky dismissal. He hit a full blooded drive straight back at the bowler who put a hand up in hope more than anything else, and the ball stuck. That's cricket!

Three wins out of four though is a great start to the season. We have a big challenge next match when we play last year's premiers, Wentley Leagues. But hey, someone has to beat them and it may as well be us!!!

16/2	5 for 155	Seven Hills	9 for 153	First Innings Win
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Today saw us have our first cross over match against a 15/1s side, Guildford Leagues, who are a strong team in their competition. Guildford batted first and got off to a quick start, posting 50 on the board after 8 overs. Connor and Tom didn't bowl poorly; there was just some excellent shots from the first few batsmen. The score pushed along to 1/85 in the 17th over, with the opposition looking comfortable. The next 14 overs saw Baulko take 8 wickets to restrict the opposition to 9/153 off their 31 overs. Some superb bowling from Jono (3/26), Jeremy (1/27) followed by Todd (2/16) and Ruben (2/12), and excellent fielding display from the boys meant we restricted

Guildford when they looked like posting 200 earlier in the innings. I have never seen the boys chat so much in the field and chase after the ball so hard, cutting 2s into 1s, and stopping the singles towards the end of the innings. The catching was above our normal standard, with only 1 difficult chance being missed and even Dilshan was in the act taking a good catch off a skied ball. Well Done Boys.

Chasing the runs was still going to be difficult, but some poor bowling let us get away to a good start, with Jono (13) and Gaj (15) helping to the poor lines bowled by the opposition. When Gaj was dismissed in the 11th over we were 2/48, slightly behind the run rate required. Jeremy and Connor then combined for a superb 3rd wicket stand of 85 off 86 balls, combining good stroke play with controlled batting, before Connor was run out for 41 off 44 balls. With 4.5 overs remaining, the boys needed 21 runs to win, and Jeremy was tired, so it looked like the game was going to the wire, with a number of the boys padded up and the coach not sure who to send in! Luckily, Geoff (7 off 4) and Tom (10 off 6) held their nerve to get us over the line with 5 balls remaining. Jeremy remained unbeaten on 50 off 73 balls, and held our innings together superbly. Well-batted mate, in difficult conditions!

This effort from the boys was by far and away their best effort in the 4 years I have coached the team, and it shows that when we put our minds to it we can beat anyone we come up against. Great captaincy from Taylor in the field, and his continual chatter kept the boys going and I have never seen the fielding of the boys this good! Onto next game for revenge against Kellyville, who belted us in Round 1.

16/1B	10 for 52	AKA Sports	10 for 52	Tie
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What an amazing game! Both teams were outstanding in the field and a bit ordinary with the bat.

We won the toss and batted. Their bowling tied us up and we lost wickets cheaply. Some poor decisions taking runs didn't help us with a couple of very soft run outs. We limped to 52 off 21 overs – a pretty ordinary effort from a bunch of boys who looked out of sorts or tired?? That's not to take anything away from AKA – they bowled and fielded very well!

Tony called for some real commitment in the field and to show some fight. Well they gave it! The first over from Matt Sibley was a blinder with 2 wickets. He and Antonio Castellarin bowled very well and ended with 5 wickets between them. Matt took 3/5 and Antonio, 2/11 off 8 overs each. Matt McKenna bowled well without luck and Josh Balzarolo (2/12) and Josh Stevenson (2/9) both bowled well to keep us in the match. Sam Bennetts kept well, taking 2 catches and affecting a run out to claim the 9th wicket. AKA needed 1 run and we needed 1 wicket! It was a tense ending with great, tight bowling until Antonio knocked the stumps out of the ground.

It was truly a game of twists and turns – we were out of the match, in the match, looked like losing a close one and then pulling off a tie. The fight showed some character and depth from all the boys! In the end a great result to remain undefeated.

16/1A	9/ for 101	Pendle Hill	9 for 252	First Innings Loss
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It was wet and it was cold and we were asked to field with only 10 players on the first morning. We started positively with Ishant bowling one of the openers in the second over. Pendle Hill, however, was looking for runs and us being one short in the field scoring looked easy. The first 20 overs went by in a flash as Pendle Hill raced to 2/104. The scoring rate was halted by Blake and, our sub for the week, Amar, from the under 15/1s, who between them bowled the next 24 overs, taking 2/32 and 4/33 respectively and considerably hampering Pendle Hills progress. Wickets were also picked up by Mitchell (1/30) and Taseen (1/27). A late flurry by the tail saw us facing a formidable 252 from 57 overs on the second day.

Our chase started patiently with Joel and Ashveer attempting to see off the opening bowlers. They made it to the 15th over before Ashveer was freakishly dismissed for 9 by the fielder catching the ball between his legs. Henceforth the innings became a procession, with one after another batsman being dismissed in single figures. Tom 26 offered some resistance and struck a few lusty blows, as did Anshul (10). Anoop remained, as always, not out on 9.

Apart from Anshul, who was stumped, everyone else was caught, suggesting that there could be some improvement in the shot selection process.

B14	3 for 71	AKA Crusaders	Washout
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Washout. Not before we batted for 19 overs getting 3/71. Good starts from John Day 22 and Toby Davis 19 and innings by Michael Waddups 17 no.

B13	6 for 123	Rouse Hill Rams	5 for 129	First Innings loss
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No report submitted.

B12	5 for 121	Wenty Leagues	10 for 115	First Innings Win
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No report submitted.

B11	3 for 43	Seven Hills	Washout
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After the first day's play was washed out, the match became a 40 over a side game on the second day. Baulkham Hills reached 3 for 43 in the 17th over before a massive downpour washed out play. The match ending in a draw.

B10		The Bulls	2 for 51	Result in Dispute
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No report submitted.

B9		Kings Langely	1 for 78	Washout
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No report submitted.

B8	9 for 152	Sydney Supersonics	0 for 39	Washout
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No report submitted

B7		Hills Barbarians	3 for 46	Washout
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With the first day a washout, the match was reduced to a one-dayer.

After losing the toss we were asked to field. Superb bowling from Dodgey, Miaggi, McIce and Ricardo and some good fielding kept them to 3 for 46 after 24.1 overs. Deano was handed the ball and the heavens opened up and play was abandoned shortly after (was someone up there trying to tell us something???)

Match Drawn – The cricketing gods again sent us to the Sporto early to savour some of that fine amber fluid supplied by the dream team.

B4		AKA Crusaders	5 for 61	Washout
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No report submitted

B2	8 for 113	Winston Hills	Washout
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Week 1 saw a wet pitch and cloud cover, not convincing the black and white to hang around, meaning we were going to the pub early and back for a one-dayer in week 2. Greg called correctly, and elected to bat, on what looked like a clear day, and the boys were pumped for a game, as the season has been quite stop start so far. A scratchy start from Keith, who was well under the weather, and Rob (21) got us to 26 before we hit a roadblock, and the usual collapse saw us 5/34. At 2:32 pm, the rain came, and it poured for the next 20 or so minutes, leaving great puddles on the field. The opposition were keen to stick around so we waited it out. At 4:45 pm we resumed play, much owing to inconsistency in the umpires' decision to play when the pitch was just as wet as in week 1, yet somehow we managed to get on. The boys pushed the score along to 8/113 off 23.5 overs before a player slipped and the umpire did in fact deem the pitch unsafe to play. Good effort to those who got off the mark for the season, Matt, Aaron and Josh Rich. Sam (41) was the stand out. Well done to Keith, who managed the first TC of the year, behind the rocks at McCoy.

B1	3 for 49	AKA Crusaders	Washout
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No report submitted

A		Seven Hills	2 for 79	Washout
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No report submitted.