

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 To see your team's results, go to baulkocricicket.com.au, select 'Latest Results' then select your team. From there you can see the ladder by selecting 'Ladder'.

The site will be updated regularly, and the club history is being added to as time permits.

There have been some changes to the committee this season. You can find a list of the committee members on the website

To all Captains, Coaches and Managers

Team Reports

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

Team Performances:

B8 Outright win

Individual Achievements

J Freeman	B1	124	D Sparks	B8	5/36
M Bennetts	B1	107 no	K Mahoney	B10	105
B Gibson	B2	103	A Coy	15/1	196 no
D Stapleton	B6	5/52	M Bellam	15/1	146

Members Badge Draw

The Members Badge draw is back for season 2012/13, however there is a slight twist. On the first Saturday of each senior 2-Day game there will be a Members Badge draw at the Sports Club at 7pm and as usual you have to be there to win. However, here's the twist, there will now be a GUARANTEED \$50 winner each week. At 6:40pm a committee member will begin wandering round the Sports Club and asking all players, parents and family wishing to participate in the Member Badge draw to drop their Baulkham Hills Club Membership Card into a bag. At 7pm after 1 final call, a card will be drawn out of the bag and that member wins \$50.

Entry is open to all players, parents and club officials who are also members of the Baulkham Hills Sports Club

Added Bonus

As an added bonus for the Round 2 and 3 Badge Draws only, if the person who's card is drawn out of the bag has purchased a 200 Club ticket, then the Committee will double the prize to \$100.

This is only for rounds 2 and 3 and the 200 Club ticket must have been purchased before the draw at 7pm.

200 Club Fundraiser

This season we are running a 200 Club raffle as a fundraiser. There are 20 weekly draws and the cost per ticket is \$40.

How it works

- Basically it's like running a \$2 raffle each week for 20 weeks (most of the season).... with a bit of a twist.
- 200 tickets are sold
- Each ticket has 5 random numbers on it ranging from 000 to 999
- Each week of the competition (draw dates are in the info sheet you are given when purchasing a ticket) a winner is drawn from the last 3 digits of Tuesdays \$2 Lucky Lotteries Jackpot Draw. So if the jackpot number for a draw week is 172000 and your ticket has the number 000 on it.... You win that week's prize.
- There are 20 weeks' worth of prize draws, with 16 chances to win \$50, 2 chances to win \$100, 1 chance to win \$500 and a final draw prize of \$1000.
- With 5 numbers and the randomness of the Lucky Lotteries draws, your ticket has the chance to win more than once.
- Tickets are \$40 each, but when you break that down to 20 draws its \$2 per week with a chance to win a minimum of \$50, plus you have 1 ticket of only 200 that is drawn each week.

So please contact either Pat Mamo or Peter McLoughlin if you want to purchase a 200 Club ticket.... You have to be in it to win it. They can be contacted by email at social@baulkocricicket.com.au

Team Rosters

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 meat raffles are being held every week, and the members badge draw is on the first week of every senior game.

Ticket sales are to start by 6:30pm.

DATE	TEAM
September 15, 2012	B13
September 29, 2012	B12
October 13, 2012	B10
October 27, 2012	B11
November 10, 2012	B8
November 24, 2012	B5
December 8, 2012	B6
February 9, 2013	B1/B2
February 23, 2013	A Res

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 14, 2012	A Res
September 21, 2012	B1
September 28, 2012	Not Held - School holidays
October 5, 2012	B2
October 12 2012	B5
October 19, 2012	B6
October 26, 2012	B8
November 2, 2012	B10
November 9, 2012	B11
November 16, 2012	B12
November 23 2012	B13
November 30, 2012	TBA
December 7, 2012	TBA

Around The Grounds

Welcome back to a new season with Baulko.

The preseason was again very busy and after registrations were finalized, we submitted a total of 22 teams to PDCA for this season. We entered 10 senior teams & 12 junior teams, made up of 1 U16 & U15, 2 each in U14, U13, U12, U11, & U10.

Welcome to all our returning players and supporters and a special welcome to new members of our club. We trust you enjoy your time with us.

Please ensure all players are playing in a Baulko shirt and hat. You can also purchase a club shirt. Club clothing can be purchased from the canteen at Charles McLaughlin Oval, while the in2CRICKET clinic is on - Friday nights - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Your committee was very busy getting the teams organized and special thanks must go to the committee for all their work. The junior age co-ordinators, coaches and managers also put in a lot of time and effort to get our teams organized. Thanks to all those people. The senior grading committee also put in many hours to get the teams finalized. Well done guys.

The AGM saw three new committee members elected – Leigh Griggs, Pat Mamo & Steve Sarlog. Thanks to these people and all others who have taken on positions within our club.

The season rosters are complete for meat raffles and in2Cricket and we ask all teams to ensure they meet these requirements.

We are holding our meat raffle every week and members badge draw on the first Saturday of each senior round, so get along to the club for a chance to win.

Our Baulko website has lots of information - have a look at www.baulkocricketer.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.

Our next monthly meeting is on Tuesday 2 October at 8pm at the Sports Club. Please make sure each team is represented.

Congratulations to Senior Registrar Greg McLoughlin and his new fiance Carly on their recent engagement!

If you have any news or gossip for the newsletter, let us know by email at owzatt@baulkocricketer.com.au

Match Results and Reports

10B Wentworthville Leagues v Baulkham Hills

No report submitted.

10W Baulkham Hills v Hills Barbarians

No report submitted.

11/2 Pendle Hill Colts **5/91(dec)** def Baulkham Hills **68**
and **64**

The start of the season for the 11/2's did not go to plan but a good start for the boys none the less. A lot of lessons to be learnt from our first game with the team yet to realise the value of taking the extra runs on a misfield or long return throw.

Standout for the team was Brendan who batted well for his 11 in in the first innings staying out in the middle for 22 of the 39 overs and 20 in the second innings, getting out on the 2nd last ball of the day, bowled after a rush of blood to the head. Great support from Pat early on with 9, playing some lovely strokes only to be denied a couple of fours by a slow outfield. Rhys took a screamer of a one handed catch at 1st slip in the first innings Spencer taking another great catch in the 2nd innings. Rhys, Pat & Christopher did well with the ball taking a wicket each. Good to see a few of the boys from last year learning the value of a good defensive shot, Aiden played a very straight bat when required throughout both innings.

Well done team and we know you will all continue to improve as the season rolls on.

11/1 Wentworthville Waratahs **30** def by Baulkham Hills **6/226(cc)**
M Blinman 3/3, L Pethybridge 3/8
and **4/52(cc)**
R Johns 2/11
J Rambukwella 51*, R Johns 45

No report submitted.

12/2 Baulkham Hills **7/169(cc)** def Pendle Hill Colts **106**
P Taylor 55* A Anpalagan 3/6, J Whitehouse 2/3

A good all round team effort saw Baulko win well in the first round after chasing 106 runs.

Aaruran bowled very well and ended with figures of 3/6 off 5 overs. Jake also bowled well finishing with 2/3 off 3 overs plus took 3 great catches with one very sharp chance whilst keeping.

Neelaabh bowled very tight and finished with 1/8 off his 5 overs. Adam bowled great line and length and finished with 1/7 from his 5 overs.

The second days play saw some standout batting from the Baulko team.

Sumet opened with Jack and the boys saw the new ball off with a solid opening stance.

Sumet scored 24 runs and batted for more than 20 overs whilst Jack scored a solid 11 runs for his time at the crease.

Pat came in at no 4 today with a brand new bat and scored a very stylish 55 not out including 8 fours.

Josh also looked solid and batted well for 14 runs.

Aniruddh scored 7, Adam scored 6 and Hamish and Jake were not out at the end of our innings.

Well done boys in the first match of the season.

12/1 Hills Barbarians **123** def by Baulkham Hills **8/228(cc)**
H King 2/2 H King 84, C Edwards 39, L Perkin 39

BH won the toss and elected to bat.

An early wicket, then Luke and Harrison King combined for a 72 run partnership to set the tone for the innings. Luke was dismissed for a quick and powerful 39 (with 8 boundaries) before Cameron Edwards continued the batting the only way he knows how, in brutal fashion (with 7 boundaries) in his innings -also 39 runs. That partnership with Harrison King added another 88 runs - and the team was 3-155 after just 30 overs. A good contribution by Harry Sutherland (20) and the team made a

competitive total of 8/228.

Harrison Kings batting was outstanding, anchoring the innings with his highest score of 84 - being dismissed chasing quick runs in the last few overs. Man of the Match performance.

The next week, and BH had their turn to bowl. Some strong hitting by the Baba's, with a quick opening by them.

Sam B took a wicket in his opening over, and then Ryan in his 3rd over. Luke, Brendan and Harrison K bowled without luck (edges through slips, gully) - before Josh was introduced into the attack and getting a c+b with his first ever ball in 1st division. From that point on the run flow slowed, and wickets fell.

Wicket takers - Harrison King bowled great with 2-2, Harry Sutherland 1-3 with his best ever spell, Harrison Bultitude 1-6, Joshua 1-7, Brendan 1-8, Ryan 1-12 (unlucky 2 edges), Luke 1-14 (unlucky 3 edges), Cam Noud 1-16, Sam B - 1-25. 9 different wicket takers as the bowling was shared around as much as possible by the coach.

A good first up win to the boys, against a much improved Babas.

13/2	Baulkham Hills 6/121(dec) and 6/12	def	Hills Barbarians 45 and 85
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No report submitted.

13/1	Baulkham Hills 4/174(dec) GR Quinn 52*, S Jagdale 27, A Patwardhan 26	def	Winston Hills 119 L Islip 2/9, P Sharma 2/14, N Ramesh 2/17 and 3/61
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Baulkham Hills won the toss and sent Winston Hills into bat with Winston Hills being bowled out in the 39th over for 119.

Baulkham Hills chased well and declared on day 2 at 4/174. Some very nice batting, particularly by Rufus 52 not out, Soham 27, Anav 26 and Lachlan 19 not out.

With Baulkham Hills trying for an outright, Winston Hills finished at the end of day two at 3/61. Good bowling by the team, with 5 players, Luke, Nandu, Prakhar, Will and Adam getting 2 wickets each in the match.

A great way to start the season and well done to all the team.

14/2	Kellyville 4/167(dec) A Adair 2/32	def	Baulkham Hills 42 and 45
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No report submitted.

14/1	Baulkham Hills 6/257(cc) J Luther 87, M Chen 50, J Farrell 39	def	Wentworthville Leagues 9/124(cc) J Luther 2/7, N Donohoe 2/13, R O'Hare 2/14
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A great start to the season when we won the toss & batted all day for 6/257. Jason Luther relished his new role as opener with a stylish 87. A very patient innings & looked rock solid all day. Jimmy Farrell also opened the batting & batted very calmly & sensibly. Although not one of his highest scores, this was one the best innings that Jimmy has played. Jason & Jimmy helped themselves to an opening partnership of 64. Being promoted to number 3 for this game, Moses Chen settled in nicely. His normal middle order aggressive batting style was replaced with an opener's type attitude & he steadily piled on the runs. Jason & Moses put on a partnership of 109 for the second wicket. Jason & Alec Gioffre also put on a partnership of 32 for the fourth wicket.

Week 2 started off well for us having both openers cheaply out at 2/15. A great opening spell from Tomas Bracken with his first 4 overs being maidens & keeping the opposition pinned down. Jason also opened the bowling & finished with figures of 2/7 from 8 overs. A wonderful spell from Ryan saw him pick up 2/14 from 6 overs. Nic also bowled a great spell for 2/13 from 5 overs.

Restricting the opposition to 124 was a fantastic effort due to the speed of the outfield. Our fielding was pretty good for early on the season. Well done boys, a great start to the season.

15/1	Rouse Hill Rams 9/128(cc) W Cullen 2/13, M Bellam 2/25, B Ripps 2/25 and 4/72(cc) A Coy 3/28	def by	Baulkham Hills 4/397(cc) A Coy 196*, M Bellam 146
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No report submitted.

16/2	Baulkham Hills 89 and 5/155 R Marwah 56*, S Sanjay 27*, K Sangaripillai 27	def by	Rouse Hill Rams 5/201(cc) M Tran 3/20
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No report submitted.

B13	Hills Barbarians 79 T, Thiruloganathan 3/7, A Liyanage 3/14, M Rajendram 2/31 and 124 M Rajendram 2/17, P Thanarajah 2/18, C Thirimanna 2/25, S Dharmadasa 2/35	def by	Baulkham Hills 188 M Rajendram 37, K Mohammed 27 and 0/18
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We played against Hills Barbarians. We won the toss, our captain elected to bat first, as our captain thought we better make use of a player perceived to be a batsman by team mates, who was not going to be available on a second Saturday, and scored 188 with that perceived batsman scoring 10 and out.

We then bowled the opposition out for 78 and put them in to bat again and they passed our 1st innings score only by 15 runs.

Our openers scored that in 1.1 over with Melro hit a 6 on his cover drive, the shot a similar to the old Sri Lankan hitter Jayasuriya's shot, that ended our game with an outright win!!!.

B12	Kings Langley 6/312(dec) J Cunich 4/84, B Kravenburg 2/30	def	Baulkham Hills 9/59(cc) V Sharma 30* and 7/92(cc) A Wallace 35, V Sharma 25
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As the scores suggest, this proved a tough assignment for this Baulko team which contains a number of players new to our club. 3 wickets to Jeff Cunich saw Kings Langley stand at 3 for 63 before a 201 run 4th wicket partnership took the game right away from Baulko. They eventually declared after reaching 312 and leaving Baulko with around an hour to bat on day 1. Baulko was soon in trouble, slumping to 7 for 34 when bad light stopped play.

Baulko reached 59 on day 2 thanks largely to 30 not out from Vivek Sharma. Mr Sundries was next best with 17. Baulko fared a little better following on and at one stage reached 1 for 78 before collapsing to be all out for 92. Adam Wallace top scored with 35 and was well supported by 25 from Vivek Sharma which added to his impressive first innings effort.

The focus needs to be on getting a full team each week..

B11	Baulkham Hills 112 and 7/108 R Patel 38	def by	Greystanes 154 A Mohammed 2/1, V Barot 2/19, A Khan 2/30 and 5/123(dec) A Mohammed 3/30, V Patel 2/29
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Start of new season, with bunch of the new player, as expected we started well, with the bowling got the opposition out for 154 which was an achievable total for us, but our batting collapse and we got out for 103 and lost the match.

We will fight back and come back again, still I am happy with the performance. Well done boys.

B10	Kellyville 172 C Millgate 3/40, M Yuvarajan 2/12, R Young 2/15, P Searson 2/38	def by	Baulkham Hills 4/258(dec) K Mahoney 105*, M Yuvarajan 68, GP Sadaya 26 and 4/118 P Searson 41
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No report submitted.

B8	Kings Langley 81 D Sparks 5/36, C McClure 3/19, SE Hampstead 2/21 and 92 SE Hampstead 4/19, D Banks 2/18, D Sparks 2/20	def by	Baulkham Hills 8/84(dec) SE Hampstead 42 and 8/90 P Touzel 31, A Gilchrist 28
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Well the start of a new season, and it was like I hadn't been away for the past three years. We welcomed six new players to BHCC in Tim & Cam (both ex Pendle Hill), Andrew (ex Kings Langley), Norm plus Sean Snr and Sean Jr. Matt & Brent are also new to the Club and are our reserves for the season. Our first game was against Kings Langley, played at the timeless Masonic School grounds.

Well I lost the toss and they batted. We had Kings Langley on the ropes at 6/39 and they recovered a bit to be 81 all out. The game was being played in excellent spirit I must add, with friendly chat between the teams, with lots of smiles and laughs.

Dane Sparks started with the new ball taking 5/36 off 12.2 overs. I can see it will be hard taking the ball off Sparksy during the season. Cam McClure took an impressive 3/19 before he rolled his ankle and was unable to bowl for the remainder of the match. Cam looked the goods, and I am much happier having him on my team (we played against each other previously in the higher grades a few years ago) than against him. Sean Snr started his impressive all-round debut with a tidy 2/21 off six overs.

Then it was our turn to bat. Sean Snr didn't look like getting out, and literally threw his wicket away on 42 as he had other sporting commitments to attend to. We were 3/65 when we had a bit of a collapse. We also played this afternoon with only 10 men. We were 8/71 (essentially last wicket) when our guys went for a single, however one of our batsman rolled his ankle half-way down the pitch, and fell to the ground in agony. Kings Langley simply had to remove the bails at the bowlers end to take first innings points. Yet the fieldsman kept the ball in his hands, and went to the aid of our player. The umpire then called "dead ball". I came onto the field to see how Tim (our batsman) was, and immediately thanked their captain and team for their unity and superb expression of sportsmanship.

We took a drinks break, and Tim was able to resume batting, with a runner (me!). Still needing a dozen or so runs ourselves, Tim batted on, and I was hoping we would end on the same score – as I would have declared (happy to share the "tie" points in these unique circumstances) Anyhow Gilly hit the ball past the field and went for four. I wished we only got the single, and I informed their captain of this straight away. On confirming the score I immediately declared with us at 8 wickets down (lead of 3 runs), with both teams to play a "new" game next Saturday with outright points on offer.

So KL batted the second week, and made 92. Sean Snr took four more wickets (4/19), Sparksy and Banksy (being a complete shark!) picked up a couple each with Rick and Daniel snaring the other two. Sean Snr took 3 catches in this innings, four for the match.

We got to the required target with eight wickets down, led by the perennial Peter Touzel with 31, Andrew Gilchrist (28) and Tim Pittman (23), giving us an outright victory. Cam & Sean Snr both came back down to earth with golden ducks!

I wish to again sincerely commend the Kings Langley's Captain and their B8's team on their sportsmanship and graciousness expressed in this game. Our team was not ecstatic about the first innings win, and theirs was not upset by the loss. In many ways this initial result was irrelevant, but to use a cliché...Cricket was the Winner. Sean Hampstead Snr (S.E.H.) was our player of the match.

I also wish to thank and acknowledge Greg McLoughlin as Senior Registrar and the entire BHCC Committee for their support and warm welcome after my short time away in "retirement". I am confident we will have a good season as we have a squad of good blokes who enjoy their cricket, and also enjoy each other's – and the teams – success.

B6	Sydney Supersonics 7/220(dec) D Stapleton 5/52 and 0/0	def	Baulkham Hills 63 and 8/120 B McLaren 36, D Mason 25
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The first round of cricket for 2012 had arrived and the team was eager to get off to a good start, unfortunately some first round rustiness saw Baulkham Hills bowled out for a disappointing 63. Sydney Supersonics came out to bat and at the end of days play were 3 down for 161.

The following week the Boys showed just how well we are capable of playing, taking some quick wickets followed by some great fielding. A special mention to Dean Stapleton (Deano) who took a spectacular 5 wicket haul, which saw Sydney Supersonics declare at 7 for 220.

Baulko went back out to bat knowing that an outright loss would be on the cards if we didn't lift our batting. Some great batting from Roger, Brett McLaren and Dan as well as some determined batting at the death by Deano, Harry and Tony saw Baulkham Hills finish up at 8 for 120 narrowly avoiding the outright loss.

Much improved performance by the team in the second week but still plenty of work to be done!

B5	Baulkham Hills 7/230 B McKenzie 92, M Toomey 35, R Jayanetti 31*	def	Hills Barbarians 138 C Gillespie 4/27, R Jayanetti 2/26
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No report submitted.

B2	The Bulls 252 M Sibley 4/56, T Senior 3/20	def by	Baulkham Hills 6/263(cc) B Gibson 103, G Strangwick 47, T Senior 46
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Skipper Tony did the right thing and won the toss and elected to bat, the old blokes were eternally grateful for this small mercy as a day in the field to open the season could have been extremely detrimental to the well-being of a few seasoned bodies.

The skipper and Wardy opened the batting and looked solid early, before Wardy was gracious enough to allow the Bulls opening bowler to caress his middle stump with his shiny new ball a gesture I'm sure the Bulls bowler appreciated – Ward gone for 2. The skip was joined by one of the new brigade from Kings Langley Braden (Gibbo) Gibson the pair put on a magnificent partnership of 64 with both boys taking turns to hit the struggling Bulls bowlers to the boundary and in some cases over it. Unfortunately a very good captain's knock came to a premature end as the lure of a tobacco delight was far more appealing than a half century for the skipper as he politely lobbed a catch to the Bulls fieldsman and then gracefully exited the playing arena having made a great 46 runs.

Gibbo was then joined by the very elegant President Chris, whilst his stay at the crease was brief it was certainly majestic, as he struck three beautiful 4's before being trapped in front to one that kept a little low, in fact it was so plumb Chris actually appealed himself - what a man he is.

Joe joined Gibbo in the middle and quickly got into stride with some lovely ball striking, the two young fellas were moving along nicely before Gibbo thought Joe was starting to look far too convincing and was stealing the limelight, so Gibbo, obviously mistaking Joe for Usain Bolt, called for a quick single, poor Joe despite his best efforts was gone for 21 runs.

Another former KL player joined Gibbo at the crease and once we removed his wheel chair from the pitch Gav Strangwick quickly got into the groove of it all and joined big Gibbo in maintaining the impressive run rate established by Tony and Joe.

Gibbo seemed to really enjoy having his former KL mentor in the middle with him and took great delight in running the old bloke ragged with quick singles and regular threes. Gibbo's magnificent innings of 103 finally came to end but not before he and the old bloke put on a 96 run stand.

Congratulations Gibbo let's hope there are many more centuries to come for you at Baulko.

Sam joined Gav at the crease but the old bloke was knackered and as his skipper had done earlier in the day hit a simple catch and departed the arena for 47 runs. The old blokes' young bloke (Luke) then joined Sam and the two young guns had a bit of fun hitting the tiring Bulls bowlers around in the dying overs to ensure we had compiled a competitive score. Luke finished 15no and Sam 8 no as Baulko made 6/263 (cc).

Week 2 saw the Baulko boys take to the field feeling confident of a good showing.

Troy and Josh took the new ball and despite having the Bulls batsman jumping around early couldn't quite get the breakthrough as the Bulls moved to 0/38. The skipper then threw the ball to Sibs who quickly found a consistent line and length which was deservedly rewarded with the first wicket of the day when Josh took a sharp catch in the gully. The skipper thought "bugger this" if Sibs can get a wicket then I'm having a crack. True to his word Tony came on and grabbed a wicket straight up, it's a pity he was knackered only 2 overs later - really gotta give up the gaspers I reckon.

Josh who was obviously inspired by his great catch came back into the attack and grabbed the wicket of the Bulls skipper. Sibs continued to bowl well as wickets began to fall regularly.

From 0/38 Baulko had them 6/97 and were sensing the kill. Unfortunately the Bulls middle order had other ideas as they began to get on top and before we knew it had moved to 6/214 really putting a scare into the Baulko boys.

The skipper rotated the bowlers with Gibbo, Dave, Troy, Gav and Luke all toiling away striving to get the elusive 7th wicket. Finally big Dave got the breakthrough when he threw down the stumps in spectacular fashion running out their big hitting batsman and subsequently turning the game back in favour of Baulko. Sibs, inspired by Dave's efforts then claimed the wicket of the top scoring Bulls batsman to have us within striking distance of a win.

With the score at 8/232 we needed two wickets and they needed 32 runs. Gav then got his first wicket for Baulko and took great delight in providing the departing batsman (who was run out by a mile earlier - but given not out) with precise instructions of how to make his way off the field.

The skipper returned to the attack after some impressive acrobatics in the field and as he had done earlier in the day took a wicket immediately to deliver the first win of the season to the boys from Baulko. Well done guys.

B1	Baulkham Hills 7/374(cc)	def	Kellyville 300
	J Freeman 124, M Bennetts 107*, J Rich 61		A Rainu 4/70, G McLoughlin 2/34

Welcome to the new season. After finishing 5th in B2, we were promoted to B1 due to Rob "Wario" Konstantopoulos' ridiculously fluky batting aggregate last year. With the loss of a few key bowlers, we went looking for some bowlers. Luckily for us, our recruitment team is strong. Welcome to the club AJ, BJ and Robby! Look forward to having you guys take ample wickets this season. Also, welcome to the team club veteran and resident storyteller, Schicky aka Bald Macca, who happened to be interviewed on Triple M in preparation for the upcoming season.

With the Skip away on a "Dirty weekend" (according to the Vet) first week, newly appointed VC Wario won the toss and elected to bat on a warm afternoon. With the return to Small Teddy with a once off appearance after 2 years on Big Ted, we started briskly, before we lost Sam "The Cripple" Freeman (14), followed by Evan "The Gambler" Platt went for a duck, and preceded to get back to the Sporto for the next race. Wario (14) was next to go before AJ scratched around on his Baulko debut for an ordinary looking duck.

This brought the summer fling Josh "Im Big, Black, Ripped and Rich" Freeman and Josh "LBJ (The Sloth)" Rich together with the score 4/58 and Baulko in a spot of bother. The first drinks break was a relief, but it was in the second hour that JF and LBJ started to take to the opposition, and pondering the question "Why did we ever move off Little Teddy?" They added about 140 in this session, with JF bringing up his hundred with a 6, and Josh Rich passing 50 for the first time in a long time. They put on 155 in just over an hour before JF went for 124 (inc 11 sixes) after the next break, and the pain of losing his partner was too much for LBJ, who departed shortly after for 61.

Next in were David "SK" Massingham, who decided to look for victims in a different team this week, and Michael "Benno" Bennetts, who went about steadying the ship, before SK (14) went chasing his next victim. With the score 7/257 with less than an hour to play, the bowlers started getting tired and BJ (on debut) and Benno combined for an unbeaten 117 run partnership, with Benno bringing up a hundred in just over an hour and ended 107 not out, with BJ undefeated (17no) and the team score 7/374.

Second week saw an interesting turn of events, with The Cripple confirmed out for a further 5 weeks, and The Gambler running interstate from a bad debt, we only had 8 players from the sheet playing with return of The Skip and new signing Robby, fresh from immigration from NZ. Thanks to Michael Robertson for fielding for the day with us, and its always good to add some rude heads to the team in form of James "The King" Haga. Fielding with 10 was difficult, and Warwick "Wazza" Smedley finding it hard to find the right areas early on. The opposition got off to a good start before AJ grabbed his first wicket for Baulko. Next a long partnership ensued and the Kookas rotating the bowlers for next couple of hours. Even the newly anointed WOM got a bowl, and proceeding to blame 4 overthrows on the thrower, not the player backing the stumps. Most were a bit rusty with the ball. I'm still baffled how someone can WOM whilst bowling, but LBJ managed it!!

At 2/200, Kellyville were looking the goods to chase our total, with a very old looking ball, and we elected to take the second new ball. The Skip then proceeded to use his chest to catch the ball, and somehow in stuck and this made Kellyville 4/254 leading into the final drinks break. Returning from drinks with a relatively new ball, the opposition centurion got caught in the deep which signalled a collapse and we ended bowling them out for 300. Great return from AJ (4/70 from 15) on debut including a fine Caught and Bowled, with a wicket each to BJ and Robby who bowled tidily in their debut. The Skip also picked up two standard wickets from catches on the boundary. Our catching was decent, our fielding a bit rusty, but our bowling will need a bit more venom in it if we are going to match it with the stronger teams.

Thanks also go to the A Res who put in the effort to come help us in the field when their game finished.

A	Inka Warriors 139	def	Baulkham Hills 124
Res	I Masud 4/11, P Mamo 3/22, A Castellarin 2/16		T Chesher 32, M Robertson 31

No report submitted.