

## 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](http://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](mailto:owzatt@baulkocricicket.com.au) by the following Wednesday night after the game. Newsletters will be published during as soon as possible after a game.

#### Team Performances:

10R		10W	
10C		10D	
11/2	Loss	11/1	Loss
12/2	Win	12/1	Loss
13/2	Win	13/1	Win
14/2	Loss	14/1	Win
15/2	Win	16/1	Win
B15	Loss	B14	Win
B13	Win	B12	Win
B10	Win	B8	Win
B7	Bye	B4	Loss
B2	Win	B1	Loss
A Res	Win		

#### Individual Achievements

A Res	A Shearman 46, S Hilbrink 3/5, S Sarlog 2/10, P Woods 2/19, M Robertson 2/21
B1	A Hitchcock 54, J Rich 44, T Lockart 33*, J Freeman 4/21, A Rainu 3/55, R Garland 2/32
B2	D Higginbotham 57, J Macrae 52, B Gibson 43 W Koski 27, C Blinma 25*, G Strangwick 6/42
B4	R Jones 48, B McKenzie 40, K Govender 29, B Jones 6/62, R Jones 2/24
B8	R Deane 37 + 2/43, D Mason 36 + 4/33, M Ritchie 29, A Yee, 28, J Galofaro 2/4
B10	S Smith 98* + 41*, P Searson 33*, T Azzopardi 4/46 + 3/26, P Coundrelis 3/15, M Yuvarajan 2/22 + 2/20, C Millgate 3/43
B12	N Dias 42*, C Thirimanna 31*, A Karunarathna 4/33, A Liyanage 3/20, R Kapoor 2/12
B14	T Thiruloganathan 87 + 2/21, J Mehta 61 + 2/61, D Green 41, B Ankadawala 4/43
B15	P Tyagi 54, R Robertson 33, A Verma 5/63, C Jarvis 2/55 + 3/37
16/1	C Blinman 5/14, J Luther 3/4, A Coy 2/13
15/2	A Gholkar 38 + 2/5, L Jerome 38* + 3/29, J Bartlett 4/6
14/1	P Sharma 63, V Fernando 30, L Palaster 3/21, V Rao 2/8
14/2	G Jacob Kakkassery 2/14, J Eades 2/25
13/1	L Perkin 54, C Edwards 31, W Wijeyasiri 3/6, S Balzarolo 2/18
13/2	J Zann 51*, AS Wagner 28, L Durrant 3/5, A Chennapragada 2/10
12/1	R Johns 67*, M Blinman 50 + 2/4, M Whitehouse 2/1, L Pethybridge 2/8
12/2	G Singh 2/1, L Keegan 2/16, C Durante 2/18
11/1	L Connelly 30*, M Morgan 2/20
11/2	T Goulden 2/8

## 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 \$80, 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 \$80, 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](mailto: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 Sports Club after the game. Please make every effort to ensure your team helps out in this important fundraiser for the club.

Ticket sales are to start by 6:30pm.

DATE	TEAM	DATE	TEAM
Feb 01, 2014	TBA	Mar 08, 2014	B14
Feb 08, 2014	B4	Mar 15, 2014	U12/2
Feb 15, 2014	U16/1	Mar 22, 2014	TBA
Feb 22, 2014	B12	Mar 29, 2014	TBA
Mar 01, 2014	U13/2		

### Coming Events

#### Junior Photo Day - Saturday, February 22 and March 01, 2014

Team photos for the Junior teams will be taken at Ted Horwood Reserve, starting at 11am. All teams should head back to Ted Horwood after their game finishes. This will hopefully avoid a rush at 12:30 and teams won't have to wait around for too long. To avoid some of the congestion experienced in past years, we have again split the teams over two weekends. The dates for each team will be advised shortly.

#### Junior Double Wicket Competition - Sunday, February 23, 2014

The Junior Double Wicket will again be held at Ted Horwood Reserve. Be there by 8:30am so we can start promptly at 9:00am.

Junior Double wicket is for Under 11 through to Under 16. The players are split into two competitions:

Junior - for Under 11 to Under 13

Intermediate - for Under 14 to Under 16

Players will be paired according to age, so that all teams have a chance. For example, an Under 11 player will be paired with an Under 13 player.

A free sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch. The canteen will also be open.

Players receive a free can of soft drink for every six hit

Be sure to bring sunscreen, chairs for the parents, your own drinks (canteen will be open) and cricket gear if you have your own. Club gear will be provided for those who don't have their own.

It will be appreciated if parents can volunteer to help out on the day with some umpiring, scoring, or serving in the canteen. If everyone does a little bit then everyone can enjoy the day.

#### Grand Final BBQ - Sunday, March 30, 2014

Details will be published as they are finalised.

The function will be held on the Sunday night of the Grand Final weekend at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club. All senior and junior players, officials and supporters are welcome.

## Around The Grounds

Baulkham Hills Cricket Club is doing reasonably well with 7 teams at the top of the table, 12 in the top 4 of their grades.

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 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, so get along to the Sports Club for a chance to win.

Our Baulko website has lots of information - have a look at [www.baulkocricicket.com.au](http://www.baulkocricicket.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 February 4 2014 at 7:30pm at the Sports Club. Please make sure each team is represented.

If you have any news or gossip for the newsletter, let us know by email at [owzatt@baulkocrickert.com.au](mailto:owzatt@baulkocrickert.com.au)

## Trivia

Records Galore – Courtesy of crictrivia.com

At Colombo in 1996-97 India won the toss and batted first. Having scored 537/8 they declared trying to bowl Sri Lanka out for under 337. How wrong they were! Sri Lanka scored 952/6 (a test record) with Sanath Jayasuriya (340) and Roshan Mahanama (225) putting on 576 runs (a test record and 1 run short of the first-class record). They also became the only pair to bat through 2 full days of test cricket.

At the other end of the spectrum, New Zealand were dismissed by England for 26 at Auckland in 1954-55 - a test record for the lowest team total.

The highest first-class score is 1107 by Victoria vs New South Wales in 1926-27. The lowest score by a full team is 12 - by Northamptonshire vs Gloucestershire in 1907!

Alec Bedser took 14/99 in a test against England in 1953 - the best bowling figures by a bowler in a losing cause.

Ricky Ponting holds the equivalent batting record scoring 242 in a losing cause against India at Adelaide in 2003-04.

Australia's Clarrie Grimmet and India's Dilip Doshi are the only bowlers to take 100 test wickets having started their international careers after the age of 30.

Mario Zagallo of Brazil won the football world cup both as a player and as coach. Geoff Marsh has achieved the same feat in cricket, winning in 1987 as a player and in 1999 as coach.

One of the greatest bowlers in history, Hedley Verity took 10/10 against Nottinghamshire in 1932 - the best bowling figures in first-class history. It is also the only ten-for to include a hat trick. He died during WW-II after having being taken prisoner in Italy.

Who is the worst bowler in test cricket? Well that's a toughie! Statistically speaking it is Ravi Shastri of the West Indies whose three match test career saw a bowling average of 318 (the worst in test history) at a strike rate of 585. However, Roger Wijesuriya of Sri Lanka has the worst strike rate of 586 - though he has a better average of 294!

Ken Suttle of Sussex played in 423 consecutive first-class matches between 1954 and 1969 - the longest streak by any cricketer.

Western Province bowler, Bob Crisp is the only bowler to have taken 4 wickets in 4 balls twice in his first-class career.

In 1899, 13-year old Arthur Collins scored 628\* in a junior match for Clarke's House at Clifton College. This remains the highest score in any form of cricket. He then took 11 wickets to help his team beat North Tower by an innings and 688 runs! Collins never played first-class cricket and was killed in WW-I.

The record for the highest partnership in any form of cricket is held by two slightly better known players. Sachin Tendulkar (329\*) and Vinod Kambli (349\*) put on an unbeaten stand of 664 for their school in the Harris Shield tournament.

Women's Cricket - Janette Brittin of England scored 1935 runs for England in 27 tests, making 5 test centuries - both world records. Kiran Baluch of Pakistan scored 242 against the West Indies in 2003-04, a world record.

Charles Bannerman scored the first test century. Billy Murdoch, who played for both Australia and England scored the first test double century (he also hit the first ever six in test cricket). Andy Sandham of England scored the first triple century (in what was his last test match), and Brian Lara has scored the only quadruple century.

Five batsmen have been left stranded on 99\* in a test match. Strangely enough this is a fairly recent phenomenon. The unlucky batsmen are Geoff Boycott, Steve Waugh, Alex Tudor, Shaun Pollock and Andrew Hall. While four of them managed test centuries, 99\* is the highest test score for Alex Tudor. Mike Atherton once declared England's innings and left Graeme Hick stuck on 98\*. Andy Flower of Zimbabwe was left on 199\* against South Africa (he added 142 in the second innings for good measure), and the greatest of them all Sir Don Bradman was once left stranded on 299\*.

## Match Results and Reports

### 10R Baulkham Hills v Greystanes

We played Greystanes at Hazel Ryan and Siddharth Dhoble was elected as Captain for the day.

Greystanes won the toss and decided to bat.

Due to some players been away the teams decided to cancel day two of round 7.

### 10W Baulkham Hills 0/150 def Kellyville 5/116

Zane was our Captain this week, and tossed the coin magnificently. Kellyville called it and sent Baulko in to bowl. All the boys bowled well in difficult, blustery conditions. Cohen opened with an impressive 0-2 off his 2 overs. Luke, Anvay and Sharman all hit the stumps and Mitchell took a confident catch (unfortunately, it was off a no ball). At the end of the innings, Kellyville were 3/71.

Raj and Anvay opened our batting, running well between the wickets. Anvay scored 10 runs and Sharman scored 9, including a well-run 3 with Andrew. The outfield was slow, which meant well-hit balls only went for singles, but Zane hit a beautiful 4 off the last ball of the innings. We finished the day at 1/68.

Week 2 in the heat, and we were lucky to field first. There was excitement early in the day, when Mitchell achieved a great run out. Our bowling was a lot tighter this week, with only 23 sundries on the skinny pitch. Anvay was our best bowler, scoring 2 for 5 off his 3 overs (which included a wicket maiden).

Kellyville only had 3 batsmen this week, so it was an early change of innings. Our batters got right into the groove, with fours aplenty. Well done to James on scoring his first runs of the season (5/0). Jesse (13/0), Cohen (12/0) and Anvay (10/1) all made it to double figures, and we finished our innings on 2/175. Adjusting our score down to 9 batters meant that Baulko finished on 0/150. A huge win, from a solid team performance.

Merry Christmas boys! Have a great break & we'll see you on 1 February.

#### Game Statistics:

Batting	Runs	Wickets
Raj Kulkarni	1	0
Anvay Gholkar	10	1
Sharman Singlachar	9	0
Andrew Burns	1	0
Yasiru Jayasekara	4	0
Zane Ritchie	5	0
James Pearce	5	0
William Davidson	9	0
Mitchell Zywitz	8	0
Cohen Bultitude	12	0
Jesse Cameron	13	0
Luke Urkanci	0	1

  

Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs
Cohen Bultitude	3	1	0	3
Luke Urkanci	2	0	1	6
Mitchell Zywitz	2	0	0	15
William Davidson	2	0	0	2
Zane Ritchie	2	0	0	2
Raj Kulkarni	3	0	0	5
Yasiru Jayasekara	2	0	0	9
Anvay Gholkar	3	1	2	5
Sharman Singlachar	2	0	1	8
Andrew Burns	2	0	0	9
Jesse Cameron	2	0	0	13
James Pearce	2	0	0	19

### 10C Baulkham Hills D vs Baulkham Hills C

No report submitted.

### 10D Baulkham Hills D vs Baulkham Hills C

No report submitted.

<b>11/2</b>	<b>AKA Crusaders 71</b>	<b>def</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 66</b>
	T Goulden 2/8		

Oh so close. We almost had our first win of the season.

After being send in to bat, we were dismissed for just 66 runs. Crusaders didn't give away too many extras, and contained our batsmen well making scoring difficult. Minuka Fernando batted well to top score with 15 runs, ably supported by Daniel Spurr with 9 runs. Oscar Turner also defended well, batting for an hour to finish 2 not out.

We then had the chance to bowl at them on day 1, and we set up an exciting finish by having taken 5 wicket for just 37 runs by the close of play.

The anticipation was high, as this was our best chance yet at a win. It was neck and neck, with runs coming slowly, but being matched by wickets falling. Commitment in the field was high, with some great run saving stops, and catches starting to stick more often. We went to drinks needing just two more wickets, but they needed just five more runs.

Unfortunately, after a few very tight overs, a wide and a boundary in one over saw crusaders take the win. We bowled on, and took the final two wickets for only five more runs to have them all out for 71. Pick of the bowlers was Timothy Goulden with 2-8 with his "bouncers" proving very difficult to handle. The rest of the wickets were shared amongst 7 bowlers and there was a smart run out by Minuka charging in from point to pick up the ball on the pitch, and throw down the stumps of the unsuspecting batsmen who was standing out of his crease.

While we have improved greatly over the season so far, with 50 sundries in their total of 71, this is one area where further improvement will definitely make a big difference.

A pretty good effort all around. Keep it up, and our first win won't be far away.

<b>11/1</b>	<b>Rouse Hill Rams 8/134(cc)</b>	<b>def</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 125</b>
	M Morgan 2/20		L Connelly 30*

What a game, Rouse Hill batted first and with the help of some loose bowling put together a solid innings. Our boys got back into some bad habits giving the opposition 40 free runs.

Our run chase started badly with 2 wickets falling for a single run, at 4/24 the Rouse Hill cheer squad were going at full tilt. Some determined batting was to come but a loss looked inevitable when the last pairing came together with our boys needing 43 to win.

The Rouse Hill cheer squad went very quiet as Liam and Brendan put together a solid partnership scoring freely but alas with 9 runs to go off 4 overs, we lost the last wicket to a run out. Oh so close.

2 losses in a row has coach on his toes but hopefully things will turn around after the break.

<b>12/2</b>	<b>Rouse Hill Rams 88</b>	<b>def by</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 118</b>
	G Singh 2/1 L Keegan 2/16 C Durante 2/18		and 6/64

Finally in round 7, the boys tasted there first win & that too by beating the top team of there pool. The boys were very much disappointed with there last couple of losses which were very close. This win was an overall team effort where boys scored 118 run, there 2nd best score so far. Also when it came to bowling, our start was bit shaky but we got our rhythm back & bowled the opponent to 88 runs with a magnificent win of 30 runs. The bowling contributions of Amrit (4 over 3 maiden 1 run 2 wicket) supported by Liam, Chris & Ayush who also took 2 wicket each. The boys went for holidays on high note & hopefully will deliver similar results once the season is resumed.

<b>12/1</b>	<b>Pendle Hill Colts 71</b>	<b>def by</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 9/215(cc)</b>
	M Whitehouse 2/1 M Blinman 2/4 L Pethybridge 2/8		R Johns 67* M Blinman 50

No report submitted

<b>13/2</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 135</b>	<b>def</b>	<b>Winston Hills 89</b>
	J Zann 51* A Wagner 28		L Durrant 3/5 A Chennapragada 2/10

Winston Hills won the toss and elected to bat.

This match saw the two undefeated teams in the competition go head to head for the first time since last seasons nail biting semi final. This match was another close contest and it was Baulkham Hills that took the ascendancy as Adam claimed an early wicket and then Patrick effected a run out of the competitions leading run scorer for six with a direct hit. The baulko boys maintained the pressure with some great fielding by Jake, Aaruran and Neelaabh and catching by Hamish, Lukas and Josh. Lukas was the pick of the bowlers claiming 3/5 against his former side and was well supported by Aniruddh, Jack and Andre who also took wickets. Hamish claimed the final wicket and Winston Hills was all out for 89.

Baulkham Hills then had to see out the last 40 minutes of the day with the bat and after losing two early wickets Patrick and Adam held firm for the boys to be 2/30 at stumps.

Day 2 of this match saw Baulkham Hills lose early wickets and suddenly Winston Hills were right back in the contest with Baulko at 6/42. With Josh and Lukas at the crease these two boys showed true fighting spirit as they built the innings with patience and technique and they closed in on the Winston Hills total. When Lukas was dismissed the boys had put on a 45 run partnership and the team was only three runs shy of victory. Tom then came to the crease and looked very solid as he provided great support to Josh who fittingly brought up the winning runs. Josh would go on with it to remain 51 not out in what was a match winning innings.

Baulkham Hills now go into the Christmas break leading the competition. Congratulations boys!!

<b>13/1</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 6/154</b>	<b>def</b>	<b>Kings Langley 8/153(cc)</b>
	L Perkin 54 C Edwards 31		W Wijeyasiri 3/6 S Balzarolo 2/18

On a fairly lush ground, Kings Langley won the toss and decided to bat.

Baulkham Hills opening bowlers did well but were unable to break through. Then strike bowler Wijith came on and weaved his magic with an opening spell of 1/2 off 4 putting Kings Langley on the back foot. Kings Langley were 2-20 before a good stand of 59 pushed them toward a good total. Sam came on and tempted some batsmen into hitting the ball into the air, taking two important wickets.

Kings Langley kept their scoring rate of around 2.5 to 3 runs per over until the end, putting up a competitive score.

Notable figures of 3 for 6 off 7 overs for Wijith who has been our best bowler this season. Ryan bowled without luck, 0/7 off 7. Sam 2/18 off 4 overs. Harrison King 1/12 off 7. Cam Edwards 1/11 off 4.

Baulkham Hills 6/154 off 54 overs in reply.

The second week. And Baulkham Hills council did us no favours at all, not cutting the grass at all during the week. So we had long grass to contend with!

However - Luke and Cameron Noud got us off to a great start, with a 49 run partnership off just 13 overs. Cameron Noud made 17 runs. Harrison King came in with 7 runs (35 run partnership with Luke). Luke had made a lovely 54 runs including 6 boundaries and a big six. However he holed out in the deep. We had 2 wickets falling in quick succession and were suddenly 4/93. The match was in the balance with two new batsmen at the crease. However Ryan and Cameron Edwards batting wonderfully. A 53 run partnership put Baulkham Hills back in the box seat. Then Man of the Match Ryan (22), and Cameron E (31) fell in quick succession, and Baulko were 6/146. But Harrison Bultitude (5 n/o) and William (2 n/o) steered the team home to a good victory. Well done boys, this keeps us in 2nd position leading into the holidays.

Next match against the unbeaten Rouse Hill will test our mettle. But if we play to our potential we will give them a good challenge.

See most of you on December 27th - when the boys get to go out on the field at the Thunder vs Strikers match and get caps from the players (thanks to our Weetbix cup campaign last season)...enjoy!

<b>14/2</b>	<b>Wentworthville Leagues 7/154</b>	<b>def</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 62</b>
	G Jacob Kakkassery 2/14 J Eades 2/25		

No Report Submitted

<b>14/1</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 6/151</b>	<b>def</b>	<b>Hills Barbarians 147</b>
	P Sharma 63 V Fernando 30		L Palaster 3/21 V Rao 2/8

No Report Submitted

<b>15/2</b>	<b>Winston Hills 80</b>	<b>def by</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 89</b>
	J Bartlett 4/6 L Jerome 3/29 A Gholkar 2/5		A Gholkar 38 and 2/97 L Jerome 38*

Performances –

Josh Bartlett 24 & 4/6 & 23

Aaditya Gholkar 38 & 2/5 & 22

Luke Jerome 3/29 & 38 n.o

A win of the toss was crucial for us as we were only going to have 9 players on week 1 & 8 players on week 2. Luckily enough, we won the toss & elected to bat. We were in a heap of trouble at 3/3 in the 3rd over. Josh & Jamie steadied the innings & then

Aaditya got us back on track to slowly build us up to 89. Although a low total, we thought that we could possibly defend this. A brutal opening spell from Luke Jerome saw their opener get hit in the shoulder on the first ball & lose his stumps on the 2nd ball. Luke & Stephen again bowled well in tandem with a wicket a piece after 6 overs. Most of the boundaries coming from edges over slips. A big thank you to Andrew Burns & Anvay Gholkar for rushing from under 10s once their game finished to fill in for us in the field for an hour. These two little boys having no fear against the much quicker pace in the field of under 15 & helped us dry up the runs with an extra two bodies on the field. At the end of day 1, they were 3/43.

Week 2 saw 8 positive players walk out onto the field. The plan was to get 2 early wickets as they have a weak tail. We quickly made the breakthrough & then another quick wicket followed. The opposition batsmen struggled immensely against the pace of Luke & the accuracy of Josh. Josh getting four wickets for 6 runs off 6 overs. The highlight was our fielding. Despite only having 8 players on the field, we managed to bowl to our field. Everyone chased the ball like it was worth a million dollars & the pressure we put on their batsman to score runs was high. A great result to defend a low total considering the amount of open space in the field with our 8 players. Due to the early result, we went back into bat. Josh & Luke put on an opening partnership of 51. Luke & Aaditya then put on a 45 run partnership for the second wicket. This is a great result boys, it just goes to show what a positive attitude & to back yourself at all times can do to a team's performance. This will put us in 1st spot for the Christmas break.

<b>16/1</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 105</b>	def	<b>Hills Barbarians 64</b> C Blinman 5/14 J Luther 3/4 A Coy 2/13
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No report submitted.

<b>B15</b>	<b>Kings Langley 9/293</b> <b>and 5/136</b>	def	<b>Baulkham Hills 166</b>
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No report submitted.

<b>B14</b>	<b>Pendle Hill Colts 264</b> B Ankadawala 4/43 T Thiruloganathan 2/21 J Mehta 2/61	def by	<b>Baulkham Hills 274</b> T Thiruloganathan 87 J Mehta 61 D Green 41
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No report submitted.

<b>B13</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 258</b> N Dar 68 V Patel 62 H Shah 37	def	<b>Rouse Hill Rams 94</b> V Patel 6/15 H Shah 2/31 <b>and 6/75</b> R George 3/19 A Khan 2/17
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Dinal Patel - 23 runs

Ajaz Khan - 1-11 and 2-17

Hardik Shah - 37 runs and 2-31

Noman Dar - 68 runs

Riushaad George - 3-19

Vishal Patel 62 runs and 6-15 and 1-11

B13 had its fifth successive win of the season to finish the halfway mark on 46 points. The win was set up in the first hour on the first day when Noman Dar took to the bowling to score 68 runs in the first hour. When he was dismissed, we were well placed at 2-101. A fifth wicket partnership of 78 runs between Vishal Patel (62 runs) and Hardik Shah (37 runs) ensured we reached 250 runs for the third time this season.

The most pleasing thing about the victory was we dominated with the ball for the first time this season. The attack was led by Vishal Patel (6-15 and 1-11) and we were able to dismiss Rouse Hill for just 94 and enforce the follow-on. Riushaad George (3-19) inspired an early collapse from Rouse Hill and when the sixth was taken with about 90 minutes still to play an outright victory seemed a possibility. We were held up by a couple of precocious teenagers and had to settle for first innings points.

Man of the Match - Vishal Patel

<b>B12</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 134</b> <b>and 3/141(dec)</b> N Dias 42* C Thirimanna 31*	def	<b>Wentworthville Leagues 65</b> A Liyanage 3/20 R Kapoor 2/12 <b>and 1/77</b>
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Baulko won the toss and elected to bat. Despite 8 players getting a start, the highest score was 20 from Neshan Dias. This resulted in the comparatively modest total of 134. Spirited bowling and fielding reduced Wenty to 7 for 45 by stumps on the first day. Wenty added 20 runs on the second day before being all out for 65. This gave Baulko a 69 run lead on the first innings. As this was below the 75 run threshold for enforcing the follow-on, Baulko returned to the batting crease in search of quick runs. Led by 42 not out from Neshan Dias and 31 not out from Chaminda Thirimanna, Baulko was able to declare at 3 for 141, an overall lead of 210 runs. Baulko then had just under 2 hours to dismiss Wenty a second time and gain the 10 outright points. After taking an early wicket, Baulko was not able to break through again and the match concluded with Wenty 1 for 77.

<b>B10</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 218</b> S Smith 98* and <b>95</b> S Smith 41* P Searson 33*	def	<b>Kings Langley 160</b> T Azzopardi 4/46 P Coundrelis 3/15 M Yuvarajan 2/22 and <b>152</b> T Azzopardi 3/26 C Millgate 3/43 M Yuvarajan 2/20
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<b>B8</b>	<b>Hills Barbarians 110</b> D Mason 4/33 J Galofaro 2/4 R Deane 2/43	def by	<b>Baulkham Hills 186</b> R Deane 37 D Mason 36 M Ritchie 29 A Yee 28
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Baulkham Hills won the toss and batted

This match will be remembered for two reasons – the excellent win and contribution by all players & the Hills Barbarian player who made a complete fool of himself at the batting crease (more about him later).

Once again we won the toss and batted and once again our batting came to the fore with solid contributions from most batsmen. Although on occasions we lost a couple of quick wickets, we were able to keep the momentum of the innings at a run rate of 4 per over and were bowled out with a more than respectable total. Due to the scoring rate we were also able to have 45 minutes bowling before stumps and we captured three valuable wickets to have them 3/36 at stumps.

Hills Barbarians chose to be attacking on the second day but were undone by accurate and more importantly patient bowling – similar to the batting, several bowlers contributed with Daniel being the stand out with 4 wickets to cap off a fine all round performance.

Two wins in a row will give us some momentum heading into 2014, looking forward to it myself.

Oh I almost forgot – a Hills Barbarian player had a few nice words to say at the batting crease. He proceeded to mock our meagre total of 186 (even though they fell 76 runs short) but the best comment came when Brett McLaren was moved to 3rd slip.

Before the ball was bowled he laughed and uttered the words “I never hit it there” pointing to Brett - the very next ball he edged and hit the perfect waist high catch to Brett who, true to form, took a great catch. He left the ground on his walk of shame back to his team mates hearing laughter of our own – funny thing is that this bloke looked exactly like Joe Root from England but had the batting technique of Phil Tufnell. Let’s hope Santa fills his stocking with common sense, batting ability and most of all humility.

Merry Christmas to all.

## **B7 BYE**

Nothing to report.

<b>B4</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 137</b> R Jones 48 B McKenzie 40 and <b>99</b> K Govender 29	def by	<b>Wentworthville Leagues 197</b> B Jones 6/62 and <b>2/40</b> R Jones 2/24
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No report submitted.

<b>B2</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 266</b> D Higginbotham 57 J Macrae 52 B Gibson 43 W Koski 27 C Blinman 25*	def	<b>Winston Hills 172</b> G Strangwick 6/42
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The game started positively with Tony somehow managing to win the toss after the coin initially landed on its edge. This toss victory, however, was poorly timed as we would have been happy to bat or bowl, should have been saved for a 40 degree day, but oh well. None the less, “we are batting” was the call from skip.

Tony and Wardy strode out to the middle, but not long after, we all had the pleasure of seeing Tony close up again with the score on just 10, falling caught behind for 8. Brayden ‘only-ever-plays-one-week-of-a-match’ Gibson joined Ward, and the two combined beautifully and runs were flowing nicely. It was a good start considering star batsmen Chris was out, probably nursing a sore back after carrying the team thus far. After some lovely strokes, Gibbo holed out to a fielder in the deep for a well-earned 43, and Ward only lasted one more run as Winsto grabbed 2 wickets for one run, leaving two new batsmen at the crease. 3/83, and with two completely talentless but devilishly handsome cricketers at the crease, things were evenly poised. However, Dave and Joe combined brilliantly to put the team in a strong position. The 99 run partnership, which included a lost ball, courtesy of the biggest straight six ever seen in B2’s (sorry Luke), helped get Dave to an impressive 57. With things looking good, Dave cut one straight to point, ending the partnership. 4/182 was a healthy position. Gav came in and slashed his way to 13, before the interesting choice of trying to cut one headed for middle peg sent him packing, 5/199. Harry came to the crease and hit a few lovely sixes, before Joe fell to a wild hack the ball after raising his bat for 52. It was a sad way to see quite possibly the best half century of a generation come to an end, and no, he is definitely not the one writing this report... 6/211. Jason came to the crease

and quickly returned to the shade of the tree, playing all around one on 2, 7/221. Young Chris Blinman came to the crease and right from the onset played aggressively. Combined with Harry, the score climbed very quickly. Harry then swung at one to many, falling for an entertaining 21, 8/240. Chris continued playing brilliant, with Luke chipping in with a 4, and Josh playing a very elegant 9, possibly looking for a promotion??? All out for 266. Competitive, but not a sure thing on the 'foosball-table sized' field of little Ted.

Bowling week arrived, and it was met with a sloppy fielding attitude. The usually tight unit, was fielding quite poorly, and the inability to get the first breakthrough was making these mistakes feel more and more costly. With the score on 70, we finally made the break through. Josh catching off Gav to send the less threatening opener back to the sheds (dirt and tables). Another 40 runs were put on before the second wicket fell. 2/111. The prized wicket of the opener for 72. Things were very much in the balance, but we knew they were a few men short, and we pressed on. The rest of the innings was inspired by a brilliant spell from Gav. How he didn't collapse or have a knee buckle in his 17 overs of bowling is one of life's great mysteries, but he pushed on, and finished with figures of 6/42. To assist this Gav master class, Josh also picked up a well-deserved wicket, and Chris Blinman capitalised on a coming together of the batsmen to pick up a run out. An honourable mention goes to Tony for using his captaincy to avoid paying a fine, by taking himself off for being clobbered around, a very noble act there. All in all, 94 run win, with two fifties and a 6 wicket haul, a great result to take into the Christmas break.

<b>B1</b>	<b>Kellyville 256</b>	def	<b>Baulkham Hills 231</b>
	J Freeman 4/21 A Rainu 3/55 R Garland 2/32		A Hitchcock 54 J Rich 44 T Lockhart 33*

No report submitted.

<b>A Res</b>	<b>Baulkham Hills 198</b>	def	<b>Winston Hills 82</b>
	A Shearman 46		S Hilbrink 3/5 S Sarlog 2/10 P Woods 2/19 M Robertson 2/21 and <b>2/100</b>

No report submitted.