

The Third Man's Report

Check out our new web site

Have a look at the new Baulko web site. All the news about club events, fixtures, results, ladders etc are all available at the following web site – www.baulkocricket.com.au

To see your team's results, go to baulkocricket.com.au, select 'Team Pages' then select your team. From there you can see the ladder by selecting 'Tables'.

To all Captains, Coaches and Managers

Match Results

I need match results in by **Sunday afternoon** following the conclusion of the game, so they can be submitted to the PDCA. You can either drop them off at the club or email them to me at results@baulkocricket.com.au If no results are submitted you get **NO POINTS and may be fined!** It is up to you to get the results to me – I will not be chasing anybody. When putting in players' names, can you put in their first name as well so that I can pass this onto the PDCA.

Team Reports

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

PDCA Newsletter

The PDCA Newsletter is now available on their web site at the following link: [PDCA Cricket News](#)

Team Performances:

A	Tie	B14	Outright win
B12	Outright win		

Individual Achievements

Sumit Kalia	A	51	Steve Ahern	B13	58
David Byrne	B1	52	Sacha Fernandez	B13	5/47
Trent Hession	B4	72	John Jerome	16/1	65
Glenn Kennaway	B4	63no	Aviv Pudipeddi	16/1	50
Sacha Hilbrink	B5	6/44	Jerome/Pudipeddi	16/1	100 run p/ship
Pat Mamo	B5	5/54	Daniel Chatman	13/1	77
Adam Meakins	B8	5/35	Samira Kasthuriarachchi	13/1	6/20
Greg Leeson	B11	74	Sam Shiel	11/1	5/2
Don Crawford	B11	60			

Canteen Roster – Ted Horwood Reserve

Teams are reminded to have people available to man the canteen at Ted Horwood Reserve. The canteens raise valuable funds for our club, which help us to keep the fees down. The following teams are rostered in the next few weeks –

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
18 December 2004	B6	Under 14/1
08 January 2005	No Junior Matches	Under 14/2
15 January 2005	No Junior Matches	Under 13/1
22 January 2005	No Junior Matches	Under 13/2
29 January 2005	B7	Under 12/1

Canteen Roster – Charles McLoughlin Oval

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DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
18/12/04	Under 16/1	B1
08/01/05	No Junior Matches	A Grade
15/01/05	No Junior Matches	B1
22/01/05	No Junior Matches	A Grade
29/01/05	Under 15/1	B1

Meat Raffle Roster – At The Sports

Most teams, both senior & junior, will be rostered to sell tickets back at the Sports Club on one Saturday. You only need two or three people to sell the tickets and it only takes about 30 minutes. Please ensure you turn up on your rostered night. It puts pressure on others when you don't.

DATE	TEAM
18 December 2004	B8
08 January 2005	No Meat Raffle
15 January 2005	No Meat Raffle
22 January 2005	No Meat Raffle
29 January 2005	B9

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Latest winners:

Dec 11	no meat raffle held
Dec 4	Trent Hession (B5) - 72

Remember you have to be in attendance at the meat raffle to win the award, so make sure you come back to the club & socialise with your club-mates.

Have-A-Go Clinic

Have-A-Go is celebrating the Christmas break with a BBQ this Friday night (December 17). Thanks to all those involved in the program. Your input has been most appreciated. This applies not only to those involved with running the program & coaching, but also to the others who assist – such as Terry & Sylvia Webb in the canteen, just to mention two.

Our Have-A-Go program is off on holidays until February when it will resume on Friday nights at Charles McLaughlin. It runs from 6.15pm to 7.30pm each week up. Jeff Warland is again co-coordinating the program, ably assisted by Kate Webb or is it vice versa? It is good to see a number of our younger players, who hold a Level 1 coaches certificate assisting. They are Luke Palmer, Troy Higginbotham, Tim Littlejohns & Ashleigh Endacott. Well done everyone.

If you have any queries, you can contact Jeff by e-mail at haveago@balkocricicket.com.au or check out the Have-A-Go page on our web site. Or just turn up and see Jeff or Kate on a Friday night.

Caught in Slips (all the juicy stuff!)

On behalf of the committee, I would like to wish all players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters all the best for the Christmas break. Have a safe & happy holiday & we look forward to seeing you back in 2005 for the business end of the season. – Peter McLoughlin, Club President.

Our Club Secretary, Bob Dokter, has been transferred to Canberra, as from mid January. We would like to thank him for his efforts over many years, especially the last few where he has been Senior Registrar & then Secretary. We wish him well in his new appointment and look forward to seeing him back at the Sporto whenever he is in town. We will miss his tremendous work – he has the minutes of the meetings out by 7.30am the morning after the meeting. Pretty slick!

CALLING ALL DILLS – YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU! Come on folks – I can't be the only one surrounded by dills at cricket! Make them famous. If someone does or says something silly, let the whole club know. Remember, the more people that are laughing, the funnier it is, and the longer we can remind them of it. It doesn't have to be one person, we can have multiple winners. We'll even award it to a whole team if they do something dumb enough. It doesn't even have to be a player – nominate your captain, coach manager, scorer, whoever! Drop me a line at owzatt@baulkocricicket.com.au or let a committee member know (you can even nominate one of them!)

Dill of the Week goes to the captain of B13 – Michael Homsy. Seems Mick organised a sub fielder for the first week who wasn't required. Mick offered to drive said fielder to the bus stop when his side was 6 wickets down. Trouble is Mick hadn't batted, and a collapse saw him timed out before he got back to the ground. Runner up goes to Graham Baker, who filled in for B5's last game. He opened his cricket bag to find the Sporto membership forms that he was supposed to give to the B4's – back in Round 1!

The B1's held a team BBQ last Saturday. A few of the boys looked to be warming up at Sporto, ready for a big night. Wonder what Sunday morning was like?

Speaking of the B1's, they were rather upset when the B7's had their attendance tally for the meat raffle increased by ½ - due to an impending baby. But last Saturday they got it back with the Pittman's getting 1/2 for their upcoming addition. Pretty fierce competition!

A Grade pulled off a great effort last weekend. With the opposition needing just 41 runs to win & with seven (7) wickets in hand, it looked like a tough ask. But the boys fought back to take 7/40 & pull off a tie. Great work!

Remember, if you have any stories for this column, contact the Owzatt Editor (owzatt@baulkocricicket.com.au) or the president (president@baulkocricicket.com.au).

Christmas Holiday Coaching Clinics with Jeff Warland

Jeff is running two coaching clinics during the school holidays. The dates and times of the two courses are:

- January 4, 5 & 6 at Ted Horwood Oval from 9.30am to 12pm
- January 18, 19 & 20 at Yattenden Oval from 9.30am to 12pm

Contact JEFF on 8920 0692 or 0405 588 137 by December 12 to book your place.

Christmas Holiday Coaching Clinics with Geoff Spotswood

Geoff is running several coaching clinics during the school holidays. The dates and times of the courses are:

- Clinic 1: 21-23 December at Ted Horwood Reserve, Baulkham Hills Reserve from 9:00am to 1:00pm
- Clinic 2: 12-14 January at Ted Horwood Reserve, Baulkham Hills from 9.00am to 1:00pm
- Clinic 3: 19-21 January at Ted Horwood Reserve, Baulkham Hills from 9.00am to 1:00pm
- Clinic 9: 24-25 January at Bernie Mullane Sports Complex, Kellyville from 9:00am to 1:00pm

Contact Geoff on 9849 8187 or 0401 382 409 or visit his website at www.cricketchoachingclinics.com.au

Social Committee

Christmas BBQ

The club is organising a Christmas BBQ after the games on Saturday December 18. All players and supporters welcome - Senior and Junior. Mark the date in your calendar. The evening will kick off at about 5:30pm. More details are available on the web site – www.baulkocricicket.com.au

Vision Impaired Game

On Sunday January 30, there will be a special match at Ted Horwood. It will be between a Baulkham Hills Select X1 against the Vision Impaired team. If you haven't seen these guys play, then get along & watch a great game. The canteen will be open. If you would like to be involved in the game, let Ian Chatman know.

Meat Raffles

The Meat Raffles continue every week back at the Sports Club after the senior games. Ticket sales usually commence by about 6:30pm. There have been a few teams who have not turned up to sell tickets for the meat raffle. Please ensure you do when rostered for these duties. It puts pressure on others, should you not turn up.

Trivia Night – Saturday February 19 – Baulkham Hills Sports Club

All teams are asked to donate a prize or cash to the value of \$30 to assist with prizes. Please contact Jeff Warland or Peter McLoughlin.

Remember to keep your Melbourne Cup Second Chance Draw tickets & bring them to the Trivia Night in February for the chance to win \$200.

Krispy Kremes Partnership Cards

As part of the fund-raiser conducted on Registration Day, the club has some Krispy Kreme partnership Cards for sale. The cards get you a free dozen doughnuts, with any purchase of a dozen. The cards are valid until 2007 and can be used up to 10 times. They are \$12, and can be purchased back at the club on Saturday nights during the Meat Raffles.

Other Events

Other events will include the Senior Double Wicket – Sunday February 13 – Charles McLaughlin Reserve. & the meat raffle every week at the Sports Club. Full detail of the events will be given out at the next Captains & Manager's meeting. Check the web site regularly as details will be available once they are finalised.

CRICKET CLUB NOTICE BOARD

We now have our own notice board at the Sports Club. It is on the door, opposite the main bar. It will contain the player of week winners as well as the draw. Have look next time you are in the club.

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	13 for 142	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 90	Win on averages
<p>Baulko had a good win against Pendle Hill. Batting first we accumulated 142 runs for the loss of 13 wickets at an average of 10.41, and restricting Pendle Hill to 90 runs for the loss of 10 wickets at an average of 8.18.</p> <p>A pleasing all round performance in the field where they had some great moments with good bowling and fantastic ground fielding, especially in the hot conditions we had on Saturday.</p> <p>Our main contributors with the bat were the following Blake Newman-33(7fours) Mitchel Webb-17(3fours)</p> <p>And with the ball were Gaj Sivapalan-2 wickets for 5 runs, Mitchell Webb-2 for 3 runs, with single wickets to William, Geoffrey, Matthew, Nathan, and Jonathon.</p> <p>Overall a great team performance with signs that they are improving with every game.</p>				

10 Red	14 for 85	Greystanes	5 for 135	Loss on averages
<p>With both teams so far undefeated this promised to be an exciting game. Baulko lost the toss and were put into bat by Greystanes. Mark (1) and Amar (1) opened the batting, and against by far the best bowling attack the boys have seen this competition runs were hard to come by, however, all the boys applied themselves well and the runs were pretty evenly shared across the team in a good effort. Other contributions came from Cody (6), Lachlan (7), Sumedh (6), Sanju (6), Joshua (2), Pavan (1), Don (6) and Shanon (2).</p> <p>Greystanes turn to bat and Lachlan (0-7) and Pavan (2-15) opened the bowling. At the half way point Baulko was doing well having claimed 5 wickets and runs kept to a reasonable total, however, the second session saw the game escape from us and in the end Greystanes scored a comfortable win. Other bowlers to claim wickets were Shanon (1-5), Owen (1-8) and Ramit (1-5). A highlight of the fielding was a great catch by Sumedh who caught the ball running forward only centimeters off the ground.</p> <p>Even though this was the boys first defeat they should not be disappointed with their efforts as Greystanes, apart from being a very good team, were older boys, with most in their second season of modified cricket. They will all learn from this experience and become better cricketers and continue to enjoy the game.</p>				

10 White A	13 for 92	Baulko White B	11 for 58	Win on Averages
<p>This was the local derby between 2 BHCC teams. It was another close game with both teams bowling and fielding very well. All boys played well and the improvement in each boy is obvious. James Senior batted very well and Taseen also contributed well. There was some good running and although some risks paid off, we lost some wickets to run outs. All boys bowled very well, especially Joshua K, Joshua S, Taseen, Amit and Tom. Other boys bowled well and were very unlucky. Harrison fielded very well and there were 2 great catches. In all, a good game played in a good spirit.</p>				

10 White B	11 for 58	Baulko White A	13 for 92	Loss on averages
<p>A game played by two great teams, Well done to the White A team.</p> <p>The "A" team batted first, and totalled 13 for 92. Two wickets each to Devin, Nicholas, Utkarsh and Ramal. A special well done to Ramal. We witnessed some fielding; Good catch to Ricky, a direct run out by Devin and two further run outs; Yadhavan to Sean and Utkarsh to Sean.</p> <p>Week 2 saw the "B" team bat and unfortunately we lost to many wickets. Remember to BLOCK the straight ones. However we saw some sound batting by a good bowling attack. Top score of five to Ricky and Kunal, with runs coming from Devin, Owen, Nicholas, Jack, Yadhavan and Sachin. Well done to Vidushan for some fine defensive strokes.</p> <p>Baulko cricket is alive and well with some great players.</p>				

11/2	10 for 53, 3 for 15	Kings Langley	10 for 52, 10 for 33	First innings win
<p>Bowling 1st Innings Ben Graham 8 overs 2 wickets for 6 runs. Anoop Vaidya 7 overs 2 wickets for 16 runs. Jonathon Fulcher 4 overs 2 wickets for 7 runs.</p> <p>Batting Aidan Cousin top scored with 8.</p> <p>Bowling 2nd innings Jake Bailey 8 overs 4 wickets for 7 runs. Ryan Bailey 8 overs 3 wickets for 7 runs.</p> <p>A very close game on the 1st innings that saw us just sneak home by a single run. With our last pair at the wicket the 1st innings win was set up by fine bowling and fielding on the 1st day. In the 2nd innings some excellent bowling led by Jake and Ryan and well supported by Ben and Anoop saw us restrict Kings Langley to 33. However this left us only 25 mins to chase the 33 runs for outright victory which was always going to be a very tall order on the slow out field.</p>				

11/1	6 for 117	Hills Barbarians	10 for 45	First innings win
<p>We finally got to play a game at home (North Rocks.) The boys all bowled well and at drinks Hills Barbarians were 3/25. Then Sam Shiel bowled a spell to rival Nathan Braken 7-4 and took 5-1 finishing with 5-2 off 8 overs. Ash Thomas got 3-17 and Hills Barbarians after batting for 47 overs were bowled out for 45.</p> <p>The second week we batted all day (untill 11.30) and finished with 6-117. All who batted did well. Sam Bennetts the stand out with 46. His highest score. Tevin and Ash all scored 10, Sanji 9 all contributing well.</p> <p>All the boys look forward to the rematch with Pendle Hill next week.</p>				

12/2	7 for 79	Seven Hills RSL	8 for 147	First innings loss

12/1	3 dec 102	Wenty Leagues	10 for 57, 4 for 60	First innings win

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13/2	10 for 163	Norwest	10 for 144	First innings win
<p>This being the last match for the year, it was important that the team learnt from their last match and come away with a good win.</p> <p>Matthew won the toss as captain and we sent Norwest into bat. It didn't take long for us to claim our first scalp Kieran bowling their opener in his first over. With Adam tying the opposition down from the other end, it only took until the 6th over to claim another wicket and have Norwest in early trouble at 2/17. Just when Norwest's batsmen started to get their eye in, Mason came on and claimed a couple of quick wickets and by the drinks break Norwest were 4/58. However our concentration in the field began to drop as it did in our last game and Norwest took full advantage of it. Our keeping and fielding fell right away with the sundries being the top scorer for Norwest. With our drop in discipline and concentration, Norwest kept us in the field all day and finished up 8/142. Great bowling by Mason, Kieran, Adam and Joel who claimed another scalp for the year and a good catch.</p> <p>On the second day Norwest went back into bat to try and finish us off, but we responded well with us claiming the last two wickets in two balls.</p> <p>Chasing 145 runs for the win, Cameron and Robert opened up for the team. Unfortunately Cameron got caught behind off just the 4th ball of the innings, which made things tough. Then Adam came in and put together a great 69 run partnership with Robert all in the space of an hour. Robert did a great job and made 12 good runs before getting out just before the drinks break. Then in went Kieran with the score at 2/70 and combined superbly with Adam to take complete control of the match. The boys put on a fantastic exhibition of running between the wickets and ball placement to surpass the 145 run target with an hour to spare.</p> <p>Now ready to inflict some real damage Kieran was bowled after 35 great runs and an 80 run partnership with Adam. Adam selflessly came off to give his teammates a go. Unfortunately our middle order and tail struggled to find some runs after waiting so long to get out in the middle. With the game all over, we found ourselves all out for 163 runs and a good win to finish off the year.</p> <p>This team has the ability to do some serious damage to the competition this season if they can maintain their concentration in the field. Well done team – have a great Christmas and see you at training again on the 19th January.</p>				

13/1	7 for 205	Norwest	10 for 96	First innings win
<p>We lost the toss and were sent in to bat. Sean and Nick opened the batting each getting off the mark with fours. Nick & Sean built a great partnership of 72 runs when Sean (38) was caught in the 23rd over. Trent joined Nick at the crease only to see Nick (26) caught four balls later. Daniel opened his score with a four and Trent followed suit a few balls later. Daniel and Trent put on a good partnership of 65 when Trent (15) was caught. Gabriel joined Daniel at the crease adding another 41 to the score when the ball hit Daniel's pads to be given out lbw. Well batted Daniel with a personal best of 77 runs from 101 balls. Sam came in next and with about 20 minutes before stumps he took to the bowlers with some great shots scoring a quick 12 from 16 balls when caught to be given out for the first time this season. Brendan joined Gabriel at the crease with Gabriel (12) caught when pushing for quick runs. Teshan received one of the best balls of the day bringing Ben to the crease to face the last ball of the day. Well batted Brendan 10 runs not out from 6 balls. We finished with a team total of 7/205 against one of the best bowling sides in the competition. After heavy rain on Friday night we were pleased to see the sun on Saturday morning. Daniel and Sean opened with tight, accurate and fast bowling. Daniel knocked over the stumps in his 3rd over and Sean finished his first spell of 5 overs with 0/2 to have Norwest struggling at 1/8 after 10 overs. Teshan took a wicket in his first over with a great catch from Samira in slips. Samira bowled with his usual brilliance taking the next 3 wickets with a catch from Ben and two consecutive catches by Nick the keeper putting Samira on a hat-trick. Gabriel, Ben and Trent bowled well but were unable to pick up a wicket. Samira missed out on his hat-trick but eventually took the wicket of Dylan Duclos who batted with patience scoring 51 runs against some very good bowling. Samira picked up another wicket with a catch from Trent and was followed by Sam who bowled a wicket maiden with a catch from Nick. Samira took the last wicket to have the fantastic figures of 6/20 from 10 overs. Well done Baulko bowling Norwest out for 96 in 51 overs. Well done to Matthew, Brendan and Ben with some very sharp fielding and to Nick who kept very well giving away no byes.</p>				

14/3	10 for 76, 10 for 17	Norwest	7 for 208	Outright loss
<p>Norwest won the toss and sent us in to bat. The loss of our top order batsmen cheaply put us under pressure early with us at 4/13 after only 5 overs. Our middle performed admirably, setting about steadily building a total. However the damage had already been done and we finally ran out of batsmen in the 25th over with the score on 9/76. Norwest commenced their innings with a flurry that set the general tone for the rest of the day. Our bowlers worked hard in trying conditions taking several important wickets but Norwest made us pay dearly for lapses in our fielding. At the end of the first day's play Norwest had won the first innings and were at 4/138.</p> <p>The second day began with us still in the field trying to stave off an outright victory. The guys set about a difficult task admirably. Alex and Pranav bowled tidily under difficult conditions and managed to claim one wicket each. Christian and Preet continued the good work, bowling at a time when the Norwest batsmen were going after our bowling trying to put on runs quickly. After just over an hours' play Norwest finally declared at 7/208 off 53 overs. This left us to bat for the remainder of the day to prevent an outright loss. Again we lost early wickets which put us under pressure. Pranav and Alex batted with great restraint to stay at the crease for over 40 minutes each and only get 2 and 0 runs respectively. Unfortunately we were unable to hold out and with less than an hour remaining we were finally all out for a grand total of 10/17.</p> <p>Well done guys for showing great restraint and sportsmanship under very trying circumstances.</p> <p>Many thanks to Josh and Matt from the U13/1's, who both bowled and batted well in what was always going to be a difficult game.</p>				

14/1	10 for 133	Kings Langley	7 for 134	First innings loss
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15/2	10 for 83	Kings Langley B	9 for 131	First innings loss
<p>Another wet ground after a heavy rain during the previous night. Luckily the pitch and the surrounding area were dry enough to start the game. Andrew was the highest scorer again and this time he scored 34 runs. They, Nicholas, Conner and David batted well and kept the score moving to a reasonable total. Ryan bowled extremely well and got two wickets. He also fielded superbly and involved in one and only opponent run out. Tiamoor was consistent with bowling and got two wickets again. Mitchell and Connor got 1 wicket each. Once again our total was not enough to stop the opponent from winning the game.</p>				

15/1	Did not bat	Norwest	8 for 259	Draw
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16/2	10 for 79, 10 for 104	Fairfield Pats	3 for 224	Outright loss
<p>Captain Tim showed all the guts and stamina expected from a fearless leader turning up for the toss straight from his after formal party the night before. Fairfield were put right back on their heels when Tim, still dressed in a dinner suit, lost the toss and we were sent into bat with as usual less than a quorum ready to play at 8.30 AM. Tight bowling by Reece, Tim, Simon had Fairfield in trouble at 3-56. A very good partnership of 158 runs followed where the opposing batsman played very sensible and showed how easy it is when you protect your wicket and just wait for the loose ball and put that away. All the fielders stuck to the task and tried hard, but once again 5 dropped catches (all late in the morning) makes it hard for the bowlers Wicket takers were Simon 2-32 and Reece 1-18. Fielding points went to David, Brent and Reece. Left with 3 overs to play the spectators started packing up thinking defence was the order of play. The bookmakers made a killing on the stumps score when we were 4-30 off three overs (one was a maiden!!!) Brent was mainly responsible with 20 runs off four legitimate balls and a couple of no balls. Day two and the scoring rate continued with Reece taking 15 runs off the first over of the day, then getting out soon after. In what can only be described as a scorers nightmare we were all out for 78 in 13 overs. Simon 23, Brent 20, Reece 15 and J. Sundries 17 scoring most of the runs. Forced to follow on, we at least batted for 35 overs which is about half a day and scored 104. Tim 23, Bryce 22, Lokesh 10, Keith 10 and another consistent effort from John Sundries with 15 were the main contributors</p>				

16/1	8 for 192	AKA Sports	4 for 215	First innings loss
<p>Our batting started off OK with Aviv Pudipeddi (50) and John Jerome (65) and a final total of 192. It would have been nice to have a couple more players to assist the total but 192 was reasonably defendable.</p> <p>The second day saw us defending the total with only 8 players. I am extremely proud on the way the team played. They bowled and fielded their guts out. The opposition exploited our lack of players and were able to find the gaps necessary to score the required runs. Whilst we might have lost the game the team should be proud of the effort they put in.</p>				

B14	10 for 168, 2 for 17	Guldford Bowling	10 for 113, 10 for 71	Outright win
<p>The final game of the first half of the season brought Baulkham Hills and Guilford Bowling into confrontation at Everley Park South. The away team was given the ball, they opened with Elliott, 3 for 18 off 6.4, and Perera, 3 for 25 off 11, adding to their already growing haul in no small part by the catalyst, Shanahan, who took a diving catch behind his body at fine leg to remove one of the two threatening batsmen in the Guilford team. Scollay and Gorman featured highly with 3 for 25 off 5 and an eventful nine or ten balls keeping up to the stumps for the latter mentioned player. The period comprised five runs off his helmet, a couple of dropped balls, two more near misses of his helmet and then two quick stumpings in which he ripped the stumps from the sandy ground in which they previously stood. Concluding the innings of Guilford Bowling at 113.</p> <p>The structure of the Baulkham Hills team was put under pressure due to the highest run scorer and flamboyant opener, Adam Williams, unavailable for the match. With little structure and scars of first innings collapses in players minds the inevitable occurred. Elliot, Shanahan, Perera and Chesher were dismissed quickly and for unmentionable amounts of runs. So as de Ridder sat with his pads on for three hours after being demoted behind Scollay the batting side watched as the swinging ball and an endless spell of bowling from the openers which amounted to 30 and 27 overs respectively brought a brooding partnership between the accustomed opener, Touzel, and the promoted Scollay. The pair demolished the bowling attack at less than three runs an over before the score was reached. Touzel accumulating 44 and Scollay amounting to another half ton, 55 he reached before being caught at mid off. As a result the wait of de Ridder ended three hours after it had begun and only lasted three balls before Thomas, 17, and Gorman, 21, attempted to raise the run rate. 168 runs were brought up three overs after the drinks break providing a lead of 55.</p> <p>After much pressure from the bulk of the team and a Tim Bailey like weather prediction from Chesher the away side used their fielding finesses to remove Guilford for 71. Possibly highlighted best by Medds, substituting for Williams, fielding a ball in the 'region' and de Ridder fielding at silly mid off stopping a cover drive with his knee. Scollay removed three more batsmen in his man of the match performance and the skipper removed two himself including a stunning seaming ball that he's sure to say bounced about two yards wide of leg and took middle out of the ground. The fielding efforts of Thomas were for another week on show as he took a spiralling catch at fine leg and a run out almost as spectacular as the one Jake 'Fat Ronnie, Hamburglar.....' Gorman had dreamt of the night before.</p> <p>Just for a change Scollay was high scorer with 11 not out as he brought up outright victory as he had previously with first innings. A valuable ten points were gained in a rain swept day that only forced the players off the field once whilst the cries of the Guilford side fell on deaf ears as a structurally weaker Baulkham Hills side forced their way further up the ladder.</p>				

B13	10 for 104, 10 for 32	Parramatta Leagues	7 dec 195	Outright loss
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B12	10 for 208	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 125, 10 for 64	Outright win
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B11	10 for 266	Norwest	10 for 135, 1 for 23	First innings win
<p>Win Performances - Greg Leeson - 74 Don Crawford - 60 Ian Renton - 34 Russell Howell - 22 James Attard - 20 Dane Sparks 3-37 from 19 overs Adam Fahey 2-28 from 14 overs</p> <p>This match was won after drinks on the first day. At drinks Norwest were well placed at 3-96 from 35 overs. We looked like facing a run chase of over 200 on the second week. After drinks accurate bowling, excellent fielding and aggressive batting left us in a strong position at stumps. Dane Sparks (3-37) conceded less than two runs an over. Adam Fahey cleaned up the tail and Ian Renton and Don Crawford chipped in with vital wickets. The innings ended at 135 in spectacular fashion when the wicketkeeper, Greg Leeson, through down the stumps at the bowlers end.</p> <p>When it was our turn to bat, the first wicket fell at 43 in the 12th over. Don Crawford then proceeded to hit 39 runs at faster than a run a minute to leave us in a strong position at 1-86 at stumps. First innings points was claimed with three wickets down. Highlights were 74 runs including six 6's in 16 overs from Greg Leeson. Ian Cox had his best game for the season - figuring in a partnership of 57 runs with Greg and taking a catch as well as making several impressive stops in the field. A ninth wicket partnership of 38 runs between James Attard (20) and Russell Howell (22) took our innings over 250 for the second time this season.</p> <p>This victory over the competition leaders should see us finish round 7 in first or second place.</p> <p>Man of the Match - Greg Leeson</p>				

B9	10 for 73, 10 for 142	Kings Langley	10 for 156, 6 for 60	Outright loss
<p>Another disappointing loss for the B9's, but yet another sign of the potential that exists in the team. Kings Langley's first innings left the game in balance. After a solid partnership of 58 from their number three and four, they collapsed to 7/111 but some big hitting, including three sixes from three balls allowed them to reach the respectable total of 156. Whitey bowled well to take the first wicket and again showed his devastating pace and accuracy as he returned to clean up the tail, and was well supported by Jimmy with 2/32 and Ashish who destroyed the middle order with three wickets in an over. However, we again let ourselves down with some missed chances that could have seen Kings Langley defending a less respectable total.</p> <p>Missing two batsmen from our top order, we aimed to stay in there, make some runs, and allow the big hitters to attack the total next week. Despite the loss of an early wicket, Chris (19) and Jeremy (23) looked set to achieve that goal, but once their partnership was broken, a collapse ensued. Whitey showed some flair with the bat to make 21, but we were rolled for 73, and sent in again. With 15 minutes left to play, shoes were tied, leg, centre and off stump were taken, and the field was checked numerous times, and we finished the day at 1/ 5. The next week, a better approach to batting was employed. Whitey again was in the runs with 30, Goony showed what he can do with a quick 34 in big hitting partnership with the prolific run scorer Adrian. However, we were lacking the one big score that could tie the innings together and produce a big lead, and despite a 21 run contribution from Matt, we lost our last three wickets for 0 runs, managing only a 60 run lead.</p> <p>60 runs for a big hitting team like Kings Langley on Crestwood Oval seemed like a fait accompli, but again the team showed its hunger for victory in the last innings of the match. Whitey bowled an awe inspiring spell to take 5 wickets for 23 (at one point, 5/6), including a first over in which he cleanly bowled Kings Langley's no.2, 3 and 4 batsmen. He was again supported by a fiery spell by Jimmy, who struck two of their best batsmen cleanly on the head. At 5/15 and 6/32, with only 9 wickets required, victory teased us, but eventually some big six hitting from one batsmen again go Kings the edge over us, but not before we showed them how much of a fight we could put up.</p> <p>A disappointing loss, but again positives to be drawn from the effort. Our first batting innings continues to fall short of what is required, but the second innings has again revealed that there is immense batting potential in our line up, in terms of both technique and hitting power. Similarly, there is depth and talent in both the pace and spin bowling departments, which for the most part had the better of the Kings Langley batsmen. A realization of this potential, combined with catching that equals the commitment of our fieldsmen will allow us to beat any team in this competition.</p>				

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B8	10 for 87, 10 for 86	Hills Barbarians	10 for 84, 4 for 92	First innings win, Outright loss
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B6	10 for 129	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 141	First innings loss
<p>Andrew Hinton: 31 Ben Atkins: 27 Luke Fiore: 3 for 27</p> <p>Won the toss and bowled first due to player availability between weeks. Dave (1/12) got the early breakthrough in the first over. Pendle Hill then put on 48 for the second wicket. Luke (3/27) bowled really well and picked up two of the next three to fall. Andrew (1/16) kept it fairly tight at the other end and we had them 4/60 after 30 overs. Pendle Hill then put on 51 for the next wicket before Daryl (1/5) was called upon to break the partnership. We took the remaining wickets for 30 runs to have them all out for 141 after 58 overs, highlighted by the fact that 7 different bowlers took wickets. Tinley (1/3) & Vincent (1/3) taking their chances.</p> <p>To put it mildly, the chase didn't get off to an ideal start when we were 2/0 after 2 overs. Some lusty blows from Tinley (22) saw us reach 4/38 at stumps on day 1. Ben (27) and Andrew (31) started off on day two and put on 38 for the fifth wicket but at 5/68 we were still in trouble. Andrew and Matt then took the score to 6/94 and we were a bit of a chance. We then lost 3/6 to be 9/108 and it looked grim. Some good lower order hitting from Murra (16) and it seemed we might get out of gaol, but the last wicket fell for a partnership of 21, the team still 12 runs short.</p> <p>Back to back close losses. The difference was Pendle put on two 50 runs partnerships while our best was 38. If we are going to win the close ones we really need to buckle down and start getting the scores we know we can.</p> <p>Thanks to Troy Higginbotham for filling in and to Steve Denlow for fielding in the first week.</p>				

B5	10 for 186	Bulls	10 for 142, 9 for 90	First innings win
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B4	10 for 321	Erskine Park	10 for 162	First innings win
<p>The Erskine Park Spider Monkeys are the only team representing their suburb in the Parramatta District competition and now we know why. Erskine Park is totally devoid of any cricketing talent. There are Silver Back Gorillas in the lower Amazon that would have provided a more competitive game than these blokes.</p> <p>We won the toss and batted on a day when the tenth commandment was written ‘Thou shalt not get out cheaply to Erskine Park’.</p> <p>Yet another 50 run opening partnership by J-Dub(30) and Scarlet(35) sent us on our way. Two quick wickets and BS’s retaining of Goldie the Duck gave the Spider Monkeys some false hope. Those false hopes were dashed by a solid partnership between Scarlet and Bag(72) which set up a run-scoring feast. Quality batting throughout the day was capped off with Captain Kennaway’s (63n.o) first run of the year and a late order flurry/demolition from the big boofy Philbo Woods(40) and Silent Smith(30), the quiet assassin.</p> <p>With 321 runs on the board and 11 Spider Monkeys rain dancing on the sidelines, we sent them in for three overs at the end of the first day. It seems the only thing worse than their bowling was their batting, with their score at 2 for 1 at the end of the afternoon. There was a whisper that four night watchmen had been brought specially into this game for this particular situation, as it turned out, they just didn’t have any real batsman.</p> <p>Day two presented us with a challenge, how to get ten points really quickly. We struggled in the humid conditions with lapses in the field and unusually loose bowling causing us to settle for seven points. With Hards once again proving his mantle as the best of the bowlers (4/35), the Spider Monkeys were finally dismissed for 162 (in 50 overs) just as the storm blew in. Seems the rain dancing worked, albeit a little too late.</p> <p>This weeks spray goes to the doormen at the sporting club who have the B4’s collective nomination for dill’s of the week. I have represented Baulkham Hills Cricket Club for eight years and this triple premiership winning team has been together for five years and quite frankly, we are sick and tired of being treated as criminals when we go back to our own club.</p> <p>We have not been given our membership cards yet, so the hell what. We have paid our fees and are representing the club and have done so for over five years, and that means a hell of a lot more to me than a bloody plastic card. A general level of respect would be appreciated.</p>				

B2		Wenty Leagues		

B1	10 for 190	INKA	10 for 262	First innings loss

A	10 for 130	Greystanes	10 for 130	Tie