

The Third Man's Report

Check out our web site

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 'Team Pages' then select your team. From there you can see the ladder by selecting 'Ladder'.

The site will be updated regularly, and the club history will be added during the season.

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

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@baulkocricicket.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@baulkocricicket.com.au by Tuesday night after the game. Newsletters will be published during the week after a game.

Team Performances:

B1	Outright win	B9	Outright win
B4	Outright win	C	Outright win
B8	Outright win		

Individual Achievements

Andrew Denlow	B4	56	Charuka Abhayawickrama	B17	53 no
Keenan Galas	B4	5/18	Joe Gurka	C	65
Brad Green	B8	6/30	Max Pobihuszka	16/1	52
Brad Green	B8	159 no	Omali Fernando	13/1	5/38
B Green/A Cox	10th wkt partnership -	161	Nick McConnell	11/1A	50 ret.
Mark Erickson	B17	75			

Canteen Roster – Ted Horwood Oval

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

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
19 November 2005	B7	10 Red
26 November 2005	B6	15/2
03 December 2005	B16	Under 14/1
10 December 2005	C	Under 14/3
17 December 2005	B1	Under 13/1

Saturday Night Raffle Roster – At The Sporto

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.

DATE	TEAM
19 November 2005	B8
03 December 2005	B11
21 January 2006	B17

Social and Other Stuff

Junior Player of the Round

In order to recognise some of the junior players, we have introduced the Junior Player of the Round Award. This is similar to the Senior Player of the Round Award we had last season, but unfortunately the juniors do not receive a free beverage at the Sporto on Saturday night.

The winner for this round is Omal Fernando from the 13/1. Omal scored 40 out of the team total of 128 and took 5/38 as the opposition scored 8/217. Congratulations Omal.

Playing Fees

All players are advised that playing fees for the current season are now OVERDUE! If you have not paid your fees, please pay the money to your captain asap, or give it to any committee member at the Sporto on Saturday night.

Have-A-Go Clinic – Friday Nights

Once again we are running the Milo Have-A-Go clinic for 5 to 8 year olds on Friday nights. The clinic is being held at Charles McLoughlin Oval. Jeff Warland is again running the clinics, along with his merry band of assistants. The sessions run from about 6:00 to 7:30. If you are interested, come along and register on the night.

If you have any queries, you can contact Jeff by e-mail at haveago@baulkocricicket.com.au or our Junior secretary at juniors@baulkocricicket.com.au or check out the Have-A-Go page on our web site.

Saturday Night Raffles

The Saturday Night Raffles continue on the first week of each senior match back at the Sports Club after the Senior games. Ticket sales usually commence by about 6:30pm. This year the prizes are Woolies vouchers, which can be used at any Woolies, Big W, or Woolies Liquor stores

NSW Cricket Raffle

We are running the NSW Cricket Raffle this year. Tickets were given to each team at the first Monthly meeting. They cost just \$2 & there are some great prizes, including a corporate box at the Sydney Test on day one. Money and unsold tickets must be returned by November 25. Contact Leigh Griggs or anyone on the social committee.

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 Trivia Night in February. Full detail of the events will be given out at the next Captains & Manager's meeting. Check the will 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.

Caught In Slips

(All the latest from around the club)

If you want to find out what is happening at Baulko, log on to the website at: www.baulkocricicket.com.au.

Get back to the Sporto each week after the game & support the club. Don't forget the raffle held on the first Saturday of each senior game. Come back and hear about the games played. Support your club!

It is very disappointing that some seniors have not paid their registration fees yet. After all, it has been close on 6 weeks since the season commenced. Come on, get your money to your captain or any of the committee. As list of all defaulters was given to captains at last monthly meeting (November 1).

The PDCA rep squads have been selected. Congratulations to all Baulkham Hills players, coaches & managers:

Martin Shield (Open): Sumit Kalia
Durham Shield (U19): David Byrne & Nick Connellan (Coach)
Watson Shield (U16): Matthew Scholz, Jeff Warland (Coach)
Weblin Shield (U15): Thomas Gurka, Alex Mihalyka, Jacob Astill, Hari Raja, Joe Gurka (Manager),
Brett McNaught (Coach)
Moore Shield (U14): Brendan Temple Smith, Luke Dempsey, Sean Abbott.
Gee Shield (U13): Nick Bertus, Daniel Chatman, Gabriel Joseph, Ben Abbott, Ian Chatman (Manager),
Nigel Bertus (Coach)
Cawsey Shield (U12): Jackson Dwyer, Brett McLaren (Coach)
Creak Shield (U11): Blake Newman, Joel Pienmunne, Mitchell Webb.

Congratulations to Adam Wasyluk, a former Baulko junior (and son of George) who has played first grade with Mosman recently.

The annual Bankstown Challenge matches for seniors & U11 will be held at Charles McLaughlin on Sunday December 4. Games start at 10am. Let's see if we can defend our dual wins last year.

Another special match is coming up on Sunday November 27, when Baulko take on a NSW Vision Impaired select team at Charles McLaughlin Reserve. These guys will be preparing for the National Championship in Queensland at the end of the year. We are looking for players for the Baulko team. Contact Jason Currey. Baulko captain will be Peter Gunton.

Have-A-Go has commenced. It is held each Friday, at Charles McLaughlin Reserve, starting at 6pm. Thanks to coordinator Jeff Warland & his assistants Luke Palmer, Evan Platt, Tim Littlejohns & Matthew Gunton

The NSW cricket raffle tickets need to be returned in the next week or so. Please get them back to the Sports Club on Saturday night.

An amazing turn around in the B8 game last week. With 9 wickets down and still 3 runs short of the opposition's total, #11 Adrian Cox joined Brad Green. Not only did they get the first innings points, they managed to put together a 161 run 10th wicket partnership. A demoralised opposition fell for 105 in the second dig, giving Baulko an outright victory. Brad had a fair match – 6/30, 159 n.o. & the big partnership. Adrian, who says is not the most reliable batsman, did his bit with a nice 25 or so. Well done guys! We believe it could be a club record 10th wicket partnership.

A rather amazing round in seniors, with 5 outright wins & 4 outright losses amongst the results.

A reminder to all senior captains that all player requirements are to be coordinated through senior registrar Jason Currey.

Seems all the late nights supporting the various English sports teams has taken its toll on one Graham Baker (AKA Barge). A quick nap at 6pm went into extra time – with a 9.30pm wake up. Oops – a quick SMS apology to the committee for missing the meeting.

If you have some interesting items for inclusion in the Owzatt, contact the editor (owzatt@baulkocricicket.com.au) or the president (president@baulkocricicket.com.au).

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	5 for 96	Seven Hills RSL	7 for 92	Win on averages
<p>Seven Hills Toongabbie won the toss and elected to bat. Mitchell (0 for 14) and Siddhant (0 for 14) opened the bowling for Baulko. After an early onslaught from the Seven Hills batsmen the boys stuck to their task of bowling line and length and were rewarded with some good wickets, including 2 run outs. The best bowlers were Sumal (1 for 8), Joe (1 for 5), Joshua (1 for 1) and Manmit (2 for 5).</p> <p>Baulko's turn to bat and despite a heavy outfield the boys batted really well with 8 boundaries being struck by the team. Joe (6) and Sumal (2) opened the batting and after the early loss of wickets the boys put their heads down and really applied themselves to the task of chasing down the required 92 runs without losing too many wickets. Batsmen who got amongst the runs were Mitchell (15 with 3 boundaries), Michael (4), Joshua (3), Bryce (6), Ramit (4), Tanveer (10 with 2 boundaries) and Siddhant (2).</p> <p>"Outstanding performance of the round" was by Mitchell Evans who topped scored with 15 and really got the innings moving with 3 cleanly hit boundaries over a wet outfield.</p>				

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10 White	13 for 67	Norwest	10 for 113	Loss on averages
<p>Well guys we were comprehensively beaten by a good all round team.</p> <p>Norwest batted first. Great bowling from Sachin 2/2, one wicket each to Ramal, Tarush, Utkarsh, Blaine, Daniel and Yuvin. Good fielding performance; caught & bowled, and a direct run out by Daniel, wicket keeper catch to Utkarsh and a stumping to Nicholas. Unfortunately we conceded 61 sundries, we need to bowl straighter.</p> <p>Against a good bowling attack we batted well. Top score to Nicholas 9, Sean 6, Dan 4n/o, Devin 3 n/o, Sachin & Blaine 2n/o, & Utkarsh & William 1.</p> <p>Ramal, Vithushan, Yuvin and Tarush batted well against some top bowlers.</p> <p>Coch and Manager Award: Nicholas Ballard (1stumping and 9 runs)</p>				

11/2	10 for 48, 4 for 39	Pendle Hill Colts	3 for 202	First innings loss
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11/1B	10 for 83	Kings Langley	4 for 126	First innings loss
<p>This was a disappointing game where we didn't really take our chances. Impatience in batting cost us wickets. We gave away too many extras when bowling to have a chance of winning the game. Kings Langley played well and batted patiently and consistently.</p> <p>Our boys need to concentrate more in the field and to be more disciplined when batting. Never the less, there is improvement each week in the boys and we look forward to taking the lessons learned into our next game.</p>				

11/1A	5 for 123	Hills Barbarians	6 for 122	First innings win
<p>Mitch Webb 2/3 Nick McConnell 1/3 Geoffrey McIntyre 1/7 George Joseph 1/4 Matt Sibley 1/19</p> <p>Nick McConnell retired 50 Geoffrey McIntyre 20</p> <p>On a hot morning the Hills Barbarians batted first. They amassed a respectable 122 losing 6 wickets (helped with a top score of 51 by sundries). The boys kept to their job in trying conditions. A big thank you to Sanju for filling in sending down 6 tidy overs. 3 tight overs to George resulted in the figures of 1/4, he backed this up with a great job behind the stumps after drinks. Nick did a great job behind the stumps before drinks and then picked up 1/3 after drinks. Mitch picked up 2/3 from his six over including taking a lovely running catch off his own bowling, Geoff and Matt also picked up wickets.</p> <p>In a light mist and threatening skies Baulkham Hills started its innings. At 2 for 8 we looked in a lot of trouble. George and Geoffrey steadied the ship until George was very unlucky to be run out from a direct hit when he was looking very good. At 3 for 24 it was anyone's game until Nick and Geoffrey combined for a partnership of 89 before Nick retired on 50. This is Nick's second 50 for an incredible 147 runs for once out in an outstanding year so far.</p> <p>A feature of the partnership was the excellent running between the wickets with both players reacting straight way to good calling. This probably resulted in 20 extra runs for the team. Geoffrey made a good 20 on a day when runs where hard to come by on a slow outfield. Matthew and Blake steered the team to victory.</p> <p>Nomination for Junior "Outstanding Performance for the Round" - Geoffrey McIntyre</p> <p>Geoffrey bowled 6 fast ad accurate overs for the figures of 1 for 7. Geoffrey's 20 runs steadied the ship and set up the win. Geoffrey started batting at 2 for 8 and the score was 117 when he was finally out -helping steering the team to victory. He amassed his runs with patience- leaving the good balls and putting the bad ones away. A feature of his innings was his running between the wickets - his backing up probably added a dozen runs to his team mates scores and many of the 14 byes for the innings were cheeky runs stolen by Geoff. Great effort Geoff.</p>				

12/2	10 for 116	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 76, 7 for 65	First innings win
<p>1st innings bowling: Anoop Vaidya 8 overs 3 maidens, 4 wickets for 6 runs. Ben Graham 8 overs 3 maidens, 3 wickets for 7 runs. Nilot Dutta 6 overs 0 maidens, 2 wickets for 27.</p> <p>Batting: Jake Bailey 26 runs. Sam Hubbard 21 not out. Chris Gunton 12 runs. John Coulter 10 runs.</p> <p>2nd innings bowling: Ryan Bailey 8 overs 2 maidens, 2 wickets for 15 runs. Nilot Dutta 6 overs 2 maidens 2 wickets for 10.</p> <p>Another fine all round performance, some fine bowling in the 1st innings, led by Anoop, Ben and Nilot put us in a strong position, the batting was led by Jake and Sam with good support from Chris and John. We then put ourselves in with some hope of achieving another out right victory, however, some good defensive batting from Pendle Hill in their 2nd innings, did enough to prevent us from achieving the out right victory. Well done again guys, another very strong victory, lets keep playing this brand of good attacking cricket!</p>				

12/1	10 for 94	Hills Barbarians	10 for 80	First innings win
<p>We lost the toss and were sent in to bat. Karanbir(22) and Jack(18) provided much needed consistency with a few of us out of form and at times unlucky, along with the always improving lower order, we were able to post a total of 93. Our batting is starting to improve and I think we are on the verge of some larger scores in the near future.</p> <p>Asad bowled very well and in the first over had the opposition 2 for 4. Sam S gave great support right through ending up with 2 for 6 off 8 overs. Adarsh looks to be back to his best form, with figures of 6 overs, 2 maidens 3 for 7, proving why he was the highest wicket taker in the entire grade last year. His bowling was inspirational, helping the team to a well-deserved victory.</p> <p>Karanbir:- 22 runs Adarsh:- 3 for 7</p>				

13/2	10 for 104	Kings Langley	10 for 192	First innings loss
<p>The first week in very oppressive conditions Kings Langley batted well to be all out for 192. Considering KL were 0 for 84 at drinks it was a great effort to take all 10 wickets in the second and hottest part of the day by Baulko. The fielding was a bit sloppy but a nice catch and 2 wickets by Toby is worthy of praise as is Elliott's 3-18 off 10 overs. Kevishan also executed a great backhand flick for a sharp runout. The batting today was much better and befitting a 2 day game. Most wickets that fell were to good balls, and equal top scorers Adam and Alex with 26 runs each batted very well. Vrushank is also looking much more determined with the bat this year and made 14 runs. Special mention to Amav playing his first ever game and was 2 not out and batted with great courage. Well done team we might have lost but we showed we were competitive and had little luck in the field or with the bat. This was a good lead up to take on the Barbarian's next week and we can be confident we can take it up to them.</p>				

13/1	10 for 128	Greystanes	8 for 217	First innings loss

14/3	10 for 85	Seven Hills RSL	3 for 161	First innings loss
<p>This week we were up against the competition leaders in Seven Hills Toongabbie. Kieran took on the duty of captain but the toss of the coin did not go our way and Seven Hills were keen to put us into bat. Cameron and Adam opened the innings against a very quick pair of opening bowlers. The boys did well until Cameron was bowled in the 5th over with the score on 1/8. Kieran came to the crease and took more than 30 minutes to get his first run. Both boys showed some great patience and determined batting against the best bowling attack faced this year. Both boys really frustrated the opposition as they put on a great 51 run partnership before Kieran was caught behind for 20 not long after the drinks break.</p> <p>Mason came in and was just starting to gain confidence when he was caught and bowled for 8. But Seven Hills had to bring back their strike bowler to achieve the breakthrough. Christian was next but was soon caught for 3 and we were 4/71 after 38 overs. With a reasonable score in sight Seven Hills strike bowler decided it was time for a personal best and produced an over which claimed 4 wickets including a hat trick to have us reeling at 8/81. Luke and Matthew did their best to put up a determined front but they still managed to get through us to have us all out for 85.</p> <p>On day two we had the advantage of a wet wicket and slow outfield. Despite a couple of lucky misses, Seven Hills still managed to put on 32 runs before Kieran rattled the stumps of their opening bowler. Christian was unlucky to have a couple of chances put down in one of his overs, but showed real courage to come back and claim the next wicket. By now Seven Hills had put on 72 runs and we were faced with a first innings loss, however, this team never gives up with Cameron taking a good catch in the outfield off Luke's bowling. Seven Hills main batsman produced some great shots when it counted and brought up a century before they called it a day.</p> <p>The effort that the team put in this week was a vast improvement against a very good team, but remember guys we only need to beat them once to win the competition! Great attitude shown in the field which will result in our next win being just around the corner.</p> <p>Match stat's – Adam 32, Kieran 20 with the bat. With the ball Adam 10-0-1-41, Kieran 10-1-1-24, Christian 7-1-1-44, Mason 5-0-0-21 and Luke 3-1-1-12.</p>				

14/1	8 for 205	Norwest	7 for 193	First innings win
<p>We lost the toss and to our surprise Norwest put us in to bat. Sean and Nick opened the batting each getting off the mark with a four. The bowling was very tight and with patience they picked off the bad balls, in Nick's case sending it for four each time. Nick reached 22 in quick time but gave his wicket away with an easy catch. Brendan came in next taking some time to settle in playing cautiously. Sean (31) was next out caught, followed 33 runs later by Brendan (15) who was also caught. Daniel (37) was our top scorer and batted very well, but picked out one of their best fielders, Dylan, who ran 10 metres on the boundary to take a diving catch just off the ground. Michael joined Gabriel at the crease but was unfortunately run out with his bat over the line but not grounded. Ben had one of his best batting performances to date scoring 32 from 39 balls. Samira joined Gabriel at the crease but was unfortunately run out while pushing for runs. Gabriel who came in at 5 had started slowly but soon found form, scoring 33 when bowled to a good ball from Tom. Sam played some great shots scoring 15 not out from just 8 balls against good tight bowling. Josh (3) was also not out from 3 balls at stumps with a team score of 8/205. Rain overnight and mist in the air had made the ground and pitch very wet on day two. Sean and Michael opened the bowling with the Norwest batsmen taking it to them scoring 37 runs from the first 10 overs. Samira and Teshan soon slowed the runs to a trickle with Samira knocking over the stumps in his second over. They restricted Norwest to only 9 runs from the next 10 overs. Norwest now needed 4.3 and over for the next 36 overs to win, which would be difficult to do if we bowled and fielded well. We bowled very well but the fielding could have been better. Ben took the next wicket on the last ball before drinks with a great one handed diving catch from Daniel. On the second ball after drinks Daniel picked up a wicket with a good catch from Brendan. Ben took his second wicket with a sharp catch from his brother Sean. Aleem and Sean came on next with Sean taking one wicket for only 3 runs from his second spell and Aleem bowling four really good overs with the batsmen taking to his fifth. Teshan and then Samira came back on bowling tight forcing Norwest to take risks which Brendan took advantage of fielding sharply, getting the ball back to Samira catching the batsmen short of his crease. Michael came back on and with some quick fielding from his own bowling run out the new batsmen with a direct hit. At the end of their 56 overs Norwest made a great effort only 13 runs short of a win with the loss of 7 wickets. Well bowled Sean 10-2-1-21, Ben 10-2-2-36, Samira 8-1-1-21, Daniel 5-1-1-12. (overs-maidens-wickets-runs)</p>				

15/2	10 for 138	AKA Sports	9 for 305	First innings loss
<p>Our first outing against the top team in the competition was always going to be tough match. Yet another lost toss saw AKA send us in to the field on a stinker of a morning. The morning started well, our bowlers effectively contained the AKA openers with Daniel taking an early wicket. Early optimism was soon dented by our inability to break the ensuing partnership and a fast outfield, which allowed the runs to flow freely. The entry of Aaron and Shan into the attack had an immediate impact with Aaron claiming three wickets in his first 5 overs and Shan picking up one more at the other end. All of which left AKA in shock at 5/97. Despite the steady fall of wickets, one of the AKA openers remained at the crease and he continued to score runs freely throughout the morning. At the end of a trying 60 overs AKA had amassed the formidable total of 9/305. The pick of the bowlers were Aaron (3/24) and Shan (2/39), with Pranav, James and Josh taking one wicket apiece.</p> <p>The second day of the match saw us at the crease in less than ideal conditions for a big run chase, with intermittent showers and a very slow outfield. The early loss of one of our openers didn't bode well for the rest of the morning. James and Aaron then steadied the ship, batting out the next 20 overs under trying conditions. The departure of James and the loss of a further two quick wickets saw us in trouble at 4/57. With AKA pressing hard, Mithran and Aaron batted out the next 20 overs, adding 40 runs to our total and effectively averting the likelihood of an outright loss. Our lower order then batted out the remainder of the morning, our last wicket falling in the 58th over with the total on 138. The gutsy innings from Aaron (51), James (14) and Mithran (13) were the highlights of what was, despite the loss, a good all round effort from our batting line-up.</p>				

15/1	Did not bat	Kings Langley	10 for 171	Draw – no play day 2
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16/1	10 for 159	Hills Barbarians	2 for 199	First innings loss
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C	10 for 201	Kings Langley	10 for 93, 10 for 90	Outright win
<p>We came into this game expecting a tough game, as they were undefeated and sitting on top of the table. We on the other hand had only won one game. They won the toss and sent us in to bat. Despite the loss of an early wicket, we were able to put on easy runs on a small outfield. Tom and Joe Gurka put on 44 runs before Tom was given out on a dubious caught behind for 19. Joe received great support from Evan who is proving a thorn for all opposition sides. They put on 63 runs before Joe was out for 65 skying a high ball. Evan went on to make a well made 32 and a cameo Luke Dempsey innings of 35 late in the order helped us to a very respectable 201 first innings total.</p> <p>We had an hour at them before the end of play and we certainly made the most of it. Hostile bowling by Troy Higginbotham and Brett McNaught saw them 4/11 after 9 overs. A clever bowling change just before stumps saw Evan Platt take 2/0 in one over capping off a great day for him. The last 4 wickets took a little while to remove on the second day but we managed to roll them for 93. Evan finished with 3/6 off 7 overs, Brett McNaught 2/8 off 8 overs, Troy Higginbotham 2/10 off 6 overs and a late rally by Alex Mihalyka with 2/12 off 6 overs. We sent them back in for the outright. Wickets tumbled regularly until they were 7/48 in the 22nd over. It took us another frustrating hour and a half (23 overs) to take the last 2 wickets and have them all out for 90 in the 2nd innings. A great outright win that will put us back amongst the top teams on the table. Brett and Troy again starred with the ball taking 2 wickets each.</p>				

B17	10 for 60, 10 for 197	Seven Hills RSL	7 dec 213, 3 for 47	Outright loss
<p>Jeff. Foskett 2/19 Seraaj Slamang 3/45 Mark Erickson 75 Charuka Abhayawickrama 53 Not out</p>				

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B15	10 for 176	Winston Hills	8 for 266	First innings loss
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B14	10 for 128, 10 for 108	Piranhas	10 for 137, 2 for 104	Outright loss
<p>K Hessey 42, G Howard 34 P Scarce 3 for 5 R Dunstan 39no</p>				

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B9	10 for 155, 4 for 111	The Bulls	10 for 119, 6 dec 143	Outright win
<p>Good effort boys – our second outright victory, and the undefeated streak continues! Also good to see an improvement in our batting averages, which were languishing despite us being well clear on the table, and the emergence of Ash with the bat. Good signs.</p> <p>A controversial start to the day, as some late arrivals for our team (sorry boys), led the opposition into believing they could dictate how the game was played. Fortunately common sense prevailed; we won the toss and elected to bowl. Unfortunately for the Bulls, their pre-game attitude inadvertently dictated how the game was to be played, as they were met with a fiery pace attack from ball 1. At one stage they were 4/21, and only a determined knock from their Captain (who carried his bat, but couldn't last without a runner for an injury that mysteriously disappeared when he chose to bowl), allowed them to reach triple figures, with a seemingly attainable 119.</p> <p>A confident start from our openers made the task look easy, but then the inevitable collapse ensued. We lost 3/5, and four wickets later were 7/66 with only one batsman (if he can be called that) waiting to come in. However, just as the game seemed lost, a strong partnership, the foundation for our earlier victories this season, formed – and turned the game around. Wetta steered the ship with a confident 45 but the real surprise was Ash at no.9 with a 41, finally showing off the potential we knew he had. Their 72 run stand saw us survive the first day, pass the total on the second, and post an important 36 run lead as we looked for outright victory.</p> <p>The Bulls made their intentions clear in the second innings, looking to smash the ball to all parts of the ground. They enjoyed some success due to a shortage of fielders and a depleted bowling attack, through one batsman particularly who scored 78 after a duck in the first innings. However as soon as he fell they declared, rather sportingly, only 107 in front, and hoping to go one better on their efforts the previous week.</p> <p>However, with only 8 batsmen on the scorecard, and our openers both gone with 84 runs to go, we knew this wasn't going to be easy. But an impressive and long overdue 53 from Goony made the runs quickly disappear, as he took full advantage of the chances the Bulls gave him.</p> <p>The game belonged to Ash though, who was there for the winning runs after a sensible 22 not out, including a fence clearing six. With a wicket and a catch to add to his 63 runs for the game, it was an ominous sign for other teams of the potential lying dormant in the already considerable strength of our side. Keep it up boys, challenge yourself to be the next one to come through and lead the team to victory.</p>				

B8	10 for 268	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 110, 10 for 105	Outright win
<p>Most people suggest that cricket is a team sport and everyone in the team contributes to a win in their own way, whether it be with the ball, the bat or in the field. Round 5 of the B8 competition, Baulkham Hills vs Pendle Hill, will probably go down in folklore as the game where Brad "Wayne Arthurs" Green destroyed a team pretty much on his own accord. I doubt either team was prepared for what Brad was about to unleash.</p> <p>We won the toss and elected to bowl first. Our opening attack is probably one of the best in this particular grade and wickets fell quickly. Adam "Krispy" Fahey bowled well and was unlucky not to have more wickets than his 2/20 but it was the man of the moment Brad "Wayne Arthurs" Green with 6/30 that ripped through the opposition. Pendle Hill was all out for 110 just after drinks.</p> <p>Our team had been improving with the bat and 110 runs looked relatively easy to get. It looked even easier to get at 0/48. However, you would think that very little could happen in 9 overs but somehow we managed to collapse faster than a Hungarian Weight Lifter's guts to be 7/75 and looking like the team of old. Dane "You Gotta Hit That S****" Sparks was looking good on 33 but soon joined the rest of us on the sideline. We eventually tumbled to 9/107.</p> <p>Needing 4 runs for 1st innings points, it all came down to Brad "Wayne Arthurs" Green and Adrian "I need a smoke" Cox. Much to the delight of the skipper, Brad and Ady secured 1st innings points. As I said earlier, I doubt either team was prepared for what was to follow. Ady and Brad pushed on with the batting and by the end of the 1st week, we were 44 runs ahead and the 10th wicket partnership was a solid 48 runs. Brad had secured his maiden 50 (72n.o) and was looking forward to batting on the following Saturday.</p> <p>Rocking up to Masonic with Ian Moss' "Tuckers Daughter" blasting from the speakers, Brad looked calm and ready to bat. We started the afternoon at 9/155. Brad took no time to get settled and basically went to town on the Pendle Hill bowlers. Ady patiently watched at the other end as Brad launched a barrage of 4's and 6's and soon progressed to a magnificent century. Obviously that wasn't good enough and decided to hit 34 runs in 2 overs. Pendle Hill had no answer for either batsman and could only watch on as both batsmen kept smashing boundaries. In just over an hour the innings finally ended with Brad on 159 n.o and Ady stumped for a well disciplined 25. The team score had gone from 9/107 to a total of 268. The 10th wicket partnership of 161 runs will go down in the PDCA history books and a day that neither team will forget.</p> <p>Even after scoring 159 n.o, Brad still had time to take 2 more wickets (8 for the match) and help finish off a lacklustre Pendle Hill. Adam "Krispy" Fahey continued to bowl well taking 3/29 and Dane "You Gotta Hit That S****" Sparks picked up 2 wickets along with Ian "Dribbler" Renton, who also picked up 2 wickets.</p> <p>Congratulations to Brad on his match winning performance.</p> <p>I am also pleased to advise that Chris "Yeah Mate" Mills managed to score 1 run and avoided his 4th consecutive duck. His average is looking very healthy at 0.25 runs</p>				

B7	10 for 61, 10 for 138	Norwest	10 for 204	Outright loss
<p>Well the toss was about the only thing we won last match. We decided to bowl, as the overcast conditions seemed conducive to swing bowling. After an hour and a half, they were 0/136, yet to our credit our bowling and fielding picked up after the break to dismiss them for 204. Will Cartwright being the pick of the bowlers with 3/30 off 12 overs, and well supported by Sam Freeman who bowled some really impressive leg spin to finish with 2/56 off 12 overs.</p> <p>Our batting was embarrassing. In the first innings we were dismissed for 61, with only Greg McLoughlin (20) showing any resistance (Happy 19th Greg!). He almost carried his bat through the innings. The second innings was the same all over again. This time we would have had a similar score had it not been for some resistance from Joel Bridgwood (44) and David Banks (34), to be dismissed for 138. Some of David's lusty hitting sent their opening bowler off the park in tears! This left us 5 runs short of making them bat again, so we lost outright by an innings and five runs.</p> <p>This is the first time in a long time we had been made to follow on and first time in even longer to lose by an innings. Some dodgy umpiring and LBW decisions did not help us (there were 6 LBW's adjudged all up in our 2 innings, and only 2 of them were remotely close to being out). But in reality, we just did not play well as a team, and played as if our minds were elsewhere. Hopefully we now have our bad performance behind us.</p>				

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B5	10 for 35, 10 for 139	Hills Barbarians	8 dec 219	Outright loss
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B4	10 for 142	Kellyville	10 for 49, 10 for 17	Outright win
<p>Andrew Denlow: 56 Keenan Galas: 5-18 Troy Friedrich 3-2</p> <p>We lost the toss and were sent in to bat on an overgrown and sandy Ted 2. Our innings did not start too well and when we reached 4-37 in the 15th over, Kellyville were well and truly on top. Andrew D (56) and Steve (30) then turned the match with a 58 run partnership. From then on wickets fell at a steady pace and we were all out for 142 from 47 overs. A score that was worth more considering the slowness of the field.</p> <p>Our bowling got off to a great start, with Keenan (5-18) and Troy (1-10) bowling a good line and length to have Kellyville in big trouble at 4-29 when bad light stopped play. Week 2 and Kellyville were always going to struggle with only eight players present. Keenan, Troy, Adam V & Adam T all bowled good spells to have Kellyville out twice.</p>				

B1	10 for 189	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 87, 10 for 61	Outright win
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A Res	9 for 142	Hills Barbarians	7 for 147	First innings loss
<p>When the odds are stacked against you there is nothing much you can do but try your best. I can happily say that we did everything we could possibly do to win this game, but in the end we fell marginally short. We were up against the second placed Hills Octogenarians in this match, the team destined to be our grand final opponents this year.</p> <p>After some wet weather in the week leading up to this game we arrived at the ground to a soft damp green-top and knew straight away that we needed to bowl first. The coin toss went the other way and we were sent in to bat, new captain nominations will be accepted next week.</p> <p>Batting first in trying conditions is hard enough, but doing it against a formidable bowling attack without key personnel and one player short is neigh on impossible. "Hang on, one player short you say, but I thought you had a full team". That's funny, so did we!!!</p> <p>In fact, we were left short. So we batted with 10 men on a pitch where the ball was moving further sideways than forwards. There were no great highlights with the bat, just a lot of handy partnerships that led to a sizeable total of 147 given the difficult conditions. I can say it is a healthy sign for future games that we can score competitive totals without standout individual performances.</p> <p>Well what a difference a week makes. We turn up to the second week of the game and are confronted with a dry, hard batsman's paradise that is as white as Michael Jackson (2005 edition). We do make steady inroads with the ball to give us a shot at stealing the game, but the Octogenarians batting line up proved too strong in the favourable conditions. In the end we went down by just three wickets, a strong effort given the circumstances. Another 10 to 20 runs could have been all that it took for us to take this one, but I guess we will never know.</p> <p>Special thanks goes to the efforts of Tony Delfino and Hilton Byrne for filling in with fielding when required, these are two genuine clubmen.</p>				

A	10 for 151	Wenty Leagues	9 for 153	First innings loss
<p>Lost the toss and got sent in and early in our innings, we were 4/36. Chris Springall (32) and Gaurang Merani (42) steadied the ship until another "mini Collapse" occurred, leaving us 9/115. The last wicket stand between Max Pobihuszka (11) and David Cope 31 no, took the score onto 151. Wenty batted for 15 overs to end week 1 at 2/59.</p>				
<p>On the next week, we were all so determined to keep them below our total...and we nearly did it! Wenty lost their 3rd wicket at 65, 4th and 5th at 76, 6th wicket at 78 before a 33 run partnership took them to 7/111. Two further wickets fell at 115 and 124. When we took drinks, Wenty needed 22 runs to win and Baulko 1 wicket to win. Disappointingly, Wenty hit cleanly and made 153, only 4 overs after drinks. Bowlers to take wickets were David Cope with 5, Gaurang Merani with 2 and Sumit Kalia and Max Pobihuszka one a piece.</p>				
<p>Once again, many thanks to Max Pobihuszka, Tav Josan and Ash Jolly who all put in. Let's win the next one!!!</p>				
<p>Round 4 vs Wenty Waratahs</p>				
<p>On a rainy day that would have been better served back at the club with a beer and sitting in front of the races, play commenced at 2.50pm. We won the toss and sent 'Tahs in on what appeared to be a green deck. At the end of day 1, Tahs were 4/222. They still had 13 overs to bat on week 2. After only 8 overs, they had amassed 5/312 and declared!</p>				
<p>Despite our best efforts, we reached a total of 263 and lost by 50 runs. That does not tell all of the tale however. On week 1, we had 9 fielders until Hilton Byrne, there to watch his son David, was asked to fill in in the field...thanks heaps Hilton. Bob Simpson who was bowling his left armers, broke a finger on a return catch. Unfortunately, Bob required surgery and had a pin inserted, ruining the balance of his season. Obviously, Bob could not bat on week 2 either !</p>				
<p>To go down by 50 runs, chasing 312 was a huge effort, namely from David Byrne 67, Sumit Kalia 55, Chris Springall 33, Mark McLeod 32 and Craig Sinclair with 28 no. To David Byrne, Troy Higginbottom and Robert Simpson, thank you for filling in. Back to the drawing board!!!</p>				