

# 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](http://www.baulkocricicket.com.au) To see your team's results, go to [baulkocricicket.com.au](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:results@baulkocricicket.com.au) by Tuesday night after the game. Newsletters will be published during the week after a game.

### Team Performances:

C Outright win  
11/1A Outright win

10 Blue took 27 wickets in their game

### Individual Achievements

Nathan Blake	A Res	5/28	Sean Abbott	B16	65
Scott Thorn	B1	57 no	Troy Higginbotham	C	63 no
Keenan Galas	B4	100	Blake Newman	11/1A	50 ret
Ben Dooley	B7	51	Joel	11/1A	50 ret
Nick Bertus	B16	110			

### 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
04 March 2006	C	Under 11/2
11 March 2006	B17	Under 10 Red

# Social and Other Stuff

## Trivia Night

Another good turnout for the Trivia Night, with around 160 in attendance. And for once, we did not have thunderstorms, lightning or power failures! Truly amazing. The final result is yet to be determined.

Thanks to those who donated prizes, Especially the U14/17 Glenn & Kirralee Kenneway.

A special thank you to Leigh Griggs for all her work and also to Karyn Springall, Rick Thomas, Chris Springall & Jeff Warland for a great effort. Also a big thank you to MC and quiz master extraordinaire Pete McLoughlin for all his work preparing the questions and on the night.

## Junior Double Wicket Competition - Juniors (U11 to U13)

The junior double wicket competition for Under 11, 12 and 13 players was staged at Ted Horwood No. 1 on 19 February 2006. 22 players participated, resulting in the following pairs.

Omal Fernando, Damon Luck.  
Mathesha Gunaratne, Geoff McIntyre.  
Ornob Abedin, James Senior.  
Harman Joseph, Joshua Balzarolo.  
Ajay Joshi, Myles Burgin.  
Michael Gounder, Jonathan Fulcher.  
Matthew Parker, Michael Waddups.  
Jason Foskett, Jake Bailey.  
Toby Davis, Sam Hubbard.  
Dev Gosal, Ryan Bailey.  
Jack O'Brien, Luke O'Brien.

First round winners progressed to the Cup with first round losers progressing to the Plate. The highest score for the day was achieved in a Cup semi-final by Matthew Parker and Michael Waddups with a score of 42 from their 4 overs against Ajay Joshi and Myles Burgin. This saw them advance to the Cup final with the other two semi-final winners, Toby Davis and Sam Hubbard, and Harman Joseph and Joshua Balzarolo to play off in a preliminary final to determine the other Cup finalist. Harman and Joshua won this match clearly to advance to the final.

In the Cup final, Matthew and Michael batted first and scored 12 runs. Harman and Joshua reached the victory target with an over to spare. Congratulations Harman and Joshua.

The plate final saw Michael Gounder and Jonathan Fulcher up against Dev Gosal and Ryan Bailey. Jonathan and Michael came out the winners, scoring 9 runs to 8 by Ryan and Dev.

All the boys should be congratulated for the high standard of cricket shown throughout the day. A total of 3 6s and 22 4s were hit on the day. The 6s hit by Matthew Parker, Harman Joseph, and Omal Fernando.

Thanks to all the parents who came along and supported the event. Special thanks to Kevin Parker and Tony Senior for umpiring, and Jeff Foskett and Bundunu Gunaratne for scoring, plus Sami Gounder for general assistance.

## **Junior Double Wicket Competition – Intermediate (U14 to U16)**

A big roll up for our Junior Double Wicket with 42 players, 22 in the Junior U11 to U13 group and 20 in the Intermediate U14 to U16 group.

Round one saw Alex Mihalyka & Shan Govil (12) defeat Luke McNaught & Alex Gilzean (11), Evan Platt & Josh Franklin (14) defeat Hari Raja & Michael Harvey (6), Sean Abbott & Mathew Gunton (29) defeat Chris Slaviero & Nick Bertus (28), Daniel Chatman & Alan Sala (25) defeat Samira Kasthuriarachchi & Teshan Weragama (22), Ben Abbott & Andrew Wood (28) defeat Tom Gurka & Adam Bailey (27). A play off for a second chance into the cup between the highest losing teams saw Tom Gurka & Adam Bailey (24) defeat Chris Slaviero & Nick Bertus (17).

### **The Cup**

Alex & Shan (18) defeated Evan & Josh (14), Sean & Matt (30) defeated Daniel & Alan (15), Tom & Adam (40) defeated Ben & Andrew (9). Tom & Adam as the highest winning team went straight through to the final. In a close fought semi final Sean & Matt (18) defeated Alex & Shan (17). Congratulations to the Cup winners Sean & Matt (35) who defeated Tom & Adam (8).

### **The Plate**

In the Semi Final Hari & Michael (9) defeated Luke & Alex (3) and Samira & Teshan (21) defeated Chris & Nick (28). Congratulations to the Plate winners Samira & Teshan (30) who defeated Hari & Michael (14).

### **Catches (27)**

Tom Gurka (4), Alan Sala (3), Chris Slaviero (3), Daniel Chatman (3), Nick Bertus (2), Alex Gilzean (2), Michael Harvey (1), Ben Abbott (1), Alex Mihalyka (1), Shan Govil (1), Luke McNaught (1), Teshan Weragama (1), Evan Platt (1), Adam Bailey (1), Samira Kasthuriarachchi (1) and Josh Franklin (1)

### **Fours (16)**

Sean Abbott (4), Tom Gurka (3), Nick Bertus (2), Teshan Weragama (2), Ben Abbott (2), Alex Mihalyka (1), Evan Platt (1) and Alan Sala (1)

### **Sixes (26)**

Sean Abbott (8), Tom Gurka (7), Alex Mihalyka (4), Teshan Weragama (2), Ben Abbott (2), Nick Bertus (1), Alan Sala (1) and Samira Kasthuriarachchi (1)

### **Run Outs (4)**

Daniel Chatman (2), Tom Gurka (1), Alex Mihalyka (1) and Evan Platt (1)

### **Stumpings (3)**

Andrew Wood (2) and Chris Slaviero (1)

A big Thanks to Rick and Leigh for their work in the canteen and the BBQ. Also to Helen Parker for her help with the BBQ. Thanks to Peter McLoughlin, Brett McNaught, Brett Woods, Chris Springall and Luke Dempsey for umpiring and a big thanks to Jill Mihalyka for scoring all day. Thanks also to Peter Gunton who did a great job running the Junior Double Wicket and to the parents who helped with the scoring and umpiring their games.

## **Committee Vacancy – Are you interested?**

Due to the unexpected resignation by club secretary Bob Dokter, there is a now vacancy on the committee. If anyone is interested they can talk to any of the committee members about what is involved and how to join us in running **YOUR** cricket club. If you want to play a part, let us know.

## **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 **Blake Newman** from 11/1A. "A chanceless 50 retired, a great catch and bowling of 1/9. Blake is a superb batsman with a perfect blend of technique and power. His defence is technically perfect but then he hits the bad ball so hard. He also uses his feet well to the slower bowlers and he can quickly upset their rhythm and confidence. He is currently leading the batting with 234 runs at an imposing average of 39. His batting in this match put the quick runs on the board needed to set the team up for the outright win. Blake also has beautiful hands and has taken some amazing catches this year. His reflex catch in slips was a beauty if you were quick enough to see it. He also had a great day with the ball continually worrying the batsman, delivery 4 overs for two maidens for the figures of 1/9. Blake has great cricket skills and a great cricket mind and always plays for the team." Congratulations Blake.

## **Other Events**

Full details of upcoming 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.

# **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.baulkocricknet.com.au](http://www.baulkocricknet.com.au).

Congratulations to Scott Thorn (B1) who made his first ever half century when he scored 57 in the last match.

Congratulations to Nick Bertus, filling in for B16's and making a century, playing against guys much older than his tender age of 12 years! Well done.

The story goes that the Gunton household needed a new water hose for the washing machine. Priscilla bought the new one & left it on the washing machine, ready for installation, together with the old one. Along came handy man Peter (AKA Treasurer) & put it on. Was a pity he put the old one back on! Oh well, he is good with money.

The B6's only needed a handful of runs to win, with 3 wickets in hand. Dean Stapleton takes a single & watches from the bowlers end as three wickets fall & the match is lost. Never trust 9, 10 & 11 mate!

If you have some interesting items for inclusion in the Owzatt, contact the editor ([owzatt@baulkocricknet.com.au](mailto:owzatt@baulkocricknet.com.au)) or the president ([president@baulkocricknet.com.au](mailto:president@baulkocricknet.com.au)).

# Match Results and Reports

<b>10 Blue</b>	8 for 126	Wenty Leagues	27 for 128	Win on averages
<p>Wenty Leagues won the toss and decided to bat. Tanveer (1 for 13) and Sumal (4 for 6) opened the bowling with immediate results. Wickets tumbled at regular intervals with some outstanding fielding seeing a total of 9 catches being taken (4 by Bryce, 2 each to Tanveer and Ben G, and 1 to Joe) and 8 run outs made! Other wicket takers were Manmit (1 for 3), Ramit (1 for 7), Bryce (4 for 5), Mitchell (1 for 14), Michael (2 for 22), Siddhant (2 for 16), Ben G (1 for 13), Viva (1 for 6).</p> <p>Baulko's turn to bat, and Joe (12) and Viva (1) opened the batting. The boys kept the scoring going at a good rate throughout the 36 overs and most importantly did not lose too many wickets and in the end scored a comfortable win. All up 9 boundaries were struck on the day by Joe (2), Mitchell (1), Bryce (2), Sumal (1) and Tanveer (3). Other scorers were Ben M (1), Ben G (2), Siddhant (4), Michael (8), Mitchell (9), Bryce (13), Ramit (1), Manmit (4), Sumal (10) and Tanveer (14).</p> <p>This effort must be close to club record for modified cricket with 27 wickets falling. An excellent team effort!</p>				

<b>10 Red</b>	8 for 125	Hills Barbarians	4 for 104	Loss on averages
<p>It's been along time coming, but the boys finally had a loss after a run of 9 wins.</p> <p>We came across a Hills Barbarians team that batted and bowled very well. They scored plenty of runs off the bat, and lost very few wickets. This is a simple formula in Average Cricket.</p> <p>We bowled first, and the Barbarians reached 104 off their 36 overs for the loss of only 4 wickets. We had our chances, and probably missed 10 run out opportunities. Barbarians average was 20.8, by far the biggest scored against us all year.</p> <p>We batted on the following Saturday, with the message to the boys to hold on to their wickets. As far as pre-game speeches go, it was a dud. We lost a wicket on the very first ball of the day, and continued to lose them throughout the day. We managed to easily pass their total, but we had lost 8 wickets in the process. We scored 125 at an average of 13.9. A pretty good effort really - enough to win most games. Our two batting gurus, Owen Smith and Josh Koski almost saved the day.</p> <p><b>Bowling:</b>  Troy Black 2-2  John Hollins 1-11  Dan Waddups 1-14 and bowling award. Dan hit the wicket twice in one over without the bails coming off.</p> <p><b>Batting</b>  Owen Smith 21 (and 115 runs for the season)  Josh Koski 15 (another very good knock)  Nicholas Beed batting award for holding onto his wicket whilst facing their best bowler.</p>				

<b>10 White</b>	6 for 133	Kings Langley	11 for 111	Win on averages
<p>Great team effort.</p> <p>Having won the toss and electing to bat we performed very well. Daniel 14n/o, Nicholas 12, Sean 8n/o, Kunal 7n/o, Sachin 6n/o, Blaine 6, Devin 4n/o, one each to William, Utkarsh and Vithushan.</p> <p>Day two we witnessed some fine stroke play from the KL opener. However our bowling was steady two wickets each to Devin and Sachin, one each to Blaine, Nicholas, William, and Ramal.</p> <p>Our catching was a little disappointing; however we witnessed some excellent fielding. Kunal got 2 stumpings and was involved in a run out with Utkarsh. Fine catch by Blaine and a direct run out by Vithushan.</p> <p>Well done.</p> <p>Coaches and Managers Award: Kunal Rudra: 7n/o, 2 stumpings and an assisted run out.</p>				

<b>11/2</b>	8 for 96	Kellyville	8 for 99	First innings loss
<p>What a tremendous game with a very close and exiting finish. The batting was excellent. The boys batted right through the 55 overs scoring nearly all the runs off the bat. The bowling was very tight with Kellyville giving away only 11 sundries. Leading the way was Jack with a fantastic unbeaten 39. He was well supported by Deshan who batted for 20 overs. Greg, Owen, Sumedh and Luke added quick fire scores. Damon added a few and Todd was not at the end of the innings.</p> <p>Given this total and having the opposition at 4 for 36 off 13 overs we thought we might be in with a chance. Opening the attack with two tight overs from Mitchell, conceding only 2 runs, and quick wickets by Greg and Jack cleaning up the timberwork and we were on our way. Sumedh bowled straight up and down and was rewarded with 2 wickets and Owen gave nothing away in gaining his wicket. Tim and Deshan chipped in with wickets and Todd's 2nd spell was also tight. Owen and Deshan took great catches and there were a couple of dead accurate shots at the stumps by Greg and Deshan collecting run outs.</p> <p>The boys fielded today with only 10 players which made it very hard and this added to the sundries being 36 leaving Kellyville only 61 to get off the bat. The chance was there and we nearly made it. Well done boys a much improved effort.</p>				

<b>11/1B</b>	10 for 97	Norwest	10 for 175	First innings loss
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<b>11/1A</b>	2 for 146	Guildford Leagues	10 for 45, 10 for 57	Outright win
<p>Guildford first innings - George 2/3, Nick 2/2</p> <p>Baulko - Blake 50 retired, Joel 50 retired, Geoffrey 9, Jonathan 14 not out</p> <p>Guildford second innings - George 2/7</p> <p>Guildford won the toss and elected to bat. Baulko came up with a great bowling effort with all the bowlers amongst the wickets with George and Nick both picking up two each. The bowling is getting very consistent and accurate with only 10 extras a great effort. Also six of the wicket were bowled- just shows you what bowling straight can do. A pleasing factor was the great catching with Mitch taking a lovely diving catch off his own bowling and another one down low in the outfield and Blake and Nick also taking very nice catches. Baulko batted after drinks and Joel and Blake put on a masterly batting display. Blake took the most of his opportunity opening and put on an elegant 50 off just 60 balls. Joel continued his fantastic recent form - this time with the bat- with a great 50 of just 59 balls. Pavan looked very solid at the crease- his technique is excellent and it must be just a matter of time before he puts together a big score. Jonathan and Geoffrey both looked very good going for the quick run. Geoffrey unselfishly playing for the team went for a run on the last ball of the day and was unlucky to be run out by a direct hit.</p> <p>Baulko followed up its great bowling effort in the first innings with a fabulous fielding display in Guildford's second innings. The out fielding was sharp with plenty of enthusiasm but the highlight was the catching. Shannon started with a confident catch in the outfield. Blake took a reflex catch in slips- his ability to hold them is uncanny. Pavan took one of the catches of the season off his own bowling diving forward to take it millimetres off the pitch - not a bad effort on a concrete pitch. Gaj took two great catches off balls that went up in the air a mile and came down in traffic. Gaj is proving to have very reliable hands in the deep. All the wickets in Guilford's second dig were caught except for a screamer of a delivery for a bowled from Blake. George picked up another two wicket for four for the match- every time George is given an opportunity with the ball he makes the most of it. He is so reliable with the glove and he looks like a natural wicket keeper but he is so dangerous with ball - this is the type of kind of quandary we like.</p>				

<b>12/2</b>	10 for 33	Kings Langley	10 for 37, 3 for 61	First innings loss
<p>Bowling - Michael Waddups 4 overs 1 maiden 4 wickets for 5 runs, John Coulter 2 overs 1 maiden 3 wickets for 2 runs.</p> <p>A fine all round bowling and fielding performance saw us restrict Kings Langley to 37 runs. However, a disappointing performance with the bat saw us fall 4 runs short of Kings Langley's score. Neither side's batting was helped by the very lush and slow outfield at North Rocks Park. However, even on a faster ground, the batting needs to show more discipline and care in shot selection. We can learn from this experience and come back a better batting side in the next round and then on to the semi-finals.</p>				

12/1	10 for 50, 4 for 49	Wenty Waratahs	9 for 145	First innings loss
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13/2	10 for 86	Hills Barbarians	10 for 138	First innings loss
<p>Playing the top of the ladder and undefeated Hills Barbarian's, we did very well to bowl them out for 138. Elliott bowled well for 3-15, as did Kiveshin 2-16. We started very poorly with the bat and were 3- 8 but recovered to post a score of 86. Toby Davis batted for 3 hours to show great concentration, and was well assisted by Matt F, Matt N, and Vrushank. It would be great to finish off with a win next game, and look to next season with a lot of confidence.</p>				

13/1		AKA Sports		Loss on forfeit
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14/3	10 for 131	Norwest	10 for 96	First innings win
<p>It took us 5 matches to win a toss but we finally did under Paul's good captaincy and elected to bat. Things were going along just fine with Adam and Cameron at the crease and 19 runs on the board until Adam fell to a great catch trying to pull one of the worst balls of the day. These things happen Ad!</p> <p>Then Kieran came to the crease and immediately got off the mark with a couple of runs but then was clean bowled by the absolute best ball of the day. These things happen Kieran!! With the score delicately poised at 2/23 Luke joined Cameron but was unfortunately run out trying to take a quick single for 1. Mason and Cameron then started to put together a valuable partnership until Cameron was caught and bowled on the last delivery of Norwest's strike bowler's spell for a solid 29 runs. With the score at 4/57 and our top end batsmen back in the pavilion, the team really needed the middle order to come to the fore and did they ever.</p> <p>Tiarne came to the crease after showing good form in her previous innings and commenced to serve it up to Norwest with some great boundaries before she just fell short of her ground (despite a valiant attempt) to be run out for 21, but not before a her and Mason put on a valuable 40 run partnership. Nelson came out and showed some good form too before he was bowled for 5. Mason produced a great knock before being our third run out victim on 16 and the score on 7/104. Paul, Matthew, Chiran and Daniel all put in a great effort with the bat to put on another 27 runs before we were all out for 131.</p> <p>With 20 minutes to play Adam and Kieran took to the task of claiming an early scalp and Adam did just that having Norwest's opener trapped in front with the score on 6.</p> <p>Day 2 started well with a strong LBW chance on the first ball of the day from Adam. It became a very tight match as our fielders continued to apply the pressure with good talk and good field placing making it almost impossible for Norwest to score any runs. The pressure finally broke with Luke claiming the vital breakthrough of Norwest's other opener and Robert chiming in with a wicket on the first ball of his second over to have Norwest in trouble at 3/35 after 20 overs.</p> <p>The team continued to apply the pressure in the field with Nelson taking the catch of the season with a brilliant one-hander and Luke clean bowling Norwest's danger batsman who was at the crease for nearly an hour for just 3 runs. Adam chipped in with another wicket and Luke another to have Norwest down and out on 7/64. Norwest to their credit hung in and it took Kieran to come on and claim a couple of quick wickets and Nelson to finish off with a good caught and bowled to have Norwest all out for 96.</p> <p>Great effort team. Credit must go to our middle order that really stood up today and the whole team in the field to apply such good pressure whilst defending an average target. Good to see all our team members getting a real go with the bat and ball.</p> <p>Special mention to Luke with the ball and Chiran and Daniel with superb fielding efforts! Great catch Nels!! Remember though, to respect our opposition's wickets whether it be the opener or a tailender and we will do well.</p> <p>Now one game until the semis and we need to be on the top of every aspect of our game to give this competition a real shake.</p> <p>Match stat's – Cameron 29, Tiarne 21, Mason 16, Matthew 3 not out (again!). With the ball Luke 8-4-3-5, Adam 10-3-2-17, Kieran 6-2-2-7, Robert 5-0-2-5, Mason 6-2-0-6, Matthew 3-0-0-7, Tiarne 5-1-0-13, Paul 3-1-0-15, Nelson 2-0-1-4.</p>				

<b>14/1</b>	9 for 197	Kings Langley	10 for 96	First innings win
<p>We won the toss and elected to bat. Daniel and Gabriel opened the batting with a good opening partnership of 44 when Gabriel (17) was bowled. Trent (3) came in next looking good but was unfortunately caught before he could do any damage. Michael joined Daniel at the crease only to see Daniel (32) caught soon after. Sean &amp; Michael put on 21 runs when Michael (10) joining the list of players caught out. Sean was in a hurry scoring 14 from the first 9 balls faced only to sky one just inside the boundary to their best fielder. Ben joined Samira at the crease both turning over the strike. Kings Langley brought on a part time spinner with Ben belting the first two balls for six and then gave a single to Samira so he could belt a six. Unfortunately Ben (26 from 30 balls) was out LBW soon after. Nick came in next and with the first ball rapping his pad, was also out Leg Before. Teshan was in next where he and Samira added 11 more runs before Samira (31) was also caught. Once Teshan settled in he took to the bowlers scoring at a run a ball, hitting one for a huge six out of the ground. At stumps we finished 9 down for 197 with Teshan (42 from 46 balls) not out and Josh (9 from 7 balls) also not out from 58 overs.</p> <p>Sean &amp; Michael opened the bowling with Michael getting a wicket in his first over from a good catch by Ben. This brought Kings Langley's best batsman to the crease, but not for long as Michael had him caught in his next over with a great catch from Nick behind the stumps. Michael's third over collected another wicket with a catch from Ben to have Kings Langley in trouble at 3/11. Samira and Teshan bowled next with Teshan getting a wicket with a classic one handed catch from Aleem. Trent knocked over the stumps next and then Ben took his third catch from his own bowling. Gabriel knocked over the stumps followed by Josh with a good catch by Sean to have Kings Langley 8/69 after 36 overs. Aleem took the next wicket with a classic one handed catch from Trent diving backwards. Nick swapped as keeper to have a bowl getting a caught and bowled on his second ball to have them all out for 96 runs. Bowling figures Michael 5-2-3-12, Nick 0.2-0-1-2, Ben 6-4-1-6, Trent 5-2-1-6, Gabriel 3-2-1-6, Aleem 4-0-1-8, Josh 5-2-1-15, Teshan 5-0-1-15, Sean 5-1-0-10, Samira 5-1-0-12 and Daniel 1-0-0-1.</p>				

<b>15/2</b>	10 for 85	Norwest	10 for 132	First innings loss
<p>The start of the match saw us at the crease. Pranav and Kanav opened our innings successfully absorbing the pressure from a spirited Norwest bowling attack. Our top order batsmen refused to give up their wickets however a slow outfield meant that runs were very difficult to come by. At the end of the 23rd over we were just 2/25 but on the way to make a reasonable total given the conditions. Wickets fell steadily throughout the morning and a very slow over rate from the Norwest bowlers only compounded the effect of the outfield. With only minutes left in the days play Norwest claimed our last wicket with us having scored 10/85 off just 50 overs. Our top scorers were Kanav (16) and Shan (19).</p> <p>With such a small total to defend, dismissing the Norwest innings was always going to be difficult task. The morning started well with our bowlers, assisted by a damp slow outfield, effectively contained the Norwest openers. However the required wickets just refused to fall and at the drinks break Norwest were 1/56 off 27 overs. In the 39th over Norwest finally inched past our total with 7 wickets still in hand. With less than one hours play remaining and despite achieving a 1<sup>st</sup> innings result, Norwest chose to bat out the remainder of the morning. Full credit must go to our guys who remained upbeat and focussed in the field, during what was a futile last hour of play. With 10 minutes play remaining our guys dismissed the last Norwest batsmen after 55 overs with their total on 132. The pick of the bowlers were Kanav (1/5) off 7 overs, Sam (2/31), Aaron (2/31), with Alex G, Garath and Adam also taking one wicket each.</p>				

<b>15/1</b>	10 for 131	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 72	First innings win
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<b>16/1</b>	10 for 134, 3 for 97	Greystanes	4 dec 189	First innings loss
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<b>C</b>	3 dec 164, 0 for 12	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 75, 10 for 100	Outright win
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<b>B17</b>	10 for 168	Winston Hills	10 for 237	First innings loss
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<b>B16</b>	10 for 233	Guildford Bowling	8 for 278	First innings loss
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The withdrawal of our B16's team soon saw the gap filled by a new team from the fathers and sons of the U14/1 team. As no-one wanted to be captain Ian Chatman took on the job with a bad start losing the toss and asked to bowl in the hot and humid conditions. Some who had not played for a long time were not impressed with this start. Playing it safe Ian opened with the 14/1 bowlers Michael Harvey and Sean Abbott which worked with Michael taking the first wicket with a catch from his step dad Brett Papworth. Next to bowl was Warren Franklin from the "out of retirement" end and Daniel Chatman from the "juniors" end. Warren soon picked up a wicket with a catch from Ben Abbott. Daniel proved a problem to the batsmen bowling 3 maidens going for only two runs in his first spell. Nathan Rees, ignoring the pain from his shoulder, took over from Warren getting a wicket in his second over with a catch from Nigel Bertus who had recently put on the gloves for the first time in many years. Ben bowled four overs from the "junior" end but the new batsmen at the crease had little respect for the bowlers and were starting to make good use of the short boundaries. Brett took over from Nathan at the "old fella" end picking up an LBW to his and the batsman's surprise removing the first of the three Frost brothers. Brett also bowled the longest spell of 8 overs. Ian brought himself on from the "juniors" end bowling two overs before afternoon tea. After going for 6.5 an over he did not resume after the break. With Warren, Nathan and Ian not ready for another spell it was back to the Juniors with Sean and Michael. Unfortunately the batsmen had lost respect for their bowling wrecking their good figures. Daniel came back on from the "juniors" end hitting the pads to see Frost number two heading back to the shade. Another 67 runs were added to the score when Frost number had reached 99, after hitting Daniel for 6, the next ball he tried to repeat the feat only to watch as Ben raced around taking a brilliant catch to unite the Frost brothers under the tree to discuss his shot selection when on 99. A new partnership was building when Josh Franklin from the 'juniors' end and Nigel from the "old fellas" end came on. The elusive wicket did not come until Nick Bertus came on from the "juniors" end picking up a wicket on his second ball with Ben taking his third catch to have Guilford Bowling 7 for 272. Not to be outdone, Nigel knocked over the stumps in the next over. The new batsman faced two balls before the heavens opened forcing us from the field. Nick was keen to get back on to clean up the tail but that was not possible with the rain continuing to fall. Bowling figures Daniel 10-3-2-34, Nathan 3-1-1-8, Warren 4-0-1-15, Brett 8-2-1-31, Nigel 6-1-1-20, Nick 1-0-1-6, Michael 7-0-1-48, Sean 10-0-0-37, Ben 4-1-0-24, Ian 2-0-0-13 and Josh 6-0-0-39.

We were pleased to see that Day two was just as hot for Guilford Bowling in the field. Nick and Nigel (nicknamed Boony by some of the juniors) opened the batting. Off to a good start both hitting fours and working the strike, unfortunately Nigel (5) got a top edge and was back for an early drink. Ben and Nick built the score to 34 when Ben (11) was caught. Brett joined Nick at the crease and looked good scoring two runs but then belted one towards the boundary which could have been six if the fielder had not jumped so high and taken the catch. Michael and Nick played with patience turning over the strike building the score to 85 with Nick just reaching his fifty when Michael (12) was bowled. Daniel was next in and played some great shots straight to the field but was caught before getting off the mark. Sean started carefully getting his eye in first scoring 30 from the first 28 balls faced. Nick (only 12 years old) had reached 98 runs by the drinks break, having not given them a single chance. After a much needed break Nick returned to get his 100 from just 149 balls, hitting a boundary when on 99. Nick was caught on 110 runs, bringing to an end his brilliant innings. Nathan added a quick 11 runs hitting the biggest six of the game. Warren looked good for a big score but was run out when on 2. We were 8 down for 225 with 6 overs remaining needing 9 an over to win. When Sean (65 from 58 balls) was caught in the next over with the score on 233 our chances of winning stated to fade away. Ian joined Josh at the crease but did not get to face a ball when Josh who was going for the runs was caught to close our innings on 233. Congratulations Nick 110 runs and Sean 65 and Daniel the best of the bowling.

<b>B15</b>	10 for 150	Hills Barbarians	10 for 128	First innings win
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<b>B11</b>	10 for 106, 10 for 75	Parramatta Leagues	10 for 167, 1 dec 54	Outright loss
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<b>B9</b>	10 for 81, 6 for 138	Kellyville	8 dec 227	First innings loss
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<b>B8</b>	10 for 149	Norwest	10 for 82	First innings win
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<b>B7</b>	8 for 162	Parramatta Golf	10 for 120	First innings win
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<b>B6</b>	10 for 147	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 152	First innings loss
<p>Roger Deane 4/32  Brett McLaren 64  Harry Izmirlian 33</p> <p>Seven Hills won the toss and elected to bat. Roger and Cameron put great pressure on their top order and soon had Sevo five-for-not-a-lot. However, a very generous umpiring decision (from the batsman's father!) changed the momentum. That batsman went on to a swashbuckling 50 and Seven Hills ended up with an imposing 152.</p> <p>We got off to a bad start, with Darren, Burger and Richard all back in the shed with the score at 35. Then Brett McLaren and Harry combined for a superb 98 run partnership that took us to the brink of our seventh consecutive victory, Brett going on to record his first half-century for us, a magnificent 64. However, once they were dismissed, all hell broke loose. Seven Hills' captain was bowling the loopyest, slowest, nude ball pies and fruit and all we could do was hit it straight down fielders' throats. He ended up with six wickets from five overs as we lost our last seven wickets for a pathetic 15 runs to lose the match by five runs. One of the most disappointing losses we have ever had and not the form we want to carry through to the semis. In fact, we may have stuffed our chances of a home semi, which is even more disappointing!</p>				

<b>B5</b>		BYE		BYE
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<b>B4</b>	10 for 207	Greystanes	10 for 122	First innings win
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<b>B1</b>	10 for 180	Inka Warriors	3 for 184	First innings loss
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<b>A Res</b>	9 for 118	Wenty Leagues	10 for 114	First innings win
<p>Back from the brink of disaster, the A Reserves certainly know how to put on a show.</p> <p>We took on the 2nd placed Wenty Leagues Witchetty Grubs in an important game for us. Needing a victory to keep is in touch with the top four, we lost another important toss and were forced into the field on a hot first day.</p> <p>The pitch was not too bad and the batsman only had a little variable bounce to deal with, the ground was a little slow with only a dozen or so boundaries hit in the entire game. Tight bowling and quality ground fielding kept the runs to a minimum as the weather closed in throughout the afternoon. The threat of lightning, thunder, hail and sideways rain ended the day leaving the Witchetty Grubs seven down for 97.</p> <p>Day two left us with 11 overs to bowl and 59 to bat. The ball was thrown to Little Nicky and Metro Blake. Metro cleaned up the tail finishing with an impressive 5 for, staking his claim for 12th man in the finals.</p> <p>Chasing 115 wouldn't usually be too hard of a task. But talk about uneven bounce. This game was sponsored by "Colorbond" corrugated metal roofing and it seems they prepared the pitch for the 2nd week. Carry, roll, carry, roll, definitely an interesting experience with the bat.</p> <p>We were off to a good start with the game all but a formality at 4/87. At 9/93 things didn't look so good. Enter Rock Kennaway and Jesus Woods, 22 runs to hit with plenty of time left and no wickets remaining. When the season is on the line you turn to experience, confidence and class, we don't have much of this so these guys had to do.</p> <p>What followed was the partnership of the season with the Rock pushing the singles so Jesus could hit the twos. Needing 7 to tie with the Rock on strike, a prophet spoke of a single, followed by a six. The Rock provided the single, hitting the ball straight to mid-off's hands and calling Jesus through, had the ball gone to the strikers end the game is over. The next ball Jesus hits the only six of the innings half way up the McLaughlin hill to tie the game. He then belts the next one back past the bowler to the boundary to put us in equal fourth place.</p> <p>The Witchetty Grubs go down and a legend is born.</p>				

<b>A</b>	10 for 71, 10 for 211	Kings Langley	2 dec 124	First innings loss