

# 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

### 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:

A Res	Through to Final	14/3	Through to Final
C	Through to Final	12/2	Through to Final
15/1	Through to Final	11/1A	Through to Final
14/1	Through to Final		

### Individual Achievements

Roger Deane                      B6                      7/31

### Canteen Roster – Finals

We are looking for volunteers to help in the canteens at Ted Horwood and Charles McLaughlin over the final weekend. If you would like to help for an hour or two, on either Saturday or Sunday, please contact either of the following people:

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## Social and Other Stuff

### Grand Final BBQ - Sunday, March 26, 2006

The BBQ will be held on the Sunday night of the Grand Final weekend at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club. All senior and junior players, officials and supporters are welcome. The evening will kick off at about 5:30pm, downstairs in Charlie's.

### Senior Presentation Night – Saturday, May 27

The Senior Presentation will be held at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club as usual. Check the web site for details.

### Junior Presentation Day – Sunday, May 28

The Junior Presentation will be held at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club as usual. Check the web site for details.

### 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 **Mitchell Webb** from 11/1A. "A fine 33 helped the team to a first innings total of 120 which was enough to put the team into the grand final next week. Mitch has produced some good innings this year when they have really counted and this was a gem. Although eventually his down fall his pull shots were fantastic. He followed this up with two wickets off his first three balls ending with the great figures of 5 overs, two maidens, 2/8. His left arm swing bowling has been a handful all year and when he has not been getting wickets he has tied down the opposition with his consistent accuracy." Congratulations Mitch.

### Committee Vacancy – Are you interested?

There is a now vacancy on the committee, that will need to be filled at the AGM in June. 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.

### 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 a look next time you are in the club.

## Match Results and Reports

11/1A	10 for 120, 2 for 73	Norwest	10 for 52	First innings win
<p>First Innings            Joel 14            Mitch 33            George 12 not out            Jonathan 3/1            Blake 3/9            Mitch 2/8</p> <p>Second innings            Jonathan 32            Joel 16 not out</p> <p>A great win to put us into the grand final.</p> <p>After losing Blake early Cody and Joel were solid at the start of the innings. Cody played the perfect opening dig and took the sting out of the front line bowlers. Mitch and Joel dominated the middle of the innings putting on 54 before Joel was out for a good 14 and then Mitch for 33. A collapse followed and at 9/92 the parents were wondering what to do on the weekend off - as it was not looking good. Then Gaj and George put together a fantastic last wicket partnership of 28 to get us to what would turn out to be a match winning 120. We then had four overs to bowl. Mitch picked up two wickets off his first and third balls both bowled-his left arm swingers have been an handful all year. Blake also bowled beautifully and picked up a wicket bowled. At 3/8 overnight it was anyone's game. Come Sunday Blake picked up two quick wickets to put Norwest under the pump. After that we picked up wickets consistently with Jonathan picking up three bowled for the amazing figures of 3/1. Once again straight bowling paid dividends with 6 bowled and three LBWs to roll Norwest for 52. Sent back in to bat we needed to occupy the crease. Once again Cody did the job-facing 29 balls for his 4. Jonathan made his best score for the year with a great 32 - Jonathan has hit great form with the bat just at the right time. Joel chimed in again with a nice 16 not out. With the game out of Norwest's reach the game finished early.</p> <p>Another great team effort- Jonathan's 3/1 and 32 off the bat was a great effort. Joel inflicted damage this time with the bat with a 14 and 16. Blake was the destroyer with the ball picking up 3/9. Mitch's 33 held the innings together and he followed this up with 2 wickets off his first over to really put the pressure on Norwest. A highlight though was the last wicket partnership of 28 between George and Gaj- an example of very sensible batting under a lot of pressure.</p>				

12/2	9 for 132	Kings Langley	10 for 121	First innings win
<p>B hills batting Sam Hubbard 31, Jake Bailey 40, Ryan Bailey 13. B Hills bowling Anoop Vaidya 8 overs 2 maidens 2 for 12, Ryan Bailey 7 overs 0 maidens 2 for 17, Nilot Dutta 8 overs 1 maiden 2 for 22, Jake Bailey 8 overs 1 maiden 2 for 29.</p> <p>After a shaky start which saw us 3 for 17, 2 excellent partnerships laid the foundation for our total of 132 runs after 55 overs. These were 41 for the 4th wicket between Sam and Ryan and 66 for the 5th wicket between Sam and Jake. Jake's innings included 6 4s and Sam's included 3 4s.</p> <p>When we bowled, we had Kings Langley under early pressure, having them 4 for 15, with 2 great close in catches by Aidan. Kings Langley continued to battle hard before we took their last wicket with the score on 121.</p> <p>Congratulations team on reaching the grand final. Let's practise hard this week and give ourselves every chance of winning next week.</p>				

14/3	4 for 81	Norwest	10 for 43	First innings win
<p>After all the hard work during the season we have finally made our way to the semi-finals with the plan to go one step further than last year.</p>				
<p>Robert and Kieran were elected by the team again this year to lead them into the semi-finals and Robert unfortunately lost the toss but won the call as Norwest elected to bat first which was our plan.</p>				
<p>The object was for our opening bowlers to start in a controlled manner and they followed the instructions to perfection. With good accurate fast bowling by Kieran and Adam finally produced results with Tiarne taking a good regulation catch at square leg off Kieran's bowling to dismiss Norwest's opener. Just 3 runs later Kieran took out the middle stump of the other opener to have Norwest looking shaky at 2/11 off 10 overs.</p>				
<p>Norwest then started to put on some runs until the batsmen decided to take on our infield only to find Adam sending a ball straight back over the bails for Cameron to catch Norwest's key batsman short of his crease. Great fielding guys. Norwest saw off our next change bowlers in Robert and Luke but were struggling to get some runs on the board.</p>				
<p>Christian came on and bowled a good line to the batsman and snared a vital wicket with a good catch by Cameron behind the stumps. Norwest were 4/26 off 21 overs and we knew that we needed to keep taking wickets to get into their tail. So we Adam back on and he claims a prized scalp in the 5th ball of his second spell with a great caught and bowled chance. Norwest then have their bug hitters at the crease and start to make some headway. Kieran comes back on for the last over before drinks and clean bowls the danger man to have Norwest 6/39 at the drinks break.</p>				
<p>With strict instructions to keep the pressure on, our team did exactly that with Luke claiming two wickets with the first two balls of his over from drinks. It only took another over from Luke to claim the last two wickets of the innings and Norwest were all out for just 43 runs. Talk about following instructions!!</p>				
<p>Going into bat we started very cautiously with Robert and Adam doing everything possible to protect their wicket. Unfortunately Robert was caught at leg slip and Adam bowled stepping across his stumps to be in a slightly dangerous position at stumps on 2/25 off 24 overs.</p>				
<p>The next day brought about a more positive attitude with the bat with Cameron and Kieran seeing us past the 44 run target without losing another wicket. Cameron was finally caught at square leg for a valuable 18 runs and a 30 run partnership. Kieran and Tiarne put on another 33 runs before Kieran was caught in cover for 22. Tiarne continued solidly up to the drinks break where Norwest finally conceded defeat with our score on 4/81.</p>				
<p>The next half an hour gave us some batting practice with Luke and Matthew getting amongst the runs.</p>				
<p>Well done team on taking up the challenge and making it through to your first grand final. You deserve every bit of it.</p>				
<p>Superb fielding and bowling gave us the win this weekend and a determined effort with the bat saw us home.</p>				
<p>Let's get ready to now take the title!</p>				
<p>Match stat's –With the ball Luke 7-1-4-10, Kieran 7-3-2-8, Adam 7-4-1-3, Robert 5-1-0-5, Christian 5-2-1-5, Tiarne 1-0-0-5. With the bat Kieran 22, Cameron 18 and Tiarne 11 not out. <b>Special mention to Matt Vassallo with a personal best of 8 not out!!</b></p>				

<b>14/1</b>	5 for 161	Kings Langley	10 for 160	First innings win
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Kings Langley won the toss and elected to bat with Sean & Michael opening the bowling. Sean bowled very tight and accurate giving away only one run from his first 3 overs. Teshan came on next from Michael's end keeping it tight with Kings Langley scoring 30 runs from the first 10 overs. Samira got the first breakthrough in the 17th over with a catch from Sean. This brought Bristow, one of the best batsmen in the district, to the wicket. He scored a single putting him on strike facing Ben's first over where he tried to put the first ball over the fence, only to find the safe hands of Daniel on the boundary. Ben, who was bowling brilliantly, was rewarded 2 overs later with another wicket from a good catch by Sean. Kings Langley batted solidly taking the score from 56 to 83 before losing the next wicket when Sean took a great reflex catch off Gabriel to have the other opening batsmen out. Another partnership built between Vince and Ashby who was belting the bad balls to every corner of the ground and out of the ground. Samira picked up the next wicket with a good catch from Nick to have KL 5 for 111 after 36 overs. With only 1 added to the score Sean removed the new batsman with a catch from Gabriel. Another wicket fell at 120 runs with Nick taking a catch from Sean's bowling. The next wicket was the crucial of Ashby who had belted 45 runs from 31 balls with a good catch from Michael off Samira's bowling. A frustrating partnership of 20 runs followed before we took the 9th wicket with Brendan taking a catch from Josh's bowling. Daniel came on for his first over knocking over the stumps on his 3rd ball to have Kings Langley all out for 160 runs. Bowling figures Samira 10-1-3-35, Ben 7-2-2-10, Sean 10-3-2-14, Daniel 0.3-1-1-0, Josh 5-1-1-22, Gabriel 8-0-1-32, Michael 5-1-0-18 and Teshan 8-1-0-23.

With enough time left for two overs Sean and Nick opened the batting. Sean was run out in the second over bringing a huge cheer from the Kings Langley boys as they knew having Sean out for only 2 runs was a great start to the game. The next day Nick and Brendan showed great patience against some of the most accurate bowling we had experienced this season taking the score to 85 when Brendan (27) was caught in the 41st over. Nick and Gabriel added 16 to the score when Nick (49) was bowled one run short of his fifty. A great innings from Nick who batted for 2 hours and 45 minutes setting the foundations for the following batsmen. Ben came in next and batted with such control playing each ball on its merit and then punishing the loose ball, and I mean really punishing it out of the ground on three occasions. Gabriel (25) was caught with our score on 140 runs in the 59th over. Having bowled Kings Langley out in the 54th over we received their overs giving us 66 overs to score the runs and we looked like we would need every one of these overs. Daniel came in next looking for runs from his first ball, only he decided to speed up the run rate to be caught near the boundary after scoring 4 runs. Teshan, who has batted very well for the last 4 games, came in next with him and Ben working the ball taking the score to 155 runs when Ben hit a six taking us to a win with 3 overs to spare. A great win against a very strong Kings Langley team.

<b>15/1</b>	10 for 139	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 61	First innings win
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We lost the toss and they sent us in to bat. The Charles McLaughlin wicket was slow and uneven and was responsible for the loss of some of our wickets. Jacob and Chris got us off to a good start with an opening wicket partnership of 27. Jacob went on to make a very handy and lively 29 runs. Owen compiled a useful and patient 16 runs before he was out. Some quick middle order wickets saw us collapse to 6/72 and then 7/84 before a late order innings saving partnership between Macka and Alex. They put on 42 runs before Macka went for 14. Alex continued on to top score with 34 not out and we managed to total 139 which we thought was a good score on the wicket.

The following day they batted and we managed to get amongst the wickets straight away. With Macka injured from playing seniors the day before, we opened with Jacob and Evan. Both took 2 wickets each in their first 3 overs to have them 4/11 after 6 overs. They never really recovered from this start and we eventually bowled them all out for 61 in the 36th over. Best of the bowlers was Hari Raja, continuing his great season taking 4/15 off 9 overs. Hari also took 3 catches capping of a great day. A convincing semi-final win. One more game to go - let's do it!!!

<b>C</b>	4 for 108	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 98	First innings win
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We came into this semi-final expecting a big challenge. On a coolish overcast day, we decided to bowl after winning the toss. We took a wicket immediately in the first over and continued to breakthrough regularly. The bowling from Troy and Macka was hostile. Enter Owen who bowled a lethal line and length at good pace. He was rewarded with 4 wickets - all bowled and at one stage was on a hatrick. We had them 6/43 before they got a bit of a late order rally. They edged their score up to 98 and were all out just after tea.

Troy and Chris opened the batting and played extremely solidly and safely. They put on 40 runs without giving a chance before Chris finally fell for a great 16 runs. Tom joined Troy and Troy fell soon after for 21. Luke joined Tom and they quickly accumulated runs in a few overs. At 2/68, they seemed to give up the ghost and began to bowl slow bowlers and field sloppily. Tom capitalised and smashed every second ball to the boundary. We rapidly passed their score 3 wickets down and they were happy to call it a day and conceded defeat. Tom finished with 40 bringing up the winning runs with a six. The game didn't even get to the second day. A thrashing victory but the gloss was taken off by their yielding attitude. Let's hope the grand final is less of an anti-climax.

<b>B15</b>	10 for 103	Winston Hills	3 for 176	First innings
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<b>B9</b>		Parramatta Leagues		Loss
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<b>B8</b>		Greystanes		Loss
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<b>B7</b>	10 for 122	Granville Pats	10 for 158	First innings loss
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<b>B6</b>	10 for 55, 10 for 79	NSW Tamils	10 for 80, 5 for 55	Outright loss
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Performances:

Roger Deane 7/31

Brian King 37 (2nd Inns)

Some strange results in the last round of the competition meant that we finished second and hosted NSW Tamils at our beloved Royal Rocks, home of the slowest outfield in the cricketing world.

The Tamils are a side with a formidable record this year, but it is a record that is due to one player alone, Mr S. Nirmalan, or as the B1's call him - "Mr Cricket". A quick look through their scorebook reveals that he's probably scored more runs and taken more wickets than our entire team put together. He's unlucky that he wasn't called up for Sri Lanka during the one dayers this year, he's that good! What he's doing down in B6 with us hacks is anyone's guess. Anyway, it was obvious that how we dealt with him would have a huge outcome on the result of this game...

Unfortunately, Mr Cricket's bowling proved far too good for our first innings, as he took 6 scalps to topple us for a paltry 55. Of particular note was his uncanny ability to earn LBW decisions bowling right arm around the wicket, something that the Channel 9 commentators have always told us is nigh on impossible... not in B6's, obviously!

However, Roger and Brett McLaren bowled superbly to put us right back in the game - Brett accounting for Mr Cricket with a superb outswinger first ball. Without him to smack us all over the park, the rest of the Tamils struggled to score runs and keep their wickets intact and the game reached knife's edge when they were 9/50 - still five runs behind. However, they managed to scrape past our score and then charge on to a final total of 80. A few dropped catches in the last partnership definitely didn't help our cause. Roger's superb bowling in finals continued as he ended with a well earned 7 wicket haul - 7/31.

We had no option but to bat a second time in an attempt to force an outright win, but with the exception of Brian (who hit a sparkling 37), no one really produced the goods and we were bowled out for 79, just 54 runs ahead. Mr Cricket had to content himself with a mere 5 wickets this time around.

As in the first innings, all our bowlers put in a superb effort to defend a meagre total and we had the Tamils five wickets down when they finally passed our total. Brett McLaren had the satisfaction of getting Mr Cricket for another low score, while Roger took his final tally of wickets to 41 at the unbelievable average of 7.91.

Once again, a very disappointing batting effort in a final, but we all put a huge effort in the field to give us a chance right to the end. Bring on next season!

<b>B5</b>	10 for 105	Guildford Leagues	10 for 111, 7 for 86	First innings loss
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<b>B4</b>	10 for 87	Hills Barbarians	8 for 89	First innings loss
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A Res	10 for 216	Hills Barbarians	10 for 163	First innings win
<p>You have to love the minor premiers' curse...when you come in fourth that is. The Hill's Karma Chameleons came in first by a country mile and we busted our butts to just make it into the top four. What we didn't do was play any where near our potential for the entirety of the comp.</p>				
<p>Team efforts are extremely satisfying and this semi final required all 11 men. Winning the toss was mystifying to us so we flipped another coin and decided to bat first. What followed was the innings we have been waiting for all year. Losing J-Dub in the first over wasn't the best start but from then on, not a batsman failed to reach double figures.</p>				
<p>What was most pleasing was the young guns finally putting there hands up and taking control of a game. Mick The Lip Delfino top scored with a stunning and patient 45 with hardly a false shot being played. Top Deck Byrne (34) cut loose in the middle order and Teflon Smith (31) finished the job admirably. With 216 on the board after 69.3 overs, we had top billing.</p>				
<p>Sunday lived up to its name and turned on the sun. The effort involved on a hot afternoon by all team members showed exactly how we will win this comp. Metro Blake toiled hard all day bowling 19 overs at good pace. Bag picked up 4 wickets taking out the top order and the back up bowling of Philbo Baggins, Mr Cricket Simpson and Top Deck Byrne was the difference between the two bowling attacks.</p>				
<p>The ground fielding was exemplary and we held on to nearly all our chances. It was great to hear encouragement in the field all day, even when the slightest of partnerships were forming. Special mention for Mulva Mulvaney, taking two catches and saving more runs than any one batsman hit in this game.</p>				
<p>We finished off the Karma Chameleons for 163 and booked our spot in the last game of the year. One more team effort required, let's finish this.</p>				