

The Third Man's Report

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Have a look at the Baulko web site. All the news about club events, fixtures, results, ladders etc are all available at the following web site – www.baulkocricicket.com.au 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 is being added to as time permits.

There have been some changes to the committee this season. You can find a list of the committee members on the website

To all Captains, Coaches and Managers

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:

B6 5 for 252 12/1 Opposition dismissed for 12

Individual Achievements

Mitchell Walters	A Res	66 no	A Battle	B14	47 no
Matt Smith	B4	100 no	Luke Woodman	15/2	5/9
Ben Dooley	B6	130 no	Nick Bertus	14/1	70 no
David Banks	B6	84	Michael Gounder	14/2	51 no
Dooley & Banks	4th wkt p/ship - 206 runs		Nick McConnell	12/1	47 no
Aazan Vhora	B11	6/29	Manmit Bedi	11/1	25 ret
N Perera	B14	5/33			

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
September 23, 2006	B2	14/1
September 30, 2006	B4	14/2
October 7, 2006	No junior games	13/1
October 14, 2006	B5	13/2
October 21, 2006	B6	13/3
October 28, 2006	B11	12/1

The President's Roundup

Well, after a rain delay the 2006/2007 season is underway. Welcome to all those players who are new to Baulko. We hope you enjoy playing cricket with us. To the parents of our new junior players, we hope to see you at the grounds and at our functions during the year.

Thanks to all the managers, coaches and committee personnel who worked so hard to get our teams graded and entered into the PDCA competition. And a special thank you to all those who have committed to coaching and managing junior teams this season. We appreciate your commitment.

We have had an increase in junior this year, with 17 teams compared to 15 last year, while our senior have dropped from 16 teams to 11 teams this year.

Some players had a busy off season the John Walters (A Grade) & David Banks (B6) welcoming new additions to their families.

A good start in seniors, with A Grade kicking off the season with a win in a tight game. A Reserve, B2, B4, B5, B6 & B11 all had wins, whilst B10, B12, B13 & B14 went down. Highlights included a neat 100 not out by Matt Smith (B4) and a magnificent 206 run 4th wicket partnership in the B6's between Ben Dooley (130 not out) & David Banks (84).

Here's a challenge for all senior teams this year. We have not won a premiership in the last two (2) seasons, so who can step up & bring it home this year?

The juniors had some very good performances, including Luke Woodman (U15/2), Nick Bertus (U14/1), Michael Gounder (U14/2), Nick McConnell (U12/1) & Manmit Bedi (U11/3). All up 9 wins, 7 losses & 1 no result

A sincere apology must go to coach Jann Rippis, manager Margaret Mastro, the players and parents of the Under 10 Red's. Due to a club from another association trying to push in on our ground, our team and our opposition Pendle Hill were unable to play last week. This was most unsatisfactory and an email to the other association has resolved the matter, to our satisfaction!

Club coach Chris Springall will be getting around to junior training during the season to assist the coaches. We will also be working with the North West Sydney Hurricanes to provide coaching assistance for our junior teams. The Hurricanes play in the Shires competition and will be working with Chris to help with specialist coaching. Thanks to Dave McDonald & Rick Thomas for their input & we look forward to working closely with the Hurricanes.

Don't forget our monthly meetings, held at Baulkham Hills Sports Club on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday 3 October, commencing at 8pm. We require a representative from each team to attend the meetings, so please make sure you attend.

All teams are asked to submit a match report after each game. This will then be included in the Owzat which can be viewed on the website after each round.

It is good to be able to report when you hear positive feedback about our club. We have been told by the coach of the U12/3 Guildford Leagues team, that it was a pleasure to play our U12/3 team last week. The coach said the Baulkham Hills players were extremely well mannered & the game was played in a most friendly manner and with great sportsmanship. He said it was a pleasure to play them. Well done to coach Michael O'Brien and the players.

A reminder that all teams should be prepared to umpire their own game should player umpires not turn up. This will apply to B12 in most games, as the Umpires Association does not have enough umpires to cover all games without player umpires

The rules in seniors now allow 12 players. But all 12 players must be listed on the team sheet prior to the toss. If you only list 11 players, then only those 11 can play. So always put your 12 players on the sheet.

Good luck for the season. We trust you will enjoy the season.

Peter McLoughlin

Social and Other Stuff

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 – Help Needed

The club will again be running a Have-A-Go Clinic on Friday nights for our youngest and keenest participants. The clinic will be run after daylight saving has commenced, starting in November. We are looking for helpers to run the sessions. Last season we had several Under 16 and 15 players assisting. The session runs from about 6:00 to 7:30. If you are interested, talk to any committee member or drop us an email at committee@baulkocricicket.com.au

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 must be returned by the November monthly meeting. Contact Karyn Springall 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 \$15, and can be purchased back at the club on Saturday nights or from the social committee.

Other Events

Other events will include the Trivia Night in February. Full detail of the events will be given out at the next Captain's & 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 a look next time you are in the club.

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	2 for 62	Pendle Hill Colts	6 for 42	Win on averages
<p>Both teams turned up with only 10 players each so the Coaches decided that each team would bowl 20 overs only. We won the toss and decided to bat. After 20 overs, our score was 62 runs with the loss of 2 wickets, giving us an average of 31.</p> <p>Pendle Hill Brumbies scored 42 runs and lost 6 wickets, giving them an average of 7.</p> <p>All our boys played with enthusiasm and enjoyed the day. Special mention must go to Tom Waddups who made 21 runs without losing his wicket. Also, a big “thank you” to the parents who assisted on the day to make life easier for the new manager – much appreciated!</p>				

10 Red		Pendle Hill Colts		No Result

10 White	5 for 90	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 54	Win on averages
<p>The first day of the 2006/2007 Cricket season got off to a false start on Saturday 9th September. Baulko was against another strong club in Seven Hills. Liam was appointed captain for the game. The Whites having won the toss elected to bat. The field was set, stumps were up, opening batsmen padded up, and the heavens opened. Day One was washed out. Weather can be cruel to a cricketer’s life!</p> <p>The weather on Saturday 16th proved to much kinder. The game was reduced to a 24 over one day game. Liam and Timothy got the side off to a flying start with a partnership of 18; Liam 14 and Tim keeping his end intact on 4. Liam took toll on some wayward bowling and was rewired with two fours. Tim pierced the field on a number of occasions and the boy’s running between wickets was a highlight.</p> <p>Arsh came in first drop and proceeded to bat very solidly for an innings of 1 run, without losing his wicket. Arsh played very straight and didn’t look like getting out. Brandon kept his wicket and inturn frustrating the Seven Hills bowlers for 0. However both batsmen were unlucky not to get more runs, as Seven Hills fielded well. Chris batted next and continued the excellent defensive shots and came away with 1 run. Chris was solid in getting behind the ball and keeping the bowlers wicket less.</p> <p>Kieran came to the crease and immediately looked comfortable out in the middle, upping the run rate with a score of 5 runs for 1 loss of wicket. Mark strode purposely to the middle to partner with Kieran and got off the mark with his 3rd ball. Solid defence and good shot selection saw Mark compile a well credentialed 3 runs, without losing a wicket.</p> <p>Malindu used the opportunity to watch his team mates bat and get a feeling for the game. Malindu scored off his second and third balls and batted solidly with a well constructed innings of 4 runs. Nicholas batted well but was unlucky to be bowled midway through his innings. Nicholas recovered admirably and came away with a solid innings of 1 run.</p> <p>Michael put in a very solid defensive effort, and was unluckily not to score. His swashbuckling hitting went unrewarded, but importantly kept his wicket intact for a score of 0. Ryan lifted the scoring rate with good running for an innings of 2, sizing an over throw opportunity. Viva proved to be unlucky with two run outs, one freakish straight hit from Ryan rebounding off the bowler’s hand.</p> <p>The team score a very well compiled 36 runs and 54 sundries for a total of 90.</p> <p>The whites took to the field and with immediate success in Liam snaring a wicket with his second ball. This set the scene for the rest of the match with Liam getting 1 for 2, Viva opening at the other end and securing 1 wicket for 5 runs. Arsh was first drop and kept the run rate down and conceded only 5 runs. Brandon bowled next with a solid effort of 1 wicket for 5 runs, making his old man’s day with a wicket in his first over. Chris bowled a solid two overs for six runs, keeping the scoring rate low.</p> <p>Kieran produced a very tight spell of 1 wicket for 3 runs, an excellent effort. Mark produced a solid spell for 7 runs. Michael’s spell turned the screws on the Seven Hills batsmen yielding only 4 runs, strong effort.</p>				

Malindu stepped up to the mark when need and produced a sensational effort of 2 wickets for 2 runs - very solid. Excellent fielding saw Seven Hills were scratching their heads wondering where their next runs would come from. Nicolas tightened the screws further with a tight spell of bowling for 4 runs.

Ryan and Tim ensured victory with an excellent closing spell that saw Ryan concede only 4 runs and Tim unlucky in not securing a hat-trick with 2 wickets for 4 runs - an awesome effort.

Tim and Liam's keeping was excellent, keeping the batsmen honest in their crease. An excellent catch under pressure by Nicholas proved to be a turning point. The fielding by the team was excellent considering for most boys this was their first game, proper.

Seven Hills compiled a well built innings of 54 runs, conceding 10 wickets for an average of 5.4

The Baulko Whites convincing winners losing only 5 wickets for 90 runs for a game winning average of 18 per wicket. The boys should be very proud of themselves, putting in an excellent effort in their first game. This was a supreme team effort, with everyone contributing.

Thank you to the parents who assisted Neil in getting batsmen padded up and Ram for scoring.

11/3	4 for 112	Wenty Waratahs	8 for 123	First innings loss
Despite losing by a close margin, all boys were enthusiastic and put in a good effort. There were a couple of great catches (and some we nearly took), as well as some great bowling. We ran out of overs in the end and just couldn't make up the runs in time. If you didn't manage a bat or bowl today boys, don't worry, your turn will come next week. A great team effort overall. Thanks to John and Brino for umpiring and to Harpreet for scoring. Your efforts are certainly appreciated.				

11/2	1 for 55	Norwest	4 for 56	First innings loss
The game was reduced to a 1 day game due to play being washed out on the first week without a ball being bowled.				
Baulko won the toss and elected to bat.				
Michael (14 retired) and Anupam (10 retired) opened the batting and got us off to a steady start. The Norwest bowlers threw everything they had at our openers but could not break through for the first wicket. It was looking like Michael and Anupam would likely bat through the innings, so in order to give the other batsmen a hit both openers retired after 20 overs had been bowled. The new batsmen were Joshua (6 not out) and Mitchell (0). When Mitchell lost his wicket to a good catch at point Siddant (2 not out) and Joshua batted through to the end of our 31 overs, reaching a total of 55.				
Baulko's turn to bowl and Anupam and Mitchell opened the bowling. The Norwest openers batted very well and after 10 overs had been bowled they both retired with the score on 19. Almost immediately Matthew (1 for 6) captured our first wicket with a good catch by Mitchell. Luke (2 for 2) claimed 2 more wickets (a great catch by Matthew at point and an LBW) and we were back in the match. Siddhant bowled well and was rewarded with 1 wicket (clean bowled with his first ball). Norwest put together another good partnership and passed our total after 27 overs having lost 4 wickets.				
Although we lost the game the boys played very well and were enthusiastic throughout the game and can take heart from the fact that we top scored and took the most wickets.				

11/1	4 for 109	Hills Barbarians	6 for 39	First innings win
<p>A pretty easy win in the first round for a team that could do very well this season. It has a strong bowling line-up and some good batting potential.</p> <p>We lost the toss in this one-dayer and were sent in, but got off to a flyer thanks to opener Michael who struck the ball to all parts of the ground, scoring six fours before being retired at 27 not out. Meanwhile Joshua made a patient 7 with singles, while Owen and Cody learnt the hard way about the dangers of hitting across the line... OUT! At the end of the innings Devin (14 no.) and George (11 no.) were very steady.</p> <p>Defending 109 the team was quietly confident, and our bowling strength showed immediately with just one run per over being scored in the early stages. The fielding was enthusiastic, with only one boundary scored against us in the whole innings. Both our wicket keepers (with a bit of back-up help...) kept byes to zero, and George made a good stumping. Off 3 overs each, Tanveer managed the great figures of 2/2 (and bowled their best batsman), Sachin 0/0, Cody 2/7 and Joshua 1/1. And a brave showing by Joe who copped an accidental ball in the lip – from a team-mate!</p> <p>Well done boys, a good team effort. Player of the match: Michael R.</p>				

12/3	5 for 93	Guildford Leagues	3 for 127	First innings loss

12/2	9 for 41	Kings Langley	8 for 58	First innings loss
<p>Our first game was a good all round effort by the boys. It was played under difficult conditions for both teams with tall grass and weeds making batting (and the bowling run up) difficult. We have some new players who are beginning to fit in well and with a couple of players out, we appreciated Todd's brother, Brad (from our under 10's) fielding for us and then having a bat – he did very well.</p> <p>Generally we bowled and fielded very well and restricted Kings Langley. 58 was possible but they bowled very well and we couldn't find the gaps. A few unlucky wickets early cost us, but it was a good all round effort. Todd Ripps and Joshua Stevenson both took 2 wickets and Greg Malyon took 1 wicket. We had 3 great run outs and some good catches. Tom kept extremely well. James Senior led the way in batting with a solid 11, well supported by Joshua Balzarolo and Tom Hughes.</p> <p>Well don boys, we look forward to some good cricket this season.</p>				

12/1	3 for 94	Norwest	10 for 12	First innings win
<p>Nick McConnell 47 not out Tom Lockhart 3/4 Matt Sibley 2/3 Geoffrey McIntyre 2/0 Joel Pienmunne 1/0 James Dallaway 1/2</p> <p>After the first week was washed out Norwest won the toss and sent us in. The boys struggled early against some very good bowling with Jonathan out to a very good ball. Blake and Nick saw off the opening bowlers and were looking good until Blake was out to a ripper for a well compiled 11. Nick and Mitch put on a handy partnership and started to accelerate the scoring before Mitch was run out for 11 trying to steal a quick single. Taseen came in and looked very solid and remained not out 5. The highlight of the innings was Nick's 47 not out. Runs were hard to come by against some very good bowling but Nick played a gem. Nick then put on the gloves for Norwest's innings and immediately made an impact with a catch above his head off Matt's bowling for the fist wicket. Wickets then fell at regular intervals. The boys reaped the rewards of good line and length with Matt picking up 2/34. James bowled very well picking up Norwest's most dangerous batter and conceding just 2 runs from his four overs. Ruben made a great return to cricket bowling fast and straight and always looking dangerous with his four overs only conceding 3 runs. Tom Lockhart had a great day with the ball picking up 3 for 4 with a bowled and two caught in the deep taken by Mitch and Blake. The spin king Joel chimed in for a wicket near the end before Geoff McIntyre put in a blistering spell, bowling the last two batmen to secure the win and to finish with the figures of 2 for 0.</p> <p>A great start to the season. Solid batting backed up with a great effort it the field. The ground fielding was excellent and all the catches were taken. The boys kept the pressure on and came away with a good first up win.</p>				

13/3	4 for 67	Kings Langley	9 for 68	First innings loss
<p>After losing the toss and being sent in to bat we were in 'all sorts' at 3 for 3 after 3 overs. Kiveshin (15) and Myles (21 Not Out) steadied the ship with a good solid partnership of 35 before Blake (9 Not Out) an Myles batted out the overs in order for us to post what we thought would be a very competitive total (4 for 67) given the state of the ground, extremely slow outfield and the wet ball.</p> <p>A great team bowling effort with 7 of the boys all getting at least 1 wicket (Mahir with 2) left us just short of rolling the visitors in what would have been an amazing victory. A great start to the season given our limited preparation (only 1 team training session) which shows that we have some talented boys in the team. Mahir - 2 for 10, Dineth 1 for 5, Kausthub 1 for 6, Vivek 1 for 6, Thibagar 1 for 6 & Arnav 1 for 4 where the pick of the bowlers. We did have Kings Langley on the ropes at 8 for 61 but they managed to sneak the last few runs out and get us this time.</p> <p>Had we not given away many extras (20 in total) in our bowling we could well have finished on top in this game. From what we displayed today at least we have plenty to work with and also plenty to work on at training in the next few weeks. Great start to the year boys and with some practice we will soon be on the winners list.</p>				

13/2	10 for 91	Kellyville	5 for 136	First innings loss
<p>Bowling: Ryan Bailey 9 overs 2 for 30, Michael Waddups 6 overs 2 for 26 Batting: .Michael Waddups 15, Amol Marwah 12, Aidan Cousin 12, and Blaine O'Brien 12 not out playing his first match.</p> <p>A fielding performance below the standard normally associated with this team meant that we faced an uphill battle to score the required runs. Despite some useful contributions at the top of our order from Michael, Amol, and Aidan, we weren't able to build the long partnership necessary to chase down the large total.</p>				

13/1	5 for 80	Greystanes	10 for 79	First innings win
<p>Great win to start the season.</p> <p>This season we welcome three new players to our squad.</p> <p>Daniel, Sam H and Matthew.</p> <p>I am happy to say they all made worthwhile contributions in their debut match for the team.</p> <p>Well Done.</p> <p>Beating Greystanes was always going to be a difficult task.</p> <p>Asad bowled the first ball of the season which produced a wicket.</p> <p>It was a good day also for Matthew who took a wicket on his first delivery which was a great birthday present for him.</p> <p>Adarsh, our spinner also produced a wicket on his first ball.</p> <p>A very tidy keeping job by Sam H. earned him the match ball.</p> <p>Ash and Daniel opened the batting, doing their required task which was to see off the opening bowlers.</p> <p>A match winning partnership between Karanbir and Sam B also deserves a special mention.</p> <p>Our team made the most of the opportunities that came our way, which made a big difference toward the conclusion of the match. Great Team Effort.</p> <p>Remember though, this is the first game with very stiff competition each and every game for the rest of the season.</p> <p>If we play as a team and perform week by week to the best of our ability our team will achieve more results like this in the future.</p>				

14/2	1 for 130	Kellyville	6 for 126	First innings win
<p>Excellent effort by the boys in the first game of the season to get the runs in 20 overs. The bowling was first rate with Jason, and Shivang bowling good pace, and the rest of the boys good line and length. In his first ever game Tom Hough bowled a terrific spell. Taseen bowled well, took 2 excellent catches and scored 30 not out, a solid all round performance. Michael Gounder batted magnificently to get to 51 not out and steer the team to an early victory. The team work and camaraderie were great and Hamish led the way very well with bat and ball.</p> <p>Good team effort guys but we need to work hard on our fielding from here on if we are to keep teams to containable totals.</p>				

14/1	1 for 110	Kings Langley	4 for 108	First innings win
<p>A win against last season's premiers is a great start. With day one washed out we played a one-day game. We lost the toss and with the short grass still very wet, it was no surprise we were asked to bowl. Ajay and Tom opened the bowling keeping it tight and restricting the runs to have Kings Langley 0 for 23 after 8 overs. In Tom's next over he picked up an LBW with the first ball. Daniel and Gabriel bowled tight, restricting the runs to about 3 an over. Ornob and Harman bowled next, keeping the pressure on the batsmen just when they were looking to open up and score runs. Ornob broke through in his 3rd over, sending the bails flying to have Kings Langley 2 for 67 in the 23rd over. With a team full of batting talent restricting the runs was the key focus. At the end of 26 overs Kings Langley were 2 for 90 and with only 5 overs to go we brought on a double spin attack of Ben and Omal. This rather brave move by our captain, Daniel, proved to be a clever plan with Ben bowling one batsman and Omal also picking up a wicket with a catch from Gabriel with only 18 runs scored from the last 5 overs. A good effort by all the team in the field especially Ben and Ornob. Bowling (overs-maidens-wickets-runs) – Tom 5-2-1-5, Ajay 4-0-0-19, Daniel 4-0-0-13, Gabriel 4-1-0-14, Harman 4-1-0-13, Ben 2-0-1-10 & Omal 3-0-1-7.</p> <p>Nick and Gabriel opened the batting to some very tight bowling from Kings Langley. They looked for every opportunity to turn over the strike and keep the score ticking over. In the 6th over Nick faced his first loose ball sending it out of the ground. After 10 overs we were 0 for 29 and in the 20th over we lost our first wicket when Gabriel (18) was caught with the score on 69. Matheesha joined Nick at the crease opening his score with two fours. With our batsmen scoring at 5.9 runs per over we passed Kings Langley's score in the 27th over. Well batted Mathesha (17no from 19 balls) and Nick (70no from 89 balls). Thanks to Shan and Kath who helped with scoring.</p>				

15/2	7 for 91	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 57	First innings win
<p>What a great start to the season!!!!</p> <p>With only seven (7) players from last season (three players moved up to 15/1's) the team was not sure what to expect. As it turned out a combination of last years experience and some of the "new blood" stepped up and delivered. Nelson won the toss and elected to bat first – a good move with dew still on the ground. A great opening partnership of 37 runs had us off to an excellent start. Robert scored 19 and Nelson 11. A second partnership of 28 for the 4th wicket between Luke (21) and Sam (11) consolidated the innings. In the end a score of 91 after our allotted 31 overs meant that we had the runs on the board and Pendle Hill had to chase them.</p> <p>Our bowlers were right on top from the very first over with Luke in particular having the very impressive figures(a bowlers dream) of 4 – 2 after just two overs. Pendle Hill batsmen were always in trouble with accurate stump to stump bowling with wickets continuing to fall regularly.</p> <p>After the first 12 overs from Luke and Sam the damage had been done with the score at 8 for 29. After a minor recovery Pendle Hill were all out in the 22nd over with the score on 59 runs. Christian and Robert with a wicket each cleaned up the tail. Fielding was outstanding with a great catch by Mason to start the wickets tumbling and another later in the innings by Nelson. Daniel also fielded well at Mid Off.</p> <p>Special mention to Luke for a great all round performance with 5 for 9 with the ball and 21 runs with the bat. Luke was assisted by Sam with bowling figures of 3 for 14 and 11 runs with the bat.</p> <p>Great effort for a team who for many had never played together before – keep working hard at your game and you never know what the result will be at the end of the season.</p>				

15/1	10 for 81	Kings Langley	5 for 90	First innings loss
<p>Well after a wash out last week our new division 1 team took on last year's semi-finalists in Kings Langley. With the game reduced to a one-day format and having lost the toss last week both Sean and Michael opened the innings. After a steady start, Sean popped a ball up in the air to be caught in close for 2. Michael followed after another 9 runs were added to the score, being caught from a leading edge. Hiran was next in and after playing a couple of confident shots he too was caught trying to progress the score and suddenly the boys were in trouble at 3 for 18 after 13 overs.</p> <p>Aleem and Kieran started to build a vital partnership which put on 21 runs before Aleem was caught behind for 16. Kieran was dismissed hitting a good ball to square leg without any further runs on the boards and we were again in trouble at 5 for 39. Adam was next up with his first taste of division 1 cricket and put his stamp on the game with some great boundaries. Reece was unlucky to get out with the ball just grazing the stumps off this pad to be bowled.</p> <p>Samira was then bowled for 4 with the score on 7 for 55. Tharindu and Cameron came to the crease and did a great job with some big hitting to have us finish the innings all out for 81. Not a bad effort considering the early position we were in.</p> <p>Confident we could defend our total, Sean opened the bowling and got us off to a perfect start with a wicket in his first ball. Adam then took the catch of the day off Michael to have Kings Langley in early trouble at 2 for 10. Sean then trapped Kings Langley's strike batsman in front and they were reeling at 2 for 11. Two overs later and Cameron takes a good catch behind the stumps to make it 4 for 16.</p> <p>Kings Langley did a good job to get back into the game working the ball around the field for quick singles. Kieran got the breakthrough we were after in the 20th over to have Kings Langley at 5 for 40 with 12 overs remaining. But that's where our luck ran out and our fielding fell away. Kings Langley took advantage of the situation by reaching the target in the 29th over with 5 wickets down.</p> <p>Well done guys, even though we lost we did a good job defending a small target with a new team. With some fielding practice and a bit more time at the crease, this team will do very well again this season.</p> <p>Statistics: - Adam 16, Aleem 16, Cameron 12 and with the ball Sean 6-0-2-19, Michael 8-2-1-14, Samira 7-1-1-17, Kieran 4-0-1-9, Teshan 3-0-0-18, Adam 3-0-0-9 and Reece 0.2-0-1-0.</p>				

16/1	7 for 101	Pendle Hill Colts	7 for 84	First innings win
<p>A very solid start to the season. Unfortunately it was reduced to a one day match because of rain so not every player got the chance to blow away the cobwebs after the off season. There is no better practise than time in the middle.</p> <p>We got off to an excellent start with Jacob and Owen playing sensible cricket. After a few wickets Jacob and Evan steadied the ship with a 43 run partnership. Alan finished the innings with a last ball boundary, our only one of the innings. We finished with 101. An excellent score considering the size of the oval and the condition of the outfield, the ball just didn't run. With some shots I thought the boys were using pitching wedges rather than cricket bats.</p> <p>Our bowlers quickly found the right line and length. They had the opposition in early trouble that they never recovered from. Their middle order tried to take the attack to us but our bowlers held their nerve and line. I was really impressed with the way all our bowlers quickly corrected if they did bowl one too short or too full. We did not have two successive bad balls all day. In the end we ran out comfortable winners.</p> <p>Stats: Jacob 43 Luke 2/9 Alex 2/16 Owen 1/2</p>				

B14	9 for 167	Kings Langley	8 for 171	First innings loss
<p>Yes the start of the season and another loss to start with! This is becoming quite a habit. A disappointing result but hopefully all the rust is worn off and we're ready to play some good cricket.</p> <p>Won the toss and batted on what was a pleasant spring's day. An innings riddled with lack of concentration and poor shot selection lead to the demise of most of the order. At 9-90 things looked rather ordinary but an excellent last wicket stand between AB (47 not out) and Tim Pittman (23 not out) got us to what was a good score of 167 off 32 overs.</p> <p>A wicket on the 3rd ball of their innings got us off to a good start, however while we claimed 4 wickets fairly early they were still scoring at almost a run a ball, with many boundaries being hit at the small ground. Their slashing leftie got them home with a sea of boundaries and sixes, much to the frustration as the rest of their batsmen weren't much.</p> <p>In saying this there were some good signs of success this season with some good individual performances and some good cricket played in patches.</p>				

B13	10 for 167	North Parramatta	6 for 171	First innings loss

B12	10 for 96	AKA Sports	5 for 97	First innings loss

B11	3 for 140	Kellyville	9 for 138	First innings win
<p>Martin Ams won the toss and sent Kellyville into bat. After a solid start by Kellyville to their innings, a fine bowling spell from Aazan Vhora of 6 for 29 took the momentum out of the Kellyville innings. Aazan received good support from Evan Platt (1 for 17) and Alex Mihalyka (2 for 20).</p> <p>In reply, Ward and Evan posted a 23 run opening partnership. After losing our second wicket with the score at 34, an excellent 70 run partnership for the third wicket between Evan Platt (carried his bat through the innings to remain 40 not out) and Aazan Vhora (33) put us in a winning position. At the fall of Aazan's wicket, Alex Mihalyka joined Evan and helped get us to victory without further loss of a wicket. Alex finished 19 not out.</p> <p>A good first up win, with an outstanding double from Aazan (6 wickets and 33 runs).</p>				

B10	7 for 90	Pendle Hill Colts	2 for 91	First innings loss

B6	5 for 252	Sydney Supersonics	10 for 244	First innings win
<p>What a great start to the season, Banksie winning the toss! (Well actually their skipper called incorrectly).</p> <p>We had to bat first in what was to be a 32 over a side slog-a-thon at the top Ted Horwood ground. However after a few overs we had lost three wickets, and at that stage captain courageous joined Ben Dooley at the wicket. Please, everyone reading this sit down. Ben and Banksie put on 206 for the fourth wicket, with Ben scoring 130 not out, and Banksie holed out at cow corner for 84 with three overs to go, after being hit twice from beamers, twice in the cods and elsewhere. We ended up with 5/252 and thought this would be a walk in the park.</p> <p>However the Sydney Supersonics had other ideas, they came out with bats blazing knowing that they needed around 8 an over to run down our total. We had them 3-20ish but then they put a partnership together much like ours. They started to look threatening and with bowlers going down like flies we looked in trouble. Enter Greg, who turned up at the start of this innings after attending a uni exam and got the breakthrough wicket, then a clean bowled with a lovely ball and finally the danger man gone for 116. 3-21 off 4 overs. In the fourth over he bowled he went down injured in what saw three players on the ground. Dooley said it was Karma! Maybe it was. So this left another gap in the bowling with Banksie taking the other end and taking a very spectacular caught and bowled in the next over, which he says is the best he has ever taken (and he has been round quite a while). 6 overs to go and they needed around 50. They lost a couple more wickets but the runs were coming. Will came on off 2 steps and took another. It came down to the last two overs, with them needing 8 and looking good for the win. 3 dots built the pressure up and Will pitched one on the stumps that the guy tried to belt out of the ground, Game Set Match Baulko! Won by 8 runs (although the scorebook doesn't add up and says we won by more). What a great start to the season!</p> <p>The only problem was a negative umpire who wanted to kill the contest by telling all how dark it was getting and how our over rate was slow. Funny that both team captains, and the players, were quite comfortable with the circumstances and conditions. He would not allow us to bowl anything faster than slow-medium from half past four, so they were confronted by "friendly" bowling most of their innings, as he threatened to call the game off if there was any fast or short-pitched bowling. Funny thing was the opposition was seeing the ball fine as it frequently sailed into the bush around Ted Horwood. The game was played in excellent spirit and sportsmanship, and the Sydney Supersonics will be a welcomed team into the competition. We look forward to playing them again later in the season.</p>				

B5	4 for 127	Kings Langley	6 for 125	First innings win

B4	5 for 204	Guildford Bowling	10 for 96	First innings win
<p>Couldn't have asked for a better start to the season really. Turning up to a big yet quite fast ground to play one of these extended 20 – 20 matches, the cap won the toss and we took the bat. Things progressed slowly and at the half way mark we were sitting on 61, 2 wickets down but with Will and Matty starting to open up. Will departed for a quick fire 30 but that's where things got exciting. We finished on 204 with Matty carrying his bat to hit a ton off the last ball of the innings. He also combined with JB to put on 70 in the last 5 ½ overs.</p> <p>204 was always going to be a big total to chase in 32 overs but our opposition gave it a good try and had reached 42 by the 5th over. However they continued to lose wickets and runs were made harder by great spells from JB and another newcomer Troy. Troy finished on 1/12 and deserved more having the batsmen jumping everywhere and a few edges fly just wide of players. Matty chimed in with 2 catches and 1/0 off one ball just to show us that he can field as well as bat.</p> <p>Great start to the season, let's hope we can keep that batting form for the next few rounds with weddings and overseas travels coming into the equation. Nice start boys</p> <p>M. Smith – 100no J.Bocking – 31no W.Dokter – 30</p> <p>T.Higgenbothom – 1/12 (6) J.Bocking – 2/8 (5) S.Hilbrink – 3/31 (6)</p>				

B2	2 for 72	Kellyville	10 for 63	First innings win
<p>Performances: Keenan Galas 7-19</p> <p>Great to start the season with a win! Unfortunately we didn't start the game with 11 fieldsmen due to Andrew 'I quit being captain as well as being punctual' Hinton, Adam "Shifty" Tinley and Chris "\$200 on the nose" Marjoniemi all running a little late. Unfortunately for the opposition KG did turn up on time and had 7 wickets from his first 7 overs finishing with 7-19. Good support from Troy and Shifty saw Kellyville all out for 63. A good fielding performance by all with two good catches by Steve Denlow.</p> <p>Solid batting performances by KG and Murra to wrap up the game early. The boys have set the bar high early in the season; enjoying a celebratory ale at the sporto before 3:45pm will be tough to beat!</p>				

A Res	4 for 171	Coolibah Cougars	9 for 168	First innings win

A	10 for 94	Wenty Leagues	10 for 91	First innings win
<p>1st innings win to Baulko by 3 runs (with 3 balls left in the match)</p> <p>Greg Leeson 25 not out Glenn Mulvaney 16 Phil Woods 12</p> <p>Vamsy Doddala 4/19 Robert Simpson 2/6 Trent Hession 2/24</p>				