

# 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, 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](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:

B2 Outright win 16/1 6 for 325  
B14 Outright win

### Individual Achievements

Adam Shearman	B4	122 no	Tim Chesher	B14	163 no
Jon Bocking	B4	50 no	A Battle	B14	6/44
Ash Jolly	B6	5/55	Alex Mihalyka	16/1	159
Joshua Rich	B10	68	Evan Platt	16/1	68
Tristan Luther	B10	56	A Vhora	16/1	52
Grant Korny	B10	51	Mihalyka/Platt	2nd wkt p/ship	- 170
Grant Korny	B10	7/81	Kieran Houlahan	15/1	64
Tony Senior	B11	6/22	Sean Abbott	15/1	52
Chris Slaviero	B11	60	Nick Bertus	14/1	94
Christian Mulder	B12	101 no	Joel Pienmunne	12/1	57
Daniel Chatman	B12	95	Blake Newman	12/1	55
Mulder/Chatman	5th wkt p/ship	- 136	Varun Aswal	11/3	hattrick
Charuka Abhayawickrama	B13	99 no	Tom Waddups	10 Blue	5/7

### 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
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

A number of players are showing great early season form. In the B4's Adam Shearman hit an unbeaten 122 no. Pretty good effort & may help him forget the dismal form of his beloved South Sydney Rabbitohs in the NRL! And he is getting married soon as well! Young Daniel Chatman (U14/1) filled in for B12's & scored 95 runs. Just short of a ton! Well done Daniel. He put on a 136 run 5th wicket partnership of 136 with Christian Mulder, who scored 101 no. In the B13/s, Charuka Abhayawickrama was left stranded on 99 no when the umpire decided he preferred his own version of the 12 player rule, rather than the actual PDCA rule. Bad luck Charuka! And the B14's young skipper Tim Chesher broke the PDCA record for that grade with an unbeaten 163 no. The previous holder of the record was none other than Charuka, so it capped off a bad day for him. Some good bowling performances as well, with Ash Jolly 5/55 (B6), Tony Senior 6/20 (B11) & Anthony Battle 6/44 (B14) leading the way. Plenty of the younger seniors are in early contention for the Colts team for the match against Seniors later in the season. The selectors are taking note!

The juniors also had some great performances. Batting stars were Alex Mihalyka (U16/1) 159, Evan Platt (U16/1) 68, Azaan Vhora (U16/1) 52, Kieran Houlahan (U15/1) 64, Sean Abbott (U15/1) 52, Nick Bertus (U14/1) 94, Joel Pienmunne (U12/1) 57 & Blake Newman (U12/1) 55. The bowlers also did well with Varun Aswal (U11/3) getting a hat-trick & Tom Waddups (U10 Blue) taking 5/7. Well done to all these players

The monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. This week's October meeting was not well attended. Please remember, that each team MUST have a representative in attendance. The next meeting is Tuesday 7 November, commencing at 8pm at the Baulkham Hills Sports club.

Those wanting cricket balls should note that Terry Webb will not be available after mid morning Saturday, due to his commitments with Women's cricket. If you want equipment, please contact Terry earlier in the week.

All players MUST be registered before playing. If you play an unregistered player, you risk a fine and losing any points from the match. If you want to get a player registered for seniors, you must contact Jason Currey by the Tuesday before the game. This allows registration to be submitted to PDCA for its Wednesday meeting.

Best wishes to all those players who are trialling for the PDCA rep sides. Hopefully we will have some good news in the next issue.

When you are at the Sports Club, remember to pick up a copy of the Sports Club News at the front desk. Baulko cricket reports are normally included, with all the stars getting a mention.

It was great to hear from the Guildford Leagues Club rep at PDCA on how enjoyable the game between Baulko & Guildford was in the U12/3 in round 1. The Baulko team, especially Coach Michael O'Brien, Manager John Barnes and the players are to be commended on their sportsmanship & attitude to the game. That's what we like to hear!

When you send in your results, please remember to note if you had official umpires (black & white only). If player umpires did not come to your game, then advise this in your report. As you may know, if teams do not umpire, it is a fine of \$100 per game not umpired & you do not get the 10 points for umpiring. It can be doubly costly. And please remember, the cricket club does NOT pay fines for teams who do not umpire!

The results are put on the PDCA website after each round. Please check the results are correct. If not contact Rick Thomas, so that we can advise PDCA

Please get those Cricket NSW raffle tickets in ASAP. Every book of tickets sold gives you a chance to win a prize & also helps BHCC raise money.

On Sunday 29 October, Baulkham Hills CC is playing the Vision Impaired cricket team in a limited overs match at Ted Horwood Reserve. If you played last time or are interested in playing this game, please contact Peter McLoughlin.

This season, senior teams are allowed to nominate 12 players, similar to the rule operating in juniors. Any 11 may bat or bowl in either innings - it does not have to be the same 11.

Good luck to all teams!

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](mailto: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 Club BBQ on November 4 and 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.

### **BAULKHAM HILLS SOCCER**

Don't forget the presentations coming up soon.

Seniors - Saturday 21st October, 7:00pm at the Castle Hill RSL, for those who have already advised Terry Minton.

Juniors - Sunday 22nd October at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club

Under 8 - 11 at 9:45am for a 10am start

Under 12 - 17 at 11:45am for a 12.00 start

AGM - Monday 23rd October. 7.30pm at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club.

## Match Results and Reports

<b>10 Blue</b>	5 for 122	Kings Langley	22 for 122	Win on averages
<p>A very good effort by our team. All our boys are enthusiastic and coming along very well.</p> <p>Special mention – Tom Waddups: 23 runs and 5 wickets for 7 runs; Yuvin: 4 wickets for 7 runs, Troy: 3 wickets for 8 runs and Jake – great bowling effort with only 11 runs conceded from 4 overs.</p> <p>Commiserations to Jason who bowled two great overs, took a wicket and then got hit near the eye with the ball. However, I'm happy to report that no serious damage was done! Many thanks to all the parents who pitched in to help during the crisis, particularly to Lisa for bravely offering to do the scoring for the first time!! Happy holidays to all.</p>				

<b>10 Red</b>	9 for 136	Norwest	11 for 123	Win on averages
<p>We finally made it. After the mix up in round 1 the Red's were happy to get on the field. Captain Jack lost the toss and we were asked to bat. Norwest were sharp in the field but Nic and Michael opened the batting well with some glorious shorts making their way to the boundary. All the boys continued to bat well throughout the innings with 5 boys facing their allotted balls without losing a wicket. Well Done. The Reds ended their innings losing 10 wickets for 151 runs.</p> <p>Top scorers:- Michael 22 (0), Luca 15 (1), Nic Beed 11 (2), Brandon 9 (1), James 9 (1), Luke 9 (1)</p> <p>The long weekend saw us take the field down 2 players but the Reds showed what they were made of. Norwest's first 4 batters scored more than half their runs but the boys stayed focused and restricted Norwest to 123 runs. 12 wickets fell during the innings with Thomas being our main destroyer. In only the second over Thomas has ever bowled he cleaned bowled 2 players and with his hat trick ball hit the stumps but unfortunately the bails didn't fall off. Bad luck Thomas. It was a great effort from all the team and we look forward to losing less wickets and bowling fewer sundries next round.</p> <p>Best Bowlers - James 3/6, Thomas 3/10, Nic Beed 2/10</p>				

<b>10 White</b>	9 for 92	Wenty Waratahs	7 for 88	Win on averages
<p>Folks, edge of the seat result. Finger nails bitten down to the core.</p> <p>Facing the Wenty Waratahs we were a few boys down in our first week as a couple of the boy's were trying out for the Wallabies end of season's European tour. The Waratahs team graciously allowed us to field as requested. They supplied two boys to assist in the field for the innings as well, very commendable.</p> <p>Viva opened the attack and bowled a solid spell yielding only 11 runs. Ryan opened up at the other end and kept the scoring down to 3 runs an over. Both boys were unlucky not to pick up a wicket. Good solid opening spell by the two opening bowlers.</p> <p>Michael came on and bowled two spells. His second over was a maiden - great stuff. In his second spell he picked up a valuable wicket and finished with the figures of 5 overs for 14 runs and 1 wicket. Malindu's first over was a blistering one producing 2 wickets, superb stuff. Malindu finished with figures of 4 overs, 2 wickets for 7 runs, and a sensational spell.</p> <p>Kieran's spell proved to be equally productive. The Waratahs underestimate his bowling and this saw Kieran produce a marvellous 4 overs for a miserly 6 runs and securing 2 wickets – outstanding.</p> <p>Chris picked up the ball and proceeded to bowl a solid two over spell for only six runs to keep the pressure on the Waratahs.</p> <p>Mark continued in the same vain, producing a very improved effort of 3 overs for a very economical 8 runs, again continued pressure had the Waratahs searching for runs.</p> <p>Brandon and Tim finished off the innings, Brandon bowling 3 overs for 8 runs and Tim putting in a Herculean effort of 4 overs for a miserly 4 runs, excellent effort.</p> <p>The completion of Day one saw the Waratahs score 77 runs for a loss of 8 wickets and an average of 8.56.</p> <p>Brandon's excellent wicket keeping surprisingly produced a first up stumping and finished off two run outs after excellent</p>				

fielding by the boys in getting the ball back over the stumps quick smart. This is an area we need to work on.

Chris put the gloves on for the second half of the day and continued the pressure on the Waratah batsmen by stopping everything including the kitchen sink!

Day 2 of the game and the Baulko Whites arrived probably expecting a cake walk result.

Viva and Ryan opened the batting and produced a solid effort; Viva scored 2 runs and Ryan scored 3 runs. The Waratah's opening bowlers produced some excellent bowling to keep the runs to a minimum.

Michael arrived at the crease and was solid against some tight bowling. His innings produced a great shot for 4, finishing up with a total of six runs.

Nicholas followed up with a first rate effort, by keeping the Wenty bowlers quite for 0 runs. His partnership with Michael and Malindu steadied the innings.

Malindu arrived at the crease looking determined to break the Wenty strangle hold. He produced a solid effort of 3 runs. Unluckily to be given out stumped on his last ball as he begun to walk off.

Mark walked on with a steely gaze, looking to make a stand! Which he did. Very importantly Mark kept his wicket intact and scored a valuable run. During his innings Mark earned the team another 3 runs via sundries.

In a similar vein, Kieran produced a very solid dig, even though no runs came off his bat, Kieran's wicket remained intact. During his stay at the crease, Kieran earned the team 14 sundries. This proved to be crucial to the final result.

Chris strode to the wicket with a sense of confidence. Chris went in with the attitude that if the ball was in the slot, he was going to hit it. Chris' innings produced 1 run and 6 valuable sundries, good effort looked very comfortable at the crease.

Brandon sauntered to the crease hoping to get some runs as so his Dad would buy him a Powerade after the game. Brandon's innings of 1 run was a solid effort. Brandon repelled the Waratah's bowlers and never looked like losing his wicket. His innings earned 11 sundries for the team. (Yes he did get the Powerade). Brandon's improved running between the wickets with Arsh was a highlight (for his Dad any way)!

Arsh strode to the crease with his axe in his hand, looking to cut the Wenty bowlers down to size. Arsh's free flowing shots went unrewarded and was unlucky not to score more runs. Again a very important innings as Arsh kept his wicket intact for a total of 2 runs and 6 sundries. Excellent dig.

The dynamic duo arrived at the crease, Liam and Tim. The game was there for the taking and the boys accounted for themselves, very well. Liam scored a fine innings of 10 runs and kept his wicket intact. Liam's driving and cross bat shots were a highlight. Tim compiled a well credentialed 6 runs and was unlucky with a few wickets. A highlight was a very well run 2 that put the Waratah's under pressure.

The result came down the last few overs, with the parents sitting on the edge of their seats. The Baulko Under 10 White's again victorious scoring 92 runs for the loss of 9 wickets. Ending up with an average of 10.02 to the Wenty Waratahs average of 8.56.

A few lessons I hope the boys take away from the game are:

- Run outs, we need to improve in this part of our game.
- Value your wicket, getting out loses the team runs
- Stay in your crease, stumpings are lazy dismissals.

Special mention to Ram for compiling a very professional scoring book and for scoring again this week and Ray for umpiring.

<b>11/3</b>	10 for 90, 6 for 32	Norwest	10 for 76, 2 dec 75	First innings win
<p>Lost the toss and fielded first. A magnificent effort to get Norwest all out on the first day for 76 runs after just 29.2 overs. Blaine at wicket keeper took 2 nice catches off nics and Husam also took a spectacular catch. Varun did us proud in the bowling with 3 wickets for 2 runs off 3 overs. He was also on a hat trick. Jayden had 1 for 7 off 4 overs; Raad had 3 for 2 off 5.2 overs; Ben had 1 for 8 off 2 overs and Michael had 1 for 1 off 1 over. We did well in our first batting innings and eventually were all out for 90 runs, with a first innings lead of 14 runs. Tim top scored with 21 runs, then Husam on 16 (not out), Varun on 13, Raad on 4 and Ben on 1. We mostly got caught out in our efforts to score more runs.</p> <p>The second innings saw Norwest come out with fight, trying to score an outright win. They declared after the 25th over at 2 for 74. Husam took 1 wicket for 5 runs off 5 overs and Jayden took 1 wicket for 11 runs off 4 overs. Raad did well also with 4 overs for just 4 runs. We went back into bat with determination to try and score those much needed runs for an outright win, but found ourselves mostly defending our wicket. Blaine top scored at only 4 runs, then Husam on 2 then Ben and Jayden both on 1 run and not out. Although Ben only scored 1 run he did well to stay out there for 53 balls, defending precious wickets. We got our 1st innings win. Congratulations to all boys who put in a great effort. A big thanks to John and Manohar for umpiring and to the mums for watching Holly while Jo-Ann scored.</p> <p>You're all doing very well boys and improving each week. I hope you are all having fun too! Enjoy your school holidays.</p>				

<b>11/2</b>	10 for 186	Winston Hills	10 for 125	First innings win
<p>Baulko won the toss and sent Winston Hills into Bat. Anupam (3 for 7) and Mitchell (4 for 5) opened the bowling and soon had Winston Hills in deep trouble with wickets falling regularly. It looked like Baulko would roll Winston Hills within the 1st hour of play, but Winston Hills had other ideas and they put together some very good partnerships and protected their wickets well. Apart from Anupam and Mitchell other wicket takers were Joshua (1 for 1), Nathan (1 for 0) and Cia'ron (1 for 3). Mitchell also took a very good catch to remove Winston Hills top scorer. Baulko managed to bowl out Winston Hills in 47 overs so we gained a very handy extra 7 overs.</p> <p>Baulko's turn to bat and a series of steady partnerships throughout the innings saw Baulko pass Winston Hills score with the loss of 6 wickets. Joshua top scored with 40 not out (including 8 fours), next best were Michael (21), Anupam (14), Ben (11), Mitchell (9), Matthew (6), Nathan (4), Sumal 5, Siddhant (3).</p> <p>Best bowling performances were by Anupam (3 for 7) and Mitchell (4 for 5). Best batting performances were Joshua (40 not out), Anupam (14) and Michael (21).</p> <p>It was great to get our first win for season from a very good all round team effort.</p>				

<b>11/1</b>	7 for 163	Kings Langley	8 for 108	First innings win
<p>Winning the toss and electing in to bat, we got off to a slow but steady start against a good bowling attack. Our top six batsmen all got into double figures. Michael spent over an hour at the crease to compile 38 runs including a six, while Cody (22) and George (20 n.o.) were also part of good partnerships, and both hit several fours. All up, running between wickets was better this game and a score of 163 looked hard to beat.</p> <p>Our bowling overall was a bit wayward with lots of sundries given away. For the first 12 overs Kings Langley were getting the necessary 3 plus runs an over that could have set them up for a win; however George (1 for 5 off 5 overs, and nil sundries!) got their best batsman LBW and the scoring slowed. Six different bowlers got wickets so it was another good team effort, including Ravi's 2-9 off six. Joe didn't get a wicket but managed 5 overs, 4 maidens, 0-2. Bryce took the team's first catch for the season, off some useful leg spin from Michael, who followed up later with a good catch himself at square leg.</p> <p>A good win but some work needed to keep those sundries down. Player of match: George J.</p>				

12/3	10 for 128	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 142, 5 for 31	First innings loss
<p>Saturday 23 Sept saw our team take the field for the first time at our home ground, Masonic Schools, Baulkham Hills. The result was a first innings loss, however there were some valuable lessons from the game which will help us during the weeks to come.</p>				
<p>First innings - Seven Hills went into bat and before they could settle in, Bill struck through with one of his deceptive deliveries and Sevo were 1 for 1. Sevo regained some composure and held us at bay til Ashwin bowled their number 3 and they were 2 for 31. Next to fall was their number 2 off some good bowling from Cameron, Owen took the catch. Shortly after, Jeremy took a quick wicket and they were 4/37. At 64, the next wicket fell due to the bowling of Owen and a Harry catch. Sevo battled on to 103 when Bill broke through again. Then at 109, fast work from Damon resulted in a run out (Owen bowling).</p>				
<p>We now had to clean up the tail enders. Owen wanted more and collected the next wicket at 114. Yardy then collected his first wicket at 122. Finally, Jeremy struck again, bowling their highest scorer, who had reached 17.</p>				
<p>In summary, they were all out for 142 off 48 overs. Our team did some great work in the field but the story of this innings was that Sevo only got 61 off the bat and 81 sundries. We can take wickets but our bowling is not very disciplined.</p>				
<p>Our turn to bat, Jack O and Harry had the difficult task of setting up the innings by facing the first few overs as the time headed towards midday on September 23. Harry gave Jack O great support, but was bowled in over 2. Ashwin come to the crease and he and Jack settled in for the run chase. At the close of day 1, we were 1/17 and Jack O looked like he was settling in.</p>				
<p>Saturday 30 Sept. Jack O and Ashwin headed out to the wicket determined to make a game of it. In quick time the boys had moved the score on to 1/47, but Ashwin was caught on 21. His innings consisted of some great shots (including 2 fours). Next up to join Jack O was Jeremy. Despite his determination, his time at the crease was short lived, falling to a caught and bowled at 1. We were now 3/49. Cameron then headed out, but was bowled, bringing Damon to the crease. Damon was set to get the scoreboard ticking over but on 3 he was caught and bowled. Damon and Jack O got our score up to 59. Yardy was next to face Sevo, however was given out LBW for no score, however the Jack O &amp; Yardy partnership added another valuable 10 runs. Owen was next up, again falling to a LBW decision but not before making 4 important runs and the Jack O/Owen combo added 26 to our score of 7/95.</p>				
<p>Jack was running out of partners. It was now Bill's turn at the crease, but was bowled for no score. We were now 8/98. Luke then headed out to join Jack O. Luke was keen to hit anything that came near him. He and Jack O moved the score on but Luke was bowled on 10, but the O'Brien(s) partnership moved the score on by 27 to 9/125. Jack O at this stage, was on 41. Out came Jack M, with the task of holding out Sevo, but Sevo struck through and Jack M was bowled for 1.</p>				
<p>We were all out for 128. The good news was that we scored 83 runs off the bat. Jack O played a great innings batting through 51 overs and reaching a score of 43, which included 3 fours.</p>				
<p>Seven Hills were chasing points, so at 11.30 wanted to bat again. They got to 5/32 before time ran out. Jeremy got 2 wickets, Cameron 1, Ashwin 1 and Cameron took a catch off Ashwin's bowling.</p>				
<p>Despite, the innings loss there were a number of highlights and all players give 100%.</p>				
<p><b>Round 1 -</b></p>				
<p>Saturday saw our team take the field for the first time in 2006. After last weeks false start the boys were looking to put some of that training into action.</p>				
<p>We took on a well drilled opposition in Guildford Leagues, who went in to bat first. However, Ashwin sent them reeling when he took their first wicket with the score at 1. They recovered slightly but at 1 for 19, Cameron hit the stumps and they were 2 for 19. After this, Guildford settled down and for the next hour hit some good shots, and took advantage of our inexperience in bowling and fielding.</p>				
<p>Finally Ashwin broke through again and they lost their 3rd wicket at 74. After 31 overs, Guildford were 3 for 127 and we had it all to do.</p>				
<p>Jack M and Luke opened for us and took on the pace attack. Luke made a couple but was bowled sending Bill to the crease. Jack M held on for 3 but was caught bringing Joel into bat. Joel was unlucky and spent only a short time at the crease before</p>				

being bowled. Yardy joined Bill in the middle and settled things down. Bill while there for a while was bowled, leaving us at 4/18.

Damon came out and with Yardy picked up the pace and made good progress towards the run chase. Yardy made a hard fought 22 before being bowled and at this stage Damon was also scoring relatively freely. Cameron was to be our last batsmen and showed great support to Damon. Unfortunately time beat us, leaving Jack O, Harry, Jeremy, Ashwin and Owen without a chance at the crease.

In the end we fell short - at 5/93 in our 31 overs. There was great work by Damon - not out on 39 (hitting 3 fours), Yardy 22 (hitting 2 fours) and Cameron on a feisty 8. Cameron and Ashwin took our bowling honours.

Thanks to our coach Mick for his efforts in coaching and in the middle.

<b>12/2</b>	10 for 164	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 109	First innings win
<p>Our second game saw a vast improvement in batting with our best ever score of all out for 164. It was a great all round effort, from the openers through to the tail end. Tom Hughes top scored with an excellent 46 not out. He was supported well by Trent Samuels (23) and Josh Stevenson (22), both whom hit their best scores! Nick Sullivan batted very well to hold his end and allow Tom to hit out at the end. The second day started well and we had them on the ropes at 6 for 34. However a stubborn 50 run partnership all of a sudden opened the game back up. Once Trent broke the partnership we wrapped up the final 4 wickets fairly quickly. Trent and Greg led the attack both taking 3 for 9. Amar was miserly with 1 for 3 from 4 very tidy overs and also had a great direct hit runout. Tom kept very well only letting through 2 byes from 45 overs. It was a good win but we will have to bowl less no-balls and wides and concentrate in the field better to make a significant impact in the competition.</p>				

<b>12/1</b>	6 for 173	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 133	First innings win
<p>Joel Pienmunne 57          Blake Newman 55          Joel Pienmunne 3 for 5          Blake Newman 2 for 4</p> <p>Baulkham Hills batted first, Jonathan and Nick were both very unlucky to be out to two great catches. Joel and Blake then put on 56 run partnership to steady the innings. The left hand, right hand combination worked beautifully with the bowlers regularly bowling to the left hander Joel's favoured leg side who dually obliged by dispatching them to the boundary. A superb 57 to Joel which is his highest score to date - it looks like there are plenty more runs to come. With plenty of batting to come the boys started to swing the bat and steal plenty of quick runs. Tom and James both looked very solid before they were both run out unselfishly pushing the quick singles. Blake went the same way soon after for a sterling 55. James and Mitch both stole plenty of cheeky singles at the end to see us make a good 173 off our 55 overs. The most pleasing thing about the innings was that all the boys played for the team not themselves and were happy to risk their wicket pushing quick singles at the end. This probably resulted in an extra 30 runs for the team.</p> <p>Pendle Hills batted the next week - they were patient with the first wicket coming in the 5th over from a good ball from Taseen who finished with the very economical figures of 1 for 4 off 6 overs. Pendle Hill consolidated and looked good at 1 for 29 then a couple of quick wickets with Taylor taking a fantastic diving catch off Joel and Mitch taking a very sharp chance in the slips off Blake. The 4th wicket came with the second wicket for Blake - bowled. Pendle Hill were still right in the game with their number 4 and 6 batsman looking very solid and at 4 for 91 off 42 overs they looked a chance. James Dalloway turned the game with a brilliant direct hit run out from cover to end a 60 run partnership. Joel then chimed in with two wickets in one over. Ruben was rewarded for some very good bowling with a clean bowled. Ruben finished off a good day in the field with a run out leaving Pendle Hill 40 runs short. A good patient bowling display by the boys. They kept their line and length and tight fielding and did not panic when Pendle Hill started to make a few runs. One area that we will need to work on was the sundries - 35 extra runs is too many and will be the difference between winning and losing in future games.</p> <p>Two individual efforts need special mention Joel's swashbuckling 57 followed up by 3 for 5 was a special effort as was Blake's great 55 and 2 for 4 and great day after drinks as wicket keeper. Well done boys.</p>				

<b>13/3</b>	10 for 40, 5 for 53	Hills Barbarians	5 for 187	First innings loss
<p>This week the boys faced up against the very strong Hills Barbarians side which contained half of their premierships winning 2nd Division side from last year and a number of their 1st division side from last year as well (PDCA please explain how they are in 3rd Division) so it was always going to be a big ask.</p> <p>Losing the toss and being asked to bowl we knew we would be in for a tough day and would have to make the most of our chances when they did come. We bowled better than in our 1st game which was good but still way too many loose balls which their batsmen put away as they sent us chasing the leather all over Eric Mobbs Reserve to post a total of 5/187 off 55 overs. Best of the bowlers were Dineth with 3/26 from 10 overs and Praween who was unlucky not to pick up a few wickets 0/17 off 8 overs.</p> <p>The chase for the runs started disastrously when we were 2 for 0 of the first 3 balls of our innings. We scrambled to be 9/40 off 29 overs (batting 1 man short) and it came as no surprise for Hills Baa Baa's to send us in again going for the outright. With instructions from the coach to play straight and be patient the boys strung together a few partnerships to bat out the remaining overs and improve on their 1st innings effort. Best of our batting efforts were Blake 9 &amp; 5 N.O., Praween 8 &amp; 12 and Myles 12 N.O. backing up after first ever 'Golden' in the 1st innings. Back to the nets to work on our batting and bowling boys before we come up against Pendle Hill next time out. The positive thing from my point is that we seem to be learning quickly from our mistakes which is a good sign for the rest of the season.</p>				

<b>13/2</b>	10 for 86, 4 for 55	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 113, 4 dec 125	First innings loss
<p>Some good batting from Wenty on this small field for under 13s saw them reach 3 for 106 in their 1st innings before some quality bowling and fielding saw us dismiss Wenty for 113. Ryan Bailey took 3 for 33, well supported by 2 wickets each to James Galofaro and Jonathan Fulcher, and single wickets to Anoop and Jake Bailey. Although he did not take a wicket, Michael Waddups' 4 overs only conceded 7 runs, a fine effort on that field.</p> <p>Our batting effort in reply was generally disappointing, to be all out for 86 on that small field. Best of the batsmen was Jake Bailey with 32.</p> <p>Wenty went back into bat with a lead of 27 runs and a good batting effort saw them reach 4 for 125 runs before declaring. This left us around 50 minutes to bat until stumps, reaching 55 for the loss of 4 wickets. Michael Waddups made a good 22. Our batting needs to show greater application and discipline.</p>				

<b>13/1</b>	10 for 136	Kings Langley	10 for 153	First innings loss
<p>We knew this game against Kings Langley would be a tough match. Our boys tried their best and our bowlers bowled rather well though our fielding was not up to our usual standard (in particular our catching) which enabled Kings Langley to achieve a larger total than I thought they deserved</p> <p>Our team had spoken during the week about how we needed to build partnerships with our batting. This would be our strategy going into the second day, but unfortunately things did not go exactly to plan.</p> <p>To put it simply our top and middle order crumbled and it was left up to the lower order to bring us within reach of the target we were set by our opposition.</p> <p>Well done Asad and Adarsh who put on a 99 run partnership.</p> <p>A great achievement with both boys showing the top order how it should have been done. Unfortunately with victory in sight we fell just 17 runs short.</p>				

<b>14/2</b>	10 for 174	AKA Sports	10 for 219	First innings loss
<p>The game started well containing the opposition well for the first 20 overs but then the AKA big hitters got going and they compiled some serious runs. If we had held our catches and held them to 150 we could have won but 220 was always going to be a big ask. There was some very good bowling with Jason and Taseen bowling particularly well. Taseen and Vrushank took 3 good wickets. Matt bowled some good leg spin also without luck. Jack and Tom in their first few games are looking good with the ball also. Batting was also an excellent effort from Taseen with 46 was terrific his opening partnership of 70 with Prasindu was very good. Hamish and Daniel also backed up well with good knocks. All the batters looked good today and the slow outfield cost us 30 runs so it was actually a very even contest. Good game fellas we just need to get then fielding right and we will have a very competitive season ahead of us.</p>				

<b>14/1</b>	5 for 260	Wenty Leagues	10 for 45, 9 for 94	First innings win
<p>We won the toss and elected to bat. Daniel and Matheesha got us off to a good start with a 31 run partnership when Daniel (16) was caught &amp; bowled by a very good on handed catch. Ben came in looking comfortable, scoring 35 runs from 33 balls when he was bowled with the score on 85. Next in was Nick, who with Matheesha took the score to 147 in the next 10 overs. Unfortunately Matheesha (45) was bowled 5 runs short of his fifty. Gabriel joined Nick at the crease and both played shots to all parts of the field. Gabriel (29) was run out when he slipped over after backing up for a run. Nick was on 53 from 61 balls when he decided to lift the run rate and in the next 16 balls took his score to 94 only to be bowled just 6 short of his century. Michael (4no) and Raveen (8no) played some great shots taking our score to 5/260 at stumps after 57 overs.</p> <p>Tom and Ajay opened the bowling and it was not long before Tom had both openers out with a catch by Daniel in slips and a bowled. Gabriel and Ornob bowled next and with no addition to the score Gabriel knocked over the stumps 3 times and Ornob picked up a wicket with a catch from Nick to have Wenty in trouble at 6/13. The batsmen settled taking the score to 32 before the next wicket fell to Ben with a catch from Gabriel. Ben bowled well drawing the batsman from his crease to collect a good stumping by Nick. Daniel picked up a wicket when he knocked over the stumps and then Omal took the last wicket to have Wenty all out for 45 at 10:30am. We put Wenty back in with Ajay and Tom opening the bowling. It did not take long for Ajay to take the first wicket with a catch from Omal. Three minutes later Tom had removed the next two batsmen with a catch to Gabriel and a bowled to be on a hat-trick ball. Unfortunately for Tom the hat-trick eluded him. Gabriel and Ornob bowled next with Gabriel taking up from where he finished in the first innings knocking over the stumps twice in two overs to have Wenty 5/24 after 11 overs. Michael bowled his spin picking up two catches from Ben to have Wenty 7/55 with about 20 minutes remaining. Omal took the eighth wicket with a stumping from Nick and then Raveen the ninth wicket to a catch from Ben with two minutes to stumps. Matheesha bowled the last over but we could not get the last wicket for the outright result. A great team effort played in a very friendly manner by both teams.</p> <p>Well done Ben and Gabriel 3 catches each, Nick 94 runs, 2 stumpings and a catch, Gabriel 5 wickets for 10 runs, Tom 4 wickets for 14 runs and Matheesha 45 runs. Bowling - Tom 5-1-2-6 &amp; 4-1-2-8, Ajay 5-1-0-6 &amp; 4-1-1-11, Gabriel 5-2-3-4 &amp; 3-1-2-6, Ornob 5-3-1-5 &amp; 3-0-0-11, Ben 5-0-2-5, Daniel 5-2-1-4, Michael 1-0-0-2 &amp; 4-0-2-19, Omal 1-0-1-3 &amp; 3-0-1-19, Raveen 2-1-1-4 &amp; Matheesha 1-0-0-15</p> <p>Thanks once again to Shan for scoring and the parents who supported the team.</p>				

<b>15/2</b>	10 for 99	Greystanes	10 for 127	First innings loss

<b>15/1</b>	8 for 228	Norwest	10 for 126	First innings win
<p>Kieran Houlahan - 64 Sean Abbott - 52</p> <p>After a first round loss to Kings Langley, the boys were determined to get into the swing of things with a two-day game. After loosing the toss and being sent into bat, Sean and Michael played some steady cricket and built a fantastic 94 runs partnership at better than 3 runs an over. Sean quickly notched up his first 50 of the season with some great boundaries, before being caught in the covers trying to accelerate the scoring. A great 94 run partnership guys, well done. Hiran was next to the crease and was bowled on his second ball. Aleem then came in and was bowled on the first ball after the drinks break and suddenly we were 3 for 104. Kieran then came to the crease and started confidently with his defence. Michael was soon caught behind for a great 40 runs. This was an excellent effort given that he had to face the best of what Norwest could throw at him. Tharindu then stepped in and quickly got things going but was caught going for a big shot for 6, but not before putting on a 24 run partnership with Kieran. Adam looked a little nervous coming on and was stumped to Norwest's spinner with another 5 runs added to the scoreboard. Trent, who had kindly stepped into his old team for the game put on a valuable 5 runs before being trapped in front. After a good start we were suddenly 7 for 151.</p> <p>Teshan came in with Kieran and boy did they put it to the opposition with some great stroke play. With an 8th wicket partnership of 77, Norwest were out on their feet which gave us just the edge we were looking for. Kieran put on a great 64 runs and Teshan was not out 29 with our score finishing up at 8 for 228. With a good score on the board and a solid bowling attack to come, it didn't take long before the pressure got too much and Norwest tried a quick single, but fell short to some great fielding. In the very next over Sean bowled a great ball to Norwest's opener only to have him caught behind with a sharp catch from Cameron. It wasn't long before Norwest were 2 for 14 after 5 overs. Norwest to their credit started to build a good partnership for their third wicket with another 61 runs added to the scoreboard, before Sean took a great running catch off Teshan to get the vital breakthrough. Then Sean collected the next wicket rattling the stumps of the Norwest batsman to have Norwest 4 for 75. Teshan collected his second wicket right on the drinks break with Michael taking a simple catch at point to have Norwest 5 for 80 at drinks. Determined not to let Norwest back into the match the boys went on with the job, in the first over after the break with only 3 runs added to the score. Norwest then tried to hit out at our attack with some success, but to no avail with Tharindu taking a good catch off Adam and then Teshan taking a sharp catch off Michael to wrap up Norwest's innings for 126.</p> <p>A good solid win boys, with some great batting by Sean, Michael, Kieran and Teshan to take control of the match. Good bowling by Michael, Teshan and Sean to put the match beyond Norwest's reach.</p> <p>Statistics: - Kieran 64, Sean 52, Michael 40 and Teshan 29 not out. With the ball Sean 8-2-2-13, Michael 5.3-0-1-20, Samira 6-0-0-26, Kieran 6-0-0-13, Adam 4-0-1-21 and Teshan 6-0-3-23.</p>				

<b>16/1</b>	6 for 325	AKA Sports	10 for 147	First innings win
<p>Baulko won the toss and elected to bat. We were in early trouble at 2/12, but then Alex and Evan came together. They both played some beautiful cricket to put on a 170 run partnership. Evan scored an excellent 68, while Alex went on to score a sensational 159 off 145 balls. A late flurry by Azaan 52no and Chris 14no saw us score a very impressive 325.</p> <p>The AKA openers proved to be very stubborn. Evan finally got the breakthrough in the 18th over. After that, the wickets fell regularly, AKA all out for 147. A highlight of the innings was the brilliant catching by the Baulko boys. Alan took one of the best outfield catches you will ever see, covering a lot of ground to catch a very high ball and making it look easy. Matt and Hari took 2 great catches each.</p> <p>It was a very good win, setting the scene for the grand final replay in our next game.</p> <p>Stats: Alex 159, Evan 68, Azaan 52no, Chris 14no Hari 4/28, Evan 2/10, Alan 1/16, Matt 1/23, Chris 1/7, Alex 1/14</p>				

<b>B14</b>	10 for 286	Norwest	10 for 92, 10 for 135	Outright win
<p>T Chesher 163 not out A Battle 6/44 Loss the toss and was sent into bat. A solid opening partnership of 108, lead to us compiling a good score of 286, with Puss carrying his bat to compile a personal best score of 163 not out.</p> <p>The emphasis in the 2nd week was to put pressure on Norwest and to restrict the run rate. After a steady start from them we managed to break open their middle order and run through the tail to have them dismissed for 92. AB found some good rhythm and picked up 6 wickets with some good accurate bowling. Enforced the follow on and managed to get them out for 135, with some good bowling from Sul, Adam, Craig and Jake, we contained them well and they eventually succumbed.</p> <p>A good result and once again some positive signs looking ahead, hopefully we can build some momentum from this.</p>				

<b>B13</b>	10 for 54, 10 for 208	Norwest	4 dec 191, 4 for 72	Outright loss
<p>Charuka Abhayawickrama 99 Not out Chani Lokuge 46</p> <p>We were still warming up to the season based on the way we batted in the first innings. We batted very poorly in the first innings. At once we were 6/28 and managed 54 runs in the end thanks to some late hitting by our lower order batsmen. Norwest outplayed us in the first innings by declaring 4/191. We had to survive 5 overs on the first day which we did thanks to Kanishka.</p> <p>Opposition hoped for an early finish on second Saturday so we all can watch the grand final. We were 137 runs behind and it looks like the match was poised to finish early based on our first innings performance. We got stuck into their bowling and showed that we were down but not out of the game by scoring 208 at the end. Chani made 46 runs. Charuka made 99 not out. Many will say he was unlucky. Having made a golden duck in the first innings anyone would take 99 not out any day. Unfortunately the 12th man rule was not fully understood by the umpire who did not allow our 12th man to bat as he had not batted in the first innings.</p> <p>This left us to defend 70 runs in the last hour to avoid an outright loss or win outright. We bowled and fielded well. In the end Norwest got the runs 10 minutes before the finishing time. In the end what meant to be a white wash turned out to be a good game of cricket which lasted the full distance. Had the umpire made the right decision and all our 11 players turned up (we were 1 short on second Saturday) the outcome of the game could have been different.</p> <p>Well, having lost 2 close games, our guys are very keen to do their best in the next game.</p>				

<b>B12</b>	10 for 115, 5 for 274	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 204, 6 for 138	First innings loss
<p>Christian Mulder 101 no, Daniel Chatman 95, Mulder/Chatman – 5th wicket p/ship - 136</p>				

<b>B11</b>	7 for 194	Hills Barbarians	10 for 187	First innings win
<p>A good all round bowling and fielding effort was led by a fine spell from Tony Senior who finished with the excellent figures of 11.1 overs 3 maidens 6 for 22.</p> <p>A fine opening partnership of 76 between Evan Platt and Chris Slevero got the innings off to a great start. Evan finished with 35; while Chris went on to post a fine 60 including 5 4s. The loss of some quick wickets put us under pressure but a fine 46 not out from Alex Mihalyka with 7 4s and a 6 helped ensure the victory target was achieved.</p>				

<b>B10</b>	10 for 188, 10 for 108	Wenty Leagues	10 for 192, 4 for 76	First innings loss
<p>Joshua Rich 68, Tristan Luther 56, Grant Korny 51 &amp; 7/81</p>				

<b>B6</b>	10 for 140, 8 for 163	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 143	First innings loss
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<b>B5</b>	10 for 160	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 78	First innings win
<p>Brett Stapleton 46 Darren Tipton 28 Brian King 31</p> <p>Richard McInernery 4/36 Cameron Booth 3/23</p> <p>Cameron Booth: 150 career wickets for Baulkham Hills</p> <p>Daz won the toss against our old rivals, Seven Hills, and was pretty much forced to bat due to the late arrival of a number of our team. After a shaky start that saw us at 2/23, Burger and Darren combined for a classy 53 run partnership for the third wicket. Darren's downfall brought Brett McLaren to the crease for a typically aggressive cameo of 19 off about five balls before both he and Brian were caught off the bowling of the spinner who brought about an infamous defeat last year in the same over. 3/97 had become 5/101 and we were back in trouble.</p> <p>But Brett Stapleton was having none of it. Shaking off an entire season of poor batting form, he proceeded to play a blistering innings of 46, sending the ball rocketing to and over the boundary on numerous occasions. Seven Hills had no answer to his assault, and the spinner finally got his come uppance, being despatched for 54 runs off just seven overs, with Brett finally taking him to the cleaners with an astonishing 20 runs off his last over. However, Brett's dismissal brought about another traditional collapse, as we went from 5/155 to 160 all out. Only Cam and Jez were able to scramble some runs at the end, while Mick and Dave merely added to the jug tally.</p> <p>Seven Hills then batted like it was the middle of the night in a black hole and the umpire was only too eager to give them the light (the sun was still out and there was even light across the entire ground!) and hurry off home, so we only had four overs at them on Day One and were unable to gain a breakthrough.</p> <p>Brett McLaren's absence on Day Two brought about our first use of the new Twelfth Man Rule as Andrew Murphy was drafted into the side, and also gave Old Man McInerney a chance to show us that he's still got a few tricks with the ball. Cam gained the first wicket thanks to an excellent catch from Mick, and then Richard took the next three - all clean bowled - to reduce Seven Hills to 4/40. Cam, who had been beating the bat all day, then struck twice in an over to make their score a hapless 6/51, a position they never recovered from. This last wicket of Cam's was his 150th for Baulkham Hills. Harry came on to bamboozle the tail in typical fashion, as Murph and Cam took outstanding catches to end their innings on 9/71 (all out).</p> <p>A comprehensive victory, and only the second time ever we have won the first two games of the season: an achievement to be proud of!</p>				

<b>B4</b>	7 dec 261	Hills Barbarians	10 for 120, 3 for 45	First innings win
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<b>B2</b>	10 for 267, 1 for 46	Winston Hills	10 for 113, 10 for 199	Outright win
<p>Andrew Denlow 52 Adam Tinley 45, 3/21 Ben Atkins 4/26</p> <p>A very good outright win set up by a great team batting performance. Keenan Galas 22, Ben Atkins 33, Steve Denlow 38, Chris Marjoniemi 40, Adam Tinley 45 and Andrew Denlow 52 all contributed to set a score of 267. First Innings bowling honours went to Adam Tinley 3/21 and Ben Atkins 4/26 who turned the game with 3 wickets in an over with help from behind the stumps from Dave Higginbotham who took a very sharp stumping and some great catches. 2nd Innings bowling honours went to Keenan Galas 4/40 and Troy Friedrich 4/82. With a more determined effort we wouldn't have had to bat again but some dropped catches let us down together with some monster hitting from Winston Hills. Matt Friedrich scored 24* in fading light to secure what was a very pleasing outright win.</p>				

<b>A Res</b>	10 for 235	Kings Langley	10 for 210	First innings win
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<b>A</b>	10 for 103, 5 for 83	Seven Hills RSL	4 for 211	First innings loss
<p>Losing the toss and being sent into the field was not the greatest of starts against the Seven Hills Squirrels. The renowned batting side (if not before, they are now) decided a days batting was the go and our dour bowling display lacked the impact to produce wickets. However we did do a good job of keeping things tight with the batsmen struggling score at any pace.</p> <p>The Squirrels were only one wicket down at drinks and disaster looked as ominous as another helicopter delay. The pitch was true and the outfield fast, we were thinking 300+ but they were thinking “How’s my average?” To our surprise, the very set batsman failed to attack our bowlers, keeping six wickets in hand at the close of play. Only a very long spell of tight bowling by “Debbie” Byrne (2 for not much off heaps) kept us in with a chance. Our target was set, 211 off 63 overs.</p> <p>Day 2 and it was our turn to show our batting talent, too bad we didn’t. Nothing but batsman swinging across the line and stumps flying out of the ground in what was an embarrassing display of “How Not To Bat”. Only “Apex” Kalia (33) had the patience to bat for more than a handful of overs showing the rest of us how things should be done.</p> <p>To our surprise, Steve Irkle decided the day was not done at the end of our 1st innings and sent us back in with an hour and a half to go in the day and the Swans staging a comeback in the pretend football. At least we got some much needed batting practice in. Thanks for that because we don’t usually get time to practice until daylight savings starts. Apex once again batted strongly with “Jackie” G Leeson providing good support.</p> <p>The good news, things can only improve with our batting, bowling and nicknames as players establish themselves within the team.</p>				