

The Third Man's Report

Check out our web site

Have a look at the Baulko web site. All the news about club events, fixtures, results, ladders etc are all available at the following web site – www.baulkocricicket.com.au To see your team's results, go to baulkocricicket.com.au, select 'Team Pages' then select your team. From there you can see the ladder by selecting 'Ladder'.

The site will be updated regularly, and the club history 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:

14/1 7 for 324

Individual Achievements

Sumit Kalia	A	82	Ben Abbott	14/1	212
Steve Sarlog	B4	78	Tevin Liyanage	13/1	56
Matt Hardy	B6	71	Josh Balzarolo	12/2	83
Sam Freeman	B6	66	Arsh Kapila	10 W	3/0 off 3 overs
Cameron Daines	15/1	63 no			

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
November 18, 2006	B13	11/1
November 25, 2006	B14	11/2
December 2, 2006	A Res	10 Red
December 9, 2006	B2	10 Blue
December 16, 2006	B4	15/1

The President's Roundup

Records were broken in the 14/1's with Ben Abbott scoring a remarkable 212 (out of 311) in the last game. Ben set a new club record for highest score in the 14/1's, beating the previous record of 188 scored by his brother Sean last season! Ben missed out on the PDCA record by 9 runs. We also think Ben may have set a record by becoming the first junior to score a double century for the club, but we're still checking that one out.

Don't forget our next monthly meeting. It's coming up on Tuesday December 5, at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club, starting at 8pm. All teams **MUST** be represented

All players are reminded of the PDCA's policy of Zero Tolerance in relation to player behaviour. Should you be reported by the umpires and the offence is proved, you will be suspended. Be warned!

Our present storage facility, kindly given to us by Arthur Scarf is to close in November. We will be moving our equipment to our container at Charles McLaughlin. **BUT**, we need to build shelves for storage. Do we have anyone who would be willing to build these shelves? Financial inducement is available! If you can assist, please contact me on 0413 495516 or 9639 2683.

Peter McLoughlin
President

Editor's Note:

I'm sure Pete had a lot more to say, but his efforts were hampered by problems we had with our web site. Unfortunately, problems with our service provider meant that the web site was off the air for several days – hope you noticed!

We now have a new service provider, so things are back up and running and hopefully all the problems are behind us. We would like to apologize for any inconvenience, but unfortunately the problems were beyond our control.

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.

Milo Have-A-Go Clinic

The club is again running a Have-A-Go Clinic on Friday nights for our youngest and keenest participants, those aged between 5 and 9. We are looking for helpers to run the sessions. Last season we had several Under 16 and 15 players assisting. The sessions run from about 6:00 to 7:30. If you are interested, talk to any committee member or drop us an email at committee@baulkocricket.com.au

Venue: Charles McLaughlin Reserve, Cnr Crestwood Drive & Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills.

Cost \$40. Lots of freebies (for the kids, not the helpers).

More Information: Contact Peter McLoughlin on 0413 495516 or Jeff Warland on 0405 588 137

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	12 for 94	Guildford Leagues	6 for 74	Loss on averages
<p>On yet another chilly Saturday we went in to bat and the boys rattled up a great score of 94 runs with the loss of 12 wickets. Guildford Leagues bowled well so most of our runs came off the bat and our lads are now really getting the hang of running between the wickets!!</p> <p>In reply, our opposition only managed 74 runs but by the same token, only lost 6 wickets as they played very defensively. I'm sure our lads would have been disappointed to lose the second game in a row, but it's great to see them "bonding" as a team and getting to know one another better.</p> <p>Better luck next time boys!!</p>				

10 Red	11 for 104	Wenty Leagues	5 for 143	Loss on averages
<p>The lucky 20c worked again and Travis won the toss and elected to field. With a wicket off the first ball from Brandon, I thought we were in for a good day. Unfortunately Mr Sundries came to the game ready to play and once again top scored. This is something we will be working on and hopefully by the end of the season Mr Sundries won't be required. All the boys tried hard and the best results were from Brad, Michael, James, Brandon and Luke who each got a wicket.</p> <p>Brad 1/4 , Michael 1/8, James 1/11, Brandon 1/12, Luke 1/12</p> <p>In overcast conditions the boys knew that they had a big job ahead of them and remaining not out was the key. Unfortunately Wenty bowled well and we were out played. Michael and Nic Beed were the only boys not to get out and Michael was again our top scorer with 11. It is great to see the boys try to bring to the game what they have been doing in training and if they continue to do this the results will come.</p> <p>Michael 11 (0), Nic Beed 6 (0), Jake 6 (1), Luca 6 (1)</p>				

10 White	3 for 110	Greystanes	14 for 87	Win on averages
<p>This match was played at home against a side that was very keen. So keen in fact they had a full team rolled up, before we had three guys arrive. Coach Madden was concerned! As we now have a full compliment of 13 players to call upon, Mark was made 13th Man for this match. Tim was appointed Captain for the match and tossed the coin only to lose the toss by the narrowest of margins (it's always a 50/50 call!)..... Greystanes elected to bat.</p> <p>Viva and Brandon opened the bowling; Viva bowled a very strong spell for only 3 runs, including 1 maiden over. A great effort! Brandon backed Viva up with a solid spell of 9 runs. Brandon performed his customary jig after bowling one of Greystanes batsman in his second over. I don't know which effort I get more fun from, the wicket or the little jig! – Great stuff.</p> <p>Kieran and Dilshan were up next. Kieran sent down a tight spell, resulting in 1 wicket for 7 runs – very economical. Dilshan stepped up for his first spell with the team and performed very admirably, securing his first wicket (Caught behind by Michael) for 16 runs. Great stuff! Vijay's smile was so wide it was picked up by the Hubble Telescope!</p> <p>Liam and Ryan picked up the ball and continued the pressure. Liam was unlucky not to pick a few wickets up, yielding a miserly 6 runs. Ryan continued his good bowling form bagging 2 wickets for a very economical 7 runs. Superb work!</p> <p>Arsh picked up the ball and proceeded to bowl the most elegant spell I have seen in this competition to date. Arsh had the batsmen searching for the ball, which resulted in a sensational spell returning the figures of 3 wickets in 3 maidens for 3runs. Arsh was unlucky not to get a hat trick. Arsh's fluent run up and delivery of the ball through the crease was majestic. I hope all the boys watch intently next time Arsh bowls and copy his bowling action.</p> <p>Chris backed up Arsh with a very tidy and tight spell yielding only 5 runs. A very improved effort.</p> <p>Michael kept his end tied up, only having 7 runs scored. This combination tightened the screws on the Wentworth batsmen.</p>				

Nicholas produced a very good spell of 15 runs, including one maiden over.

Malindu and Tim finished off the innings. Tim picked up 2 late wickets for only 4 runs – great effort. Due to Greystanes being short one batsman, Malindu only got to bowl one over for 8 runs.

Mark came on and exhibited some great fielding skills in stopping some fast balls and throwing in some great returns to the keeper.

The team's fielding is improving with each game, we ran Greystanes out three times via Malindu, Liam and Viva. Three catches by Liam, Michael and Kieran (cant keep him out of the game) were a special highlight. Michael French in his first spell at keeping wickets achieved the "Royal Flush" of Wicket Keeping in getting a catch behind, a stumping and a run out, superb stuff that! Brandon came in and kept that last few overs and scored a run out – marvellous.

Resuming the game on the following Saturday the team were looking to convert the drills practiced at training into real efforts.

Brandon and Kieran opened the batting, each exhibiting some solid defence. Both batsmen lost their wickets, Kieran scoring one run and Brandon with no runs. The partnership did yield 10 runs to get the innings unde way. Brandon played two strong pull shots, which went unrewarded due to excellent fielding by Greystanes. Kieran never looked troubled, a solid batting performance.

Viva was in next and was unlucky to be bowled whilst looking to up the scoring rate. Viva put his body on the line with his running between the wickets. – A much improved effort.

Michael arrived at the wicket looking to stamp his authority on the game and constructed a solid innings of 3 runs. Due to some very good fielding by Greystanes he was unlucky not to score a boundary.

Dilshan first innings with the team was an excellent one. Dilshan batted like a seasoned campaigner and scored 3 runs, and importantly did not get out, keeping his wicket intact.

Liam exhibited his usual style and flair during his innings. His running between the wickets with Ryan caused the coach to miss a few hear beats. Liam went on to compile a strong innings of 9 runs, without loosing his wicket. One of Liam's shots went scorching to the boundary for four. Liam was unlucky not to score more runs, as Greystanes bowling was a touch wayward.

Ryan joined Liam at the wicket and played a very solid innings for 2 runs, as well as keeping his wicket intact. Ryan's running between the wickets with Liam and later with Arsh was strong.

Arsh was the lucky recipient of a new bat, which produced immediate and impressive results. Arsh constructed a top score of 10 runs for the game and dispatched one delivery to the boundary for 4. Arsh never looked troubled in his innings, adding to his sensational first day bowling effort.

Chris's innings was a solid effort of 1 run for the loss of 1 wicket. Chris in is indomitable style looks to attack the bowling at every opportunity. Unfortunately his efforts were not fully rewarded as some of the bowling was not to Chris's strength, down the leg side. In fact some of the balls failed to give him a fair shot at the ball as they mully grubbed along the pitch.

Tim was looking to contribute to the score when he arrived at the crease. Tim constructed a good innings of 4 runs. Tim played the shot of the day with a beautiful straight drive, only pulling up short of the boundary due to the rain on the grass. Tim's frustration was evident as the bowling was particular poor during his time at the crease. The opportunity to put some balls away was not there today for Tim and Chris as they had 14 sundries between them, during their time at the crease.

Nicholas innings was only two balls old when he got off the mark with a run. The highlight of his innings was his running between the wickets. Nicholas turn of speed in his running with Tim and Malindu added impressively to the score. This display of running demonstrates how important it is to back up your partner and be on the look out for a run. Nicholas ended up with 1 run and kept his wicket intact – excellent showing.

Malindu strode to the crease with his new bat and determined to add to the team's score. Malindu closed the innings out for 3 runs, but was instrumental in an excellent partnership with Nick that added 12 sundries to the score.

The mighty Whites scored a comprehensive win of 110 runs for the loss of 3 wickets and an average of 36.6. Greystanes scored 87 runs for the loss of 14 wickets and an average of 5.8. Great win by the boys. This demonstrates how valuable it is to protect your wicket and not get out.

Notable Contributions

- I must mention a special effort by Mark Foskett. Even though he was not in the starting 12, he fielded for the game and put in a tradesman like performance.
- Thanks to Rodney Dunshea (Liam's Dad) for the provision of welcomed shelter for the scorers, on day one of the match - much appreciated.
- Continued thanks to Ram for his efforts in scoring for the team, under very trying conditions at the end of the game.
- Thanks to Ravi for filling in and scoring for the first 18 overs day 2.
- It should be noted that Greystanes could have called the game off due to the weather but in the true sprit of cricket continued to field and give all our boy's a bat.
- My encouragement award goes to Viva for his tight bowling spell and commitment in his running between the wickets.
- Player of the round was Arsh for his top score of 10 runs and 3 wickets in 3 maiden overs.

11/3	10 for 67	Kellyville	10 for 73, 2 for 46	First innings loss
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Well, we were unlucky to lose this match. We didn't bat as well as hoped on the first day, getting ourselves all out for only 67 runs on a pretty ordinary pitch. Kellyville went into bat and were 4 for 51 at the end of the first day. They needed just 17 runs to take the first innings win. We had them at 8 for 67 before conceding defeat. We managed to get them all out for 73 runs. A fantastic effort, especially by Raad who took 5 wickets for just 15 runs off 8 overs and collecting the match ball. Well done Raad. You earned the Stocklands Sprit Award.

We went back into bat early on day two, and were batting well at 2 for 49 before the game was cancelled due to rain. Don't despair over the loss boys. We'll get this one back next time I'm sure!

Run scorers in the 1st innings included:-

- Tim - 8 runs off 26 balls
- Varun - 8 runs off 46 balls
- Bradley - 1 run off 35 balls (Well done Bradley. You stayed in to form an important partnership of 23 runs with Varun, taking the score from 14 to 37 runs. You showed great improvement with your batting).
- Husam - 2 runs off 5 balls
- Jayden - 10 runs off 13 balls
- Not out batsman was Jackson at No. 11.

Our bowling figures were:-

- Raad - 8 overs, 5 wickets for 15 runs
- Jayden - 8 overs 1 wicket for 13 runs
- Jackson - 4 overs, no wickets for 16 runs
- Husam - 6 overs, 3 wickets for 10 runs
- Tim - 2 overs, no wickets for 3 runs
- Varun - 6 overs, 1 wicket for 13 runs
- Manmit - 2 overs, no wickets for 3 runs
- Blaine at wicket keeper took 1 catch.
- Husam took two catches; a nice one in slip and one off his own bowling. Well done Husam, this earned you the fielding award for the match.

Run scorers in the 2nd innings included:-

- Jayden - 5 runs off 13 balls
- Jackson - 13 runs off 32 balls
- Tim - 10 runs off 17 balls
- Raad - not out batsman at No. 4 - game then cancelled due to rain.

Thanks to Jayden's dad Jim for umpiring on day one, and of course to our regulars John and Muhsin, the players, parents and supporters.

11/2	10 for 248	Kings Langley	10 for 135	First innings win
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11/1	8 for 147	Guildford Leagues	10 for 143	First innings win
<p>Four lost tosses and four match wins - we must be doing something right. Sent into bat we reached 1-50 off just 12 overs, with Cody (24) & Michael (32) both scoring freely with boundaries. Regular wickets then fell, but each time there was a bit of a partnership. Guildford was fairly miserly with their sundries, while their best bowler of the day started with 3 maiden overs and a wicket. Pavan meanwhile batted for almost two hours, scoring 25 patient runs. He was well supported by Sachin (10) who was forced to retire hurt after a nasty knock on the finger. We used all our overs to reach 147 in total.</p> <p>Shivering in the field the next week, it might have been hard to crank up the bowling, but after 4 overs the opposition was 3-6, including a solid catch at point by Cody off Bryce's (2-12) bowling. Then a revival as one of their batsman caused headaches (and some bruised shins) in the field. By the 35th over they were 4-89 and building their total, until Pavan clean bowled the in-form batsman for 46. Another danger man was finally dispatched by Michael (LBW, and great figures of 1-10 off 8 overs, including 4 maidens), but after 47 overs Guildford was 6-135 needing only 13 to win, and plenty of time... it looked like we were gone. Then some quick wickets including a direct hit by George for a close run out...9-138, still 10 runs needed, 6 overs, and one wicket left. At the start of the 53rd it was 9-143 and very tense - then George's (7.3.3.11) second ball thudded into the pads and up went the umpire's finger - out!</p> <p>A good tight win - and special mention for the wicket-keepers (George and Owen) and various backstops, who combined to prevent any byes (a single leg bye only). Considering the opposition gave away 12 byes, this was crucial. Good fielding everyone.</p> <p>This week's award: Pavan K.</p>				

12/3	10 for 76	Wenty Leagues	8 for 194	First innings loss
<p>Saturday 28 October – we won the toss and put Wenty Leagues into bat. By the end of play, the score was 8/194 off 51 overs. Our effort managing sundries still needs work. Sundries added 100 to their score. Joel, Jeremy and Cameron collected a wicket each. Luke O struck twice as did Jack O including teasing out a catch to Jack M for a caught behind. There was some good play in the field resulting in a run out.</p> <p>Saturday 4 November – Back to Pendle Hill Park for the run chase, however, we didn't make a big impact against Wenty's bowling attack and fielding. Harry, Damon, Yardy, Jack M, Cameron and Rayab got amongst the runs. Yardy was our best on 16 (including 3 fours), Cameron on 9 (including 1 four) and Rayab was not out on 6 and Damon on 5 (including 1 four). We got 39 off the bat and there were 37 sundries. We were all out for a total of 76 off 29 overs.</p> <p>With the rain coming down we were all quite happy to call it a day before 11am.</p>				

12/2	6 for 249	Kellyville	10 for 19, 10 for 82	Outright win
<p>After a disappointing loss last game, the boys came out firing. We scored our highest ever score of 249 – the first double century for the team! Josh Balzarolo led the way with the first half century for the team and the highest ever personal score of 83! Congratulations Joshua. He was ably supported by the rest of the team – especially Trent Samuels (41), James Benton (23), James Senior (18 no) and Tom Hughes (16 no).</p> <p>We were prepared for a fight against a team who has been undefeated. The boys came out firing with the ball as well and tore through the opposition to dismiss them for our lowest score of 19 all out! All bowlers contributed and the fielding was excellent. Joshua Stevenson (3/0) and Joshua Balzarolo (3/1) led the way, with Greg Malyon taking 2/1 off 1 over! Trent Samuels and Amar Subramaniam each took a wicket. With raining threatening we sent them back in and dismissed them for 82. Again, all bowlers contributed well – James Senior took 3/14 and Joshua Stevenson took 3/13, Shanar Surendra took 2/4 and Sanju Sonnadara and Todd Ripps each took a wicket. Nicholas Sullivan, James Benton and Tom Hughes contributed very well in the field for an all round excellent team effort!</p> <p>Congratulations to our coach, Tony Senior, who continues to put a lot of effort into the boys – it is paying off!</p> <p>Round 3: First innings loss to AKA Sports</p> <p>After a great win last game, we had a disappointing loss in this game. AKA Sports batted and bowled solidly whilst we gave</p>				

away opportunities and lacked patience with the bat. We have a few things to work on this week at training.

Greg Malyon was 15 not out in the first innings and batted well. Amar led with 13 in the second innings, whilst James Senior was looking good before he ran out of partners. Our fielding was better than our batting, but we still needed to put more pressure on the opposition. The wickets were spread across the team, with Josh Stevenson taking 2 and 2 catches. James Benton had good figures with 1-6 off 4 overs and Trent had 1-11 off 8 overs. Amar and Josh Balzarolo both took sensational catches! There was some good fielding and we look forward to an improved performance in the next game.

12/1	9 for 166	Greystanes	10 for 71	First innings win
<p>Taseen Rahman 27 no James Dallaway 23 Tomas Lockhart 20 Jonathan Barnitt 19 Taylor Stewart 16 Joel Pienmunne 3/4 Taseen Rahman 1/7</p> <p>A good bating display by Baulko with many contributors. Tomas and James got the side off to a solid start with Tomas putting on a good 20 and James getting amongst the runs with 23. Jonathan continued his good form of last week with a well complied 19. Once again Geoff looked very solid and put together a patient 11. Josh Clarke looked good before being caught for 8. At 8 for 120 after 43 overs it looked like me might not bat out the innings. Then Taseen and Taylor put on a great 40 run partnership with Taseen remaining not out 27 and Taylor making a fighting 16.</p> <p>Greystanes started well with the first wicket falling in the fourth over with Mitch taking a sharp chance at short mid on off Nick's bowling. Greystanes then consolidated and at 1/42 off 13 overs they were well on track. The turning point came with a direct hit run out from Blake which started a collapse. Taseen finished off his spell of bowling by rattling the stumps to finish with the impressive figures of 1/7. The next wicket was a sharp slips chance by Blake off Tomas' bowling to dismiss their highest scorer. The tail was quickly wrapped up with wickets to Mitch, Jonathan, Josh and three wickets to Joel. Joel was on a hat trick with his hat trick ball just missing leg stump. A good team effort. A big thank you to Josh Clarke for filling in.</p> <p>Player of the Match - Taseen Rahman for a great all-round display with 27 not out in a good partnership and great bowling return of 1/7 off four overs.</p>				

13/3	10 for 49, 10 for 69	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 138	Outright loss
<p>Well at least we have now won a toss boys. After electing to bat we were again quickly in deep trouble against probably the best bowling line up we have come up against so far. Blake's outstanding effort to make 20 out of a total of 49 in his first time as an opener was a fantastic effort.</p> <p>Our bowling was a much improved effort on recent weeks especially on the 2nd morning to bundle Sevo out for 138 after them starting the day in command at 4 for 102.</p> <p>Best of the bowlers with his first 5 wicket haul was Mahir 5/16 off 8 overs Super Effort, Myles on the first saturday kept us in touch with 3/20 off 4 overs and nice clean up of the tail by Abhinav with his first & send wickets of the season with 2/8 off 3 overs. A couple of great catches by Kausthub and Vivek shows our improved efforts in the field are getting results.</p> <p>Back into bat with Sevo leading by 89 we were surprise surprise in early trouble and couldn't hold them out in fairly miserable conditions of misting rain. The star of our 2nd innings was Abhinav with a very well made 25 with 4 boundaries. Top all round game for Abhinav. There were some signs of improvement yet again boys which is good as well as your enthusiasm for the game has not waned even though we are winless to date. Next game we play Wenty who i don't think are going much better so we are a definite chance to open our account. We need to keep concentrateing whether we are Bowling, Batting or Fielding and the results will turn around.</p>				

13/2	10 for 148	Rouse Hill	7 for 150	First innings loss
<p>After being sent into bat, we were dismissed for 148 in the 57th over. Two excellent partnerships were the cornerstones of our innings. Firstly an opening 40 run partnership between Jonathan Fulcher and Chris Gunton and then a 55 run partnership for the 8th wicket between Aidan Cousin and Anoop Vaidya. Aidan top scored with 30, while Jonathan Fulcher made 24 and Jake Bailey 19.</p> <p>Despite a good all round bowling and fielding effort, Rouse Hill managed to score the required runs in a close finish. John Coulter finished his 10 overs with 2 for 32 while Anoop Vaidya took 0 for 18 off 10 overs and was unlucky not to have taken a wicket.</p> <p>Special thanks to Aidan for fielding last week despite a shoulder injury and saving us from being a fielder short. Special thanks also to Cavanash for doing a top job filling in as wicket keeper, including a good catch. Keep the effort up and wins will follow.</p>				

13/1	7 dec 192	Wenty Leagues	10 for 118	First innings win
<p>Our team won the toss and elected to bat.</p> <p>After losing Daniel early, Jack came to the wicket and though his innings was short, he proceeded to lift the tempo of the game a notch with some quick scoring including a big six. Soon after though he was unlucky to be bowled off a ball that spun back off the bat and hit the stump with just enough force to knock off a bail.</p> <p>This brought Tevin to the wicket, who with partnerships from both Ashleigh (21 run partnership) and Asad (81 run partnership) was able to bring up his first half century with a combination of patient defence and some great boundary hitting.</p> <p>(Fantastic effort Tevin for which you were voted Players Player for this match).</p> <p>Sam B came in soon after and scored another well crafted innings of 31 runs.</p> <p>At the fall of his wicket we declared at 7 for 192.</p> <p>With only 30 minutes left on day one Karanbir took a very important wicket just before stumps to end the day with our opposition 1 for 11.</p> <p>The second day was miserable with intermittent showers and grey skies over head.</p> <p>Wenty's wickets fell steadily and at no stage did they even look likely to surpass our total. Sam S broke his wicket drought with a couple of much needed wickets(2 for 14).Sam B broke a lengthy stay at the wicket for their opening batsman(1 for 9). Adarsh and Matthew also took a wicket each. Jack took 2 wickets in-a-row and was on a hat-trick which unfortunately did not eventuate. But it was Karanbir who took home the match ball with the tidy figures of 6 overs, 4 maidens, 3 wickets for 7 runs.</p> <p>Due to a couple of Wenty's partnerships (which soaked up a lot of time) our chances of achieving an outright were fading.</p> <p>In the end Wenty Leagues were All Out for 118.</p> <p>Just 1 run away from our team to be able to enforce the follow-on.</p> <p>Good win lads.</p> <p>T.Liyanage:- 56 runs.(1st half century) K.Singh:- 3 for 7.</p>				

14/2	10 for 97	Seven Hills RSL	8 for 212	First innings loss
<p>We were beaten by a more disciplined outfit this game and Seven Hills batted very well to reach 212 and then bowled very well to get us out for 97. Many of our bats looked very comfortable at the crease but their shot selection and lack of patience cost the boys a chance at victory. Prasindu 20 (and 25 in the second dig) batted well as did Vrushank for 23. Our bowling was pretty good across the board but our fielding let us down badly yet again. Vrushank, Jason and Jack did however take a good catch each so there is an upside to the fielding performance. Better fielding and smart shot selection would see us home against most sides but we need to put it all together. Keep at it boys we need to improve and we will if you train hard and concentrate during the match a bit more.</p>				

14/1	6 for 311	AKA Sports	10 for 113	First innings win
<p>AKA won the toss and to our surprise sent us in to bat. Matheesha and Ben opened the batting with Matheesha the first wicket to fall when caught. Omal was next in and he and Ben put on a 46 run partnership which ended when Omal (12) was caught. By now Ben had reached 48 runs scoring at nearly a run a ball, playing each ball on its merit and not trying to tonk every ball bowled. Michael joined Ben at the crease to see Ben reach his first fifty from 59 balls. Ben continued his form and reached a 100 runs from just 101 balls. Michael and Ben put on a 92 run partnership when Michael (17) was also caught in the 36th over with our score on 155. Raveen was next to the crease, turning over the strike to Ben who was in magnificent form dispatching the bowlers to all parts of the field and at times outside of the field. Ben reached his 150 from just 124 balls and then went on to break the Baulkham Hills under 14/1 Club record of 188 set by his older brother last season. Ben when on to reach his 200 from 147 balls which now had his team management digging out the PDCA record book. Unfortunately for Ben his innings came to an end when he was caught on 212 runs, just 9 runs short of setting a new PDCA record. Congratulations Ben on a great innings, having scored 212 from a score of 274 in 54 overs including 29 fours and 8 sixes. Ajay scored two and joined the list of players caught which brought Ornob to the crease where he opened his innings with a four. Raveen (32), who came to the crease with the score on 155 and had been involved in three partnerships that added 156 runs to the score, was bowled on the second last ball on the day with the team on a huge score of 311 runs. Daniel faced the last ball for no run and Ornob, who batted very well, was 13 not out from just 14 balls.</p> <p>Day two was cold with the hint of mist in the air. Tom and Ajay opened the bowling with pace and accuracy with AKA unable to score runs. Tom picket up two wickets in his last over with a catch from Nick and the other bowling the batsman to have AKA 2/10 after 10 overs. Gabriel and Ben bowled next with a run out in Ben's second over from some sharp fielding by Ajay back to Ben who whipped off the bails. At 3/35 after 20 overs AKA were never going to get the runs and were playing defensively. Ornob and Michael bowled next with Michael getting a wicket in his first over from a catch by Ben. Ornob took the next wicket with a good catch by Omal to have AKA 5/52 after 29 overs. Harmon took the next wicket knocking over the stumps and then Daniel did the same in his and not to be out done Harmon followed with his second wicket to another catch by Omal to have AKA 8/66 after 41 overs. Daniel put the keeper's gear on with Nick coming out from behind the stump to bowl with Omal. Omal always gets a wicket and did so again with a caught and bowled. Nick, not so lucky today, finished his 5 overs without a wicket. With the weather getting worse with light drizzle falling Ajay was given the ball and wasted no time in finishing off the innings giving us a 30 minute early mark. Excellent bowling and fielding from the whole team - Tom 5-3-2-2, Ajay 6-2-1-9, Gabriel 7-3-0-23, Ornob 5-0-1-16, Ben 5-1-0-10, Michael 5-4-1-4, Daniel 5-3-1-5, Harman 5-2-2-4, Omal 4-1-1-17 and Nick 5-0-0-17.</p>				

15/2	10 for 55	Kellyville	10 for 143	First innings loss
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15/1	5 dec 195	Wenty Leagues	10 for 45, 5 for 78	First innings win
<p>After a strong win against Wenty Waratah last match it was time for the grand final replay against Wenty Leagues. After losing the toss and being sent into the field our boys were looking to keep up the momentum from last week and get the early breakthrough. The key breakthrough came in the third over with Sean bowling a beautiful ball cutting back in on Wenty's batsman to knock the bail from the off stump. Then Sean did it again in his next over producing an edge to Samira in first slip. Michael then chimed in on the very next over seeing Wenty's opener edge a ball to Hiran in second slip, who juggled the ball before getting a grip on it to have Wenty in early trouble at 3 for 7.</p> <p>The boys were asked not to back off as was the case in our previous match and they followed the instruction to the letter, with Sean again rattling the stumps on the Wenty batsman and Wenty were 4 for 9 after just 7 overs. Wenty then started to dig deep and made some runs, but just as they were looking to post some sort of score, Michael clean bowled the danger man to have Wenty 5 for 45 after 12 overs. Then that was about where it all ended for Wenty with Samira then coming on to claim two scalps in consecutive balls to finish his first over with a double wicket maiden! Then it was Kieran's turn at the other end to bowl out the two remaining batsmen in five deliveries to also finish with a double wicket maiden! This had Wenty completely demoralised to be all out for 45 runs in just under 14 overs and in less than 60 minutes. Simply a superb bowling and fielding performance guys – no other words for it!</p> <p>Keen to see that Wenty didn't think they could work themselves back into the match, Sean and Michael patiently waited for the bad ball before Michael was caught behind for 1 but with a 21 run partnership. Teshan then came up the batting order in good batting form to carry the team to a first innings win with Sean single handedly adding 45 runs before being trapped in front. Good leadership mate. Cameron too was pushed up the order to spend some time at the crease and together with Teshan put on a quickfire 48 run partnership to put even more pressure on Wenty. Teshan was unfortunate to be run out for 27 and the score was 3 for 107. Tharindu steps up the order and immediately starts to play some confident shots whilst building a great partnership with Cameron to finish the day at 3 for 156 after just 35 overs. On day two, Wenty was able to grab a couple of quick wickets with Tharindu being caught at square leg for 24 and Samira soon after for 4 runs. Cameron waited patiently for his first 50 of the season, which was a really good knock. Reece joined Cameron and put on a quick 17 runs and a 34 run partnership. After an hour of play the boys declared their innings closed at 5 for 195 with Cameron and Reece not out on 63 and 17 respectively.</p> <p>Looking for an outright win Sean and Michael bowled very tightly under the wet conditions, with Sean dismissing Wenty's opener with a good edge for Cameron to take. Michael bowled superbly and got his reward in his fourth over rattling the stumps of the other opener to have Wenty 2 for 3 after 8 overs. Samira and Kieran came on and found it tough with their line and length against a couple of Wenty batsmen who were swinging at everything. It took Michael to come back on and get his man with another good delivery. With time running out Tharindu and Hiran chimed in with a wicket each to finish the day with Wenty 5 for 78. A good all round performance guys, both with bat and ball. Still some room for improvement in the fielding department but we are going along well so far.</p> <p>Statistics: - Cameron 63 not out, Sean 45, Teshan 27, Tharindu 24 and Reece 17 not out. With the ball Sean 10-2-4-25, Michael 11-4-4-23, Samira 7-1-2-35, Kieran 6.5-1-2-24, Teshan 3-1-0-10, Tharindu 1-0-1-2 and Hiran 1-1-1-0.</p>				

16/1	10 for 39	Guildford Leagues	10 for 78, 3 for 41	First innings loss
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B14	10 for 157	Merrylands Social	10 for 155	First innings win
<p>Ian Scollay 3/32 Nilendra Perera 3/34 Lost the toss and they chose to bat first (due to lack of numbers). On a cool day we bowled well created chances however dropped way too many catches (8). Their best player was a thorn in the side as he scored quickly however once he was dismissed we managed to remove the rest of them fairly comfortably. Good bowling from nil at the start and Ian who tied down then eventually dismissed their free scoring shotmaker.</p> <p>Went to stumps at 3/77 after some quick scoring from sul and puss. The second week started the worse way possible with 2 wickets in the first 4 balls of the day. Some excellent batting from Ron and Ian who showed their experience and at 5/134 we have seemed to be coasting home.... not to be! 3 wickets for 3 runs and then the 9th dismissal lead us requiring 3 runs to win. Got the score via some byes and another win.</p> <p>A shaky performance, but a wins a win, now we move onto the undefeated tigers next week, with much improvement left in the team in all areas.</p>				

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B12	10 for 160, 3 for 116	AKA Sports	10 for 241	First innings loss
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B11	8 for 202	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 191	First innings win
<p>Baulkham Hills 1st innings 8 for 202 defeated Seven Hills / Toongabbie 10 for 191. A slow but solid start to our innings against some tight bowling and fielding was followed by a fine second wicket partnership of 102 runs between Evan Platt (52) and Martin Ams, who remained 65 not out. Evan's innings included 5 4s, while Martin's included 10 4s and some fine drives in front of the wicket. Another fine attacking innings from Alex Mihalyka (35 not out with 5 4s) helped push the total to 202 off the maximum 63 overs.</p> <p>Some spirited batting from Seven Hills / Toongabbie was met with some good bowling and fielding which finally helped us to take the last opposition wicket with 11 runs to spare. Ward Koski was the best of the bowlers with 3 for 29 while Evan Platt added to his fine batting effort with 2 for 24 off 8.2 overs. In the end, another good victory.</p>				

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B6	10 for 293	Winston Hills	4 for 310	First innings loss
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B5	Did Not Bat	NSW Tamils	10 for 254	Draw
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B4	10 for 202	Greystanes	10 for 149	First innings win
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B2	10 for 71, 3 for 140	NSW Tamils	10 for 293	First innings loss
<p>Struggled in the field without a couple of our usual bowlers. Andrew Hinton 3/68 was unlucky to not to have more wickets. KG and Troy also worked hard for not much reward. Poor catching cost us 120+ runs which really hurt. On a small fast ground we felt the total was within reach but we got rolled far too easily. Our 2nd Innings was much more positive with a 50 partnership between the Friedrich brothers which steadied the ship (even though all 50 were from Matt's bat!) Once Matt departed Troy decided to score a few ending with 35 including 5 fours in one over. Good support by Andy Denlow with 20.</p> <p>Improving in a few areas will see us win games like these.</p> <p>Many thanks to Jeff Foskett (B13) and Jason Foskett (U14) who filled in for us! Both guys gave 100% in the field all day and showed they are great Baulko club men!</p>				

A Res	10 for 98	NSW Tamils	10 for 96	First innings win
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A	9 for 262	Hills Barbarians	5 for 315	First innings loss
<p>Sumit Kalia 80 David Byrne 40 Greg Leeson 36 Sumit Kalia 2/24</p> <p>A tough game to be sure, once again renewing rivalries with the Hills Plebeians. Winning the toss and heading into the field was the right way to go but once again we struggled with an under-strength bowling attack.</p> <p>The favourable conditions were squandered as we once again failed to take wickets, lacking the patience to bowl a tight line when things were not going our way. This led to a 315 run demolition and a huge task for our batting line up to maintain 5 runs an over for 63 overs.</p> <p>Day two and it was time for us to stand up. Led admirably by a superb opening knock by "Little Master" Kalia (82) we fought all day chasing the big total. Strong middle order knocks from "Debbie" Byrne (40) and "Jackie" G. Leeson (36) put us on track to have a crack at a huge upset. It wasn't to be but we had a moral victory, scaring the Plebeians into put six men on the boundary for the final 15 overs defending there total with negative cricket. Next time, I guarantee you won't have the runs to hide behind.</p> <p>At this stage I would like to draw an analogy. Brisbane Bronco's, round 23 of the NRL premiership against Melbourne Storm. On a four game losing streak and despite getting beaten, showed the promise of quality to come. They won the next six games from seven to take the premiership. Let's go boys.</p>				