

The Third Man's Report

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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@baulkocricket.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@baulkocricket.com.au by Tuesday night after the game. Newsletters will be published during the week after a game.

Team Performances:

A 1 for 252 13/2 Outright win

Individual Achievements

Robert Simpson	A	105 no	Ben Abbott	14/1	139
Sumit Kalia	A	55	Daniel Chatman	14/1	126
Kalia/Simpson	1st wkt p/ship	135	Chatman/Abbott	3rd wkt p/ship	158
Simpson/David Byrne	2nd wkt p/ship	117 no	Tom Ortiz	14/1	6/13
D Jessop	A Res	68	Aidan Cousin	13/2	73
Mark Griggs	B4	75	Anoop Vaidya	13/2	6/30
Sacha Hillbrink	B4	5/36	Blake Newman	12/1	69
Sam Freeman	B6	82	Thomas Hughes	12/2	50
Matt Hardy	B6	50	Kieran Jayasekera	10W	4/6
Freeman/Hardy	4th wkt p/ship -	114 runs	B King	B5	6/36
Dushyant Rao	B10	54	Evan Platt	B11	5/7
Tristan Luther	B10	6/59	Jason Chatman	B12	51
Trent Stubbs	15/1	5/18	Nirav Goradia	B13	7/10
Luke Woodman	15/2	5/12			

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
January 6, 2007	No junior games	15/2
January 13, 2007	No junior games	14/1
January 20, 2007	No junior games	14/2
January 27, 2007	B5	13/1

The President's Roundup

There have been some more outstanding performances by our players. Top of the tree are our A Grade, who made a great total of 1/254 in defeating Wenty Waratahs. Robert Simpson with 105 n.o. was the mainstay and he was well supported by Sumit Kalia who made 55 in an opening stand of 135. David Byrne then made a good 40 odd not out in an unbeaten second wicket stand of 117 with Robert. The B10's scored their first win of the season & were unlucky not to win outright. Only an excessive amount of time wasting by the opposition stopped them getting the outright. The B13's continued their revival with another win. Well done to all teams

The juniors continue to perform well, with some of the outstanding performances over the last two (2) rounds. In round 6, these included Jacob Astill (U16/1) 72 n.o & 3/17, Hari Raja (U16/1) 5/6, Sean Abbott (U15/1) 103 & 4/36, Nelson Brown (U15/2) 62, Daniel Chatman (U14/1) 70, Gabriel Joseph (U14/1) 58 n.o., Robert Tatko (U14/2) 61, Matthew Newson (U14/2) 54, Daniel Marlow (U14/2) 7 catches & 1 run out, Chris Gunton (U13/2) 50 & Amol Marwah (U13/2) 4/16 & 3/8. The U11/2 scored a remarkable outright win, when they bowled out the opposition for 7! Anupam Parashar took 5/4 & Mitchell Evans 5/2!

Round 7 for the juniors saw Ben Abbott make 139 & Daniel Chatman make a maiden century – 126 in their team's total of 358. Their 3rd wicket partnership was worth 158. Tom Ortiz starred with the ball taking 6/13. Other good performances included Trent Stubbs (U15/1) who took 5/18, Blake Newman (U12/1) with 69, Thomas Hughes (U12/2) with 50 & Kieran Jayasekera (U10 White) with 4/6

In round 7, the U13/2 scored an outright win, taking the final wicket at 11.56! Home with 4 minutes to spare. Stars of the game were Aidan Cousin 73 (his first score over 30) & Anoop Vaidya with 6/30.

The District Cricket rep season has reached the semis & Parramatta has done extremely well, with 3 junior sides – U15 Weblin Shield, U14 Moore Shield & U11 Creak Shield making the finals. The senior open age team - Martin Shield have also made the finals. The finals will be held in early February & the U15 Weblin Shield will most likely be playing at Charles McLaughlin on Sunday February 4.

The AW Green Shield has commenced. Parramatta's team includes a number of Baulko juniors, whilst Sydney Uni has a Baulko player & coach. Matches will be played over the next few weeks, so get out & support these young players

If you are going to day 3 of the Sydney test, keep an eye out during the lunch break for our Baulko Have-A-Go players. They will be out in the centre showing their skills.

A special thank you to Ram Raja, who has joined our committee. But we still have another vacancy, so don't be shy in coming forward.

Thanks to the committee for all their hard work so far this year.

The Trivia night is coming up on Saturday February 24. We are asking all teams to donate cash or a prize to the value of \$40. Contact Peter McLoughlin with your donation! This year we are holding the function at the Don Moore Community Centre at North Rocks. More details in the new year.

To all players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters of Baulkham Hills Cricket Club, we wish you a safe and happy Christmas. We trust you have a relaxing time over the holiday season and please take care and return safely in 2007.

Peter McLoughlin
President

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Match Results and Reports – Round 7

10 Blue	7 for 161	Kings Langley	16 for 110	Win on averages
<p>Both teams turned up a player short on the first day. Our boys batted first & didn't they put on a great performance!! Tom top-scored with 24, followed by Luke with 22 – with neither of them losing their wickets. The others batted enthusiastically & we got to our great score of 161 with the loss of only 7 wickets.</p> <p>Today we bowled with two players away on holiday & we managed well, but we still need to practice hitting the pitch – we gave away 45 runs in wides and no-balls. Fortunately, we also took wickets – 16 of them – and kept their batsmen fairly quiet. The pick of our bowlers was Alexander, with figures of 3 wickets for 5 runs from 4 overs, and Ramal, who also took 3 wickets for 15 runs from 4 overs, the last of which was a “wicket maiden”. Troy came in later in the game & after having come 3rd in the 1500m at Little Athletics, sent down 3 overs for 6 runs! Commendable bowling, too, from the others and the wicket-keeping was shared very well between Jason and Daniel.</p> <p>At this stage, a very special “thank you” from our team goes out to Nick Bertus and Daniel Chatman from 14/1 who have given up their time to share their expertise with our boys at training in our Coach's absence!! Much appreciated.</p> <p>WELL DONE to all our boys. Have a great holiday!</p>				

10 Red	13 for 131	Norwest	10 for 102	Win on averages
<p>Brad was our captain this week and he lost the toss and was sent in. The team didn't get the start they wanted and lost a few wickets early. Travis (5), Luca (4), James (10) and Jake (5) batted well and scored some good runs while only losing 1 wicket between them. Brad was the other batsman who valued his wicket scoring 7. However the highlight of the innings came from Brandon who batted at 12 and was the highest scorer with 17 runs including 3 fours. The runs came quite freely this week even though an ambulance was on standby for the coach with the “quick” singles that were taken however the team is still losing too many wickets.</p> <p>Top Scorers:- Brandon 17 (1), Michael 16 (1), James 10 (0)</p> <p>This week was cold and wet and the spectators were not at their best. Even though our bowling is improving “Mr Sundries” is still scoring too many runs for the opposition. This week Norwest only scored 32 runs off the bat and a wide off the last ball nearly cost the team a win. Congratulations to Luca who was the only bowler to not bowl a wide or no ball. The Reds fielding was much improved with the boys backing up and catching well. Michael, James and Brandon all held good catches this week. Michael and Brad were great behind the stumps this week and boys that just leaves Nicholas to have a turn and we can go round again.</p> <p>Best Bowlers:- James 3/6, Brad 2/9, Luca 1/1. Michael ½</p> <p>A special thanks to Blake Newman for helping out at training, I am sure you were the difference.</p> <p>Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year</p>				

10 White	6 for 112	Wenty Waratahs	7 for 101	Win on averages
<p>Last round awards were Viva Raja, Player of the Round for his excellent all round performance and Nicholas Andrews for his strong display of bowling and batting.</p> <p>Round 7 of the 05/06 Cricket season saw the Baulko mighty Whites playing at Home away to the Wentworthville Waratah's. Michael French was appointed Captain for the final round of 2006. If you cast your mind back to our first game against the Waratah's, the game came was a close result coming down to the final overs. The team needs a good start to this game.</p> <p>Ryan was 13th Man for this game.</p> <p>Michael won the toss and decided to send the Waratah's into the field.</p>				

Chris and Michael opened the batting with a great effort to get the team under way.

Chris played some excellent defensive strokes as well as some attacking shots for a total of 6 runs, for the loss of 1 wicket. Michael played some strong shots along the ground for a total of 3 runs keeping his wicket intact – well done. Chris & Michael provided a strong platform for the team to build on.

Liam and Tim were in next and put on an excellent partnership of 30 odd runs. Some excellent fielding from the Waratah's stopped some balls heading for the boundary off Tim & Liam's bat. Liam ended up with a score of 18 runs, (including 3 boundaries) without losing his wicket – excellent stuff.

Tim scored a well credential 10 runs, keeping his wicket intact. Tim played the shot of the day with an excellent well timed and placed cover drive for 4. Tim & Liam also picked up 10 singles – excellent running between the wickets.

Brandon arrived at the crease looking to consolidate the team's efforts. The coach suggested to Brandon to play defensively, which he did admirably. Brandon displayed strong defence against some of the better bowling the Waratah's had to offer. Unlucky to be run out by a direct hit off a long throw, Brandon supported Tim and Arsh very well.

Arsh was unlucky not to get amongst the runs as he faced some wayward bowling – 8 no balls and 2 wides. The good point is that he kept his wicket intact for a total of 1 run. The large amount of sundries during Arsh's innings contributed to the score nicely.

Kieran came to the crease looking to build upon recent strong efforts. However, it did not prove to be Kieran's day. Kieran scored 8 runs, however 2 runs outs (one was the coach's fault) and being stumped facing his last ball detracted from a fine exhibition of batting. The Waratah's fielding was on fire during Kieran's stay at the crease, which cut off a number of his shots for runs.

Nicholas came to the crease to join Kieran. Nicholas protected his wicket and did not look like getting out. Nicholas strung together a strong batting partnership with Kieran and Dilshan for 1 run, without losing his wicket – well done!

Dilshan batted as requested by the coach – protect your wicket and look for runs down the leg side. Dilshan score of 0 runs did not reflect the importance of his innings. Dilshan protected his wicket strongly and constructed a partnership with Nicholas and Mark. Dilshan kept his wicket intact and received four sundries during his time at the crease – well done.

Mark came to assist Dilshan and batted like a seasoned player. The Waratah's never looked like troubling Mark, who scored 1 run without losing his wicket. Mark's batting is improving every game.

Malindu came to the wicket to bat Mark. Even though he was quite early on, Malindu finished with a flurry, scoring 5 runs for the loss of 1 wicket; a catch.

Viva finished off the innings with a superb display of batting scoring 9 runs without getting out, including a four. Viva's batting is improving with every innings and is becoming one of our frontline players. Viva's innings consolidated an excellent effort from the team and the Mighty Whites scored a total of 112 runs for the loss of 6 wickets. The team's score - average is 16 – an excellent effort against an improving Waratah's team who fielding was excellent.

Turning up on the second day of the game saw the Mighty Whites down a few players. Mark & Dilshan were off sick and Nicolas and Malindu were away on other duties. Undeterred the whites took to the field to apply the skills they have been developing to good use.

Chris opened the bowling and bowled a very tight and straight spell of no wicket for 12 runs.

Michael applied the screws from the other end, only having six runs scored from his bowling. Michael's spell included a maiden over – an excellent effort. The coach should have used Michael more.

The Waratah's were under pressure from ball one!

Tim bowled next and was unlucky not to pick up a few wickets with some very tight bowling. Tim's figures of 0 – 5 runs off 3 overs does not truly reflect the excellent spell he bowled.

Brandon's opening two overs applied further pressure to the Waratah's batsmen. Brandon was unlucky not to be rewarded with a wicket as some of his balls just missing the stumps. Unfortunately for Brandon his final two overs were expensive, ending up with 25 runs off 4 overs.

Arsh bowled two tight spells for a miserly 8 runs, including a maiden over. Arsh looked threatening throughout his two spells, and was also very unlucky not to be rewarded with a few wickets after some excellent bowling.

The Waratah's batting was looking very solid as they had yet to lose a wicket at this stage of the game.

With the game there for the taking Kieran came on next. Kieran proceeded to demolish the opposition, with two wickets in his first over. Kieran's first spell secured 4 wickets for only 5 runs – a sensational effort as the majority of his wickets were bowled. This spell got the Mighty Whites back into the game. Kieran's second spell only yielded one run and another maiden to further tighten the screw on the Waratahs. Kieran can feel very satisfied with a strong bowling effort!

Viva was next to step up to the crease. Viva's first two overs were very tight, only going for 5. His third over had 9 runs scored off, for a total of 14 runs. Again a combination of some good defence and good luck by the Waratah's batsmen, Viva was unlucky not to pick up a wicket.

Ryan bowled next. He produced an excellent spell to put the game's result in no doubt. Ryan bowled two spells, yielding only 10 runs in 5 overs including a Maiden. (2 runs and over an excellent economy rate). Again some balls just missing the stumps Ryan was unlucky not to pick up a wicket.

Like Ryan Liam produced a superb effort of bowling. Yet again some of his balls just missed shaving the stumps and providing some just reward for the Mighty Whites. Liam ended up with 9 runs off 5 overs for an excellent economy rate of 1.8 runs an over – an excellent effort as well.

Even though we did not secure many wickets bowled or caught our bowling was excellent across the team. Our fielding effort won us the game – with a number of runs out and catches.

The game finished with the Waratah's score of 101 runs for the loss of 7 wickets, and an average of 12.65. The Mighty Whites again victorious with an average of 16.

Player of the round is Timothy Anstee.

Most Improved Player is Brandon Madden

The team should recognise the sportsmanship displayed by the Waratah's in providing our team with three players to field during the game - in fact two of their players were involved in running out two of their own players. This is very commendable sportsmanship.

Every boy in the team should be proud of their development as cricketers. I am continually amazed every game that a different boy excels and contributes to the team's efforts.

I wish to say that I have had an absolute ball coach and playing with you all and look forward to 2007 so we can get back on the park and have a lot more fun.

I wish you and your families a very merry and happy Christmas and a healthy and successful new year.

Thank you to Neil for your support during the year, Ram for your continued support in scoring Patrick, Ray, Ravi, Vijay, Roger for attending and helping out at training. Your support makes my job so much easier.

Our next game is on the 27th of January versus Winston Hills at Redbank Reserve, Winston Hills. This is a one day game. We are one player down, so if the parent's can advise me of your son's availability for this game.

11/3	6 dec 104	Norwest	10 for 65, 2 for 34	First innings win
<p>We went into this game needing a win, given we were in a tie for second place with about four other teams. We bowled and fielded really well, getting Norwest all out for 65 runs before 11am. In the first innings, wickets were taken by Raad – 7 overs, 2 maidens, 2 wickets for 8 runs; Jayden – 6 overs, 1 maiden, 3 wickets for 12 runs; Manmit – 4 overs, 2 maidens 1 wicket for 3 runs and Jackson – 4 overs, 1 maiden, 1 wicket for 7 runs. Blaine took a catch at wicket keeper and also took the bails off for a run out off a throw in from Jayden. Husam also took a catch and took the bails off for a run out off a throw in from Tim.</p> <p>We went into bat on the first day scoring 30 runs at stumps. The following week we needed 36 runs to take the win. We did this easily and declared around 10.30 at 6 for 104. Run scorers were Tim on 3; Manmit on 12; Raad on 10; Blaine on 9; Jayden on 19; Jackson on 13 and Varun on 3.</p> <p>We thought we may as well go for the overall win so sent Norwest back into bat. We had them at 2 for 34 at 11.45. Realising we would run out of time, we declared the match. 2nd innings wickets were taken by Jayden with 4 overs, 1 maiden, 2 wickets for 3 runs.</p> <p>Blaine scored the quinella getting the Stockland award (16/12) for his excellent calling and running between the wickets and the fielding award for his culmination of good wicket keeping, team encouragement on the field, taking a catch and involvement in a run out. Manmit scored the Stockland award on 9/12 for his bowling figures of 1 for 3 off four overs.</p> <p>Well done to everyone. A great team effort and a great win.</p>				

11/2	10 for 54, 9 for 26	Wenty Leagues	4 dec 100	First innings loss
<p>Baulko won the toss and elected to bat.</p> <p>Siddhant (9) and Matthew (4) opened the batting and kept the Wenty Leagues bowlers at bay for the first few overs. From that point on some accurate bowling assisted by our batsmen desire to continually hit across the line saw us lose wickets on a regular basis until we were all out for 54. Batsmen who contributed to the score were Mitchell (2), Ben (3), Sean (1), Luke (6) and Cia'ron (1).</p> <p>Wenty's turn to bat and their 2 openers batted very well, playing straight and showing very solid defence, showing our boys how it should be done. Their openers passed our 1st innings score losing their 1st wicket with the score at 69. We managed to take 2 more wickets before they declared their innings closed with the score at 100. The only bowler to take wickets was Luke with 2 for 9. Good catches were taken by Sean and Mitchell, while Matthew got a good run out with a direct hit. This result does not mean that we bowled poorly, we didn't, all bowlers bowled well, it was just that the Wenty batsmen defence was very good.</p> <p>Our 2nd Innings started and we needed to bat for approximately 90 minutes or pass their score. The innings started badly with Matthew being run out in the 1st over. From that point on we started to lose wickets on a regular basis with Siddhant (6) digging in and keeping the bowlers at bay. At this point scoring runs became second priority to keeping wickets in tact and just when it looked like we would comfortably avoid an outright defeat we lost a string of wickets. Luckily we managed to hold until 12 noon and when the umpires called time we were 9 for 26. A very lucky escape! Other batsmen to score runs in the 2nd Innings were Mitchell (5) and Ben (3 not out).</p> <p>Player of the match was Siddhant for his determined batting.</p>				

11/1	7 for 129, 4 for 46	Kings Langley	10 for 63	First innings win
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12/3		Seven Hills RSL		First innings loss
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12/2	5 dec 173	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 71, 4 for 63	First innings win
<p>The boys had another great game this week, with another good win. They were short of an outright but continue to play very well. Tom Hughes made his first half century and was well supported by James Senior (22 no), Josh Stevenson (22) and Greg Malyon (21). With the ball, we bowled very well, with the wickets shared across the team – Josh Balzarolo (2/9), Josh Stevenson (2/9), Amar Subramanian (2/9) and Todd Ripps and Trent Samuels a wicket each. Trent had the figures of 7 overs, 7 maidens, 1/0! In Pendle Hill's 2nd innings, they batted well to hold out for a first innings loss. James Senior lead with 2/10 and Josh Balzarolo (1/5). There were some great catches to Sid, Josh B, Josh S, Amar, Trent and Tom.</p> <p>In all a great game and another good win. Congratulations boys and we look forward to a good run into the finals.</p>				

12/1	9 for 186	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 64	First innings win
<p>Blake Newman 69 Taseen Rahman 42</p> <p>Nick McConnell 3/13 Taylor Stewart 2/0</p> <p>A great first wicket partnership between Taseen and Blake set up another good win. A grafting partnership starting slowly and then accelerating. Both boys faced some of the best bowling we have seen this year early on but kept grafting away. Unselfishly they both stared to take some risks with plenty of wickets in hand. Just after the Manager commented to the Coach that it looked like Blake might make his first ton he was out to a good catch. A fantastic 69 to Blake who continues to impress with the willow. Taseen was also out soon after for a good 42, unlucky not to make 50. Joel and Mitch consolidated the good start with Joel among a quick fire 17 and Mitch run out for 6 chasing quick runs. We had 4 run out but the boys were all unselfishly chasing quick runs. Nick looked very solid remaining 8 not out. Taylor smashed 11 before being run out and Ruben broke his draught with some lovely stroke play.</p> <p>Pendle Hill started well against some good bowling from James and Mathew and at 0/25 they looked a chance. Geoff put the first chink in their armour taking the wicket of their dangerous opener in his last over. Geoff finished with 1/4 from his four overs which included two maidens. The surprise package of the day was Nick switching from medium pace to spin to pick up three big wickets. He was producing prodigious spin and after two overs he had the impressive figures of 3/3. When Nick had finished his overs they then had to contend with Joel who bowled four great overs for no runs and a wicket. Taylor finished the Pendle innings with two wickets from two balls including a clever stumping from Nick. Unlikely Taylor didn't have a chance to bowl for his hat trick. All the boys balls bowled well and the number of sundries is really coming down. The boys are bowling great line and length and 13 maidens from 42 overs was a great result.</p> <p>Player of the match</p> <p>Taylor Stewart - A great little cameo with the bat at the end of the innings followed up with some great glove work in first half of the Pendle Innings and then some great finishing with the ball to finish with 2/0. Taylor has slotted into the team beautifully. His glove work has been outstanding this year and he looks like he has a lot of runs in him with the bat. He also seems to always do the trick when he is thrown the ball to roll his arm over. Well done Taylor.</p>				

13/3	10 for 89	Hills Barbarians	10 for 177	First innings loss

13/2	10 for 179	Guildford Leagues	10 for 91, 10 for 72	Outright win
<p>Bowling 1st innings Anoop Vaidya 8 overs 3 for 26 Jake Bailey 5 overs 2 for 7 Amol Marwah 10 overs 2 for 15 2nd innings bowling Anoop Vaidya 6 overs 6 for 30</p> <p>Batting Aidan Cousin 73 Ryan Bailey 21 Amol Marwah 20 Blaine O'Brien 4 catches for the match (not a wicket keeper)</p> <p>Another very positive performance. A good all round bowling and fielding effort saw us restrict Guildford to 91 on the first day. After starting day 2 at 2 for 9, we passed the Guildford score with 5 wickets down and that was the cue for Aidan Cousin who had gone to the crease with the score at 4 for 58 to really cut loose and hammer the Guildford attack for a personal best of 73. Aidan's innings included 11 4s. He received great support from Amol Marwah and these two put on 77 for the 6th wicket. The speed with which Aidan scored his runs gave us 80 minutes to attempt the outright against a team that was reduced to 9 players on the second day. Another fine bowling and fielding performance saw us take the last Guildford wicket with around 4 minutes to spare. Deserving of special mention for his fielding effort is Blaine O'Brien who took 4 great catches and in his first season is already a brilliant cover fieldsman.</p> <p>Congratulations team on achieving the first outright result for this competition this season. Have a great Christmas and New Year and let's keep the momentum going when we resume in late January.</p>				

13/1	9 for 217	Kings Langley	8 for 151	First innings win
<p>Great team win before Christmas. Kings Langley won the toss and sent us in to bat. Ash (40) and Tevin (31) opened with a nice 77 run partnership. Asad (38) and Jack (35) made a worthy 4th wicket partnership of 55. At the close of play on day one we were 9 for 217.</p> <p>We knew we were in with a good chance on day two. Clouds looked threatening overhead for most of the morning, however they did not deliver the rain that looked likely to wash out our match. Some tight bowling by Sam B:- 3 for 8 (which earned him the match ball), Asad 3 for 25 and Adarsh 2 for 29 lead our team to a comfortable win by 66 runs.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to wish all players and parents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.</p> <p>I look forward to the race to the finals series after the break.</p>				

14/2	10 for 63, 6 for 31	Pendle Hill Colts	6 for 146	First innings loss
<p>Well that was a rather disappointing performance to round out 2006. We batted very poorly on the first day to succumb for 63 runs. Only Hamish (16 Not out), Taseen and Matthew showed any real resolve to try to build an innings. Although Tom reached double figures he threw his wicket away when he needed to build also. Of there were 6 ducks!!! That is most disappointing and simply not good enough at any level of cricket. Even though Pendle Hills are top of the ladder their attack appears not to be too threatening and we really should have done a lot better. The fielding was good in general and we could have bowled them out for a competitive score if we had posted something decent with the bat but instead we chose to give the whole team a good bowl once they passed our score with 5 wickets down. We need to practice our slips fielding after the Christmas break but the rest is progressing quite well. Shivang showed he has turned the corner with his bowling and I am sure will have a good 2nd half of the season. Tom and Matt again bowled well with 2 wickets and the rest were a tad unlucky at times not to pick up more wickets.</p> <p>We are now at a 3-4 win loss ratio and a game and a bit outside the top 4, but with 4 winnable games now in front of us to round out the season we are still a realistic chance to make it. Enjoy the Christmas break guys and let's give it a red hot go in the new year.</p>				

14/1	10 for 358	Wenty Leagues	10 for 59, 8 for 84	First innings win
<p>We won the toss and elected to bat. Nick and Ben opened the batting building a good partnership of 62 runs when Nick (26) was caught & bowled in the 15th over. Ornob was beaten by a good ball which brought Daniel to the crease. In the next 18 overs Daniel and Ben added 158 runs to the score at nearly 9 runs per over. Ben scored 50 from 59 balls and reached his 100 from 100 balls and finished with 139 from 119 balls when caught. Well batted Ben who hit 6 sixes and 13 fours in his great innings. Tom turned over the strike to Daniel who hit a six to bring up his 50 from just 41 balls. Tom (4) was caught and bowled with our team score on 248 in the 40th over. Michael (1) and Daniel added another 20 runs with Ajay and Harmon both bowled by good balls without addition to the score. Gabriel and Daniel had a good partnership which saw Daniel reach his first 100 runs from just 74 balls. Daniel batted brilliantly and was caught on 126 runs from 84 balls with our team score on 349 in the 52nd over. Well batted Daniel who hit 3 sixes and 15 fours. Gabriel (27 from 23 balls) was caught and then Omal (3) was caught soon after, leaving Matheesha not out without facing a ball. We were all out in the 54th over with a massive 358 runs on the board.</p> <p>Tom and Ajay opened the bowling with Tom's 4th ball taking a wicket with a sharp catch by Daniel at first slip. Tom's next ball sent the stumps flying and his next over saw two more wickets fall with a bowled and good catch from Ornob, with Tom having 4 wickets for 3 runs and Wenty Leagues 4 for 3. Tom struck again in his 4th over with a caught and bowled then Ajay picked up his first with a catch from Nick. Tom knocked over the stumps in his 5th over to have the very impressive figures of 6 for 13 and Wenty Leagues on 7 for 25 in the 9th over. Gabriel and Ornob bowled next with Ornob picking up a wicket in the 18th over from a good catch by Michael. Gabriel knocked over the stumps in the 19th over and then Ornob took the last wicket in the 20th over with another catch by Michael to have Wenty all out for 59 runs at 9:46am. We decided to go for the outright and put Wenty back in to bat. Tom and Ajay opened the bowling with Tom repeating his first over, taking two wickets with a catch from Ben and a bowled. Ajay took a wicket in the next over with another catch from Ben to have Wenty 3 for 1. In the 9th over Ben fielded the ball sharply firing it back to Nick who caught the batsman short of his crease. In the 17th over the batsman decided to take on Ben's arm when he fielded the ball near the boundary only to find himself metres short of the crease with a direct hit to the stumps. Harmon and Daniel bowled next with Daniel knocking the stumps out twice to have Wenty 7 for 40 after 20 overs. With 47 minutes left before stumps we thought an outright win was looking good. Michael and Nick bowled next keeping it tight but it was not until Michael's 5th over that the next wicket fell with a brilliant catch by Ben. With 25 minutes remaining Tom and Gabriel came on looking for the last two wickets. Wenty, to their credit, dug in and batted very well to be 8 for 84 at stumps. It's great to play Wenty Leagues who love their cricket and play the game in a very friendly manner. Well played Ben 139 runs, 3 catches and 2 run outs and Tom with those impressive bowling figures of 6/13 & 2/18 and Daniel scoring his first 100 from just 74 balls finishing with 126 runs, taking 2 wickets, a catch and backed up as keeper for the last hour of the game.</p> <p>Bowling figures - Tom 5-0-6-13 & 9-2-2-18, Ajay 5-1-1-13 & 5-1-1-12, Gabriel 5-0-1-11 & 3-0-0-11, Ornob 5-0-2-22, Harmon 5-0-0-11, Michael 5-0-1-14, Nick 4-2-0-6 and Daniel 5-0-2-6.</p> <p>Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Nigel & Ian</p>				

15/2	10 for 51	Kings Langley	10 for 51	First innings TIE
L Woodman 5/12				

15/1	9 for 143	Norwest	9 for 144	First innings loss
<p>Well what a game to finish off the year! On day 1 we won the toss and elected to bat and for the first time this season we were uncomfortable in getting going. Norwest continued to bowl a good line and length and after a couple of chances Sean finally was caught behind for 9 with an opening partnership of 20. Samira was out shortly after again caught behind for 6 with the score on 2 for 26. Reece was pushed up the order to number 3 and did a great job for the team. Tharindu was unlucky to be bowled pushed a ball back onto his stumps. Kieran joined Reece with the score on 3 for 40 after 18 overs. Both boys started to look good before was out for 22 pulling a ball and getting a top edge. Kieran was stumped coming down the wicket to the spinner for 17 and the team was struggling at 5 for 75. Adam and Teshan built a 29 run partnership before Adam was bowled for 16. Cameron was then trapped in front on the next ball and Teshan trapped without any further runs and we were in trouble at 8 for 104. Hiran and Aleem put on 15 vital runs before Hiran edged a ball to first slip for 3. Aleem and Trent then did a fantastic job to see off the bowlers and make them bowl again the following week. On day 2 Aleem and Trent took the score up to 143 at the end of the 59th over without losing their wicket. Well done guys putting on 25 runs just when we needed it.</p>				

Needing to bowl tightly, Sean and Kieran opened the attack and did a good job keeping the run rate down before Sean claimed the first wicket in the 7th over. Kieran then followed suit trapping Norwest's batsman in front, setting Norwest on their heels at 2 for 18 after 10 overs. Norwest then buckled down and started to slowly get some runs until Samira delivered a great yorker to clean bowler Norwest's danger man. Then Trent came on and boy did he find the stumps quickly, rattling the stumps in the first ball of his third over and then two balls later Aleem takes a fantastic catch at square leg to have Norwest in trouble at 5 for 69 after 30 overs.

Then 4 overs later Trent delivered the perfect ball to Norwest's key batsman knocking back the off stump and 2 overs his fourth wicket, clean bowling Norwest's opener to have Norwest 7 for 80 in the 36th over. Then we let things slip away with a number of byes and overthrows going to the boundary. It wasn't until the 51st over that Trent claimed his fifth wicket of the match again bowling his opponent. It was now game on as both teams could see the victory line with Norwest on 8 for 128, needing 16 runs to win and Baulko needing 2 wickets with 8 overs to bowl. Our boys tightened things right up, bowling maiden after maiden before Samira got the vital breakthrough with Trent taking a good catch in cover to have Norwest 9 for 137 in the 54th over. We missed a hot catch to wrap up the match and just couldn't quite find the stumps when we needed them. Norwest's tail end batsman hit a miraculous 6 in the 57th over when Norwest needed just 6 runs to win.

A great game played by both teams. Our boys can hold their heads up high after the game knowing that they can put incredible pressure on their opposition whilst defending one of our lowest scores this season. We need to work on stopping the sundries from being our biggest opponent. Let's have a good break and get ready for the business end of the season.

Statistics: - Reece 22, Aleem 18 not out, Kieran 17, Adam 16, Teshan 11, Trent 9 not out. With the ball Trent 9.1-4-5-18, Samira 12-3-2-30, Sean 10-5-1-13, Kieran 9-1-1-25, Teshan 5-2-0-6, Adam 6-2-0-18, Reece 3-1-0-6 and Hiran 2-1-0-6.

16/1	10 for 98	Hills Barbarians	10 for 117	First innings loss
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B13	5 for 112	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 111	First innings win
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B12	9 for 110	Greystanes	10 for 109	First innings win
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B11	10 for 110	Pendle Hill Colts	9 for 151	First innings loss
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A thunderstorm on the first day reduced the game to a 46 over match. After a 1st wicket partnership of 64, we took wickets consistently to leave Pendle Hill at 9 for 151 at the end of their 46 overs. Tony Senior continued his good form with the ball taking 4 for 36 off 15 overs. He found a good ally in Hari Raja with 4 for 44 off 12 overs.

A reasonably solid start saw B Hills reach 2 for 53 after 18 overs. However, aided by a hat trick, B Hills soon slumped to 6 for 59. Evan Platt, who had watched these 4 wickets fall from the safety of the other end, was then joined by Alex Mihalyka and these two turned things around to some extent with a good 35 run partnership for the 7th wicket. However, they lost their wickets in consecutive overs, Evan for 28 and Alex for 27, and from there we were soon all out for 110, 41 runs still in deficit.

Keep your heads up team, ready for a big effort against Kellyville.

B10	10 for 200	Hills Barbarians	10 for 122, 10 for 95	First innings win
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B6	10 for 186	Norwest	4 for 191	First innings loss
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B5	10 for 84	Hills Barbarians	6 for 87	First innings loss
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B4	10 for 210	Merrylands Social	10 for 127	First innings win
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B2	10 for 143	Cumberland	10 for 141	First innings win
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A Res	10 for 158	AKA Sports	4 for 161	First innings loss
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A	1 for 252	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 196	First innings win
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Robert Simpson 105 not out
 Sumit Kalia 55
 S. Undries 54
 David Byrne 38 not out
 1st Wicket Partnership of 135 - Sumit Kalia 55, Robert Simpson 44
 2nd Wicket Partnership of 117 (not out) - Robert Simpson 61, David Byrne 38
 Phil Woods 3/34 off 6 overs
 Jake Townsend 2/27 off 6 overs
 Sumit Kalia 2/27 off 4 overs
 Trent Hession 2/36 off 10 overs
 David Byrne 1/21 off 8 overs

Day one and we lost the toss and the Wenty Waratah Wedgies sent us in to bat. A great start by "Sumo" Kalia (55) and "Bobby" Simpson (105*) was dampened somewhat by the thunderstorms that washed out the rest of the day. At no wickets down for 66 off 22 overs we had a launching pad for a decent score.

Day two and we finally put it together. The opening stand (135) between Sumo and Bobby continued to flourish as they cut loose with controlled aggression. Sumo was unlucky to have a half tracker not get above knee height resulting in his demise.

Along comes a heavily hung over "Big Boy" Byrne (38*). I'm guessing the drink had dulled his senses because that is one of the most patient knocks he has played. Waiting for the right ball to hit and timing it rather than slogging it actually paid off with another 100+ partnership including 24 off one poor Wedgies over. S. Undries also provided great backup with a quality 54 runs, defying recent poor form.

With 252 on the board and 46 overs to hit it, the Wedgies were never really in the game. A decent opening partnership of 60 and a lower order hitter smashing a quick fire 53 was the only fight they had. A great team bowling performance led by "Philbo" Woods (3/34) and Jack "The Ripper" Townsend (2/27) was backed up with some high quality in-fielding by "Cranky" Brad Murphy and "G" Merani saving singles and stopping boundaries.

In the end, the main difference between the two teams was the performance by "Jackie" G. Leeson behind the stumps. In what was a terrible pitch to keep on with the ball bouncing (and rolling) more times than carrying, Greg picked up four dismissals including a stumping to finish the game.

So it looks like we are the one-day specialists and welcome the following few games. We are currently starting a petition to include more one-day fixtures because we all know that's what the fans want and the chicks dig it. Our season is back on; let see about scaring and scarring a few teams.

Seniors - Round 8

B14	10 for 56	Kings Langley	10 for 43	First innings win
Anthony Battle 4/8 Nilendra Perera 3/8 Ian Scollay 3/18 Got sent in on a wicket doing almost as many tricks as a Mumbai day 5 wicket with plenty of variable bounce and favourable bowling conditions. Add to this some impatient batting and we were rolled quickly for 56. We bowled very tightly and fielded really well and they to succumbed to a low score of 43. It was a funny old game.				

B13	10 for 172	North Parramatta	10 for 86	First innings win
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B12	10 for 166	AKA Sports	8 for 169	First innings loss
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B11	5 for 53	Kellyville	10 for 49	First innings win
The Kellyville innings never achieved any momentum thanks to a fine bowling and fielding effort. This was led by Evan Platt with 5 for 7 off 5.4 overs, Ward Koski, celebrating his birthday with 3 for 25 off 6 overs, and the ever consistent Tony Senior with 1 for 3 off 5 overs. The B Hills reply started shakily, at one stage being 4 for 11, before Andrew Wood with 16 not out, Ward Koski 10 and Tony Senior 21 not out, saw us safely to victory with 23 overs to spare. Have a great Christmas and New Year. See you again on 6 January.				

B10	7 for 144	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 187	First innings loss
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B6	10 for 104	Sydney SuperSonics	10 for 225	First innings loss
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B5	5 for 161	Kings Langley	10 for 157	First innings win
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B4	2 for 72	Guildford Bowling	10 for 71	First innings win
J.Bocking 4/10, Higginbotham 3/6 Baulkham Hills 2/72 (J Currey 26*, M Griggs 26*) A good win going in to Christmas that should keep us top of the table. Good bowling from Sacha (2/27 off 10 overs) and Steve (1/23 off 7) early on didn't reap the rewards they deserved - mainly due to a succession of dropped catches. JB (4/10 off 7.1 overs) and Troy (3/6 off 8 overs) then did a fine job suffocating any scoring and cleaned up Guildford for a small total of 71. Chasing 72 on a large ground with a slow outfield can sometimes cause problems. However, some positive batting from Griggys (26 not out) and Jason (26 not out) saw us home to a comfortable victory despite losing a couple of early wickets. Well done boys - in a good position going in to Christmas. Hopefully when we return we will all have remembered how to catch again! Also, a quick welcome back to the field Dave "I can run faster than most of the people in the team even if I do need a knee reconstruction" Massingham and Matt "I only play one daysers against Guildford" Smith.				

B2	10 for 167	Kellyville	8 for 168	First innings loss
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