

## 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 **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:

B1	Outright win	B12	Outright win
B11	Outright win		

### Individual Achievements

Ben Jenkins	B1	8/17	Ward Koski	B10	77
David Cope	B1	5/24	James Chatman	B10	54 no
Dave Jessop	B1	50 no	N Perera	B12	8/30
Steve Sarlog,	B2	79 & 3/16	Tom Ortiz	15/1	3/17
Greg McLoughlin	B4	96	Brendan Archbold	14/2	4/14
Aaron Hitchcock	B4	69	Ryan Bailey	14/2	3/32
Roger Deane	B5	6/33	Jackson Manning	12/2G	50
Richard McInerney	B5	5/19	Ishmam Masud	12/2G	5/5
Brett McLaren	B5	4/43	Blaine Cuneo	12/2G	3/5
Tony Senior	B10	5/89			

### 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
December 8 2007	B2	12/2G
December 15 2007	B4	12/2M
December 22 2007	B5	11/1
January 5 2008	No junior games	11/2
January 12 2008	No junior games	10R
January 19 2008	No junior games	10B

## The President's Roundup

Rain, rain, go away and come back in the soccer season! Oh well, we do need the rain, but.....!

There are some great stories in the club this week. Let's start off with the best one:

Congratulations to Karyn & Chris (VP) Springall on the birth of their son on last Wednesday 5 December. Young Aaron Springall weighed in at a healthy 9lb 3 oz & all are doing well. Looks like we have an U10 coach for 2017/2018! Chris has plenty of photos – ask him for a look.

Congratulations to Blake Newman (U3/1 Gold) who captained Sydney West PSSA at the State Carnival at Dubbo recently. They won the competition and Blake was selected in the NSW team for the Australian Championships in January.

Life can be a matter of inches & Andrew Madden (U10 White Coach) can vouch for that! He was out on the golf course on Tuesday & lightning struck the tree next to him! Close call – the tree died, Andrew survived but it is believed he need a change of undies!

Good luck to the Parramatta NSWDCAs sides this weekend as they play the last round. They are still all in contention for the finals.

The Bankstown games were held on Sunday 25 November at Charles McLaughlin Reserve. Baulko won the U11's whilst Bankstown won the seniors. Thanks to Phil Waddups who organised our U11 team. Also thanks to Brett McLaren who captained the senior team and thanks to the players who turned out for both teams. A special word of thanks to Leigh Griggs for all her work in both organising and running the show. Also thanks to Jeremy Billings, Chris Springall and Gail McLoughlin for helping with the cooking and catering. And final thank you to Baulkham Hills Sports Club, who provided drinks and financial support on the day.

Peter McLoughlin  
President

## Bankstown Challenge – Under 11's

We encountered a hot, sunny day for the annual challenge match versus Bankstown Sports at Charles McLaughlin. After quick bacon and egg roll and a discussion to agree the rules and the type of ball to be used, the coin was tossed and won by Bankstown who quickly sent us into bat. The boys were nervous but excited in anticipation of taking on the undefeated lads from down south.

Not sure if it was the lightning quick outfield (something we're not used to at Harold West!), or the leather balls being used (again, a first for our side), but boundaries flowed easily from our bats from the very first over. We ended up with a massive 9 dec 254 after 48 overs with only one question being asked ..... "Why doesn't this happen on Saturdays?!?!?" Some superlative batting performances really sent the Bankstown boys into shock. Ryan Chelverajah (36), Michael McConnell (50no) and Tim Anstee (40) were standouts – but everyone performed admirably. Some of the batting was a sight to behold – memorable cover drives, on drives, pull shots and late cuts. Unfortunately four of our boys were run-out (guess what drills we're doing at training this week?) – so the score could have been anything. I'm sure the Bankstown boys were glad to see the lunch break being called!

And what a lunch it was! Everyone in attendance commented on the spread. Congratulations must go to the extremely hardworking committee members who literally slaved away all day in the oppressive heat to keep the hordes fed. Our Bankstown guests went away highly impressed – but it was only due to Peter and his hardy colleagues. I'm sure they would have slept well Sunday night. It was a supreme effort and one recognised by all of the U11 boys and parents. Thank-you!

Instead of a nap to sleep off the feast, we headed back out into the hot, hot middle with (luckily) a large total to defend. Through some controlled bowling and excellent fielding, the Bankstown wickets fell regularly, and we had them at 6 for 33 before you knew it. Their last wicket put on 40 as the sun and dust and long day got to our concentration. (I know for a fact that the umpire was definitely distracted by the Seniors who had finished early and were enjoying nice, icy cold beers under the shade of the cool, cool tree. Very cruel.) But in the end, we finished them off for a total of 128 to win by a margin of 126 runs. Highlights were the superb fielding, especially the juggling catch by Nick Andrews, the lunging effort by Liam Dunshea in slip, the athletic run-out by Tom Waddups and the final catch by Troy Black to finish off the game. Best of our bowlers were Troy Black (3 for 16 off 5 overs), Tom Waddups (2 for 12 off 4 overs) and Tim Anstee (1 for 6 off 3 overs). A special mention to Michael Bellam who missed out on batting as 12th man but contributed with two fine catches in field – well done mate.

It was great to be able to continue the tradition for Baulko – especially in such emphatic style. The game was played in a great spirit, and a fun day had by all. (Though I'm sure some of the boys wish the stats counted in "the real thing"! ). Once again, a big thanks to all involved.

## Match Results and Reports

<b>10 Blue</b>	DNB	Rouse Hill Rams	DNB	Draw
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Both Days washed out

<b>10 Red</b>	DNB	Pendle Hill Colts	DNB	Draw
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Both Days washed out

<b>10 White</b>	5 for 117	Wenty Waratahs	9 for 51	Win on averages
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Round 6 and the Whites were playing Wenty Waratahs for the second time this season. The first round result was a decisive win for the Whites but recent form has been slipping following extended rain, a lack of training and match practice; and who knows how much the opposition have improved since then.

Thanks to a very accommodating Wenty side it was agreed that this game would be shortened to a one-day match, as six of the Whites will be unavailable on the second week due to a father and son soccer camp (how dare such things interrupt God's game!)

Jake was Captain this game and promptly won the toss electing to bowl on a wet wicket with an even wetter outfield – an excellent choice. After a short but persistent shower delayed the start of play, the game commenced and it wasn't long before the action followed. Both commiserations and thanks go to Coach Andrew and stand-in umpire Ian Peisley for umpiring during less than pleasant weather. Scoring seemed just as wet if that is any consolation (I'm sure the rain was horizontal!). Tarush was thirteenth man for this game.

Bowling All boys bowled two overs this game, each sending down one and then following up with a second from the thirteenth over onwards. Nathan (0/6) and Blake (0/5) opened up our attack, both putting in a solid performance. Nathan continuing his fine form from Round 5 and Blake overcoming his difficulty with no balls from the previous game.

Scott (0/4) and Jason (1/2) were next to bowl and continued to keep things very tight for the Wenty batsmen. Both boys are proving to be very consistent players and again showed great form this game. Scott continuing to improve his line and length and Jason finally getting bowling figures different from 3/2 (previous two games).

Continuing the scorer's nightmare both Brendan (1/8) and Brandon (1/3) were again paired together. After Jason's first wicket the floodgates opened with the tongue twister pair each adding a further wicket to the tally. Brendan bowled a fantastic spell showing on-going improvement with line and length and picked up his first wicket of the season. Brandon was sensational and got his just rewards after putting in a bigger effort with his bowling action, sending down each delivery with extra pace.

Oliver (0/4) and Arsh (1/3) followed up next and with Wenty reeling from losing three wickets in as many overs it seemed as though runs were no longer possible. Oliver put in his best bowling performance of the season and was robbed of a wicket after a scorer (who will remain nameless) queried the umpires call and then found what had been given out wasn't (sorry Oliver – I, I'm mean the scorer, wasn't sure of the umpire's call). Arsh bowled well as usual and picked up his wicket bowled when sending down a near unplayable ball to rattle the top of the stumps – a pleasure to watch.

Chris (0/2) and Michael (1/2) came next and maintained the strong performance, each bowling a maiden over in their first with Michael's being a wicket maiden. Their second over was equally impressive and each came close to at least one further wicket.

Last to bowl were Jake (1/5) and Patrick (0/4), Patrick having kept wicket for the first half of the game, later replaced by Brendan. Both Jake and Patrick tried valiantly to get as many wickets as possible but Wenty's batsmen had other ideas and managed to defend well against some fine bowling.

All up it was a very good, sustained and very consistent bowling effort from all boys, although a few missed opportunities came and went along the way. Seven of the eight wickets fell in the first half of the innings, whereas the second half produced at least five chances, of which only one was taken. Sometimes lessons are learnt the hard way and hopefully this game will show all White's the importance of calling before taking a catch (as this stops two people crashing into to each other) and returning the ball to the keeper rather than trying to throw down the stumps with a direct hit. That said, even the best cricketers sometimes make such mistakes, although nonetheless they remain as things to practice.

In addition, 42 of Wenty's 51 runs were scored through sundries (12 wides, 27 no balls and 3 byes). Sundries will always contribute to any cricket scorecard but giving away so many runs only makes it harder for us to win or conversely, harder for

the opposition to lose. Come on guys, both Andrew and I know you can do better than this.

Batting With Wenty ending up with an average of 5.67 the White's confidence was high and everyone was eager to bat after being washed out the previous game. The batting order followed on the same as the bowling order.

Nathan (5 runs) and Blake (0 runs) opened the batting. Both batted quite well but received quite a lot of unplayable deliveries, although Nathan received one over-pitched delivery on leg side which he promptly dispatched to the square leg boundary for four (inches away from a six) in a fashion most adults would envy. Blake defended well and didn't get out but Nathan was bowled out once by a cracking Wenty delivery.

Scott (3 runs) and Jason (1 run) tried to get some scoring happening but unfortunately each received a lot of no balls that hampered their efforts. Both defended very well when needed, although Jason was uncharacteristically bowled out once.

The tongue twister two Brendan (0 runs) and Brandon (5 runs) were next to bat along with Oliver (1 run) but unfortunately all three were hampered by a lot of wayward deliveries from the Wenty bowlers (14 of the 36 they collectively faced). None of these boys were out during their innings and although Brendan didn't score, his batting continues to show improvement. Brandon finally got a little luckier and smashed a boundary that this week no fielder was going to stop. Brandon gallantly tried to repeat the shot but the bowling simply didn't allow. Irrespectively, Brandon posted his highest score for the season and hopefully gained a lot of confidence for the remainder of the year (onwards and upwards Brandon). Oliver continues to impress each game and although only scoring the 1 run his defence is noticeably improving in leaps and bounds.

Arsh (14 runs), Michael (14 runs) and Patrick (11 runs) were the next three in the batting order and with some improvement in the Wenty bowling runs became the order of the day. All three attacked the opposition's bowling with aggression and within six overs, eight fours and seven singles were scored, a massive 6.5 runs per over excluding sundries. All three batted superbly and ran confidently between the wickets (most of the time). Poor Arsh played the best front foot drive of the year only to see the ball smash into the stumps at the other end for no run. An unfair result, as this would have allowed Arsh to better rather than match his highest score for the year, although Wenty were probably relieved, as the ball was unlikely to stop until at least Kellyville (next time I play I'm using Arsh's bat, although the beast might be a bit big for me). Michael continued his recent good form and batted equally as good as Arsh also smashing three fours and unlucky not to get a six. This is the Michael we know and it's good to see him return with the bat and increase his highest score for the season. Patrick also achieved his highest score and obviously enjoyed his time at the crease. Patrick has a wonderful eye and as his stroke play improves will no doubt continue to post even higher scores. Most impressive though, all three boys achieved the above without getting out. Although the game was not a close one, it is partnerships like these that win games.

The last two to bat were Chris (4 runs) and Jake (12 runs). Chris showed much improvement from his last batting effort and managed to remain not out at the end of his allotted deliveries. His defence was once again good and his calling excellent. Jake was obviously disappointed with his two dismissals but should be happy with the rest of his efforts and a solid batting score. This was the first time Jake had been dismissed but hopefully they will help him realise that cricket is sometimes a cruel game that requires more patience than you're willing to give. Don't despair. Sometimes the ball just isn't quite where you want it to be.

At the end of the innings the White's had scored a massive 70 runs off the bat and received a further 47 sundries for a loss of just four wickets. Victory was once again theirs.

Other highlights include two catches by Jake in slips, one a fantastic forward diving effort that saw the ball snatched up just inches from the ground. Both Patrick and Brendan put in solid efforts whilst wicket keeping and the whole team seemed to return to their form of earlier games. Two run outs were also effected. Well done all round and for those not attending the soccer camp enjoy your weekend off (don't forget to get some practice in guys!)

It would be remiss not to say thank you for the duplication of shade during this game too (given the weather, perhaps the biggest highlight).

Man of the Match: Arsh Kapila  
 Encouragement Award: Brandon Madden  
 Round 7 (8 & 15 Dec): Kings Langley at McCoy Park – McCoy Street, Toongabbie.

**11/3**      10 for 61, 0 for 6      AKA Crusaders      4 dec 104      First innings loss

The boys were up against AKA the undefeated leaders of the comp. But as usual there were some good performances and all tried very hard. In the first innings we were all out for 61 against some very good bowling. Jimmy Farrell batted particularly well to top score with 14.

AKA declared at 4 for 104. The highlight for Baulkham Hills was a brilliant run out by Cameron Olijnyk.

Unfortunately rain stopped play after 7 overs in our second innings with Nelson Bennet and Mark Johnson still in at 0 for 6. Lucky for AKA there was no more play.

<b>11/2</b>	<b>DNB</b>	<b>Kellyville</b>	<b>7 for 105</b>	<b>Draw</b>
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Again we were put in a pickle! The first day was wet and cold. It was so bad that couple of parents assumed that it would be a wash out!

Sebastian, our Captain for the match turned up late & missed the toss. Cameron acted as Captain for the Toss. Cameron lost the toss & we were sent in to field. Nicholas forgot his whites & had to stay out till it arrived.

So we went in to field with only 9 players and the slippery conditions left our bowling wanting. Our usual sparkling start was missing and we had to suffer a couple of overs before Viva got warmed up and bowled his superb in swinger which got their star batsman clean bowled. Well done!

Then we all perked up and got into the groove, with a couple of wickets falling quickly. James came on & tried his pace bowling arm with a fantastic caught & bowled. Marvellous!

The highlight of the day was a brilliant catch in the mid wicket by our rookie Jordan. Excellent! Jordan later came on & tried his hand in bowling & got a wicket! Sensational! Rohit bowled an excellent spell but was very unlucky not to have a couple of wickets. Bravo!

But the Kellyville players were not going to give up so quickly. They fought back and added 34 runs to their fourth wicket partnership. This was broken up by an exciting bowling spell by Nathan who claimed 3 scalps in his best ever effort in bowling yet! Bravo!

Again our extras have risen up to haunt us. We are giving away too many sundries. We had no training this week due to bad weather. Still we can't afford to donate so many runs.

Our team was very determined to get the runs and get us the vital points. Some players were practicing their wave (with the bat) to the crowd when they hit their fifty!

But alas! Again we were deprived by the wet conditions. The second day was washed out! We ended up with a draw.

My appreciation to the parents who turned up in spite of the rains, it saved us from forfeit.

The Awards for this match are:

- The Best Bowler Award goes to Nathan, for his best ever bowling effort so far - 3 for 7. (What are you doing wicket keeping?)
- The Catch of the Match goes to Jordan, for an excellent catch in mid wicket.

Next week we are hosting Kings Langley in our home turf! Bring it on!

<b>11/1</b>	<b>10 for 94</b>	<b>Hills Barbarians</b>	<b>10 for 70</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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An amazing game of cricket.

Day 1 and there was drizzle and a very heavy ground – “unlikely to play today” was the prevailing mood. However, the Ba Ba's turned up keen and eager to have a game, so we got the field set up, won the toss, and elected to bat. From the first ball, it was highly apparent that runs were not going to come easily, with the ball pitching like a 9 iron into a soft green with every stroke. Some amazing stats. It drizzled almost the whole day, but we only lost about 30 minutes of play all up. We finished all-out for 94 after 44.5 overs, with 88 of those runs (93.6%) coming in singles! Best with the bat were Tom Waddups (19) and Tim Anstee (15) in their 45 run 3rd wicket stand, and Michael McConnell (18no) batting with the tail. Whilst there was some great running between the wickets, the run-out involving the Waddups brothers will be talked about (in that household at least) for many years to come.

It wasn't a big total, but we were confident of being able to defend it. However, the Ba Ba's had their first victory of their season on their mind, and turned up on Day 2 even more eager to play, despite the heavy and (at times) torrential rain. To this day I still don't think that we should have gone on, but the Ba Ba's were adamant and play began not long after the scheduled start time. I lost count of how many times we came on and off the field, but at least the condition of the outfield was similar to the previous week. At 4 for 54 after 35 overs the game was evenly poised, but the mood had changed by the final rain break when the opposition were 8 for 65 and the Baulko boys had the smell of an upset in our nostrils. At this stage the Ba Ba's coach tried to pull a fast-one and amazingly claimed “changed playing conditions” and wanted to go home (something that we wanted to do at 8.30am!). There was some interesting and colourful exchanges regarding the notion of “fair play” and at

12:15pm we eventually got them back out on the field to finish the game off in emphatic fashion. They finished up all out for 70, and we had witnessed what must have been the wettest game of cricket ever played in the history of the PDCA.

For Baulko, Troy Black had a “day out” – 2 sublime run outs and the figures of 2 for 8 off 8 overs. Other great bowling performances included Liam Dunshea (1 for 12 off 7), Michael Bellam (2 for 12 off 8), Owen Smith (1 for 8 off 4), Michael McConnell (1 for 3 off 3.3) and James Gardiner (1 for 6 off 3).

It was truly a funny game – one that I thought probably shouldn’t have happened at all – but to my opposition’s credit the boys from both teams got to have a hit-out and had a fun (albeit wet) time - and we came up with the right result in the end given the circumstances.

<b>12/2 Maroon</b>	<b>DNB</b>	<b>Seven Hills RSL</b>	<b>5 for 28</b>	<b>Draw</b>
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Well we finally won a toss and elected to field.

The match started on time in overcast conditions and with a damp field from overnight rain. We got off to a great start with Mitchell (1 for 5) clean bowling one of the openers with his second delivery. Utkarsh (1 for 2) opened from the other end and kept the pressure on the batsmen with some tight and accurate bowling. Seven Hills were finding it difficult to score runs as all bowlers retained good line and length to restrict them to 5 for 26 at the first drinks break. Soon after the drinks break a misty rain started but play was able to continue for a couple more overs before the rain became too heavy for play to continue and the umpires called a halt to play. Unfortunately the rain continued and although it did ease a little the condition of the pitch was too dangerous for play to continue so play was abandoned for the day.

Other bowlers who took wickets were Luke (1 for 3), Kunal (1 for 5) and Siddhant (2 for 3), while an excellent catch was taken by Joshua, running backwards, off a mistimed hook shot.

With the rain delay the game was reduced to 39 overs a side, which meant that Seven Hills had 15 overs left in their 1st innings. When we arrived at the ground on the second Saturday it was already raining, but only lightly. Being eternal optimists we marked out the ground and set up the stumps in readiness to start play. However, the rain became heavier and consistent and by 9:00am, with the pitch now covered in pools of water, it was obvious that we would not be able to make a start and the game was abandoned, a draw being the result.

Another good effort in the field by the boys and if we continue to play this consistently we are definitely capable of making the semi-finals.

<b>12/2 Gold</b>	<b>10 for 148</b>	<b>Kings Langley</b>	<b>10 for 27, 9 for 64</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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Well, we arrived at the match on day one not really expecting to take the field due to the weather, but the Kings Langley coach was pretty determined and already had his stumps up. After assessment by both coaches play commenced. We lost the toss and were sent in to bat.

Tim and Jackson opened the batting. Even though he was out early on 9 (which included two 4’s), we saw some of Tim’s best form with the bat this season (you must have had your chocolate coated coffee beans that morning Tim). A very tired Blaine came in and was also out early from an unlucky ball off the pads for 1 run. That left Jackson and Ishmam partnered at the crease, and what a partnership it was. Together they put on 67 runs. Jackson scored an excellent 50 runs and Ishmam was out for 16. Jayden also did very well and scored 21. After Ben’s 2 runs it was all little yellow fluffy one’s from then on, but that was OK, as we had scored an impressive 148 runs which we believed would be hard to beat. Kings Langley went in for just 3 overs before the end of play and were 1 for 5 at stumps.

Well, we arrived at the match on day two not really expecting to take the field due to the weather, but once again the opposing coach was keen, and given the pitch seemed to be holding up well, play commenced. Baulko did a fantastic job in the field and before 9.30am and the 16th over, had Kings Langley all out for 27 runs. Our bowlers did an exceptional job – Jayden 4 overs, 2 wickets for 5 runs; Ishmam 5 overs, 5 wickets for 5 runs, Blaine 4 overs 1 wicket for 11 runs and Jackson 3 overs, 1 wicket for 1 run. We also had a run out and some great catches by Jackson and Tim. So what did we do? We sent Kings Langley straight back in for the follow on.

Now I must say that any other team would have probably wanted to call it a day due to the weather and to avoid losing outright, but the Kings Langley coach was very generous and genuine and continued with play despite the rain (pitch and outfield held up very well). Ten overs down Kings Langley were 2 for 10. Twenty overs down they were 3 for 28. Thirty overs down they were 9 for 44. We needed just one more wicket for the outright. We had about half an hour left. We came so close and probably deserved it, but just could take the last wicket before midday. We saw some great bowling and fielding again. Blaine had a great second innings and was even on a hat trick, eventually getting 3 for 5 off 4 overs. Ishmam, Jayden, Ben and Jackson also took wickets. James and Lachlan bowled some tidy overs. Tim, having a blinder of a game (receiving the fielding award) took another great catch, along with Jackson and Dylan. Well done Dylan. You looked really confident

taking that catch and your game is improving all the time. Malav displayed some good fielding also and Bradley once again played an important role at backstop whilst Blaine was having a rest with the gloves. Lucas got to chase quite a few balls and got to practice his throws back to the middle. Overall a great team effort from everyone and a great WIN for TEAM GOLD! Keep up the good work.

<b>12/1</b>	10 for 102	Guildford Leagues	10 for 143	First innings loss
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<b>13/3</b>	10 for 65	Greystanes	8 for 61	Draw
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<b>13/2</b>	8 for 102	Kings Langley	10 for 101	First innings win
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This was an important game for the boys with a win needed to keep the team in the race for a semi final position at the end of the season.

Bowling first on a cool and wet day was a challenge for all the bowlers - with the ball increasingly becoming difficult to hold as it absorbed water as the innings progressed. Despite this, we delivered one of our most convincing bowling efforts of the season with good line and length and few sundries conceded. It was a top effort by all concerned. Multiple wicket takers were Ruben Roberston (2-22), our regular keeper Jack Marton with his first bowl of the season (2-5), spinner Todd Ripps (2-8) and Taylor Stewart (2-4). Wickets were also taken by Geoff McIntyre (1-11) and Harry Druery (1-17). The standard of catching was also much improved over recent games with Tom Lockhart grabbing three well taken catches, with Gaj Sivapalan and Amit Balakrishnan also holding important chances.

Unfortunately the ground fielding was a little sloppy at times with some missed stops and some overthrows. At the end of the innings we felt well satisfied with the effort but hoping the runs conceded through the ground fielding would not prove costly.

Bowling Kings Langley out before the end of play meant Baulko had to get through nine overs before stumps were drawn on Day One. This proved to be a difficult period, losing both openers (Nevin Arora and Tom Lockhart) against a good attack to end the day at 2-15 and with the game very much in the balance. With the loss of the second wicket night-watchman Tom Connell strode to the crease, never having batted as high as number four in the order before. Thankfully Tom kept the attack out for the remainder of the final over.

Day Two started just like first one had ended – dull and damp. At least both teams would have the same conditions to bat and bowl in and the result would come down to skill and determination, not the luck of the conditions. Baulko, for one of the few times this season, batted with tremendous patience and grafted towards the total. At 5-34 the target looked a long way away, but a tremendous partnership between Ruben Roberston and Thomas Connell of 41 for the 6th wicket got things back on track. Of particular note in this partnership was excellent running between the wickets with all opportunities to keep the score ticking over being taken.

By the time Tom Connell was dismissed for 18 in the 43rd over the score had moved on to 6-75. Tom's contribution as night-watchman proved to be the rock on which the innings was built - occupying the crease with great determination for 34 overs. Alongside Tom, Rueben blossomed and started showing a great range of shots. By the time Reuben was dismissed with the score just two runs short of the target, he had compiled 36 game-winning runs. Shannan Surendra, with a cameo innings of 8 very valuable runs in the lower order also kept the runs building towards the target.

With all spectators (and Coach and Manager!) watching nervously, the 9th wicket pair of Gaj Sivapalan and Harry Druery guarded their wickets and picked off the winning runs against some accurate bowling.

This was a tremendous win against the team placed second on the ladder! Hopefully the boys will take away from this game the importance of accurate blowing and good catching, and the benefits of having patience and building partnerships when batting.

<b>13/1 Maroon</b>	9 for 109	Baulkham Hills Gold	3 for 44	Draw
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This game brought the two Baulko teams together. We were both coming off great wins last game and there is a friendly rivalry. We were sent in to bat first in wet conditions. The game was interrupted by rain delays, which spoilt the continuity of a great game. BHCC Maroon batted well with a few boys achieving personal bests for the season. It was hard going with a very slow outfield but we batted really well and set a good target to bowl to. Tom Hughes led the way with a game high 28, well supported by James Benton 18 n/o, Praveen on 14 and Josh Balzarolo, 13.

In the field we continued on with the great form of the last game, bowling very well, fielding with energy and enthusiasm, taking some good catches and restricting runs. Amar led the bowlers with 2/7 and Joshua Stevenson pitched in with 1/9. When the rain came, bringing an end to the game, we had BHCC Gold at 3/44 and were growing in confidence.

It was great to chart our progress through the season in this game. BHCC Gold beat us comfortably in the first game of the

season. After 6 rounds our boys have improved greatly. Their bowling is tighter, their fielding and catching much improved and their batting showing great progress. It was disappointing to have the game washed out but a great effort by all the boys! Good luck against AKA Sports next game!

<b>13/1 Gold</b>	3 for 44	Baulkham Hills Maroon	10 for 109	Draw
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Our stand in captain James won the toss and sent the opposition in on a wet morning. A tight opening spell from Brent (1 for 6 off 4) and Taseen (0 for 4 off 4) had the opposition at 1 for 11 after the first few overs. The wet conditions and accurate bowling made scoring difficult and after 30 overs, when rain stopped play, the score was 3 for 66.

We returned on yet another wet morning to continue the match, which was reduced to 45 overs per side. With plenty of wickets in hand and only 15 overs left the Maroon team attempted to increase the run rate and post a competitive total. However, good bowling by Jonathan (2 for 6), Blake (2 for 6) and Mitchell (2 for 11) and some excellent catches by Jack Farrel, Mitchell and Jonathan restricted the total to 109 at the end of the innings.

Our innings got off to a disappointing start when James was dismissed in the second over. Jack Michie (12) and Brent (10) patiently rebuilt the innings, before both falling in the 16th over. Jonathan (3 not out) and Taseen (7 not out) then took our score to 44 in the 22nd over when rain stopped play.

Both Baulko teams played good cricket with the right spirit and it is a pity that what was developing to an exciting game was ruined by the rain.

<b>14/3</b>	10 for 51	Pendle Hill Colts	0 for 59	First innings loss
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No report.

<b>14/2</b>	0 for 11	Kellyville	10 for 106	Draw
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Baulkham Hills won the toss and with the threat of rain, sent Kellyville into bat. Kellyville made a fine start reaching 1 for 77 before the team struck back to take the final 9 wickets for just 29 runs, dismissing Kellyville for 106. The fight back was led by a magnificent 10 over spell of spin bowling from Brendan Archbold, which yielded 4 for 14 including 3 maidens. This effort was even more meritorious when considering that the wet ball makes it even harder for a spinner to grip than for a pace bowler. Brendan received great support from Ryan Bailey whose second 5 over spell produced 3 for 6, for overall figures of 3 for 32. Udit Pillay and Jon Coulter also gave great support taking, both taking 1 for 13 off 5 overs.

The end of the Kellyville innings meant that B Hills had about half an hour to bat before stumps. Michael Waddups and Chris Gunton did a great job to survive through to stumps. No play on the second day saw the match finish in a draw.

<b>14/1</b>		Greystanes		Draw
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Both Days washed out

<b>15/2</b>	2 for 14	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 153	Draw
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No report.

<b>15/1</b>	5 for 140	Winson Hills 16/2	10 for 87	First innings win
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Won the toss and Bowled

The boys played another of our 'crossover' games against a team from Under 16 Division 2. Winston Hills were top of the U16 Div 2 table.

Winston Hills batted first and the boys bowled very well to have them all out for 87.

Tom Ortiz 12 overs 3 for 17.

Riley Astill 9 overs 2 for 12

Ben Delaney 7 overs 2 for 6 (4 maidens)

Gabriel Joseph and Reece Wilde took a wicket each from their 6 overs.

Gabriel also got a run out.

We had to bat for 1 nervous over on the first day but Matheesha Gunaratne and Reece Wilde saw that off ready to start again on the second day.

The second day the ground and pitch were rain affected which made scoring difficult. Matheesha went on to make 20 hard earned runs. We then lost a couple of quick wickets before Tom Ortiz steadied the ship with 19 runs. Our batsmen then started to get on top and Luke Woodman and Michael Bennetts remained not out to see us through to the win.

Luke Woodman finished on 25 not out and Michael Bennetts finished with a dashing 41 from 38 balls including 4 6's and 1 4.

In the end a hard fought win against opposition from the older age group.

<b>16/2</b>	10 for 58, 0 for 15	Wenty Leagues	10 for 180	First innings loss
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No report.

<b>16/1</b>	4 for 66	Guildford Leagues	10 for 118	Draw
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Looking for an uninterrupted 2 day game, the boys won the toss against Guildford and elected to bowl on a very slow and damp field. It took us a while to find our length and Guildford batted very patiently until Teshan claimed the first wicket in the 15th over with Adam taking the catch. Guildford settled again and started to score some runs until Tharindu took a good catch off Samira to have Guildford 2 for 73 after 23 overs.

Samira struck again two overs later, clean bowling the Guildford batsman looking to get the scoreboard going. Kieran then came back on for his second spell and trapped Guildford's opener in front with the score on 4 for 84. Mick took a regulation catch in cover off Muditha before rain stopped play for the day with Guildford on 5 for 90 after 32 overs.

We were lucky to get any play on the second day, but we were able to clean up the tail end to have Guildford all out for 118 in the 47th over. Good bowling by Ben, Teshan and Mick to finish things off.

Chasing 118 in 47 overs, the boys got off to a horrible start with Ben being bowled on the 4th ball of the innings and Hiran the very next ball to be 2 for 2 at the end of the first over.

Cameron then played patiently with Scott to see off the strike bowlers before Cameron was caught behind for 5 in the 11th over with the score on 3 for 15, we needed to settle things down. Scott and Tharindu did exactly that, playing patiently and working the ball around the extremely slow field, building a 51 run partnership before Scott was bowled around his legs for 25. With the score on 4 for 66 after 27 overs, the rain came down and washed us out. Tharindu batted very well to be 28 not out.

It was a shame that the game ended in a draw as we still had plenty of batting and overs to come.

Maybe next round boys, we will get some decent weather and play a full match. Still it was a good effort as we showed the character required to get us out of trouble. Our bowling is improving and our batting ability is there. We now just need to put it together.

Statistics: Tharindu 28 not out, Scott 25, Cameron 5. With the ball, Kieran 11-4-1-12, Samira 9-2-2-19, Ben 10-1-2-21, Teshan 9-1-2-24, Mick 6-1-1-24 and Muditha 1.5-0-1-2.

<b>B13</b>		BYE		BYE
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Nothing to report.

<b>B12</b>	10 for 119, 10 for 74	Western Tigers	10 for 82, 10 for 94	Outright win
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Won the toss and batted first. On a low skidding pitch batting proved to be difficult with the bounce more inconsistent than a Mumbai Day 5 wicket. Some good controlled batting from Jake (43) helped us to get to 119. On an average pitch and slow outfield, our bowlers were able to restrict them to 82 after they came out all guns blazing just on stumps day 1. A special mention to Nil who bowled superbly to clean them up with career best figures of 8-30.

Day 2 started poorly with some cheap dismissals to be at 4/10 and we were in all sorts. We managed to scrap through to 74 with Dane (20), AB (17) and Jake (15) contributing the majority of the runs. This led to the situation where they needed 112 to get in a couple of hours. With the cowboy style of play they have it was vital to bowl them out because they would get the runs by stumps. Once again our bowlers nil (4-39), AB (3-31), Kamil (1-19) bowled superbly to keep the pressure up and they feel for 94 to claim a valuable outright win. The match was soured to the degree with them complaining about an obvious run out and the fact you can use 11 different batsmen if you have 12 on your sheet. It appears they need to read the rule book and gain some sportsmanship for steaming off and not shaking anyone's hand at the conclusion of the match. That aside a pleasing result with much improvement left in this side particularly with the batting for the team to be in the mix come finals time.

<b>B11</b>	10 for 245	Kellyville	10 for 93, 10 for 71	Outright win
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Winning the toss and electing to bat against a depleted opposition that featured only 7 players, we put on a respectable total thanks mainly to Prasad scoring his second unbeaten hundred for the season. There were a few additional cameos with Sam, Ayesha and Charuka making good contributions to the scoreboard. In the field, it was an outstanding performance by Atif sr & Atif jr (or stiffy & stiffy) combining brilliantly to capture crucial wickets. Sasha bowled a brilliant spell and was unlucky not to have got more wickets in the game. It took us just over 45 minutes to wrap up the game on day 2.

<b>B10</b>	10 for 263	Xenium Crusaders	10 for 268	First innings loss
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On a rather hot and sticky day, Tony was kind enough to lose the toss and have us sent out to field. We got off to a shaky start with Xenium putting on 64 runs for the first wicket in less than 6 overs. In the next 6 overs we took another two wickets but Xenium continued to pile on the runs, reaching 106 from 12 overs. We managed to reduce the run rate to 5 an over from then onwards and eventually bowled Xenium out for 268 off 44 overs.

We went in to bat for 9 overs at the end of day one and left wishing we didn't. We found ourselves in quite a predicament at 3-20 at stumps.

Day 2 was a different story. When Xenium finally decided to show up at 1.55 PM, we were ready to play. Andrew and Ward initiated the rebuilding of our innings and compiled an invaluable 74 run partnership for the 4th wicket. Not to be outdone by his younger team-mates, Ian 'Old fella' Chatman scored an entertaining 34 runs, making a 62 run partnership with Ward. With the loss of Ward's wicket, which brought to an end a magnificent innings of 77, our chances of winning looked bleak with the score at 6-171. However, a gutsy partnership of 63 between the Chatman brothers put us back in the game. Unfortunately, the loss of 2 quick wickets turned the game back in Xenium's favour with the score at 8-235. James and Omal continued with the job at hand and looked like bringing us home. With victory in sight, Omal was caught out with the score on 259. With one wicket in hand and requiring 9 runs for victory, we couldn't have asked for a more nail-biting finish. Sadly, we fell 5 runs short after Eddy was out LBW.

Although we didn't win, we should all be proud of our efforts. The team drastically improved in the batting department and the fielding is slowly but surely improving. We came within 6 runs of beating the team leading the competition! If we can unleash our potential and put in a performance like that every week we will become serious contenders for the premiership. Come on boys, let's make this game a turning point in our season!

Bowling performances: T. Senior (5-89), E. Platt (2-34)

Batting performances: W. Koski (77), J. Chatman (54 N.O.), A. Gay (39), I. Chatman (34), D. Chatman (24)

Catches: A. Gay, J. Chatman, W. Koski, E. Platt, O. Fernando

Man of the match: W. Koski

Hall of Shame: Xenium Crusaders (not wearing appropriate attire, showing up late on the second Saturday) E. Platt (dropped catch), E Nield (dropped catch and a duck), O. Fernando (2 dropped catches), A Gay (dropped the deflection from Omal's dropped catch) T. Senior (duck), R. Chant (duck), A. Nicholls (dropped catch)

<b>B9</b>	10 for 102, 10 for 108	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 200, 1 for 11	Outright loss
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No report.

<b>B8</b>	10 for 67	Guildford Leagues	10 for 128	First innings loss
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No report.

<b>B5</b>	10 for 65, 7 dec 109	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 90,8 for 39	First innings loss
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R. Deane 6 for 33 off 16

B. McLaren 4 for 43 off 11

M. Ritchie 34

H. Izmirlian 29

D. Tipton 26

R. Deane 3 for 14 off 13

R. McInerney 5 for 19 off 10

Special mention to the P-Man who came out and blasted the ball all over Royal Rocks. The P-Man somehow nearly every innings manages to scare his batting partner or the umpires with his dead straight heavy blows to the cherry which fly back down the wicket at eye level with high speed. This has prompted every team member to wear a helmet when batting with him, whether they regularly use one or not.

JUG PENALTIES:

Dropped Catches: M. Ritchie

Ducks: D. Henry

The "never-give-up" attitude almost enabled us to take outright points after what in most respects was a somewhat poor first innings batting display.

A very character building game.

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<b>B4</b>	10 for 263	The Bulls	DNB	Draw
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After scoring 263 runs on a very hot 1st day, the rain came to spoil day 2, and the match was abandoned.

As far as Day 1 went, it was another impressive performance with the bat by Greg McLoughlin, who was unlucky to be out for 96, despite battling the heat from the first ball. Well done again Greg.

Aaron Hitchcock also impressed with the bat, hitting a well deserved, and very entertaining 69. A ton is just around the corner Aaron!

Sam Freeman, who I neglected to mention hit a solid 32 in the last game, added another 29 to his tally, and Matt Hardy also chipped in a nice 27 to keep his aggregate ticking over.

The other highlight of the game, which must be mentioned, came on Day 2 when we were sitting around in the drizzle. David Banks performed THE best impersonation of a Rudi Koertzen dismissal that had all of us rolling around in fits. A true captain's performance to raise the spirits of the team, and one which may well earn him a few dollars in the future.

We have the bye for the next 2 weeks.

<b>B2</b>	10 for 203	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 218	First innings loss
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No report.

<b>B1</b>	10 for 133, 5 for 49	Inka Warriors	10 for 134, 10 for 46	Outright win
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No report.

<b>A</b>	DNB	Seven Hills RSL	8 for 191	Draw
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Both Days washed out