

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. 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:

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Individual Achievements

Robert Simpson	A	5/26	Nick Bertus	15/1	4/22
Sacha Hilbrink	B2	4/32	Omal Fernando	15/1	35
Steve Sarlog	B2	4/60	Matthew Newson	15/2	2/13
Ben Dooley	B4	69 no	Taseen Rafi	15/2	2/18
David Banks	B4	4/71	Jack Delaney	13/1G	43
James Chatman	B10	65 no	Jack Farrel	13/1G	3/9
Ward Koski	B10	59	N Arora	13/2	2/18
Tony Senior	B10	58	Michael Robinson	12/1	2/2
A Nicholls	B10	53	Joshua Koski	12/1	3/6
Neshan Dias	B11	70	Ishmam Masud	12/2G	2/17
Sean Abbott	16/1	65	Blaine Cuneo	12/2G	2/16

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 5 2008	No junior games	11/2
January 12 2008	No junior games	10R
January 19 2008	No junior games	10B
January 26 2008	No junior games	No senior games
February 2 2008	B8	16/1
February 9 2008	B9	16/2
February 16 2008	B10	15/1

The President's Roundup



So here we are at Christmas and the season is past the halfway mark. Our teams range from top to bottom on the tables, but as always Baulko teams continue to play the game in the right spirit. Well done to all players, officials and supporters.

To all players, coaches, managers, families and supporters, on behalf of the committee, I would like to wish you a safe and happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year. We look forward to seeing you all back after the break – be it January 5 for seniors or February 2 for the juniors. Thanks for your support over the first half of the season and may 2008 bring lots of enjoyment and hopefully a few premierships.

To the hard working committee, a special vote of thanks for the time and effort you put in. Also to the families of the committee, I appreciate the sacrifices you make to all the committee to function as well as it does.

Peter McLoughlin
President

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	6 for 57	Wenty Leagues	7 for 54	Win on averages
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We managed to start on time and battle the light rain all day, we started our batting badly losing a wicket on the first ball when Tom edged onto the stumps, we went on to score 57 from our 24 overs, Binara and Malachi top scored with 6 runs each, Alex, Luke and Matthew all scoring 4 runs. The ground had long grass and was very wet which pulled the ball up quickly causing a few runouts and preventing any fours. We then bowled well and we started with a wicket on the first ball, Tom Malachi and Matt all had figures of 1-5, Luke took two good catches and Malachi was wicket in the first 12 overs was involved in three good run outs.

10 Red		Wenty Leagues		Draw
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Washed out

10 White	5 for 77	Greystanes	1 for 71	Loss on averages
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Round 5 the Whites were playing against Greystanes, who they accounted for in their first game. After a sensational last up win versus Kings Langley the Cinderella story came to a screaming halt.

Michael was appointed Captain for the Match. We lost the toss and were sent into the field.

The team put in an ordinary bowling performance coming up with one wicket only. Some highlights of the first half of the game were Arsh turned up and played even though he had a very badly bruised cheek bone and swollen eye – tough stuff. Arsh was also the bowler who secured our only wicket.

If we are to be competitive for our remaining games we need to be more focused in the field.

Greystanes scored 71 runs for the loss of 1 wicket; they ran well between wickets and defended their stumps.

The Whites knew they had a tough hill to climb; unfortunately we did not respect their bowling and lost 5 wickets during our innings. Some positives to take away were some excellent running between the wickets and we scored more runs than Greystanes. Batting scores were:

- Michael top score with a majestic 13 runs (including two boundaries)
- Jake scored 9 runs (including one boundary) and lost his wicket,
- Jason scored a single,
- Arsh scored 3 runs and lost his wicket
- Nathan scored 4 runs
- Chris scored 2 runs and lost his wickets
- Patrick scored 1 run,
- Blake scored 12 runs (second highest score) including a super 6,
- Brandon scored 3 runs
- Oliver scored a single and lost his wicket
- Scott scored 2 runs and defended very well
- Brendan scored 1 run and lost his wicket

Greystanes fielded with aggression and commitment – I hope the boys take away the example set by Greystanes in the field. Greystanes deserved their win, and the Whites need to re-focus in our next game.

Man of the match goes to Michael for leading the batting from the front and the encouragement award goes to Arsh for his outstanding bravery for playing in a game he could have easily sat out.

Thanks to Sharon M for bringing the food and Sam for bringing his BBQ along as well as cooking and Warren for bringing an esky full of drinks for the boys.

11/3	10 for 43	Kings Langley	8 for 44	First innings loss
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11/2	10 for 19	Greystanes	2 for 20	First innings loss
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It was a disaster! But as they say... "it is always darkest before dawn"

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year everyone!

11/1		Rouse Hill Rams		Draw
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Washed out

12/2 Maroon	10 for 41	Pendle Hill Colts	4 for 43	First innings loss
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After losing the toss, yet again, we were sent into bat by Pendle Hill.

With light rain falling the match was delayed by some 40 minutes and under PDCA rules the game was reduced to a 29 over a side game. Siddhant (13) and Luke (2) opened the batting and started solidly for us. With a wet ground scoring was difficult with no real value for some good shots. Pendle Hill bowled tightly and accurately and consequently our batsmen did not account for themselves as well as they could have and we were eventually all out inside our allotted 29 overs with a score of 41 runs. Batsmen who made runs were Mitchell (1), Joshua (1), Sean (5) and Varun (1).

Our turn to bowl and Pendle Hill got off to a brisk start with both openers scoring early runs. However with the entry of Varun (2 for 4) into the attack at first change, the game took on a different look and feel and from this point onwards Pendle Hill were made to work hard for their runs. We were again short of players and this fact made it hard to fill the gaps in the field and eventually Pendle Hill passed our total with 4 wickets down. Bowlers to take wickets were Siddhant (1 for 5) and Joshua (1 for 1) while Sean and Luke each took a good catch.

A big thank you to Milav, Lucas and Bradley for filling in for us when we were short of players.

Player of the match was Siddhant for top scoring with 13 and for taking 1 for 5.

12/2 Gold	10 for 95	Hills Barbarians	6 for 108	First innings loss
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Lost the toss and were sent into the field on another rainy day. Wickets taken by Ishmam 2 for 17, Blaine 2 for 16, Timothy 1 for 9 and Jayden 1 for 35. Two catches taken by Blaine. Some nice batting by Hills saw them reach 108 runs. Some enthusiastic fielding by James saw him score the fielding award for the day.

Hills kind of helped us along with the run chase, giving away 43 wides and 18 no balls. We fell just short of the total however and were all out for 95 runs in the 30th over. Well done to James and Alex who put in personal best performances today with the bat, staying out there for quite a while and scoring 5 runs a piece. Looking good.

Thanks naturally to John and Brad for coaching. Thanks again to Ikteeda for helping out, given we lent three of our players to team Maroon. Thanks also to Robert for helping out with the kids and for helping to score, and to Alessandra for also helping with the scoring. Much appreciated. Have a great Christmas and New Year. See you all back safely in January 08.

12/1	10 for 41	Wenty Leagues	10 for 22	First innings win
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13/3	8 for 105	Guildford Leagues	6 for 107	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

13/2	9 for 76	Kellyville	10 for 69	First innings win
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Winning the toss and batting first on a damp and slow ground the boys built a total of 9 for 76. Runs were hard to come by due to the long grass and patience was required. Not a four was hit all day despite some cracking shots. Top scorers in the innings were Geoff McIntyre with 19 and Taylor Stewart with 10.

With such a modest total the boys it looked like they would need to apply themselves to get away with a win. Unfortunately the bowling today was a bit erratic and there were quite a few easy sundries conceded (a total of 24 wides and no-balls), which made the task harder. With a bit of luck Baulko hung on and won by 7 runs. Wicket takers today were Nevin Arora (2-18), Harry Druery (1-10), Geoff McIntyre (1-12) and Amit Balikrishnan (1-14). Although not taking a wicket Taylor Stewart bowled tidily concede only seven runs from his five overs, which certainly helped us get across the line in this tight battle.

Jack Marton had a good day with the gloves taking a catch, making one stumping and completing an excellent run-out from a rocket of a return from the deep by Tom Connell.

Although this was a win going into Christmas there will be some harder games when play resumes in February and the batting, bowling and fielding will all need to improve if we are to keep winning.

13/1 Maroon	10 for 66	Kings Langley	1 for 68	First innings loss
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After an excellent performance last game, this week's one day match was disappointing. Kings Langley is an excellent team and was more than a match for us. They bowled very tightly and we couldn't get runs. The boys tried hard to get the ball away

but it was tough going. Praveen Samarasinghe led the way with 15 n/o (including an big 6!) and James Senior supported him with 15.

In the field we were a bit disappointing. A couple of dropped catches didn't help our cause. Ashleigh Thomas bowled well with 1/6 but Kings Langley were simply too strong for us. They batted intelligently and well. I hope the boys learned from this game and put in some hard work over the break.

We have three games left and are comfortably in 3rd place – we need to keep up the effort in the new year and give ourselves every chance in the semi finals.

13/1 Gold	10 for 134	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 60	First innings win
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On a showery Saturday morning, we won the toss and batted. Jonathan was out in the second over; bowled by a good ball and our start appeared shaky. However, a 53 run partnership between Joel (6) and Jack Delaney (43) in eight overs steadied the innings and we were set for a good total. Jack Farrel (10) and Mitchell (19) picked up from where they left off in our midweek 20/20 game scoring runs quickly and constantly putting the fielders under pressure by some excellent running between the wickets. Quick runs were scored in the lower order by James 7, Brent 10 and Blake 11 to ensure that we reached a competitive 134 runs at the end of our 31 overs.

The bowling and fielding performance that followed was one of our best this season. None of the eight bowlers used yielded more than 9 runs and six of the boys took wickets; Jack Farrell 3/9, Jack Michie 2/7, Taseen 2/8, Brent 1/7 Mitchell 1/8 and Anoop 1/9. Good catches were taken by Brent (3) and Taseen (1). Jack Delaney, behind the stumps took two catches and affected one stumping.

It was an excellent all round performance to end the calendar year and things look bright for 2008.

14/3	10 for 36	Winston Hills	2 for 135	First innings loss
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A great effort boys. With only seven players and versus the top team on the ladder it was always going to be a big challenge. We won the toss and elected to bowl. The opening bowlers of Myles and Victor bowled tightly and after ten overs our opposition only had 39 runs. In the 19th over Blake broke the opening partnership and took the first wicket. Victor took a late wicket in his second spell. Praveen, Kausthub and Thibager were great in the field stopping boundaries and getting the ball in quickly. Phil did a great job in wicketkeeping limiting the byes as we had no backstop. It was our turn to bat and Myles hung in there with a gritty 11 runs. Everyone got runs on the board but we just did not have enough players. Thanks to Mr Hinton for his umpiring and help and encouragement on the day.

14/2	4 for 87	Wenty Waratahs	1 for 89	First innings loss
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The team lost the toss and were sent into bat with rain threatening. Team captain Michael Waddups and Chris Gunton got the innings away to a solid start with a 21 run opening partnership but we struggled to accelerate the scoring rate on the very slow outfield. It was only through an excellent unbroken 5th wicket partnership of 48 between Jake Bailey and Ryan Bailey that saw a reasonably competitive 4 for 87 reached at the end of 31 overs. Jake finished 27 not out and Ryan 24 not out. Ryan's innings included the only 4 hit in the team's innings. This partnership featured some excellent running between the wickets.

After taking an early wicket, the Wenty batsmen were able to find the boundary on a few occasions and this helped them to achieve the victory target with 11 overs to spare.

Some good performances in the remaining 3 competition round matches in February / March will see the team consolidate its position in the top 4.

14/1	9 for 55	Kings Langley	6 for 77	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

15/2	8 for 88	AKA Crusaders	7 for 89	First innings loss
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A disappointing loss by the boys but some good signs continue to shine through. Some industrious one day batting (Rob 29, Jack 20) saw us post a reasonable score, only to lose with 6 balls to go. Some excellent fielding and bowling but far too many wides with total sundies of 41. Yet again we proved we can match it with the best only to be pipped at the post. It is fair to say we did not get one decision go our way for the entire day. Still if we can bowl more consistently and stop the fine leg byes we will be a real contender after Xmas when Jason 'the wild thing' Foskett returns. Have a good break boys, you are improving very game and I think you all know just how much potential we have if we put it all together. The fat lady has not danced on our season just yet and after the break should be very interesting indeed!

Merry Xmas and a safe holiday period to all.

15/1	10 for 96	Kings Langley	7 for 104	First innings loss
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We fielded first and Kings Langley scored 104 from their 31 overs.

Overall the fielding was again good with all wickets falling to catches being taken (2 each to Nick Bertus in a guest appearance).

The bowling was led by Nick Bertus with 4/22 from 6 overs,

In our innings lots of players got a start but only Nick Bertus (13), Daniel Chatman (17) and Omal Fernando (35) got into double figures.

It looked like Omal might just get us home but he was the last man out in the 31st over having batted sensibly and strongly for his 35.

A close loss to the competition leaders.

16/2	10 for 23	Pendle Hill Colts 15/1	10 for 186	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

16/1	10 for 100	Kings Langley	10 for 79	First innings win
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No report submitted.

B13	10 for 108, 6 for 14	Regal	10 for 231	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

B12	10 for 94	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 93, 4 for 104	First innings win
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Back to the 2nd round of matches in the competition lead us to the undefeated and top of the table Wenty Waratahs. After the first games hammering by them at home it was important for us to get off to a good start and get early wickets against the most solid batting order in the competition. Lead by their opening left hander who thrashed us to all parts in the first game we managed to pick him up cheaply as well as a couple other important players to have them 5/44. We managed to dismiss them for 93 and into bat at around 4pm. A solid start by Kamil and John had us 0/32 and in a good position however as has been the case to often we threw wickets away quickly and lacked composure to be 6/58 then 9/82 needing 11 runs with 1 wicket left. Some calm and mature batting from Dane (20no) got us over the line by a whisker to be all out for 94 right on stumps for day 1. The 2nd week saw us down a couple of players and looking to contain and frustrate them as they looked to gain an outright win. It was clear they planned to get quick runs then declare and roll us knowing we were short. They came out all guns blazing however with tight bowling from Nil and Dane and a defensive field we had them 4/44. A solid partnership from then on had them 4/104 when rain conveniently came and washed the game out around 4pm. Another good result leaves us in the planned position by Christmas which was to be in the mix come towards the back end of the season.

B11	10 for 259	Kings Langley	8 for 90	Draw
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No report submitted.

B10	3 dec 251	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 134, 2 for 55	First innings win
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We lost the toss and were sent in to field on a hot day. Our bowlers toiled through the heat, managing to both take wickets and restrict the flow of runs. In the 43rd over we bowled Rouse Hill out for 134. Andrew G was the pick of the bowlers with 3-28. A great opening stand from Andrew N and Ward took us to 88 at stumps on day 1. On day 2, with an outright victory in mind, we turned up the run rate and put on another 163 runs until we declared at 3-251. Daniel was the best of the batsman with 65 Not Out. Unfortunately the weather wasn't on our side with constant rain delays robbing us of a potential outright victory. Nonetheless it was a great team performance and we're happy to take the 7 points.

Bowling performances: J. Chatman (2-18), G. Joseph (2-18), A. Gay (3-28), T. Senior (2-29)

Batting performances: D. Chatman (65 N.O.), W. Koski (59), A. Nichols (53), T. Senior (58),

Catches: W. Koski (3), G. Joseph, J. Chatman, O. Fernando (2)

Man of the match: D. Chatman

Hall of Shame: R. Chant (Taking a catch in the outfield and then running over the boundary), W. Koski (dropped catch), T. Senior (dropped catch), A. Nichols (being lapped by Ward running between the wickets) G. Joseph (dropping a catch that was already 10 metres over the boundary)

B9	10 for 48	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 105, 4 for 102	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

B8	10 for 68	Greystanes	10 for 89	First innings loss
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The game started off in blazing form. There was wicket falling left, right and centre. Everyone did their job in the field to yield such a great result. We were pumped to get in and bat for another win but it was not to be. Our wickets fell quicker than theirs and we didn't catch their score. "Not to worry" I was told, we can loose on first innings and win outright. It was explained to

me and my hopes were restored. Again our fielding was as good as it could be and we had them 6/ 52 + the 20 from their last innings, things were looking good. Then the skies above decided to dash our hope when it opened up and let us have it. It poured and poured and poured. It was obvious after a short while that even if the rain stopped (which it didn't) we would not resume play in this match. Another loss, but without a doubt the best fielding game of the comp.

Congrats boys
Keep it up.

B5	10 for 53, 1 for 13	Xenium Crusaders	10 for 191	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

B4	6 for 130	Hills Barbarians	8 for 270	Draw
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B2	10 for 135	Hills Barbarians White	10 for 168	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

B1	8 for 175	Hills Barbarians	10 for 231	Draw
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No report submitted.

A	10 for 100	Wenty Waratahs	8 for 111	First innings loss
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No report submitted.