

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:

B2	9 for 254	15/1	6 for 230
B4	10 for 234		

Individual Achievements

Gaurang Merani	A	5/17
John Jerome	B2	58
Glenn Kenneway	B2	47
Jono Bocking	B2	45 no
Matthew Hardy	B4	72
Greg Leeson	B4	52
Steven Hobbs	B8	3/25
Gabriel Joseph	15/1	114
Ryan Bailey	14/2	4/6
Mitchell Evans	12/2M	5/1
Thomas Andrews	11/3	3/17

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
February 16 2008	B10	15/1
February 23 2008	B11	15/2
March 1 2008	B12	14/1
March 8 2008	B13	14/2
Semi-Finals	Volunteers required	Volunteers required

The President's Roundup

Well, the weather certainly tried to spoil another Saturday, but except for a few light showers it was all go for day 1 of the second last round. The B1's certainly enjoyed a run feast from opener Swampy Marsh. I hear he opened and when he was dismissed for 125, the total was only about 140! Makes Gilly look pretty sick! Good luck to all our teams

Have-A-Go concludes this Friday, after many washouts due to wet weather. Thanks to our Co-ordinator Chris Springall and his band of helpers. A wide range of ages for the coaches, but a special thanks to the youngest group – Hamish, James & Josh, as well as the most senior – Les Hill!

The NSW DCA competition finished last Sunday & Parramatta won both the U12 Cawsey Shield & the U13 Gee Shield. Well done to the Baulkham Hills players in these teams - Blake Newman (U12), Joel Pienmunne, James Dallaway, Jack Michie, Jack Delaney & Mitchell Webb (U13),

Talking of winners, the Parramatta Grade team won the U16 AW Green Shield, defeating St George in a thrilling final at Old Kings. With St George needing just 4 runs, with 2 wickets in hand at the start of the last over, it looked bad, but two dismissals, including a run out by Ben Abbott off the second last ball saw Parra get up by 1 run! Amazing. Well to the five (5) Baulko players who played in the final – Sean Abbott (captain), Nick Bertus, Gabriel Joseph, Tom Ortiz and Ben Abbott.

Still on the rep scene, congratulations to Nick Bertus & Gabriel Joseph, who have been selected to play for NSW Schoolboys in the Australian Championships at Maroochydore in late March.

The Junior double wicket was held lat Sunday and with the aid of some decent weather the games were all completed. There will be match reports produced by others, but I would like to thank all those who helped with scoring, umpiring, canteen duty and the BBQ! Special thanks to organisers Tony Senior & Ian Chatman, as well as the super BBQers Merran Bertus and Richard Woodman.

The second week of team photos is also on next Saturday. Lots of smiles and the canteen will be open as well.

The Trivia Night is on this Saturday – please ring either Leigh Griggs or me to book your table. Remember a 7.30pm start at the Don Moore Community Centre, North Rocks. Will we induce a decent thunderstorm?

Baulkham Hills Sports Club has a new Manager, with Michael Clancy taking over just recently. The next stage of the extensions is due to open this week – a new bar and lounge area at the back of the club. Renovations are due for completion in April.

Finally, best wishes to David Banks who is undergoing surgery later this week. See you soon!

That'll do for now (see not even a mention of the mighty Manchester City beating the Red half – that's 6 points this year!)

Peter McLoughlin
President

Under 10 Super 8's Tournament – 24th January

The mighty Under 10 Whites entered the NSW Cricket Super 8's Tournament held at Morgan Powers Reserve Kings Langley. Three teams were in our competition being Wenty Leagues and Wenty Waratahs.

First up the Whites were up against the Wenty Leagues who elected to bat first, ending up with a score of 34. The Whites replied with a score of 54 to comfortably win the game.

Our second game was against Wenty Waratah's, which ended up a close affair. The Whites batted first and scored 38 runs. Unfortunately our wayward bowling (6 wides & no-balls) gave the Wenty boys an extra 12 runs, however the mighty Whites prevailed in a close match keeping the Wenty team to 35 runs, wining by 3 runs was a close shave. In the end our fielding was the difference.

Our two wins from two starts meant the Mighty Whites progressed straight to the final. The semi was fought between Wenty Leagues & Wenty Waratah's, with the Leagues team prevailing (after being defeated by the Waratah's in their pool match).

The final against the Wenty Leagues proved to be a tightly contested match. Arsh was appointed captain and promptly won the toss, electing to bat.

A great batting effort by the team squarely put the pressure back on the Wenty leagues. The Whites scored a well credential 45 runs for the loss of only two wickets.

The innings of Wenty Leagues started off with a golden first ball duck (caught behind) and the mighty Whites were on the front foot. The team fielded like men possessed and bowled with a tighter line. Wickets kept falling at regular intervals. The Whites kept the Wenty Leagues team to a score of 4 – 35 runs. The mighty Whites triumphantly & deservedly winning the match and the tournament undefeated; with every team member throughout the day contributing in some way – this tournament win was in the true sense a team effort.

Some of the highlights were the backing up in the filed as well as some sensational catches. Not to mention the guys who were unlucky not to be in the final side stayed and supported their team – sensational effort, this showed enormous maturity in supporting your team mates.

For the boy's who missed out in getting a bat or a game in the final it pains me that I couldn't give every body a go. I will look to address this in the upcoming matches in recognition of the sacrifice some of the boys made.

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	Did not bat	Hills Barbarians	9 for 56	Draw
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Day 2 washed out

10 Red	8 for 75	Hills Barbarians	Did not bat	Draw
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A toss that we did not want to lose. We did not want to bat on a field that was very wet with long grass. We lost the toss & were sent into bat. No matter how hard we hit the ball, it went no where. To get a score of 75 with no boundaries hit, was outstanding. One ball was hit so hard, it landed 5 metres from the boundary & failed to make it. We had to work hard on pushing singles & to only get a couple of run outs was an excellent result as we really pushed hard to get runs on the board. No matter how hard the opposition tried to set their field, we still managed to find the gaps & post a total that would have been defendable on the following week. This was not to be, as the weather gods have decided that this is the year that we should not play cricket! Hopefully, we will get a game next week.

10 White	7 for 99	Seven Hills RSL	Did not bat	Draw
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The Mighty Whites were keenly anticipating this match as in round one this game was washed out. The Cricket gods can be fickle and proved to be so with this game lasting only one day.

Nathan was Captain for the match, upon winning the toss decided to bat on a freshly cut filed.

Brendan & Scott opened the batting and produced a tradesman like opening partnership, Brendan playing with solid defence scoring one run for the loss of one wicket and Scott scoring two runs.

Oliver was in next and was a revelation, armed with his new bat. Oliver put on a display of fabulous stroke making and scored a well deserver 4 runs while keeping his wicket intact.

Patrick was in next looking to up the scoring rate. Unfortunately for Pat the bowling he received was a little wayward and didn't present him with many opportunities to score. Pat ended his innings on 2 runs while keeping his wicket intact.

Nathan was in next and adopted a very aggressive approach. Nathan was trying to increase the scoring rate with some big shots, scoring 1 run. Unfortunately for Nathan some of the balls he was looking to smash he missed and was out three times.

Tarush returned to the team after his overseas trip, armed with a Sachin Tendulkar special – Tarush used the innings well to get familiar with his new blade and scored one run while keeping his wicket intact.

Chris was in next after drinks were taken and established one of the partnerships of the year with Blake. Chris and Blake running between the wickets was a highlight and should bring the crowds back to cricket- their combined innings totalled a massive 20 runs for the team, Chris scoring 9 runs (including a boundary) and Blake picking up 5 runs, while keeping their wickets intact – a sensational effort!!!!

Brandon was in next and batted solidly for one run but was unfortunately run out, better luck next time mate!

Arsh batted next, increasing the run rate with an innings for 7 runs, including a boundary, but was bowled by a beauty that beat his normally rugged defence.

Michael and Jake rounded off the innings with Michael producing a solid nine runs (for the loss of one wicket) including two boundaries and some great backing up and running between the wickets to support Jake's score of 20 runs. Jake nailed a six and a four in his tally.

Man of the match for sparking a sensational partnership was Blake and the encouragement award goes to Chris for his great contribution to the partnership.

Day 2 – washed out, the cricket gods can be fickle!

11/3	10 for 110	Wenty Waratahs	6 for 64	Draw
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Day one, Baulko won the toss and took the opportunity to have a bat. This proved to be a great decision with the boys recording their highest score for the year of 10 for 110.

Some of the notable highlights for the innings were Francis Farrell (19), Jimmie Farrell (19) and Mitchell Gapper (17). Great effort boys particularly Francis who was always looking for a quick single and showed great patience in an entertaining innings that lasted over two hours. Mitchell, Jimmie and Mark Johnston attacked the bowlers hitting 4, 3 and 2 fours respectively with Jimmie unfortunately hitting his wicket attempting a classical sweep shot which was on its way for yet another boundary. Congratulations boys on a great batting performance.

At the end of their innings the boys, full of confidence, took to the field with the aim of dismissing Wenty as cheaply as possible with their sights set firmly on a chance of knocking up their first win even though there was still a lot of play left.

They started out well running out an opening batsman with the score on 9 with some great fielding by Jimmie Farrell and some equally great keeping by Conner Ryan. The next opener was caught off the bowling of Mitchell and had Wenty down at 2 for 26. Another wicket fell to the bowling of Tom Andrews with the score on 36 and yet another one run later to a catch off Jimmie's bowling.

With the score at 4 for 50 the boys were pumped when Conner showed great keeping skills in stumping out the 5th batsman who was caught just outside his crease off Tom's bowling. Great work Conner on your excellent keeping skills. With the score now at 5 for 50 Tom sent another delivery down in his next over taking out middle stump to have the score at 6 for 50 with Wenty starting to look concerned, or at least the scorer did. Wenty held on until the end of day one without the loss of another wicket with the score on 6 for 64.

Mitchell Gapper 1 for 7
Tom Andrews 3 for 17
Jimmie Farrell 1 for 3

It was great to see the boys encouraging one another throughout the day with the anticipation that this could be the one. Unfortunately at the time of writing this report day 2 has been washed out so the boys will have to wait for another chance of notching up their first win.

11/2	10 for 42	Winston Hills	3 for 38	Draw
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The New Year dawned with great hopes for our team! But our tail end season started with rains, lots of rains and stopped any further training! We went to Winston Hills a bit rusty and we were only 9. Still we bravely fought as a team with all our might! Ritwick was our Captain for this match and he duly won the toss & elected to bat. It was a bit damp on the pitch and the new ball swung wildly. Our valiant openers were facing an uphill task! Yet, Harkaran & Sebastian managed to hang on! All our shots just dropped dead on the field, with no chance of any ball running to the boundary! To our credit all our batsmen did very well with Ramal remaining Not Out!

Our bowling effort was fantastic! Each bowler contributed very well to defend the small total. Ritwick opened the bowling with great line & length. He was a bit unlucky not to get a couple of wickets. Ramal took an excellent Caught & bowled effort to get rid of the opener! Cameron came on in the last over of Day 1 and was on a hat trick! The next ball lobbed up but there was no fielder at that place! He was very unlucky to miss out! It was a great effort, by the whole team, considering there were only 9 fielders, with James & Ramal bravely fielding with injuries! Great effort guys!

The second day's play was washed out and we ended up with a DRAW!

- Best Batting Performance Award goes to Ramal.
- Best Bowling Effort Award goes to Cameron.
- Catch of the Match Award goes to Ramal.

Next week we are hosting Seven Hills RSL, at Harold West. Bring it on!

11/1	2 for 7	Guildford Leagues	10 for 57	Draw
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Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.

12/2 Maroon	1 for 10	Greystanes	10 for 73	Draw
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Baulko won the toss (for a change!) and sent Greystanes in to bat on a heavy ground.

Baulko went into game having to win all of their remaining games if they are to be a chance of making the semis; Mitchell (5 for 1) opened the bowling and cleaned bowled the Greystanes opener with his second ball. This was a great start, but Greystanes knuckled down and it was some before our next wicket which was a great run out by Joshua who under armed the ball in from the covers to break the wicket at the bowlers end. Utkarsh (0 for 5) and Mitchell kept the scoring down with some very tight and accurate bowling. In fact all bowlers bowled well displaying good line and length. At the first drinks break we had Greystanes 4 for 20 and we were in a reasonable position. After the drinks break Greystanes became a little more aggressive and with a couple of good partnerships they were starting to build on their score. However, another run out with a direct hit at the bowlers end by Michael and wickets from Joshua (1 for 10), Michael (1 for 14) and Sean (1 for 6), making a rare appearance at the bowling crease, after taking a break from keeping, we managed to stop their momentum. Time for Mitchell's second spell, and what a spell it was, cleaning up the remaining Greystanes batsmen without another run being scored. This left us chasing 74 runs to win and we had 8 overs remaining in the days play to face from Greystanes.

Luke (4) and Ravi (3 not out) opened the batting and after hitting a great 4 Luke was bowled by the Greystanes opening bowler. This saw Mitchell (0 not out) come to the crease and he and Ravi batted through to the end of the days play with the score at 1 for 10.

Catches were taken by Joshua, Mitchell and Varun.

Player of the match was Mitchell for his great bowling effort of 5 for 1 off 8 overs, of which 7 were maidens.

12/2 Gold	10 for 46	Winston Hills	4 for 28	Draw
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Match against Winston Hills. Loss the toss and were sent in to bat. Whilst the score was not huge, most players displayed some of their best batting skills. Jayden top scored with 12 (not out). All out for 46 runs. Bowled for 14 overs before rain interrupted play. Winston Hills were 4 for 28 runs. Bowling figures were Ishman, 2 for 2, Jackson 0 for 12, Jayden 1 for 6 and Blaine 1 for 5. Second days played called off due to closure of grounds. Game a draw.

12/1		Kings Langley		
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13/3	Did not bat	Wenty Leagues	10 for 243	Draw
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Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.

13/2	10 for 77	Seven Hills RSL	1 for 23	Draw
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Batting first on a slow outfield the boys unfortunately did not have the patience to build a big score - bowled out for a total of 77 within 36 overs. There were a number of promising partnerships but none that really built up significantly. Geoffrey McIntyre was the only batsman to reach double figures and ended up with 21 not out when the last wicket fell.

With the semi-finals coming up and playing the competition leaders next week we will have to apply ourselves a little more when we bat if we are to be competitive.

At stumps on the first day Seven Hills RSL were 1-21 (with Ruben Robertson taking 1-3). This might sound like Seven Hills were well on top, but not so. A number of dropped catches and near misses kept Seven Hills competitive at stumps – but they could easily have been 2 or 3 wickets down. Day two was shaping as an interesting challenge for the boys (and with a genuine prospect for squeezing them for a win) when rain intervened..... we will never know.

13/1 Maroon	10 for 146	Pendle Hill Colts	0 for 2	Draw
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We were sent into bat on a pretty good wicket but slow outfield. The bowling conditions were very good and Pendle Hill bowled very well, keeping things tight in the opening overs. BHCC batted well, although we gave away some cheap wickets. There was some bad luck – James Senior hit a beautiful shot that ought to have been 6 but was caught on the boundary and Ashleigh Thomas fell to one of the great catches of the season. Joshua Stevenson led the way with 31 and Nick McConnell and Ashleigh Thomas each scored 23. Tom Hughes was looking good, as were Greg Malyon and Praveen Samarasinghe, both who made good starts but couldn't go on with it.

The second week was washed out – the second time against Pendle Hill this season. The boys play Wenty Waratahs and then BHCC Gold to conclude a pretty good season. We remain in third place and should finish third with a good effort next game.

13/1 Gold	10 for 107	AKA Crusaders	0 for 7	Draw
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We won the toss and batted on a cloudy, but dry morning. Accurate bowling and dewy outfield made scoring difficult and slow, and both of our openers Jonathan (2) and Jack Michie (5) were back in the pavilion within 9 overs, with only 15 on the board. James (11) coming in at number three tried to push the score along only to be bowled by a real 'jaffa'. Our middle order; Brent (13), Joel (10), Jack Farrel (9) and Anoop (5) all got starts and benefited from some inept catching by the opposition, but fell in the attempt to up the scoring rate. With the score at 6 for 66 in the 37th over things were looked dire and we needed the tail to wag. Unfortunately, big hitting Jack Delaney fell for a duck to a great catch in the deep of a high ball that probably had snow on it. It was left to Blake (24 with 3 fours), Mitchell (10) and Taseen (2 N.O.) to get us to a defendable 107 before we were all out in the 49th over.

AKA's inning started shakily with some playing and missing and they were fortunate not to lose any wickets to Mitchell's and Taseen's accurate swing bowling.

The second week of the fixture was washed out and the match declared a draw.

14/3	10 for 83	Kings Langley	2 for 15	Draw
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Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.

14/2	0 for 42	Hills Barbarians	10 for 57	Draw
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As the scores suggest, so close but yet so far. For the third time this season, the cancellation of the second day's play has deprived the team of the opportunity of 1st innings points after a great effort on the first day. We won the toss and sent the opposition in to bat in overcast conditions. A terrific opening spell from Ryan Bailey and James Galofaro quickly had the Barbarians in trouble at 4 wickets for 3 runs. The bowlers maintained the pressure aided by some good tight fielding which eventually had the opposition all out for 57. Ryan Bailey finished with the outstanding figures of 10 overs 7 maidens 4 for 6. Ryan was ably supported by James Galofaro with 2 for 5 off 5.3 overs, Amol Marwah with 1 for 15 off 10 overs (unlucky not to pick up more wickets), and Jon Coulter chimed in with 2 quick wickets to finish with 2 for 4 off 2 overs.

With just under 40 minutes left for play, we decided to have a dash at attaining first innings points on the first day. Despite a great attacking unbeaten 32 from Aidan Cousin, with Jake Bailey lending him valuable support, the team finished on 0 for 42 after 10 overs.

Keep your heads up guys, you still played some great aggressive cricket. Let's use this disappointment to make us stronger and even more determined to achieve that final goal.

14/1	4 for 4	Wenty Leagues	10 for 45	Draw
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Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.

15/2	Did not bat	Wenty Leagues	10 for 118	Draw
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Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.

15/1	6 for 230	Kellyville	Did not bat	Draw
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We were sent in by Kellyville on a damp pitch with a very slow outfield.

Runs were difficult to come by early and Daniel and Omal worked hard opening the innings.

Tom Ortiz was elevated to number 3 and showed good composure to work the ball around for 26 off 80 balls.

Gabriel Joseph came in low in the order at No. 7 and brought the game to life with an exceptional 114 Not Out from just 65 deliveries including 8 x 6's and 5 x 4's.

A really powerful display that took the game away from Kellyville. Gabriel was well supported by Luke Woodman who scored 32.

Unfortunately the second week of the match was washed out so we are yet to finish a match against Kellyville despite scoring well over 200 each time we have played them.

16/2	10 for 138	Wenty Waratahs	1 for 2	Draw
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Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.

16/1	8 for 151	Pendle Hill Cots	Did not bat	Draw
Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.				
B13	10 for 67	NSW Tamils	8 for 112	First innings loss
Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.				
B12		BYE		BYE
Nothing to report				
B11	10 for 118	Radiant Sports	3 for 105	Draw
Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.				
B10	10 for 140	Winston Hills	5 for 12	Draw
Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.				
B9	10 for 44, 1 for 18	Greystanes	10 for 55	First innings loss
Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.				
B8	10 for 72	AKA Crusaders	8 for 111	First innings loss
Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.				
B5	Did not bat	Pendle Hill Colts	Did not bat	Draw
Both days washed out				
B4	10 for 234	Winston Hills	Did not bat	Draw
Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.				
B2	9 for 254	Hills Barbarians Green	Did not bat	Draw
Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.				
B1	4 for 32	Wenty Leagues	10 for 142	Draw
Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.				
A	2 for 44	Greystanes	10 for 86	Draw
Day 2 washed out. No report submitted.				