

The Third Man's Report

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

The site will be updated regularly, and the club history is being added to as time permits.

There have been some changes to the committee this season. You can find a list of the committee members on the website

To all Captains, Coaches and Managers

Match Results

I need match results in **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:

B11 Outright win

Individual Achievements

Brad Murphy	B2	5/35	Gaj Sivapalan	14/3	46
Sacha Hilbrink	B2	3/84	Jem Nash	14/3	27
David Higginbotham	B3	47 & 2/7	Sivapalan/Nash	14/3	82 run p/ship
Greg McLoughlin	B3	35	Jackson Manning	13/2A	20no
Dave Cope	B3	5/55	Jayden Stafford	13/2A	2/2
Brett McLaren	B7A	35 & 2/43	Pavan Kasthuriarachchi	13/2A	2/5
Martin Ams	B8	53	Sean Svanetti	13/2A	2/6
Ed Nield	B8	39no	Owen Smith	12/1	61no
Evan Platt	B8	3/34	Tom Waddups	12/1	37no
Ash Jolly	B13	68	Smith/Waddups	12/1	3rd wkt - 117 no
David Hugill	B14	31	Owen Smith	12/1	2/9
N Webber	16/1	38	James Gardiner	12/1	3/15
B Delaney	16/1	28	Nikhil Kuchi	12/2	4/5
B Abbott	16/1	22	Viva Raja	12/2	2/7
Jack Dwyer	15/1	24	Connor Ryan	12/2	2/10
Asad Rizvi	15/1	22	Jimmy Farrell	12/3	20
Tevin Liyanage	15/1	4/16	Ramal Rajapakse	11/1	22no
Saj Howpage	15/2	47	Jason Luther	11/1	3/3
Kausthub Krihnamurthy	15/3	4/39	Saad Monir	11/2	2/2
Joshua Stevenson	14/1B	65	Dilshan Wijisena	10R	13no & 3/13
Joshua Balzarolo	14/1B	57 no	Stephen Burns	10R	13 & 2/6
T Lockhart	14/2	4/5 & 23no	Shane De Silva	10R	2/2
G McIntyre	14/2	4/12	Malachi	10W	3/5
Alex Coad	14/3	3/22	Blake	10W	3/7

Team Rosters

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
October 11 2008	B3	15/3
October 18 2008	B9	14/1M
October 25 2008	B10	14/2
November 1 2008	B11	14/3
November 8 2008	B13	13/2A
November 22 2008	B2	13/1

Meat Raffle Roster

The following teams have been rostered to sell tickets for the Saturday Night Raffle, to be held back at the club after the game. Please make every effort to ensure your team helps out in this important fundraiser for the club.

This season the raffles are only being held on the first week of every senior game.

Ticket sales are to start by 6:30pm.

DATE	TEAM
October 11 2008	B9
October 25 2008	B11
November 8 2008	A Grade
November 22 2008	B14
December 6 2008	B2

in2CRICKET Roster – Charles McLaughlin Oval

To help out with the in2CRICKET (formerly Have-A-Go) clinic, senior teams have been rostered to provide 4 players to one of the sessions. Please make every effort to ensure your team helps out in this important junior development opportunity.

The clinic is held on Friday nights at Charles McLaughlin Oval. The sessions run from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

DATE	TEAM
October 10 2008	A Grade
October 17 2008	B2
October 24 2008	B14
October 31 2008	B3
November 7 2008	B7A
November 14 2008	B9

Request for Sponsorship – 7 Bridges Walk

Club Treasurer, Peter Gunton, is taking part in a 25 kilometre charity walk in Sydney on Sunday 26 October, known as the 7 bridges walk, to raise money for the Cancer Council, Heart Foundation, Beyond Blue, and Diabetes Australia. Details of the event can be found at www.7bridgeswalk.com.au. He is seeking sponsorship from club members, and if you wish to sponsor him, please contact him on 8836 3123 or 0402 246484 or e-mail at petergunton@optusnet.com.au

The President's Roundup

The season has now moved to round 3 & there have been some great performances in the first two rounds. Well done to those who have achieved these performances. The weather played havoc with the second day of round 2 for seniors, but some teams still managed to win.

The new pitches at both Yattenden and Masonic are now complete and thanks to the hard work by Tony Senior and Ian Chatman, the surrounds look good. They also did some repair work at Ted Horwood and all these tasks have greatly enhanced the grounds. Council have also carried out some maintenance work at the Crestwood and Yattenden nets, so we have a lot of facilities which have been upgraded in the last few years. Hopefully, the turf pitch at Charles McLaughlin will be ready for round 4, thus bringing all our grounds into action.

The new club shirts have now arrived and were distributed to those present at last Tuesday's monthly meeting

Owzatt is up and running and it is good to see lots of reports being submitted. Please remember to write positive comments about your team or the opposition, even if it is difficult at times. As the publication is on the website, it is open to everyone to read!

PDCA has selected its NSW DCA rep teams and the following players have been selected. Congratulations to all these players:

U11 Creak Shield: James Gardiner, Jake Smith.

U12 Cawsey Shield: George Joseph, Ravi Marwah.

U13 Gee Shield: Blake Newman, Michael Robinson.

U14 Moore Shield: James Dallaway, Joel Pienmunne, Mitchell Webb.

U15 Weblin Shield: Tevin Liynage.

U16 Watson Shield: Ben Abbott, Riley Astill, Michael Bennetts, Nick Bertus, Daniel Chatman, Gabriel Joseph

In2Cricket is up and running on Friday nights at Charles McLaughlin and has about 55 players registered. All senior teams have been allocated one night to come along and assist with coaching, so please make sure you help when rostered.

The first week of the meat raffle and member's badge draw went well and the badge draw was not won, so it has jackpotted to this Saturday. Make sure your name and badge number is registered by emailing your name, badge number and team to jackpotdraw@baulkocricicket.com.au. See you at the Sporto on Saturday night!

Go Baulko!

Peter McLoughlin

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue 4 for 48 Winston Hills 8 for 66 Win on averages

This was our first game of the season and we were all a little nervous at the task ahead. All the boys did very well, as a team getting out only 3 times. Our skills in the field with catching were fantastic taking 9 in total. They played way beyond there years and were always clapping and encouraging their fellow players. A special thanks to Regan from in2Cricket for filling in this week. We really showed them with our bowling getting them on the pitch most balls, giving the team great catching opportunities. So thanks Aidan, Alec, Cody, William, Sam, Cameron, Rufus, Regan, Matthew and Thomas. Also thanks to all parents who helped out on Saturday as we are still without a Coach.

10 Red 7 for 60 Rouse Hill Rams 9 for 58 Win on averages

Dilshan Wijisena 13n.o & 3/13.
Stephen Burns 13 & 2/ 6.
Shane DeSilva 2/2.

A thrilling victory which happened in the last over! Winning the toss & going out to bat on a beautiful day, we got off to a great start. Stephen & Ruvin unsettled them in the first few overs. Our middle order didn't fire very well today & Dilshan batting in the tail today, belted them around & just helped our total creep up a little bit. A good score from our 20 overs. A pacy spell from Stephen Burns saw the stumps shatter in consecutive deliveries in the first over, but was unable to get the hat-trick. Shane DeSilva picked up an excellent 2 wickets bowling at first change. During the middle of their innings, we were unlucky & it did not go our way for a while. It got down to the last couple of overs & we knew that we were in trouble. We needed at least 2 wickets & to keep their runs down to even have a chance at victory. Stephen bowled the second last over & restricted them to one run from the over. It came down to the last over. Dilshan bowled the last over & this over was one of the most exciting overs that under 10 cricket has ever seen. The first & second deliveries were both nicked for runs. Some desperate fielding kept the runs down. The third delivery saw a big hit that fell just short of the boundary. Stephen hunted this ball down & a direct hit from side on, from the fence, gave us a very exciting run out. Dishan backed this up the very next ball, shattering the stumps. A great result, considering that we only played with 10 players due to the dreaded school holidays. A special mention for Ruvin's bowling- 2 overs for 2 maidens. How Ruvin did not get any wickets is only known to the cricket gods. Keep up the great work team.

10 White 5 for 79 Rouse Hill Rams 7 for 84 Win on averages

Our first win for the season!

Baulko won the toss and decided to bat. Sheehan (6) and James (5) opened the batting and go us off to a steady start only losing 1 wicket when James was run out. Runs were difficult to come by with the grass at Parraweena in need of mowing, however, our batsmen stuck to their task with good contributions from Blake (10), Malachi (11), Harrison (9), Eric (8), Toby (9), Johan (7), Binara (4), Yasith (3), Tom (2) and Jaelyn (5). At the end of our 24 overs we had amassed 79 runs.

Baulko's turn to bowl and Johan (1 for 2) and Harrison (0 for 8) opened the bowling and with good line and length saw Johan claim a wicket in his first over when he clean bowled one of the openers. Next to bowl was Malachi (3 for 5) and Blake (3 for 7). Both Malachi and Blake each took 1 wicket in their first spell. From this point onwards wickets proved hard to come by and it was not until the last overs of the game when Malachi and Blake both took 2 wickets in their last over to give us the winning edge by taking our wicket tally to 7 wickets. Blake was unlucky not to achieve a hat trick in his last over having taken 2 wickets in 2 balls. Other bowling figures were Sheehan (0 for 10), Toby (0 for 8), Yasith (0 for 9), James (0 for 7), Eric (0 for 10), Binara (0-for 9) and Jaelyn (0 for 9). All the team fielded well with Malachi taking a great catch.

Best performances were Malachi 3 for 5; and Blake 3 for 7.

11/2 4 for 83 Kings Langley B 4 for 79 First innings win

Improved bowling and fielding laid the foundations for a victory this week.

With maiden overs to Max, Jake, Aaditya, Sushant and Yuvin conceding 1 in two of his overs. Saad, however, trumped them all with a maiden and 2 for 2 from his three overs to achieve the best bowling figures this week. A catch from Blake and near caught and bowled to Jack were highlights. Everyone put in good efforts in the field and were supported by Saxon and Daniel's efforts behind the wickets.

Improved running between the wickets saw Nile (7 Not Out) and Max (13 Not Out) gets us home with 3 overs to spare. We still need to work on our calls and trusting our partners when running between wickets and continue to reduce the impact of S. Undries.

11/1	8 for 120	Winston Hills	10 for 51	First innings win
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Another great effort from the boys.

Playing our first one day game, we were put into bat by Winston Hills. While Blake held up one end, the runs kept flowing from the other. Blake batted exceptionally well to score well made 16. The captain Ramal walked into to bat at no 9 and made a blistering 22. Baulkham Hills finished at 8 for 120 of 31 overs. Ibteeda and Luke J opened the bowling with speed and accuracy.

Some great bowling and fielding saw us roll Winston Hills for 51. Jason as always was outstanding with 3 for 3 from 4 overs. Arsh took 3 great catches in the field. Well done boys.

12/3	10 for 35	Pendle Hill Colts	4 for 36	First innings loss
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It was a tough day for the boys on a day that started at the wrong field. This was soon corrected.

The toss was won by Jimmy Farrell, and the boys went into bat.

A good start by the captain and Jamie Bugden ended at 13 and then a second wicket partnership of 14 by the Farrell brothers was followed by much smaller partnerships to reach a total of 35.

In the field, the boys took 4 wickets before the Colts passed the total. A more competitive score may have seen a win.

The team was always on the back foot with only 9 players but the Pendle Hill Colts were very competitive and made obvious some of the areas that a team full of new faces needed work.

Better luck next time boys. There is a lot of potential. We just need a few games under our belts to capitalise.

12/2	8 for 114	Greystanes	10 for 74	First innings win
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What a game! The dream Team has at last started to come together as a Team! All of you, including all parents, can be proud of your performance today! A special thanks to all the parents who helped out to make this happen!

Connor was the Captain for this match and he did remarkably well to lead our dream team to our first victory! Connor won the toss and elected to bat!

Batting: As usual, Viva & Connor opened the innings. Viva started the score board ticking with an exquisite four! I knew straight away that this match is ours and good tidings cometh our way! All our batsmen contributed very well to the Team total. Nikhil top scored with spectacular pull shots earning him four powerful boundaries, closely followed by James. It was indeed delightful to watch James play with such confidence by relaxing his shoulders and hitting stylish fours. Ricky has put behind the fiasco of his last outing and nonchalantly hit two fours and remained Not Out! Siddanth hit a four and was delightful to watch. Viva was unlucky to be Run Out attempting a quick single when he was looking well settled! True to the gentlemanly spirit of the game, it was touching to see all Greystanes players applaud when Viva was walking back to the stadium. It was such a welcome change to our experience, last week! Cameron announced his intentions to dominate with a powerful straight drive four! Cameron was run out only on the very last ball while attempting a single! Blake, on his debut, was padded up along with Tony but didn't get a chance to bat in this match! Don't worry guys, you will get a chance in the next match. Well done all players!

Bowling: We started our bowling with great expectations! There was even some talk of getting bonus points. Connor & Viva opened the bowling and Viva promptly got the opener out thanks to a spectacular catch by Tony. It was thrilling to watch Tony juggle the ball and roll on the ground to prevent it spilling! What a commitment! A fantastic effort Tony! Well done! Viva soon got the first drop batsman out, as well! Throughout this innings, Snowy did a spectacular effort in wicket keeping. We didn't have time for him to change pads to another to have a chance to bowl! Next match all bowlers who missed out will get a chance! We soon relaxed as we became sure of our victory. But alas! We were distracted and our concentration dropped. The runs started accumulating for Greystanes and soon tension started to grip our throats. At that time, the situation was looking grim for us! Connor & Nikhil came back and broke the ice! A big sigh of relief can be heard from all players! It was such an emotional moment that we even forgot our manners and did not applaud the outgoing batsman who gallantly batted so long! We must make amends when we meet Greystanes again. Siddanth pulled off a miracle by running several metres forward and taking an almost impossible catch! This inspired the whole team to move their game up one notch and Connor & Nikhil combined to get four wickets without giving away any runs. This moment was the turning point of this match. This moment is so special that the spectators will be talking about this for years to come and will indeed be etched for ever in the annals of our Dream Team's history. Soon Connor tossed the ball to Siddanth and Siddanth promptly got the batsman clean bowled! It was all left to Nikhil to finish off the tail so effortlessly that the Greystanes team was left dazed wondering which hurricane swept them away! The icing in the cake was a delightful catch by James, to seal our Victory!

Man of the Match: Nikhil Kuchi.- for a brilliant all round match performance!

Have a wonderful holiday dream team!

12/1	2 for 127	Kings Langley	8 for 125	First innings win
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We won the toss and elected to bowl. Kings Langley was our semi-final opponent last season so we were expecting a tough fight, and they didn't disappoint. We bowled OK, but their opening pair put on a very strong 70-run partnership, hitting the ball to all parts of the ground. Ryan broke through in the 18th over, and it opened the floodgates somewhat. Jimmy came on at the other end and took wickets with his 1st, 2nd and 6th balls, and all of a sudden Kings Langley was 4-83 off 21 overs and we were back in the game.

As a team we have taken some great catches – but the one that James Gardiner took today will be talked about for some time to come. Backward square leg, run and dive to the right, one-hand outstretched – screamer. Gasps and applause from around the ground – incredible. Tom, Daniel, Ryan, Owen and Brad also held onto some good catches – but in general, our ground fielding was a bit sloppy, and it is something we need to tighten up as we progress through the season.

In the end Kings Langley finished with 8 for 125 off their allotted 31 overs. This was a big score, which we thought would test us, but we were encouraged by the size of the boundaries and the speed of the outfield.

Out into bat – and we lost both Michael Bellam and Michael McConnell cheaply despite both of these batsmen starting off with exquisite boundaries. At 2 for 10 our plan to dominate was not looking good. Need not have worried. Owen Smith and Tom Waddups set about establishing an impressive and almost faultless batting display, and together took us to victory with 11 overs and 8 wickets in hand. Owen finished on 61 not out, including 12 fours. Magnificent innings. He has been due for some time, but has had mountains of luck go against him. Today it was all class and powerful hitting. With more overs, his score could have been anything. Tom ended up 37 not out (6 fours), with 2 of his pull shots to the boundary an absolute joy to behold. After a 30 in the first game, he is really in fine form and timing the ball as well as anyone in the comp. Would have loved to have seen both continue their innings – it was a shame that the game came to an end – as they were both on fire and in total command.

What started out as a challenging total we ended up accommodating with ease, even allowing for the initial setbacks. We didn't bowl or field at our best, yet got the points again. This is a fighting team, and it never ceases to amaze me that we get a different individual step-up in performance each week. It is great to watch.

13/2B	10 for 48	Baulkham Hills A	1 for 51	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

13/2A	1 for 51	Baulkham Hills B	10 for 48	First innings win
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Team A won the toss and elected to field on a dampened pitch. Got off to a good start with two wickets falling in the second over. Bowling was spread over most of the team who all performed well, however we gave away more wides and no balls than we would have liked. Something to practice at our next training. Wickets continued to fall and by the 23rd over Team B were all out for 48 runs. Wickets were taken by Jayden (2 for 2), Tanveer (1 for 6), Pavan (2 for 5), Devin (1 for 8), Jackson (1 for 4), Sean (2 for 6) with one run out by a good throw in from Luke, which was well left by wicket keeper Blaine knowing it was going to hit its target. Michael, Humzah, Luke and Shubh also bowled some tidy overs. Three great catches were taken – Daniel (1), Devin (1), and Sean (1). What an entertaining catch by Sean, who used good reflexes to stop the ball at shoulder height. The ball then pitched up into the air and was caught win one hand – well done Sean. Daniel also narrowly missed another catch. Blaine showed excellent wicket keeping skills throughout the innings and for his efforts picked up the fielding award for the match. Other good fielding performances were noted from Humzah, Jackson and Luke, and of course the catch takers.

In to bat we went, with not a big target to achieve however we did not want to underestimate Team B, who showed some good early bowling. Tanveer and Devin opened the batting with Devin falling in the fifth over for 6. Tanveer and Jackson then continued with level heads and some great stroke selections to reach our target by the 15th over (Tanveer 18 runs; Jackson 20 runs - 1 for 51).

Well done boys. Two wins from two starts. An excellent team effort. I was impressed with your sportsmanship after the game, but remember to respect the other team when they are batting. Let's stay focused and keep practicing and refining our skills. Enjoy your school holidays.

13/1	10 for 89	Kings Langley	3 for 101	First innings loss
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It was a very hot day and Baulko started off the day losing the toss and was sent to field.

Michael & Sachin opened the bowling attack with some tight bowling in the initial overs. But Kings Langley's openers equally kept the pressure up on Baulko with some good batting averaging about 3 runs per over. This run rate continued on thru the day eventually them making 101 runs at the end of 31 overs.

It is said that "Catches win Matches" and this was proved very well to Baulko today. Though generally the fielding was not bad, Baulko missed some great opportunities to break the opening partnership as well as dismissing the subsequent batsmen, dropping 4 potential catches during the match. Had those catches been held, it may well have been a different story altogether.

Kings Langley did not lose their 1st wicket till Bryce came on to bowl and claimed it in his 4th over. 2nd & 3rd wicket fell to George & Ishmam.

Baulko was slightly slow in the keeping up the required over rate and by 10.10am only 29 overs were completed thereby requiring Baulko to make the requisite runs in only 29 overs instead of the normal 31 overs.

Baulko started its batting and lost an early wicket in the 1st over. However Amar & George did show restraint and kept the scores ticking till 43 when Amar got out LBW in the 14th over. George followed soon after for another LBW. Rest of Baulko team while they tried their best, found it difficult to keep up the required run rate going without losing wickets which kept falling at regular intervals.

Baulko finished up making 89 runs when the last wicket fell at the last ball of the day thereby losing to Kings Langley.

I am sure Baulko would be looking forward to the next match after holidays break to taste its next victory.

14/3	9 for 121	Seven Hills RSL	9 for 127	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

14/2	2 for 55	Guildford Leagues	10 for 54	First innings win
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No report submitted.

14/1B	3 for 161	AKA Crusaders	3 for 165	First innings loss
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Baulko batted first in this one-day match. We put on a very competitive score, batting very well! Joshua Stevenson scored 65 and Joshua Balzarolo scored 57 no. These openers led the way, with some good late batting to give us something to defend. In the field we were a bit slow and our bowling not as tight as was needed. AKA batted very well and got up with a couple of overs to spare. All of our bowlers went for runs, with Antonio Castellarin and Samuel Bennetts taking a wicket each and Samuel Bennetts affecting a good run out.

There were too many lost opportunities through dropped catches and misfielding against some very good batting.

Good luck next game, boys.

14/1A	8 for 135	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 41	First innings win
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The first one-dayer for the season and quite a convincing win. We didn't get off to the best of starts with Joel being out early for a duck. This brought in Jack Delaney (42) who with Jonathan (30) put on an excellent partnership of 67 runs and we were cruising at 1 for 73 in the 15th over. Suddenly the Wenty bowlers found they line and we lost 5 quick wickets for 10 runs (Mitch 0, Jack F. 2, Praveen 7, and Jack M. 4) to be 6 for 83 in the 22nd over. Enter Taseen to top score with 29 and share a partnership of 38 runs with Blake, before Blake was run out for 19 trying to push the score along. James batting at number 9 compiled a solid 1 to take us to a respectable 135.

Our opening bowlers put Wenty behind the eight ball from the start. Anoop (0/4 off 4 over) and James (3/3 off 4) dismissed the top order within the first few overs. Blake (2/7 off 4) and Mitch (1/9 off 4) kept on the pressure and Jonathan was brought in to clean up the tail taking the last three wickets for eight runs off 4 overs. Jack M. bowled another good spell of leg spin finishing with 0/7 off 4 overs.

15/3	10 for 30	Kellyville	9 for 161	First innings loss
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Another disappointing start to the season with only eight players for the game against a strong ex -second division team. Some great bowling by Kausthub with his 4/39 off 7 overs. Hugh also bowled well with his 2/18 off 3 overs. The other wicket takers with one wicket each were Karanbir, Mahir and Blake. The top order for Kellyville did the damage early, once you got those four batters out you managed to bowl four out for ducks. There were fewer byes this game guys, well done, especially Dineth at wicketkeeper. Some good fielding and captaining by Brendan. Well done to Brendan, Mahir, Kausthub, Hugh and Blake who all took catches. Fantastic efforts by Jack who played with his two broken fingers and batted one handed to score 6 not out. The team couldn't ask for any more commitment so thanks heaps Jack. Next game guys we need to give fewer wides and no balls away. A little work is also needed on our running between wickets because every run counts so be on the look out for those extras. Great effort guys. Good luck next game.

15/2	10 for 144	Pendle Hill Colts	6 for 163	First innings loss
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Pendle Hill won the toss and not surprisingly elected to bat. Pendle Hill maintained a healthy scoring rate through most of its innings on the fast outfield against the 10 player Baulko team. All the bowlers had some good moments, but there is a general need for greater consistency of line and length to ensure pressure on the batsmen is maintained for long periods. Ben Graham was the pick of the bowlers and deserved better figures than his return of 1 for 33 off 8 overs. James Galofaro picked up 2 wickets with Udit Pillay and Adarsh Subramaniam taking a wicket each. Damian Wilks again fielded well and picked up a run out. Pendle Hill finished its 31 overs at 6 for 163, a gettable target.

The Baulkham Hills reply was led by a magnificent innings of 47 from Saj Howpage which included 5 4s, and featured good technique and shot selection. Saj received good support from Blaine O'Brien (19), Amol Marwah (22), and James Galofaro (16). However, on each occasion we threatened to get into a winning position, a wicket or 2 would fall with the consequent loss of momentum in the run chase. The team finally being all out for 144 in the last over.

As with the Kings Langley game, there were some encouraging signs. Some more consistency across the board will see this team chalk up several wins this season.

15/1	8 for 105	Wenty Leagues	7 for 102	First innings win
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We lost the toss and were asked to field in this one-day match. Wenty got off to a flying start, which was expected. Although this was happening we stuck to our game plan. The runs started to dry up and the wickets soon followed. Great bowling by Tev who was well backed up by Riz and Dohni. Wenty Leagues 7 for 102 after 31 overs.

Our new opening partnership Captain Mase and Jackie Chan got us off to a terrific start with excellent running between the wickets and almost perfect shot selection combining to provide a 50 plus run partnership with still 23 overs left. Fro and Riz kept the runs flowing through the middle order. A few quick wickets and it was left to Dohni and Bails (who hit the winning run) to bring us home with 5 overs and 2 wickets to spare. Baulkham Hills 8 for 105 after 31 overs.

A fantastic turn-around from last weeks performance lads. Let's keep it up, there is still along way to go.

Jack DWYER 24

Asad RIZVI 22

Tevin LIYANAGE 10 overs 4 maidens 4 for 16

Asad RIZVI 6 overs 2 maidens 2 for 24

16/1	6 for 151	Kings Langley	5 for 153	First innings loss
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The two grand finalists from last season got to face off early in this round 2 battle. We won the toss and decided to bat, preferring to post a large score and get them to chase it. We started well, with Ron Tatko being elevated to opener and he scored a quick fire 11 in 11 balls, including a lovely straight six, before being bowled by a good inswinging yorker. Our other opener Nick Webber scored a solid 38, and showed he will be solid in the top order, particularly in the two day format. Ben Delaney scored a solid 28 and Ben Abbott a whirlwind 22. Taseen churned the strike nicely in the last 15 overs to help get the big hitters on strike also. 153 for 6 was a good score but we really wanted 180, so we needed to contain them. Unfortunately our bowlers were too loose and some of our fielding is still a bit rusty and we dropped some catches that probably would have delivered us a victory. Omal behind the stumps was however sharp and moved very well which was great to see. Ben Abott bowled well and was sharp with 2 wickets for 24 runs in 8 overs. In hindsight the use of spin may have been appropriate as it would have taken the pace off the ball as the opposition flayed at everything in an effort to smash their way to victory. With vital wickets in hand they were victorious with an over to go, and good luck to them as success often favours the bold.

Our first two games have been good but we can do better and we will. We still have some talent that have not had a chance to bat or bowl but will get their chance in the next few matches and I am sure they will take it with both hands. As a newly combined team from last year's U15 1st and 2nd division teams we are still pulling it all together and learning how to combine the talent and the team cultures. It is a learning process for the coach as well as the players. We are just warming up and we can fine tune a lot of things. Our best form is definitely ahead of us, of that the players and the coaching panel are certain.

Round 1: Baulko 3-261 dec defeated Kellyville 167 and 2-56

A great start to the season for the boys. After a tumultuous off season, in which 7 players left from both the U15 division 1 and 2 teams from last season, the newly combined 1st division team were keen to start their campaign. We lost the toss and were sent in, so we decided to open with Nick Bertus, who was making his cameo appearance for the team before higher duties call. Nick was superb making 118 no and we wish him well with his grade cricket and rep cricket, but in particular we wish him all the best with the tour of the Caribbean with the Australian U16 team. Ben Abbott (58) and Michael Bennetts (52 no) also batted extremely well with hard hitting half centuries before we declared at 3-261 off 37 overs. Our bowling was good early with Riley Astill and Jason Foskett asking plenty of questions of their batsman. Jason Foskett almost unplayable and got the crucial break through before stumps on day 1. On day 2 Ben Abbott took 3/3 in the first innings and then took another 2

wickets in their second innings to round off a fabulous first up effort. Michael Bennetts took 3 very valuable wickets also to end up with the 1st innings bowling figures of 3/61.

All in all an excellent first outing for the team, which will improve as more players get a chance to contribute with bat and ball, as the season unfolds.

B14	10 for 117	Rouse Hill Rams	2 for 30	Draw - No play day 2
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B Hills won the toss and elected to bat in fine, warm conditions. The highlight of the B Hills innings was a sound 48 run partnership for the 3rd wicket between David Hugill, who top scored with 31 and Jimmy Ou who made a solid 27. Unfortunately, the last 7 wickets could only add another 50 runs, despite a good innings of 26 from Matt Toomey. Rouse Hill commenced their innings and reached 2 for 30 when bad light stopped play. A wicket each for Jeff Foskett and Chris Soares.

No play was possible on the second day and the match finished in a draw.

B13	10 for 234	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 144	First innings win
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No report submitted.

B11	10 for 240	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 79, 10 for 125	Outright win
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A new season is back and an opportunity to wipe the dust off our bags and get back into the swing of things. After umpiring duties the team was looking forward to start the season proper in solid fashion. The opening day saw Baulko win the toss and in warm conditions decide to bat first. On the small ground that Harold West is, it was important to bat well and post a reasonable target. This was done via some good knocks from Pete (42), Tim C (46), Dane (45), Sul (20) and some lusty hitting from Nil (40), posting a good total of 240 just before stumps on Day 1. There was time to get a couple of overs in before stumps and we took full advantage to have them at 2/5 at stumps day 1.

Day 2 saw an interrupted start to the day with some showers in which both Pendle Hill and the umpires were very keen to have a early one. After some cleaning of the pitch and with the rain clearing, we managed to clean them up for 79, despite some aggressive batting from what seemed the whole team, in which they scored at 5 runs an over before being dismissed. Sensing a dominant position, we enforced the follow on which allowed us to rotate some of the bowlers and give some overs to those that don't get as many as the front liners. Pendle Hill batted much better in the 2nd innings, with some typical flashy shot making in which their opener belted 82 with numerous sixes and sending a 2nd over new ball down the drain from an adjacent street. Pendle Hill raced to 2/94 at over a run a ball on the tiny ground, in which our openers returned to clean them up. This was done mostly from AB who steamrolled their batting order to take 5/6 and Pendle Hill was dismissed and defeated outright just before dark.

A good start to the season and a win in which this team hasn't won an opening game of the season for a long time. It is expected after the first round of results although, that Pendle Hill maybe the Derby County of last season's premier league, in which all teams will comfortably account for them. Nevertheless, a win is a win and a positive start to a new and hopefully fun season!

B10	2 for 35	Merrylands Social	10 for 185	Draw - No play day 2
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B9	10 for 182	Parramatta Crusaders	0 for 13	Draw - No play day 2
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No report submitted.

B8	10 for 246	Parramatta Crusaders	10 for 131	First innings win
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WE WON THE TOSS, WE WON THE TOSS, WE WON THE TOSS. Hallelujah, Thank God, Praise the Lord, Ding Dong the witch is dead, let the pigeons out, Kill some farm yard animals, Where are the virgins? Crank won the toss!!

The stage was set for the toss, the breeze was light and the sun was warming and expectations were high. Not from the baulko 11 though. Cranks licked his lips with anticipation and expectation. The umpire asked for his choice of head or tails, in past Cranks with a sense of defeat having lost all previous attempts at the toss and used to saying "I don't care, I will lose anyway" barked quickly, "Heads" !!. Up went the coin, a shinny 2008 20 cent piece. Time seemed to slow as Crank watched with intent, the coin spinning slowly in the air, light sparkled and danced off the coin, which made Crank think momentarily of happier times as he was running and skipping through a field of flowers as a boy, chasing butterflies and singing, anywho...that's another story in the life and disturbing times of Crank. The coin was now making its way down to the earth and into the history books. Crank finally did it. All the tossing practice mid week (with and without the coin) paid dividends. That bulging right bicep finally did its job. Crank was now in the very unfamiliar territory of winning a toss and, so used to trudging back to the team to barrages of abuse, laughter, disbelief and calls for someone else to toss in the future was unsure how to respond when the umpire and opposing captain was waiting for his response. The benefit of playing 45 years of cricket paid off when he remembered the whisperings in his ear from his school's cricket mentor Father Richard "Dicko" Grabber,

back in 1958 at the Holly Trinity Reform School for the Mentally Handicapped. He said to him, “young Crankster, I doubt you will ever captain a cricket team but if do, and you win a toss, always bat first, now pick up that coin. The glint in Cranks eyes fired up as he said with renewed confidence” We will have a bat”! Shock waves went around the ground as the opposition captain lost the unlosable toss!!

Once the smelling salts were passed around to the largely semi conscious Baulko team, with Daniel Chatman suffering from shock and needed medical attention, it was ok though, we wrapped him in a blanket and had him sit down in the shade for a while. We gathered ourselves for a day batting against last seasons B 8’s grand finalists.

The opening partnership re united again from last season started off with a cracking boundary off the first ball by The Wiley Old Fox. The Motivation Coach reprising his role as Raul Dravid from last season plundered 6 runs off the 345 balls faced with an estimated 339 of those beating him outside off stump. The Fox had lost nothing from last season as he took to the bowling only to be caught by a freakish one handed catch from a guy who wasn’t even looking at the ball. Evan bringing his recent good form into this match looked solid yet uninspired against the feeble opposition bowling. Evan effortlessly made 27 allowing Cranks and the D Meister to chip in with scores of 43 and 32 well made runs respectively. The partnership and indeed the best batting of the innings came from a great partnership of 89 between Martin (53) and some fine batting from Easy producing his best knock for Baulko of 39 Not Out. AG produced a fine knock and he really placed fear in the bowlers’ hearts when we play them again in round 2 with scoring a well crafted fourth ball duck.

Baulko all out at days end for 246.

Day 2 started as the rain gave way to cricket.

The crusaders thought the best way to best us was to go on the attack. This strategy seemed to be working for them as they cruised to 7-81. Stand out bowling from The Fox, JC and Just Evan who picked up 3 wickets and a superb catch. Monty Burns bowled with fire and great pace and proved too good for the batsman constantly troubling all of them and allowing a great spell from Easy to pick up 2 good wickets. 2 good catches from Mr. Cricket as crucial times plus catches from the Motivational Coach and Crank rounded off a good all round fielding display. Hmmm well except for the dropped sitters at 2nd slip by D Meister and Evan. The crusaders limped to all out for 131 and handed Baulko their second convincing win.

Highlight of the day went to Evans mum producing a birthday cake and suitably embarrassing him as we sung him happy birthday for his 18th birthday for the next day. We hope Evans hang over has finally given way.

B7A	10 for 100	Kings Langley	2 for 102	First innings loss
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B. McLaren 35 & 2 for 43

Jug Penalties:

B. McLaren - Forgetting Cricket Attire

M. Ritchie - At Fault In Run-Out

R. Deane - Duck

D. Henry - Duck

R. Deane - Dropped Catch

Not the best start to the season lads.

Though the jug committee were relatively happy.

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B3	5 for 136	Wenty Leagues	10 for 111	First innings win
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Things started off poorly by losing the toss, so we ended up in the field. However both Dave Higginbotham (2/7) and David Cope (5/55) took early wickets, which then kept falling at regular intervals. Our fielding was good and we restricted their scoring until the last-wicket pair (helped by a dropped catch by the skipper) put on 40-odd before Sam Freeman took the final wicket with the score on 111.

Our batting started a bit shaky with Sam dismissed for a duck, but Greg (35) bludgeoned the bowling to all parts ably supported by Dave Higginbotham who was dismissed on 47. Actually Dave raised his bat just before he got out. When the team score reached 100, amid the applause he thought that was his fifty! Silly bugger! We passed the opponents score comfortably with many of our top bats still in the shed, and finished the day (and subsequently the match, as day two was a washout) at 5/136.

Great win lads! (Dave Cope now waiting for a call-up in India! – 12 wickets in two innings)

B2	0 for 4	Wenty Leagues	10 for 266	Draw - No play day 2
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No report submitted.

A	DNB	Guildford Leagues	10 for 236	Draw - No play day 2
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With Charles McLaughlin still not prepared the great hope was that we would be relocated to the bowling green that is Guildford's home ground, McCredie Park. Alas no such luck would befall A-grade, and instead we were banished to Ted Horwood 2, along with its innumerable tufts of grass which gave the ground a strong resemblance to a giant pin ball machine, hardly the field of dreams.

Losing the toss and being put out to pasture on a warm day seemed to have its benefits, with the bat being beaten regularly; the pace seemingly too much for the opposition's opening pair. However, the early breakthrough once again eluded Baulkham Hills. It wasn't until the 16th over that a very sharp chance was taken by Dooley overhead at cover from the bowling of young pacesman Jack Townsend who bowled a fantastic opening spell in which runs were simply nonexistent (1/5 off 8 in his 1st spell).

Their number 3 signalled his intent with boundaries struck square, either side of the wicket before he offered up an inside edge which was duly snapped up by the diving and highly impressive young wicket keeper Mark Ryan from the bowling of Keenan Galas (1/42 off 11). The second wicket resulted in a sustained period of run scoring from the opposition thanks largely to aggressive stroke play from their captain, with the score going from 1-25 after the first hour to 2-90 after the second hour. While the opposition skipper gave no clear cut chances the remaining opener flirted with danger time and time again, top edging on numerous occasions to the fine leg region.

The third stanza was the captains' show with the Guildford captain continuing on his merry way until he hammered an off drive in the vague vicinity of the Baulkham Hills captain Sumit Kalia. Sumit dived full length to his weaker left side, got parallel to the ground with some serious height and took an astonishing catch, for both its skill and athleticism, as well as its critical nature given that the opposing captain looked set for a hundred, and a big one at that! It may only be round 2, but short odds will be administered for that being catch of the season! For good measure Sumit also ran out their remaining opener with a direct hit while following through from his own delivery and also managed to provide another run out late in the innings to complete a simply outstanding day in the field.

With less certain batsman at the crease thanks to brilliant fielding Baulkham Hills went about minimising the run chase and did a good job of it with Trent Hession (4/37 off 9) coming back strongly; his persistence and pace proving too much for the middle and lower order resulting in his capturing of 4 quick wickets. Amazingly, despite being among the quicker bowlers at the club Trent attained one of his wickets via a stumping thanks to the guile and skill of keeper Mark Ryan who exploited an off balance batsman from 10 yards back. In addition Adam Tinley once again showed that his accuracy and bounce is a difficult combination to contend with taking 1/44 off 13 to cap off another professional bowling effort.

While the bowling effort was quite pleasing our fielding effort was either feast or famine with some stunning catches, run outs and a stumping being affected only to be nullified by occasional sloppy ground fielding and a few aerial concessions being granted to the opposition who established a sizeable target of 237 for Baulkham Hills to chase down.

With 3 consecutive hot Saturdays season 2008-09 looked too had left behind the cricketing curse of constant rainfall that characterised season 2007-08. Looks can be deceiving, rain set in and day two was washed out without a ball being bowled.