

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:

B9	Outright win	12/3	Outright win
B13	Outright win	11/1	Outright win

Individual Achievements

Pat Mamo	B2	101 no & 3/11	Karanbir Singh	15/3	3/7
John Jerome	B2	81	Jack Michie	14/1A	3/10
Brad Murphy	B2	3/23	Josh Balzarolo	14/1B	Hat Trick (3/2)
Troy Higginbotham	B2	3/26	Trent Samuels	14/1B	31
Roger Deane	B7A	5/38	Antonio Castellarin	14/1B	30
Brett Stapleton	B7A	52	Ishmam Masud	13/1	2/10
Darren Tipton	B7A	40	Joe Macrae	13/1	2/24
Evan Platt	B8	9/10 & 1/4	Raad Monir	13/2B	2/10
Daniel Chatman	B8	47	Owen Smith	12/1	23
Tony Senior	B8	46	Liam Graham	12/1	2/10
Ward Koski	B8	45	Troy Black	12/1	2/10
A Triikka	B9	5/25	Tom Waddups	12/1	2/20
N Dias	B9	64	C Ryan	12/2	28 no
A Chauhan	B9	52	S Fernando	12/2	2/2
Grant Korny	B10	5/29	R Misra	12/2	2/7
John Weatherall	B10	74 no	T Sebastian	12/2	2/13
Ian Renton	B13	63	C Cavaleri	12/2	2/16
Adam Fahey	B13	4/23	Milo B	12/3	21
Chris Soares	B14	7/51 & 4/23	Jimmy Farrell	12/3	2/2
Dave Hugill	B14	58 no	Christian Fogarty	12/3	2/13
Michael Bennetts	16/1	60	Blake Peisley	11/1	31
R Astill	16/1	4/31	Nathan Hamilton	11/1	29
Matthew Newson	16/1	3/19	Jason Luther	11/1	27 no
Aidan Cousin	15/2	57	Daniel Joller	11/2	2/21
Tevin Liyanage	15/2	3/30			

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
December 13 2008	B8	12/1
December 20 2008	B3	12/2
January 10 2009	No junior games	16/1
January 17 2009	No junior games	15/2

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
January 24 2009	B3
February 7 2009	B7
February 21 2009	B10
March 7 2009	B13

The President's Roundup

Christmas is fast approaching, with just 3 more days of cricket left. On behalf of the committee I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you back in the New Year. To the committee, coaches, managers, captains etc, thanks for your work so far. It is most appreciated.

Our teams are still performing well, with most senior teams in the top 4 places. The junior results are spread more, which is what you would expect in a club of this size. There were two standouts in the last round - Pat Mamo (B2 Captain) who made 101 no (I believe it was his first century) and Evan Platt (B8) who took 9/10 - yep it is correct. Now he is off at schoolies! Well done to all players.

A reminder to all team officials and players - please ensure that you look after the native landscape. We don't want to see branches being broken on trees or damage being caused. Please look after the parks. And please clean up any rubbish before you leave the parks.

The 90th Anniversary Wine offer is open now and there are some nice wines available including the aptly named "Horwood Reserve", all of which would make a nice addition to your cellar or a great present for Christmas. The 90th anniversary wines are available for purchase, so contact the webmaster to get an order form.

The annual match against the Bankstown takes place on Sunday February 1. We are looking for players for the senior match, so if you are interested please contact Tony Senior or me.

The NSW DCA competition has reached the final week for juniors. The PDCA U13 Gee Shield is playing in the final at Pearce Res Kings Langley this coming Sunday. Get along and support the team. The game starts at 10am. The U15 Weblin Shield made the semis, but lost last week. The seniors are still playing - with U19 Durham Shield and the open Martin Shield in action next weekend - Durham is at Charles McLaughlin

We were pleased to welcome Craig McLean, from Cricket NSW at our meeting on Tuesday. Craig is the Sydney West Cricket Manager and looks after our area.

In2Cricket finishes on Friday night - the program has again been well supported with some 65 children registered. The program has run well, due to the hard work from our co-ordinator Chris Springall. Thanks for your work this season Chris. And thanks to those committee members who have helped regularly during the season. Also a big thank you to the senior players who have turned up when rostered on. Your help is most appreciated. The big kids' award for the most enjoyment by a senior player is held by Steve Sarlog as we approach the last week!

Player umpire duty is a task which we do, albeit reluctantly. But a few points to remember when umpiring:

- Dress correctly – if you read the blue book it lists suitable attire
- Don't have your phone turned on when out in the centre. AND don't talk on the phone whilst umpiring! A club had their umpiring talking on the phone & giving an LBW at the same time!!!!!!
- Remember, you have the same power as an official B&W umpire – you are official as well. So if problems are occurring, then talk to the captain and if it is not remedied, then report the matter to the Executive and PDCA. Action will be taken for serious offences!

Don't forget the meat raffle and members badge draw - held on the first week of each round at the sports club - this Saturday is the last one for 2008. It will recommence on January 24 next year. This week the draw will take place around 7pm. The members draw jackpot is at \$200 this week. 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	7 for 129	Guildford Leagues	9 for 119	Win on averages
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Another great win for the boys. Winning the toss and batting for the first week they put on an impressive 58 runs off the bat. Alex top scored with 12 followed by Aidan with 11 and Cameron with 8. Josh scored his first run for the season and is ready to take on the bowling attack in the next games. It was difficult for some of the batsmen as they had to face long bouts of consistent no balls from the bowling team. Week 2 saw us in the field and although we bowled a massive 74 extras over the day the standout performances came from William A with 2/11, Thomas 2/22 and a wicket each for Rufus, Aidan and Joshua who also took his first wicket for the season by hitting middle stump. With only 1 loss so far during the season the boys continue to improve week on week and will be a challenge for any of the opposition they meet in the future. A special thanks to our enthusiastic parents.

10 Red	12 for 80	Wenty Waratahs	Did not bat	Draw, Day 2 wash out
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A disappointing result for the game between the two top undefeated teams. We started off poorly with a couple of early wickets & a couple of silly run outs. We clawed our way back with some much better middle order batting. Although a low average, we were confident in our bowling attack but we were washed out in week 2. Let's hope the weather is more kind to us next game!

10 White	7 for 158	Kings Langley	9 for 111	Win on averages
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On damp and cold Saturday morning Kings Langley won the toss and decided to bat.

Jaelyn (0 for 12) and Eric (0 for 17) opened the bowling and kept the Kings Langley opening batsmen quiet with some consistent bowling. Malachi (0 for 3) was next to bowl with 3 very tight overs, 2 of which were maidens. Toby (0 for 8) also bowled very well with good line and length. This spell of bowling was so accurate it forced the Kings Langley batsmen to take chances with their running and 3 great run outs were the result. Malachi made 2 of the run outs and Sheehan 1 with some excellent fielding and throwing to affect the run outs. Next to bowl was Blake (0 for 6) and Harrison (1 for 7) and again the accuracy of this pairs bowling saw more chances taken by the batsmen and another run out was affected, this time by Binara with a great return to the keeper. Sheehan (2 for 6) and Johan (1 for 5) really pressed our advantage home with 3 wickets between them. Tom (1 for 10) and Binara (0 for 9) both bowled well to keep the run rate slow. Sarthak (0 for 14) and Nicholas (0 for 14) completed the innings on a positive note for Baulko with some well directed final overs.

Baulko's turn to bat and Malachi (25 no) and Sheehan (18 no) opened the batting and got us off to a great start, both batsmen hitting boundaries on a very slow outfield. The running between wickets was a feature of this opening partnership. Next in to bat was Binara (9) and Harrison (14 no) and they kept the momentum going with some good shots all around the wicket. They were followed by Johan (12) and Sarthak (12 no) with both these batsmen moving the score along at a good pace. Blake (18 no) and Nicholas (17) were the next batsmen in with both scoring their highest innings for the season. Eric (10) and Tom (10) both batted well with Eric giving his new bat a good baptism of fire in its first game. Jaelyn (11 no) and Yasith (3) were our final pair and managed to keep the Kings Langley bowlers at bay ensuring that we only lost a total of 7 wickets.

This was a great win for the team, scoring more runs and taking more wickets than the opposition.

Best performances were:-

Batting: Malachi 25 not out; Sheehan 18 not out; Blake 18 not out; Nicholas 17

Bowling: Sheehan 2 for 6; Harrison 1 for 7; Johan 1 for 5; Tom 1 for 10

Fielding: Malachi with 2 run outs.

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No report submitted.

11/1	6 for 202	Kellyville	10 for 50, 10 for 44	Outright win
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After a Round 5 washout, everyone was looking forward to this game, particularly our team coaches. Kellyville was in seventh position and we were looking for a good win, the coaches wanting to test the boys for a chance of our first outright victory.

Our Captain this game was Jason Luther but once again our luck deserted us and we lost the toss. Kellyville promptly sent us in to bat and thus we got what we wanted from the toss anyway.

It would be an understatement to say that our batting started slowly, with the scoreboard ticking over at just 2.5 runs per over for the first 20 overs thanks mostly to sundries. Remarkably though, our wickets remained intact until the 26th over when the first wicket fell at 78. This is by far our best opening partnership, thanks to Blake (31) and Ibteeda (18) and it turned out to be very important indeed.

Nathan (29) came in at number three and smashed the first ball for four in a deliberate show of aggression. Likewise, Jason (27*) batting at six and Jake (18) batting at eight also showed controlled aggression, with all three desperately trying to run singles whenever possible. Other batsmen included Arsh, Chris, Luke M and Luke J who unfortunately didn't enjoy the same success this game or batted for only a limited time at the end of the innings. Arsh was particularly unlucky when a run out throw from Kellyville struck him on the ankle forcing him to retire hurt on a score of 2* (and he was looking good too!)

At the end of the innings our boys had amassed a score of 6 for 202 rounding out a run rate of slightly more than 4 runs per over. This is a fantastic score and one that should win almost every game at this level. How important it is to get that good start!

Day two came and so did the rain and what a pity it would have been not to make use of that big batting effort. Thankfully, Kellyville's ground held up really well and the rain seemed to stop on cue a few minutes before play started.

Knowing that we had enough runs for an outright win, the boys were easily revved up and were ready for some quick wickets, although Kellyville had other ideas. Not until the 14th over did we finally get the breakthrough thanks to an in-swing from Ramal that was clipped off the pads and looped to square leg for a catch to Jake. This seemed to get things going, as Chris then put a delivery through middle and leg stump the very next over. Arsh then picked up our third wicket (bowled) just before an early drinks break. After drinks wickets fell as quick as you could count them with Kellyville losing their last 6 wickets in only eight overs for a miserly 14 runs. Kellyville were all out for 50 (batting one man short) and it was only 10:35 am. Suddenly an outright win was looking good!

After inviting Kellyville to bat once more we were soon back in the field and ready for more wickets. This time Nathan got things going in the second over with a fine diving catch from an edge to 1st slip (Jake). After a short delay wickets again tumbled but time was running out just as fast. Luckily though, one of Kellyville's batsmen had a party to attend, so when the eighth wicket fell on the second last ball of the day an outright victory was ours.

Wickets this game went to almost everyone including Arsh with four; Ibtteeda, Jason, Luke M, Michael and Nathan each getting two and Chris, Jake and Ramal picking up one each. Catches went to Michael with three, Jake with two and one to each of Luke M and Arsh.

All up this was a very good game and it showed this team can apply their skills for the full 100 odd overs in a game. The fact that this team is a well-rounded bunch of kids who can all contribute, should keep our opposition worried. Keep up the great effort boys, your parents are very proud of you. Let's go get AKA Crusaders next game at home.

12/3	8 for 106, 0 for 8	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 17, 10 for 96	Outright win
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Not a perfect match but got a perfect result – outright win. Still a lot to work on like backing up in the field. Overall though the team worked well together and got the desired result against a depleted Wenty Waratahs team.

Special mention to Milo for his 21 and Christian for his 2/13 with a double wicket in his third over and Francis for his direct hit run-out off a misfield

The team's second win and it was a big one. Well done!

12/2	4 dec 117	Kings Langley	10 for 62, 2 for 9	First innings win
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No report submitted.

12/1	7 for 76	Wenty Leagues	8 for 75	First innings win
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Our bowling won us this game. We were able to strangle the opposition's run scoring via accurate and consistent bowling. Some of the bowling figures were outstanding. Owen Smith bowled 8 overs, 6 maidens, 1 for 3. James Gardiner 8 overs, 6 maidens, 0 for 3. In total, we bowled 24 maiden overs out of the allotted maximum of 55. After 45 overs, the opposition were only 3 for 43 – testament to the perfect line and length each bowler was able to deliver. We bowled all 11 players, so it was not just restricted to a few. Liam Graham, Troy Black and Tom Waddups all captured 2 wickets each. I don't think we put down a chance in field, and it was topped off by a run out executed through a beautiful return from the boundary by Tim Anstee right over the stumps into the wicketkeeper's gloves. Wenty had no choice but to throw the bat in the last few overs, and finished at 8 for 75 off the 55 overs. We were very happy with that result.

What should have been an easy run chase was hampered by a delayed, rain-affected start and a quick trip home for the kitty litter to dry out the run-up at one end. Both teams were keen to take the field and go for a result, so we waited for the skies to clear and to outfield to (marginally) dry. Our innings started off with a flyer, being 1 for 36 off the first 10 overs. It looked like we were going to wrap this one up quickly. But as is our way, the team decided to put the coach and spectators through the wringer again, and at 7 for 57 after 24 overs, things started to look a bit shaky. However, Tom Waddups (11 no) and Brad

Ripps (6 no) put their heads down and batted very sensibly to finish the game off with no further loss of wickets. We ended up at 7 for 77 of 32 overs, taking first innings points although not as easily as it should have been. Best batting was Owen Smith with a well compiled 23.

The top two teams are drawn next. We'll have to be on top of our game leading into Xmas to remain in contention.

13/2B	10 for 76	Wenty Leagues	4 for 119	First innings loss
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This match proved to be a disappointing result. The boys have practiced diligently over the last couple of weeks which showed during the game but unfortunately not in the result.

Batting has improved and it is very pleasing to see them scoring some runs. Everyone chipped in to do their little bit. Every week the batting is improving and runs are getting just that little bit easier to come by. Everyone is starting to understand the importance of backing up at the bowler's end which then makes running so much easier.

Our bowling, for the short time on week one wasn't up to our normally good standard. But we bowled very well the second week. Everyone bowled very well, especially in the wet and slippery conditions. But anytime you have to bowl with wet ball it is going to be difficult to bowl out the opposition. This game saw the boys take all the catches that went to hand again as a result of the hard work everyone put in at training.

Unfortunately with a wet slippery ball we didn't quite have enough runs. Things are starting to come together so with a bit of luck we will turn the corner for the rest of the season.

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Nothing to report

13/1	Did not bat	Pendle Hill Colts	9 for 164	Draw, Day 2 wash out
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Baulko lost the toss and was sent to field. On windy and changing weather conditions Baulko started the attack and was conceding more than 3 runs an over in the initial stages. When the 1st bowling change happened and when Ishmam came into bowl he broke the opening partnership for a good catch by George going down the leg stump. 2nd wicket fell when the score was 49 from a lofted catch to Koski at square leg off Joe's 2nd over. In the meantime, at the other end Pendle Hills other opening batsman was still going good and looked to be aiming for a huge score when he fell for another good catch by Koski off again Joe's tight spell just at the time of drinks break. 4th & 5th wickets fell when the score was 122 and the run rate started slowing down. Further wickets fell at regular intervals and Pendle Hills finished their inning at 9 for 164. Michael, Sachin, Ravi & Bryce got a wicket each while Ishmam & Joe took 2 each.

Following week game was washed out due to rains and the match ended in a Draw.

Ishmam was declared Man of the Match for his good spell of 2 wickets for 10 runs off 7 overs.

14/3	3 for 101	Kellyville	10 for 99	First innings win
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No report submitted.

14/2	10 for 51, 10 for 60	Pendle Hill Colts	6 dec 125	Outright loss
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Starting Round 2 put us up against the competition leaders who beat us fairly comfortably in Round 1– so we knew we would have our work cut out this game.

Batting first against some good pace bowling, the guys never got going and soon found themselves bowled out for 51. Jack Marton showed the rest of the guys how to bat by defending solidly and putting away the bad ball to be left 11 no at the end of the innings. Being bowled out inside 26 overs was a bit disappointing – the bowling was good, but not that good!

We started the Pendle Hill innings very well with some excellent pace bowling, particularly by Tom Lockhart (2-17). At one stage we had Pendle Hill 4-23 and an upset was a real possibility. To Pendle Hill's credit, they steadied the ship and worked past us by stumps. Resuming on the second day they batted another hour to declare at 6-125. The guys applied themselves well in the field and kept the run scoring down to about 2.5 runs per over – a good effort against the top team. What made the effort more meritorious was that with players away and injured we were only able to field 8 players for the second day of the game.

Unfortunately, the guys were bowled out for 61 in the second innings to lose outright. While Pendle Hill bowled pretty well it was certainly not the incisive bowling we faced in the first innings. Too many batsmen gave their wickets away playing the wrong shot and not applying enough determination to bat the game out. Jack Marton was again the only person to make double figures (18) through a fine display of technique and temperament.

Hopefully we will get back on track next game.

Round 5 - Versus Kellyville

Winning the toss we chose to bowl despite being a couple of players down. The innings started well with all the bowlers on line and the catches being held. At drinks, we had them 7-55 and were ready to finish the innings off. Unfortunately, Kellyville managed to hold us out for another 23 overs and to build a score of 118. The bowling was consistently good, with standout performances by Haytham Shokry (3-17 off 9 overs) and Tom Lockhart (2-6 off 6 overs). Good contributions also from Amit Balakrishnan (2-18) and Jason Grewal (2-12).

The major "excitement" of the day was poor Taylor Stewart, filling in for our regular keeper Jack Marton who was away on holidays, being taken out by an unsighted delivery from opening bowler Tom L and having to retire hurt as keeper with a blood splattered shirt. And to think these two guys are good mates!

The second day saw Baulko put together their best batting performance of the year. Showing great patience and a desire to build partnerships, the boys batted really well to overhaul the target and end the day at 3-163. Taylor opened the batting and compiled an excellent 48 before falling just short of his first ever 50 in the 32nd over. A very mature and well crafted knock deserving of the milestone. Amit Balakrishnan ended the day on 50 no. (his first ever 50) after also compiling an excellent innings. To top it all off, Geoffrey McIntyre offered one of his aggressive cameo innings to end on 36 no. when stumps were called.

A very good all round effort this game showing what the guys can do when they apply their minds.

14/1B	10 for 154	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 188	First innings loss
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We lost the toss and were sent into the field in difficult conditions. Our fielding wasn't as strong as it might have been but we bowled Rouse Hill out for a score we thought we could get. Josh Balzarolo achieved a hat trick, taking the last 3 wickets for 2 runs! He was well supported by Antonio Castellarin (2/18) and Trent Samuels (2/23) Sam Shiel and Joshua Stevenson pitched in with a wicket each. Several boys took good catches but we also dropped a few too many.

We batted on a wet field that was very slow for most of the morning. The boys performed well on a hard track. Trent Samuels led with 31, Antonia Castellarin, 30 and Nick McConnell scored 25. It was a good game with plenty of promising aspects in difficult conditions.

Good luck next week against AKA Crusaders.

14/1A	9 for 107	AKA Crusaders	10 for 49	First innings win
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For the second week in the row we were down to 10 men. James and Taseen open the batting and got us to a steady start before Taseen was out in the 14th over with the score at 24. The AKA bowling was tight and the field slow making the scoring difficult. James was in for 27 overs for a well compiled 19 while Mitchell (10) and Jack Delaney (5) were both bowled by good deliveries. In the middle order Praveen made a dashing 26 hitting two 4s and one whopping 6. He and Joel (18) shared a partnership of 34 to take the score to 95 in the 42nd over. The tail, unfortunately, did not wag and only 12 runs were added for the last five wickets. We were all out for 107 in the 51st over.

AKA batted for about half an hour on the first morning and Jonathan (1 for 0 off 4), Jack F. (1 for 2 off 4) and a fortunate run out did the damage to have AKA 3/2 after eight overs. We continued the good bowling on the second morning with Anoop (2 for 4 off 5) and Joel (0/0 off 5 maidens) to reduce AKA to 6/6 off 19 overs. Some resistance was offered by the middle order which took the score to 6/32 in the 32 over, before Jack Michie (3 for 10 off 6) and James (1 for 3 off 1) cleaned up the tail.

A good win all round!

15/3	10 for 39, 10 for 45	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 96	Outright loss
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A disappointing batting innings straight up with only 39 to defend. Brendan, the opener, scored 11 runs and was our last wicket to fall. Great patience Brendan, well done. Jack scored 18 runs and was looking good out there too. Good effort to those two boys to make our score look a little bit more respectable. Pendle Hill passed our score on the first day with a score of 4/55. Wicket takers were Karanbir with fantastic figures of 1/1 off 3 overs with 2 maidens, Hugh (1/10 off 5 overs), Jayden (1/11 off 5 overs) and Brendan (1/4 off 3 overs). The second day was wet but looked like it was going to clear so the game was on. Some more good bowling saw the opposition all out for 96 runs. Wicket takers were Michael 1/7 off 5 overs, Jack 1/10 off 4 overs, before he slipped back into wicketkeeper, Dineth 1/14 off 6 overs, Karanbir another 2 to finish with 3/7 off 6 overs and Blake 1/7 off 5 overs. Praween (0/2 off 2 overs), Mahir (0/10 off 3 overs) and Kausthub (0/8 off 3 overs) also bowled well. Some great fielding by everyone kept our opposition to our lowest bowling innings this season. Catches went to Karanbir, Brendan, Kausthub, Praween and Jayden. Well done to Hugh on his first ever attempt at wicketkeeper, you did a great job. Our second batting innings was only a little better than our first with 45 runs. Runs to Mahir (6), Jack (10), Blake (5), Hugh (3), Karanbir (1) and Kausthub with a career best of 10 not out could not hold off the outright loss. Bad luck boys

better luck next time. Thanks to Jayden Stafford from the 13/2's for filling in for our first ever game of the season with a full team.

15/2	10 for 64	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 57, 10 for 112	First innings win
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Seven Hills won the toss and elected to bat. However, a strong all round bowling performance meant that the Seven Hills innings never gained any momentum and were dismissed for 57. Ben Graham, Saj Howpage, Adarsh Subramaniam, and Amol Marwah each picked up 2 wickets, with James Galofaro and Udit Pillay also bowling tidily. The effort was well supported in the field and included a sound keeping display from Sean Svanetti from the 13 2As, filling in for the unavailable Blaine O'Brien.

This left B Hills with around 70 minutes to bat on the first day, and as in the Seven Hills innings, wickets fell at reasonably regular intervals. B Hills reached 5 for 49 at stumps with Chirs Gunton 21 not out, having opened the innings. 3 further wickets were lost before some good shots from James Galofaro who finished with 10 not out saw the team safely to first innings points and a lead of 7 runs on the first innings. This was another generally disappointing batting display, evidenced by only 2 players reaching double figures, Chris Gunton with a solid 22, which generally held the innings together and James Galofaro's late innings cameo of 10 not out.

With around 2.5 hours remaining for play, Seven Hills returned to the batting crease. The team eventually dismissed Seven Hills for 112, due to some good bowling, with Ben Graham and Jon Coulter each picking up 2 wickets. However, an ill disciplined, highly unsatisfactory fielding display featuring numerous dropped catches and a couple of missed run out opportunities meant that Seven Hills scored many more runs than they should have, negating any chance of pursuing the outright victory. What's even more disappointing about the 2nd innings fielding effort is that it is at odds with the high standard seen in the 3 consecutive first innings wins.

On a positive note, a big thank you to Sean Svanetti from the 13 2As for filling in so enthusiastically with both bat and keeping gloves, at short notice and also to Joanne Cuneo for arranging this. The 13 2As having a bye in round 6 making this possible and enabling the 15 2s to field an 11 man team.

15/1	10 for 114	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 168	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

16/1	10 for 208	Kellyville	9 for 189	First innings win
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No report submitted.

B14	10 for 115, 10 for 61	Wenty Leagues	10 for 89, 7 for 57	First innings win
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As the scores suggest, this was a relatively close, keenly contested game of cricket. Wenty won the toss and sent B Hills into bat. B Hills lost wickets at regular intervals. However, a fine innings of 58 not out from Dave Hugill enabled the team to reach 115. Dave's innings, featuring a range of good shots on both sides of the wicket, accounting for just over half the team's total, reflecting that no other batsman reached double figures apart from that useful batsman Mr Sundries who finished with 18.

Wenty then had around 90 minutes available to bat on the first day. After a useful 26 run opening partnership, B Hills came back strongly to take 5 first innings wickets by stumps, with Wenty totalling 57 at this stage. Wenty commenced day 2 requiring a further 59 runs for first innings points. However, Chris Soares was in the middle of an outstanding pace bowling performance which continued on the second day, with Wenty eventually dismissed for 89. Chris finished with the excellent figures of 7 for 51 off 22 overs with 5 maidens. Bryce Jones, Matt Toomey, and Jeff Foskett provided good support with a wicket each and maintaining pressure on the batsmen.

Leading by 26 runs on the first innings, B Hills returned to the batting crease. However, the team was bowled out for 61 in just 24 overs. As in the first innings, only 1 batsman reached double figures, Bryce Jones with 21 not out, including one 6. Wenty then had 65 minutes to chase the 88 runs needed for an outright victory. Again, their innings got off to a promising start, reaching 27 in quick time, before the undoubted man of the match, Chris Soares, struck with 2 wickets in an over. After this point, Wenty never really looked like achieving the run target. However, some wonderful pace bowling from Chris Soares, well supported by Jeff Foskett, gave B Hills some hope of an outright win. Wenty managed to bat out the day, though still losing a further 5 wickets before stumps, to finish at 7 for 50. Chris Soares finishing with 4 for 23, giving him 11 for the match and Jeff Foskett took 2 for 28. This takes Chris Soares to 21 wickets for the season, a fine performance.

B13	10 for 181, 0 for 7	Hills Barbarians	10 for 94, 10 for 93	Outright win
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No report submitted.

B11	10 for 221	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 127, 5 for 174	First innings win
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No report submitted.

B10	10 for 116	Winston Hills	10 for 118	First innings loss
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This is going to be a very short match report as the bitter tang of defeat is still lingering on the writer's taste buds.

We travelled to the windswept McCoy Park to play a team of pimple-faced youths not old enough to shave in a top-of-the-table clash. We bowled very well on the first day with Grant Korny attacking the stumps in his best performance of the season so far ending with the figures of 5 for 29. The fielding was better and Grant had good support from John McLean (2-39) and Clint Harding (2-7). Winston Hill's much vaunted batting line-up was bundled out for a modest 118.

A couple of quick wickets followed by a period of consolidation led to the Baulko boys being 62-3 in reply at stumps on the first day - John Weatherall (38no) and Braith Gallard (10no). Everything was looking comfortable.

The second week saw everyone turn up eager to secure the first innings victory. Forgetting the scorebook was only the start of a bad day which saw us lose our last 7 wickets for only 54 runs and end up two short of the target. Captain John Weatherall was left stranded on 74 not out, a superb innings. Unfortunately the rest of the team struggled, to put it politely.

We put them in again and salvaged a modicum of respect by reducing them to 40 for 6 before they shut up shop and we called it quits. Grant Korny took another 4 wickets giving him 9 for the match.

We should have won the game and so hopefully it is a lesson learnt. Our batting will need to improve markedly if we are to harbour any title aspirations.

B9	10 for 264	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 128, 10 for 131	Outright win
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There has been another performance worth reporting, which means unfortunately this column has been drafted again. To avoid having to do corrections again this week, please simply disregard everything you read in the last column. In fact, while you are at it, simply disregard everything you read below as well.

The match over the past two weekends was quite interesting because we were playing with quite a few of our regular players on strike. Key players Nirav, Prasad, Charuka and Pranav said it was about time someone else did something on the side and submitted leave passes. Then on the first Sat only 8 players turned up. Two players had exams and were expected to be late, but one player had gone fishing and could not be reached.

The toss was tossed and we lost. We were asked to bowl. We said we'd rather not. They said they didn't care about what we wanted. So we looked around for a bowler and before we could find one, Aneesh took the ball and started from one end. We then had to find a keeper. Suffice it to say we didn't find one.

In the very first over, Aneesh bowled a ball that went left, right, right and then left again and removed leg stump. It was the type of ball that keeps Baner up at night. The batsman was so baffled he almost walked off the ground the wrong way. That was the first of a few for Aneesh who had found his mojo. He was so pumped he was appealing for just about everything - including world peace.

Meanwhile without our regular skipper to take care of all the bowling on the other end, anyone who had clean whites on was given the ball to have a go. When Amit was bowling, the batsman popped a catch back to the bowler which sailed just over his head. Amit watched helplessly. And then out of nowhere a man with a cape flew out of the sky, dived into the ground, bounced off the ground, fell flat on his face and managed to get his fingers under the ball that was just nanometres off the top of the tallest blade of grass.

Everyone just stood in stunned silence. The stunned silence was due to the fact that the man under the cape was none other than our Ricky Kapoor - no relation to Shashi Kapoor. He stood up and said 'Fellas...' and then no one quite understood what else he said.

Anyway to make a long story longer, wickets fell at pretty much regular intervals and we had them all out for something like 128. Las was having a little trouble finishing his exam, so we were missing an opening batsman. That has never really been a problem because we've never really had proper opening batsmen. But after we learnt that our opponents had skittled out the second best team in the grade for only 18 runs in their last match, we didn't have any volunteers for the job. The usual volunteer - Ricky - was awfully quiet.

The skipper asked the new recruit to pad up. He responded that he hadn't batted at all this season. The skipper responded by saying that technically speaking hardly any of us can claim to have batted this season. Most of the runs this season have been scored with tennis and baseball shots or compliments of the bowler and keeper. On the way the crease, the new recruit - Stanley - warned the skipper about his batting.

He said, 'Machang, just to let you know I have a slightly fast game.'

The skipper wasn't quite sure what to make of that and took that to mean he would be back in the hut on the second ball. This was not a worry considering it was part of our team strategy. The opponents must have been aware of our strategy because they were overheard discussing their plan to have 7 wickets for 20 runs. The skipper was pleased by this because it meant they rated us higher than their last opponents who only got 18 – all out.

The opposition started well, getting the regular opener into all sorts of trouble early. The fielders were encouraged by what they saw and were chirping. Then Stanley took guard and that was the end of that. He dispatched the first ball straight past the bowler for 4 - no one saw the ball as it went to the boundary at the speed of light. No one saw the second ball either and it had to be fetched out of a tree at covers. The next ball was swept over midwicket. Only flashes of light were seen heading to the boundary. There was dead silence on the field and a few fielders called for helmets. The opposition plan had been destroyed at the end of the second over. At the end of the fifth over, Stanley was on 48, while the other opener had yet to get off the mark.

Once again the regular opener was afraid of losing his spot in the team, so he did the only thing he could do and ran out his partner. From that point on, the game that should have been finished in 10 overs took about 35 overs. There was the usual regular procession of batsmen back and forth. Batsmen that made a noteworthy contribution included Ayesh and Las after Las finally decided to ditch his exam when he got the sms that we were batting. Then Amit found a bit of support in the likes of Aneesh and Dilshan as he pumped his way to another solid 50. We ended up with a total of 265.

This put us about 137 runs ahead of the opposition. They went in to bat the following week. Rajiv who had gone fishing the previous week had been asked to get clearance from the team psychologist before he could be considered for future selection. We unleashed Aneesh and Amit.

Amit took a leaf out of Atif's book and started by bowling a space ball that went sailing into outer space. While the batsman was still looking for the ball, he foxed the poor guy by quickly bowling another ball. This one hit the bat and resulted in a simple return catch to Amit. After the previous week's super hero incident, Amit decided to just stand there and watch Ricky fly in out of the sky and take the catch. Unfortunately Ricky was a typical curry super hero – only reliable occasionally. He was nursing a strong case of amberliquidity and was throwing up behind a tree during all this action. The ball ended up landing on Amit's head before it dropped to his toes.

Fortunately Aneesh was in a foul mood and sent 4 guys packing in quick succession. We also got a few wickets from the other end by all and sundry. But then there was a sticky partnership that put a dampener on the day. So much so that it started to drizzle slightly. The umpire was a bit concerned about getting his hair wet and quickly ran off the field, much to our dismay. The skipper ran after him and asked him where he was going.

He was told that the conditions were very unsafe and he was worried about the safety of the batsmen if there was a flash flood. The batsmen ran off and started a game of touch-footy. When it was pointed out that the game on the other grounds was still continuing and the few drops falling were not even reaching the ground, the umpire told the skipper to 'take it up with the ICC.'

Fortunately play resumed five seconds later when the sun came out and interrupted the game of touch footy.

The ball was thrown to Stanley who marked his run up, which was a whole two small steps behind the umpire. While we were all expecting to see some nice flight and ripping spin, he started bowling at paces faster than our fastest bowler. The keeper perched himself on the boundary to reduce the number of byes he was letting through. Rajitha was heard complaining that the bowler's run up was so short that every time Rajitha tried to take his first step to walk in with the bowler, the ball had already gone past the keeper for 4 byes.

Then the batsman edged one which went flying to second slip where Dilshan was unfortunately in the way of the next boundary 4. He didn't have time to get out of the way so he tried to fend off the ball. He missed. The ball got stuck between his legs. The batsman was almost in tears. Dilshan had once again three balls between his legs.

To wrap up proceedings, Aneesh was called back. He ended the day bagging a total of 5. The opposition got 136 - one short of making us bat again.

This unprecedented winning streak with now four matches being won by an innings resulted in one of the members of the 'senior lack of brains and trust' being interviewed, post-match. When asked what the formula for success was and what the team had been put through to produce such great performances, his response was very profound:

"When you win, you win. When you lose, you lose. The key to winning is to not lose." And there you have it. How's Zhat, then?

B8	10 for 200	Kellyville	10 for 52, 1 for 12	First innings win
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EVAN ALMIGHTY!!

Well ladies and gentlemen...this is not the story of batman and Robin or the story of Crank growing up under the watchful and penetrating authority of Father Richard (Dicko) Grabber, this the story of Evan Almighty. Instead of building the Arc as per the movie our Evan Almighty when into building into our memories a bowling record which we have as far as we have remembered never better. From Google here are the best 3 bowling performances in test cricket of all time....

16/136 Narendra Hirwani West Indies Chennai 1987-88
 15/217 Harbhajan Singh Australia Chennai 2000-01
 14/124 Jassu Patel Australia Kanpur 1959-60 so....

.....Our Evan Almighty captured 10/14 off 12 overs so far..

7/35 baulko

9/49 B5

9/20 B6

The 2nd best figures in recorded history for Baulko senior cricket above B10.

Enough of the stats....here is the match report.....

We matched up against the well regarded 3 rd placed Kellyville team who outrighted last season's premiers. So here was...finally our test. The arm wrestle we have been searching for. The toss came and ...surprise surprise surprise...Crank lost the toss!!! Kellyville were in for a bat. They were confident, resilient, defiant, they showed teamwork, big partnerships, withstood our badgering (of each other), good running between wickets, great shot selection, boundaries, communication ...and all out for 59!!!! With Evan Almighty choking on 3 hatrick chances we had them done like the proverbial "Dinner".

An outright was missed as the rain intervened in week 2 and washed out the days play with the unbeaten Baulko team taking 1st Innings points.

One of the other highlights was the demonstration of how Crank got his name to all and sundry. This came about at the end of another dominating batting display cut short due to yet another dubious LBW decision that has dogged the baulko team all season. Crank stormed off muttering obscenities toward the umpire and then went onto complaining to the entire team at different times, a couple of guys who were watching, one of the player's mothers, 2 kids on their bikes making their way home, some old lady working in her garden, he made a handful of phone calls, and he was seen muttering in the car and we believe he told his story walking at the end of the game. Nice work Crank but Out is Out. We have since been told he didn't speak to his lovely wife Fiona or kids for 4 days.

This being our first game on Turf was an experience for some players and I am sure very few had seen how wide the cracks can open up and it was an experience burnt into many players' minds. Sensational cricket Doc and The Motivational Coach. It was clear to all who have seen the photos that Doc has more crack than Whitney Houston. Other stand out performers was the D'meisters sold batting and is showing he is the "rock" of the middle order and one of the top scorers in the grade. The other was watching the newly named Penguin waddling around and slipping over like he was back on ice. Fantastic stuff Ward, you are a true entertainer.

That's its folks. The B8's Juggernaut rolls on the play the last team in the B8s who have not had a taste of the competition leaders.

B7A	10 for 190	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 246	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

B3		BYE		BYE
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Nothing to report.

B2	4 dec 237	Kings Langley	10 for 83, 4 for 131	First innings win
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I was 15 years of age and on the tele was Hawthorn Full Back Chris Langford. Langers was being interviewed about having a bye leading into the finals. Langers said "it can work both ways. Sometimes a week off helps recharge a team, sometimes it slows momentum. However cream rises to the top.....well it should"

This was the conundrum facing the mighty B2's as we headed on down Vardys Rd to take on Kings Langley. We were coming off a bye and our first loss for the season. Could the boys bounce back to form?? Would we carry on over the sub-par performance from the previous game?? Could Pat Mamo score some runs?? All will be answered after a short break.

Day one saw a bitterly cold wind whip off the Mountains and funnel directly across King Langleys home ground. Patty won the toss and we entered the ice chamber. After a slow start by Kings Langely, but no wickets, Patty brought on the bowling changes with immediate success. Wickets started to crumble like two day old bread that has been left out in the sun to make bread crumbs for chicken snitzels. Due to the freezing conditions, ducks were substituted for Penguins and there were a couple of those enjoying the arctic conditions. The boys from Vardys Rd played a wide range of shots. Unfortunately, none of them ever featured in a cricket text book. Murph and Rowdy both picking up 3 wickets (3/23 and 3/26 respectively) as did Pat Mamo who picked up 3/11 with three of the worst wicket balls ever bowled in the PDCA. The boys really looked forward to the fall of each wicket, not just to celebrate another batsman heading back to the pavilion, but to also take advantage of huddling together and generating a bit of body warmth! Kings Langley all out for 83.

As a captain, you have the responsibilities of naming a team, bowling changes, fielding changes and selecting batting line ups. You also have the ability to bat yourself where ever you want to. Enter Captain Pat to open the bat.

A good start by Jas and Patty saw us pressing to the meagre total put together by Kings Langley. A good mixture of 4's and not so quick singles. With Jas about to put the foot down, he was lured into a false stroke by a 15yr old bowler and off he went down a well worn path. Joining our Skipper in the middle was Billy and the two took the score to 1 for 152 overnight and first innings points to the good guys (please note, the Kings Langley blokes could all be good guys, it just sounds better to refer to us as good guys)

Day two saw sunny skies and Pat within 4 runs of his highest score. With Mr and Mrs Mamo joining the lads on the sidelines, Patty and Billy made their way on to the ground. After a solid start, Billy played a shot that would have been at home in the Kings Langley scorebook.....out for 81 and a 157 run partnership with Pat. Sach joined Pat in the middle and the two put on 40 until Sacha lost his wicket with our captain stuck in the nervous 90's on 96. Pockets walked out, faced one ball and walked back. A golden penguin! Passing Schick on his way into the middle, Pockets passed on a few tips regarding the bowler, which wasn't bad for a bloke who faced one ball. Needless to say, Schick ignored the advice. As it was the end of the over, the hat trick ball would have to wait an over. A single off the first ball left Pat on 97. Schick doing the right thing by his captain, negotiated the over, leaving Patty on strike for the hat trick ball.....and what a ball it was, especially as it crossed the boundary for 4. Pat Mamo bringing up his maiden ton with a 4 off a hat trick ball....101no.

Pat quickly declared, leaving us 2 and bit hours to bowl them out. After a few early wickets, the sting came out of the game and it slowly ended with first innings points to Baulko. Murph picking up 2/11 and Homsey getting his first wicket for the year. Special mention to JB for being hit for the biggest six ever witnessed by any living creature.

The Plush Sofa Man of the Match went to Pat Mamo for his outstanding 101no (mind you, he did lose points for his wicket balls)

Please note, Chris Langford and the Hawks went on to win the 91 Grand Final. A schooner for the first person to correctly answer what was so unique about the 91 GF??

A	10 for 103	Seven Hills RSL	8 for 205	First innings loss
Losing the toss for the 5th consecutive game Baulkham Hills were forced to bowl on a typically slow, low and very dry Westmead Hospital Oval pitch. With a number of players unavailable, the usually over abundant bowling options were significantly diminished.				

As usual the early breakthrough proved as elusive as the Loch Ness monster despite quality opening spells from Tinley and Galas. It took a moment of brilliance to capture our first wicket with stand in Ben Atkins picking up and throwing down the middle stump from cover point to give us our first break through in the last over before drinks. The opposition batted conservatively and eventually made 8 for 205 from their allotted overs. It was a typical day at Westmead against Seven Hills with bad balls getting hit to the boundary, singles being dried up with strong in fielding and nothing really happening until every so often a ball was hit in the air which Baulkham Hills snapped up. On the whole our fielding was much improved taking almost everything and preventing a lot of second runs. In the bowling stakes a Herculean effort from Adam Tinley (1-77 from 22) and Keenan Galas (1-30 from 17) were the standouts in the absence of 3 regular bowlers. These two were supported with economical spells from Dave Byrne (2-24 from 9) and Hooley Dooley (1-24 from 12) with Bobby Simpson picking up the final wicket of the day with the final ball of the day (1-29 from 6). All in all it was a well controlled, sustained effort from Baulkham Hills who did very well to restrict the opposition to 205 with so many regular bowlers unavailable and 10 in the filed for a long period.

With heavy overnight rain day two started very unexpectedly, by simply starting! The opposition were at the uncovered Westmead Hospital ground with blowers churning away from 8:30am such was their desire to defend their total of 8 for 205. Unsurprisingly the pitch was extremely wet and footsteps alone were enough to leave indents on the surface. Nonetheless the pitch was deemed fit for play and at 1:45pm proceedings got underway. With the sun out and the pitch beginning to dry the

tactic was simple; get through the first hour with all our wickets in tact, allow the pitch to dry and thereafter make steady inroads into the competitive total.

Stage one was achieved with Andy Denlow fighting for over an hour and G, finding fluency before being the first to fall before the hour mark. Bobby Simpson worked hard for his runs and with the pitch steadily improving we cautiously navigated around potentially disastrous first hour.

Even with the fall of Andy and Bobby in quick succession no alarms bells rang with a long batting order consisting of a number of stroke players ready to utilise the difficult, but improving conditions. Clearly the alarm system was faulty and should have been creating an ear splitting noise to rouse us into action. It didn't happen, and what followed was the most disappointing batting performance compiled since this side has come together. The pitch began the day with an imaginary "Warning - Hazard Ahead!" sign, and after an hour this turned into a "Proceed with caution" sign. We did no such thing going from 1-60 to 9-87. To rub salt into the wound the opposition brought into the attack non-regular bowlers; such was their appraisal of our performance.

Much can be learned from such a batting performance, whether it will or not remains to be seen. On the positive side of things we fielded conscientiously and bowled with great effort and persistence. We will be back on the winner's list as soon as we can retain consistency in our batting, bowling and fielding.