

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 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
March 27, 2010 (Saturday)	B15	10 Blue
March 28, 2010 (Sunday)	B14	10 Red & White

Team Performances:

B6	In Grand Final	14/2	In Grand Final
16/2	In Grand Final	12/1	In Grand Final
15/1A	In Grand Final		

Individual Achievements

Roger Deane	B3B	4/37	Jack Farrell	16/2	5/9 & hat trick
James Coombes	B3B	3/57 & 33	Anoop Vaidya	15/1A	4/13
Greg McLoughlin	B3B	92	Joel Pienmunne	15/1A	36 & 2/21
Rob Konstantopoulos	B3B	56	Sam Bennetts	15/1B	56
Andrew Gay	B6	56	Nick McConnell	15/1B	26
James Chatman	B6	51	Jackson Manning	14/2	5/11
Martin Ams	B6	42	Nikhil Kuchi	13/1	4/7
Tony Senior	B6	4/16	Tom Waddups	13/1	2/18
Dan Chatman	B6	3/24	Francis Farrell	13/3	2/26
John Proctor	B11	6/52	Chris Zeng	13/3	2/12
Jack Carney	16/2	50	Sidhanth Sanjay	13/3	2/13

The President's Roundup

We came into the semis with 17 teams competing and moved into the finals with just 5 left. Not the best of outcomes, but definitely not from a lack of effort. The seven games I visited on Sunday (6 junior & 1 senior) saw the Baulko players going right until the end. Well done to the victors and commiserations to the runners up.

The Finals next weekend will see Baulko represented by B6 in seniors and U16/2, U15/1A, U14/2 & U12/1 in juniors. The B6's had a comfortable win and will be looking to make it 3 on the trot when they play at Ted Horwood. There were good contributions from Andrew Gay (56), James Chatman (51), Martin Ams (42), Tony Senior (4/16) & Daniel Chatman (3/24). Good luck guys. In juniors, the U16/2 got a real scare against Sevo and thanks to Jack Farrell's 5/9 including a hat-trick and Jack Carney's 50, they turned what was looking like a loss into a 12 run victory. They will play at Yattendon this weekend. The U15/1A's made that result look easy, as they got home by 1 wicket after a late collapse caused plenty of stress to our supporters, before we got home 9 down! Joel Pienmunne had a good double with bat & ball & Anoop took 4 wickets. The reward is a home final at Ted Horwood. The U14/2 had the most comfortable win, a 52 run margin to set up a second successive final, with Jackson Manning taking 5/11. They will play at Hills Centenary Park. Finally the U12/1's and they fought it right out to record a win by just 2 runs, taking the final wicket in the last over. Heart attack material! A good all round team effort & they will play at Eric Mobbs Reserve.

So we have all finals reasonably close to home. So let's see plenty of support for our teams next weekend. Good luck to all our teams & go the Kooka!

The U11/1, U11/2, U13/1, U13/3, U14/1, U15/1B & U15/2 teams all fought to the end, with some close results not going our way. I got to drop in on Sunday to see the U11/1, U11/2, U15/2, U13/1, U12/1 & U16/2 at some stage, but unfortunately couldn't get to the other games. In seniors, the B2's fell 50 odd runs short in chasing 170. The B3's put up a great fight chasing a sizeable 241 to win. They finished with 213 after some good batting, led by a 135 run partnership from Rob Konstantopoulos (56) & skipper Greg McLoughlin (92). A quickfire 33 from James Coombes was not quite enough to get us home. The B11's lost despite a haul of 6/52 by John Proctor and the B12's lost, despite finishing the comp well in front of all others. It just shows that the finals are there to be one by any team. The B13's, who were new to our club this year, put up a fight and almost got up. Well done guys and we look to seeing you next season. In juniors, there were some good performances in the losing sides, with Sam Bennetts (15/1B) making 56.

The Grand final BBQ will be held at the Sports Club this Sunday night, starting around 6pm. So get along and celebrate another season at Baulko. The member's badge draw stands at \$600 and must be won, so get your name & membership number to Rick Thomas at membersdraw@baulkocricicket.com.au.

Please ensure you get all your stats in, kits returned, award nominations in, keys returned etc etc. All these will be discussed at our final monthly meeting for the season, on Tuesday 6 April at 8pm at the Sports Club.

Peter McLoughlin
President

Match Results and Reports

11/2	10 for 84	Wenty Waratahs	6 for 85	First innings loss
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Won the toss and batted. All out for 84 in the 44th over. Good knocks from Scott Pirie, Aaditya Gholkar and Joshua Bartlett. Our last five batsmen combined for a total of 5 runs.
Not enough runs but something that could be defended with good accurate bowling.

Batting : Pirie 16
Bartlett 15 no
Gholkar 10

We then had Wenty at 1/6 at the end of the first days play after 6 overs. We were never able to get on top on day two and Wenty took the match and advanced to the Grand Final. Our bowling was far too inaccurate to knock off the number one team, conceding 46 sundries.

Wenty passed our score in the 46th over for the loss of 6 wickets.

Bowling : Malhotra 2/5 (4)
Adair 1/5 (4)
Pirie 1/6 (5)
Crouch 1/11 (4)

The boys had a good season considering the number who had never played a game of cricket before. They are a great bunch of kids and it was a pleasure coaching them this year.

11/1	10 for 40	Wenty Waratahs	4 for 131	First innings loss
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An awful toss to lose as we desperately wanted to bat first. We bowled well & kept them down to 50 runs after 33 overs. They got hold of us after the break & posted a healthy total despite our best fielding performance of the season. We got of to a bad start & things went from bad to worse & were unable to recover. Heads up boys, you made it to the semi which is a great achievement in itself. We will be back bigger, better & stronger next year.

12/1	9 for 91	Greystanes	10 for 89	First innings win
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No report submitted.

13/3	10 for 67, 4 for 66	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 141	First innings loss
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This was the second time we met Pendle Hill all season with the second round match washed out on a 42C day due to some untimely sprinkler action. The first game was still fresh in our minds as their star player scored a century.

From the beginning now.... Friday night before the match, James' dad calls telling me James has an injured foot. Can this be a cruel joke? No it wasn't. Our opening bat who has been a rock all season is injured! The show must go on.

We lose the toss and are sent in to bat. After 32 overs we are fielding with 67 runs on the board all out including 4 lbw's. They were probably plumb. Hard to tell from the side of the field.

Already some are talking about going for the outright. "Guys" I say, "What about the first innings?" It wasn't to be. At stumps, Pendo are 3/78.

Sunday, we bowl them out for 141. Its 10:05am. Not enough time really to make up the deficit and score enough runs to play for an outright. Its T20 time.

At 11:00am, after 15 overs we are 4/66. We shake hands and wish Pendo well in the GF.

This was a great achievement which could have been better with different circumstances but still a very good result.

13/1	10 for 97	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 110	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

14/2	6 for 117	Kings Langley A	10 for 65	First innings win
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We were all ready for a hard game with us just scraping through on less than one percent to come in second ahead of Kings Langley. We had decided to bat if we won the toss but we lost and were put in to bowl first, which certainly pleased a couple of players. Jackson comes in on the second ball of the day and clean bowled their opener. We were certainly off to a good start but knew there were a couple of really good batters in this team that once they got comfortable could put on a big score. At the

start of the 5th over they were 1/2 and still trying to recover when Jackson took another wicket with a great catch to Sean and two balls later clean bowled their fourth batter to have the opposition 3/2 at the end of the 5th. Sharnam and Jackson continued to bow very well to keep the run rate down and finish their 4 over spells with Sharnam 0/4 and Jackson an impressive 3/1. Kings Langley appeared to be in shock but it was not until the 14th over that Luke took a wicket with another great catch to Sean to get one of their best batters out for 7 runs. Jayden and Luke also had a tidy 4 over spell with Luke 1/4 and Jayden 0/6. Tim and Pavan then took over for their 4 over spell and continued to keep the run rate slow. Kings Langley was just trying to get a bit of a grip on the game when Pavan, with a great catch by Dhiluk, took the fifth wicket. Pavan, 1/13 and Tim 0/3 had finished their spell which saw Raad and Thisal take the ball next. Raad finished 0/4 and Thisal took the 6th wicket in his last over finishing 1/0 with four maidens. Nice bowling Thisal. At morning tea Ruwan was smiling and told the boys to keep up the good work and with the score at 6/41 wanted no more than twenty runs to be conceded. We all knew it was possible and the boys set to work. Jackson and Jayden came back on to bowl. Jackson ended up taking two more wickets, clean bowling both, to finish the game with 5/11 off eight overs including four maidens. Excellent bowling Jackson, you certainly swung the ball out there and had the opposition on the back foot from the second ball of the game. Jayden bowled a wicket and finished 1/14 off his eight overs, including 2 maidens. Kasun was brought on to bowl, with Luke (1/9 off 5 overs) bowling at the other end, and took the last wicket with a catch to Sharnam on his second ball. There was a great improvement with the fielding today, although there weren't really any high balls to test us. Shubh and Hamza showed great enthusiasm in the field and helped keep the score down. Well done everyone on a great fielding performance to have Kings Langley all out for 65 by 10.50is.

It was now our turn to bat and it was important for the boys to realise that low scores can be dangerous and patience was going to be the key as we had 50 minutes left in the day plus 57 overs the next day. Raad and Pavan went out to face the 16 overs left in the days play to have Baulko 0/15. Great work boys.

Sunday saw another bright, warm day and you could sense that Kings Langley knew they had already lost and were just going through the motions. Raad put on some runs, including a nice boundary in the very dewy grass, before he was bowled by the change of pace for 12. Baulko were 1/27. Kasun came in at first drop and did a great job to score 16 runs before he too was bowled. Pavan and Kasun had managed to have a 27 run partnership with some fast running between wickets. Dhiluk came in next but was caught early. Big hitter Sean was our next batter and managed a quick 10 runs before he was bowled. By now we were past Kings Langley's score and had won. It was 9.35am. The two coaches and umpires agreed they would play until 10am. Pavan (19), Luke (15 run out last ball) and Jackson (21no) had a bat and we finished the day 6/117.

Great win boys. Good luck next against the minor premiers. They may have beaten us last time but we are a very good chance if we bowl and bat like we have in our last three games.

14/1	10 for 114	Pendle Hill Colts	2 for 119	First innings loss
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Baulko won the toss and elected to bat. The day was expected to be a hot and sunny day. So it turned out to be in more ways than one, that in the 4th over once more there was a terrible mistake in the middle and the 1st wicket got lost for a run out once again in this match similar to last round. 2nd wicket fell in the 7th over and score was only 9 on board. 3rd, 4th and the 5th wickets as well followed shortly in which George was the only one who was on double figures at 11 and at the end of 22nd overs, Baulko was down 5 for 38 and was in serious trouble. In the meantime, Matt was showing some resistance to Pendle Hills' bowling and was moving the score board to some respect. 6th wicket went down in the 30th over and the score was 6 for 69. Matt was the next to go when he went for a huge hit against a spinner and got stumped by the wicket keeper after scoring 23. At the fall of Matt situation was grim and Bryce started going for the runs and started hitting out on every opportunity. Sid joined him in the middle and made a quick 10 runs before he got caught and Bryce followed him after top scoring 24 runs. When we lost our last wicket the target set for the opposition was only 114 – a fairly easy target for a team on top of the table.

Pendle hill sent in one of their lower order batsman to open the innings who was known for flashing the bat at every ball. Predictably he didn't last long in the middle and Joe got him bowled in his 4th ball. Situation may have become different had Baulko held those two opportunities when catches got dropped early in the opposition's innings. At close of stumps Pendle Hills was 1 for 37 well positioned for an easy victory.

Second days play continued on without any real pressure being felt by Pendle Hills' batsmen. Baulko bowlers tried hard to break thru the partnership and managed finally when Bryce clean bowled the other opener with a good ball spinning into the wicket. However damage done was by then with their score at 2 for 90. Pendle Hills completed the game by scoring the required runs in 39 overs.

Thus the season is now over for Baulko. Shall look forward to meeting all the players again in the next season.

15/2	10 for 71	Greystanes	10 for 102, 3 for 77	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

15/1B	10 for 126	Kings Langley	4 for 130	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

15/1A	9 for 101	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 100	First innings win
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A game worthy of a semi-final; played hard in the right spirit of the game and one that went right down to the wire. In the words of Coach Newman: "Good teams win games like this!"

Pendle Hill won the toss and asked us to bowl. In Anshul's early absence Anoop opened the attack with Tom and dismissed one of the openers in his first over with a smart caught and bowled. Bowling immaculate line and length Anoop took another two wickets in his opening spell and with Tom's support we had Pendle Hill at 4/32 after the first 12 overs. Mitchell and Daniel took a wicket each bowling first change. Anshul made a belated appearance at number five and produced another great caught and bowled picking the ball up from his shoe laces to dismiss Pendle Hill's top scorer for 20. The innings appeared to be meandering along and Anoop bought himself on for a second spell with immediate results, picking up his fourth wicket. Joel wrapped up the proceedings by bowling the last two batsmen. Pendle Hill all out for exactly 100 just before 11 o'clock on the first morning.

We had over an hour to bat and it was important to make a good solid start. Joel and Amit started positively before Amit was out for 4 with the score on 9. Mitchell joined Joel and hit a breezy 13 before being bowled by a magnificent inswinger with the score on 24. Blake coming off a great hundred in the last round received a similar ball first up and in a blink of an eye we had slumped to 3/24. Joel was joined by Taseen and the pair pushed the score to 44 before Taseen departed for 4 just before the end of the day's play and Tom had to survive an uncomfortable five minutes before stumps were drawn. We were 4/44 and the game was in the balance.

A solid partnership was required on the second morning if we were to get near the target. Joel and Tom provided just that; batting for almost an hour and a half defending solidly but also accumulation runs at a steady rate. Their partnership of 43 took us to 87 and to the cusp of victory, before some hesitant calling saw Tom being run out for 16. Joel departed two runs later to a tired shot, and at 6/89 we were still favourites, but our odds had probably lengthened just a little. Pendle Hill suddenly sensed a chance to pull off a miracle victory; the bowling became tighter and the fielding sharper. A clutter of wickets followed as our next three batsmen (Geoffrey 3, Praveen 3 and Jonathan 1) managed to add only 7 runs before we were 9/96. Amongst the carnage Anoop stood firm holding up one end and when Daniel walked in to bat as the last man we still needed three to tie and four to win. By now the bowlers were right on top and the batsmen wondering how to keep their wickets and where might the required runs come from? It was undoubtedly the tensest finish to a game this season; neither batsman could score and both were dropped giving supporters of both teams heart palpitations; yet both batsmen appeared calm and played each ball on its merits waiting for an opportunity to score. It took a nerve racking 6.2 overs for Anoop and Daniel to get us across the line during which the crowd was totally enthralled by the proceedings in the middle; watching every ball, expecting the worst and hoping for the best. When relief finally came in the form of a single pushed by Daniel (2 not out), Anoop had once again played a true Captain's Innings, remaining on 0 not out (off 22 balls) in a yet another demonstration of single minded determination and respect for his wicket. Daniel also deserves high praise for keeping his nerve under a high pressure situation. Pendle Hill's bowlers should get an honourable mention for sticking to their task and not giving up when all seemed lost.

After the handshakes, congratulations and commiserations had been exchanged it was left for Coach Newman only to quip: "Never in doubt".

Grand Final, here we come!

16/2	10 for 149	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 137	First innings win
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Seven Hills won the toss and Sent B Hills into bat. Openers Saj Howpage and Chris Gunton made a promising start but both failed to capitalise on this. The same could then be said for Jake Bailey and Sam Hubbard. Consequently, Baulko were in trouble at 6 for 57. At this point, Jack Carney came to the crease and his power hitting put the innings back on a stronger footing. Jack received initial support from Michael Waddups. However, the key partnership of the innings was the 54 runs added for the 9th wicket between Jack Carney and Jack Farrell. Jack Carney was finally out for 50, a great time to achieve your first half century. His innings included 7 4s and 1 6. Jack Farrell was then the last batsman out for the second top score of 18.

Seven Hills were then left with just under 1/2 hour to bat on the first day. Some spirited pace bowling from James Galofaro and Ryan Bailey saw Seven Hills finish day 1 at 2 for 13.

On the second morning, Seven Hills batsman M Ward came out full of aggression and quickly put Baulko on the defensive. He spearheaded the total up to 110 before he was finally out for a magnificent innings of 83. At this point, Seven Hills required a further 40 runs to secure a place in the final. However, Baulko then responded superbly to the challenge, with an

instant tightening in both bowling and fielding. The players took drinks with Seven Hills 5 for 115. The decisive swing in the match occurred with Jack Farrell's second over when he secured a hat trick on the first 3 deliveries (2 bowled and 1 LBW). This was a great reward for a bowler who has consistently throughout the season maintained a fine line and length with his medium pacers. Baulko continued to apply the pressure in grand style and Jack Farrell was further rewarded in taking the final 2 wickets to finish with the outstanding figures of 5 for 9 off 4 overs. James Galofaro with 3 for 28 and Daniel Mason with 2 for 27 were the other wicket takers.

In view of the position reached on the second morning with Seven Hills at one stage at 2 for 110, this was one of the gutsiest victories I have ever been involved with. I am extremely proud of the way the team responded to fight back and win the game and secure a place in the final.

A similar show of competitive spirit will go a long way towards winning the grand final.

B13		Guildford Leagues		Lost
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No report submitted.

B12		Seven Hills RSL		Lost
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No report submitted.

B11	10 for 94	Kings Langley	10 for 186	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

B6	10 for 227	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 93	First innings win
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No report submitted.

B3B	10 for 213	Kellyville	9 for 241	First innings loss
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No report submitted.

B2	10 for 130	Greystanes	10 for 171	First innings loss
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No report submitted.