

## The Third Man's Report

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

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### Team Performances

**B1, U16/1B & U13/1 – PREMIERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

### Individual Achievements – SEMI FINALS

B Murphy	B2	4/40	B McLaren	B7	2/13
M Hardy	B2	3/56	M Rajendram	B12	25
T Lockhart	B2	20*	A Liyanage	B12	62 & 4/30
R Konstantopoulos	B2	29	S Sharma	B12	2/16
A Nicholls	B4	29	R Trivedi	B12	22
O Fernando	B4	28	C Abhayawickrama	B12	45
W Koski	B4	3/15	K Mahoney	B13	39
T Senior	B4	3/8	J Wood	B13	2/7
R Deane	B7	2/14	P Searson	B13	3/15
D Tipton	B7	2/17	C Millgate	B13	4/27
R McInerney	B7	2/29	A Gioffre	12/1	22
B Stapleton	B7	2/19			

### Individual Achievements – FINALS

C Hush	B1	25	S Shiel	16/1B	5/12
S Sarlog	B1	35 & 5/43	G McIntyre	16/2	29
A McLellan	B1	3/30	C Jarvis	16/2	2/40
J Cutler	B9	3/45	J Barnitt	16/2	2/30
M Johnson	B9	2/29	J Nash	16/2	3/48
A Castellarin	B9	27 & 2/10	G Sivapalan	16/2	2/25
M Allas	B12	5/19	J Gardiner	13/1	3/8
A Liyanage	B12	4/16	B Ripps	13/1	3/12
C Millgate	B13	2/20	K Chhatbar	13/1	40
P Searson	B13	3/14	B Peisley	13/1	24
R Young	B13	4/12	J Smith	13/1	24 & 2/18
J Senior	16/1B	32	J Wilkinson	11/2B	2/4
T Samuels	16/1B	48*	G Quinn	11/2B	28
A Castellarin	16/1B	3/16			

## The President's Roundup

What a surprise – it rained for the semi finals! With 7 of our 9 senior teams and 5 of our 9 junior teams in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> place, a washout meant elimination. Games needed to be played.

But, many games were washed out with no play at all – B1, B9 & B11 in seniors, U16/1A, U16/1B, U16/2, U14/3, U13/1, U11/1 & U11/2B in juniors.

In Seniors, the B2s got 10 overs on day 1 & then continued on day 2. They needed just 2 runs to win when the umpire decided to call the game off. Lucky it wasn't in the Sub-continent or there may have been a riot. The B4s played a rain-shortened match & made 112. They had Wenty Waratahs at 6/23 when rain ended their game. B7s made 59 in reply to 119 & lost whilst B8s also lost in a rain shortened match, making 75 runs in 24 overs, before having the opposition 4/41 in 17 overs. B12 made 8/202 and had the opposition 9/129 when bad light stopped play – they won on run rate. B13 won, after making 99 and rolling the opposition in 69 in reply. So B1, B9, B12 & B13 went through to the final.

The U15/1 got on against the minor premiers Wenty Leagues and rolled them for 86 and were 4/49 in reply when the rain washed out the game. U12/1 were in a good position, having made 97 against Wenty Leagues. So we had U16/1B, U16/2, U13/1 & U11/2B into the finals.

It was most disappointing that some of the junior teams who missed the semis failed to provide umpires for the semis. Very, very poor form indeed! Thanks to those who volunteered even though they did not have to – especially John Young from the seniors who did both junior and senior games.

Onto the last week of March and the finals were played with very little weather problems. In seniors B2 chose to bat and after a terrible start, being 4 down for 20 odd, they made 115, with Steve Sarlog (35), Chris Hush (25), Troy Higginbotham (15) & Adam Shearman (15 no) contributing. Kings Langley was 2/48 at stumps the game ebbed and flowed during the afternoon on day 2. When they were 9/88 in looked all over, but a last wicket partnership of 23 was looking good until Sasha Hilbrink came on and took the last wicket with just 4 runs to spare! Steve Sarlog (5/43) & Andrew McLellan (3/30) took the bowling honours.

B9's started well to have Kings Langley at 3/15, but they recovered to make 206. We had to bat at the end of the day and finished at a disastrous 5/17. We only managed to make 60 on day 2.

B12's were rolled for 50 against Rouse Hill who made 160 before Baulko made just 17 in their second innings, albeit with 8 players!

B13's also made a terrible start, making just 31. When I got to the match they had just finished their innings, but the skipper assured me they were a bowling side! You would hope so. But even though they rolled Rouse Hill for 81, they could only manage 36 in their second innings.

In juniors, a thrilling U16 game, as we took on the minor premiers Pendle Hill. A great effort on day 1 saw Baulko roll them for 133. Day 2 and we started badly to be 3/19, 4/34 & 5/67, before James Senior (32) got us to 6/101. We got home at 8/134, with Trent Samuels making a superb 48 no. What a great team performance and worthy premiers.

The U16/2 played Greystanes and were set 250 but could only manage 91 in reply. They tried hard but were up against a team who were a class above all the teams in the grade.

U13/1 batted first and made 9/138 again against a Greystanes team. On day 2 we dismissed them for 110 for a reasonably comfortable victory. A stunning run out by keeper Daniel Waddups could have been the turning point in the game, when he threw down the bowlers end stumps from square leg! Well done to coach Ray & the team on three premierships in a row!

The U11/2B put on a good show against Rouse Hill before going down. These lads show great promise and we look forward to next year.

So, in summary, BHCC managed 3 premierships – B1, U16/1B & U13/1. Well done those teams and our beaten finalists.

To cap off the season, we had a good roll up at The Sporto on Sunday night to celebrate season's end.

Don't forget the presentations on Friday May 20 (seniors) & Sunday May 22 (juniors). Keep an eye out for details.

See you all next season!

Peter McLoughlin  
President

## Match Results and Reports – SEMI FINALS

<b>11/2B</b>	Washed Out	Wenty Leagues	Match Drawn
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Match washed out with no play – 11/2B progress to Final. Congratulations.

<b>11/1</b>	Washed Out	Hills Barbarians	Match Drawn
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Match washed out with no play – 11/1 progress no further. Bad luck guys.

<b>12/1</b>	10 for 97	Wenty Leagues	0 for 2	Match Drawn
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Aidan Gioffre – 22

Cody Whittaker – 15

Alex Johnson – 9

A great toss to win & we had no hesitation in electing to bat as we figured that the conditions would only get worse & the ground would only deteriorate. This proved to be an excellent decision & we managed to post a score of 97, which we considered to be a mammoth total for this game. We thought that we could comfortably defend 70 in the conditions. We got off to a horrible start losing a wicket in the first over. Aidan & Cody steadied the innings with some very disciplined batting. Just about everyone pitched in with a few runs but it was Alex Johnson that held us together at the end. Although not his biggest innings in runs, it was certainly his best innings of the year. We only fell two overs short of batting out our full 55 overs. We only got one over at them at the end of day one & this almost resulted in an early wicket. Day two saw a pitch under water with pouring rain & no chance of playing. With only missing second place by a few points, we are automatically eliminated. A disappointing way to end the season, as we were a genuine chance of taking the title this year. Well done boys, we were much stronger & more disciplined this season. The title will be ours next year.

<b>13/1</b>	Washed Out	Kings Langley	Match Drawn
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Match washed out with no play – 13/1 progress to Final. Congratulations.

<b>14/3</b>	Washed Out	Rouse Hill Rams	Match Drawn
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Match washed out with no play – 14/3 progress no further. Bad luck guys.

<b>15/1</b>	4 for 49	Wenty Leagues	10 for 86	Match Drawn
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No report submitted. Match washed out – 15/1 progress no further. Bad luck guys.

<b>16/2</b>	Washed Out	Kellyville	Match Drawn
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Match washed out with no play – 16/2 progress to Final. Congratulations.

<b>16/1B</b>	Washed Out	Baulkham Hills	Match Drawn
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Match washed out with no play – 16/1B progress to Final. Congratulations.

<b>16/1A</b>	Washed Out	Baulkham Hills	Match Drawn
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Match washed out with no play – 16/1A progress no further. Bad luck guys.

<b>B13</b>	10 for 99	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 69	First Innings Win
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No report submitted. B13 progress to final. Congratulations.

<b>B12</b>	8 for 202	Voice of Tamils	9 for 129	First Innings Win
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No report submitted. B12 progress to final. Congratulations.

<b>B11</b>	Washed Out	NSW Tamils	Match Drawn
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Match washed out with no play – B11 progress no further. Bad luck guys.

<b>B9</b>	Washed Out	Rouse Hill Rams	Match Drawn
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No report submitted. B9 progress to final. Congratulations.

<b>B8</b>	10 for 75	Pacific Oceans XI	4 for 41	Match Drawn
No report submitted. B8 progress no further. Bad luck guys.				
<b>B7</b>	10 for 59	Seven Hills RSL	10 for 119	First Innings Loss
No report submitted. B7 progress no further. Bad luck guys.				
<b>B4</b>	10 for 112	Wenty Waratahs	6 for 23	Match Drawn
No report submitted. B4 progress no further. Bad luck guys.				
<b>B2</b>	8 for 104	Winston Hills	10 for 106	Match Drawn
No report submitted. B2 progress no further. Bad luck guys.				
<b>B1</b>	Washed Out	AKA Crusaders		Match Drawn
No report submitted. B1 progress to final. Congratulations.				

## Match Results and Reports – FINALS

<b>11/2B</b>	8 for 86	Rouse Hill Rams	4 for 87	First Innings Loss
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No report submitted.

<b>13/1</b>	9 for 138	Greystanes	10 for 110	First Innings Win
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YEAH BABY!!!!!!!!!!!!

How cool is three premierships in a row!!!!!!!!!!!!

And how cool was this game of cricket!!!!!!!!!!!!

Over the past few years Baulko has developed a true rivalry with Greystanes for no other reason than they are a good, competitive team and were no doubt deserved grand finalists this season. We have played Greystanes in two finals and in one semi final in three short years of cricket. All games have been close and very hard fought but the mighty Baulko have won them all.

At last, we won the toss...and didn't know what to do...everyone said bat...so we did.

Things didn't go well at the start of our innings with Michael dismissed for 5 with the score on 9 in just the 5<sup>th</sup> over. A steady ride by Jimmy and Jake evened things up and then started turning it our way but as would turn out to be the story of the day, wickets seemed to fall steadily. There was no killer huge partnership. At 2 for 34 when Jimmy was dismissed I thought things were about par but then Matthew went at 3/35 and we looked on the verge of trouble. No more wickets was the order. Bat out your 60 overs. Get on top. Instructions everywhere.

Jake and Kapil went to work and both batted with great determination and reservation. A dropped chance (the only one of the game) gave Kapil a let off when he was on just 10 and thankfully he made Greystanes pay, taking his score to 40 before finally being dismissed. Jake was dismissed in a run out confusion on 24 but our score was ticking over and we seemed to be staying just far enough in front of a defendable total.

As our innings progressed, so did our score. It seemed somewhere around 120 would be the target but we all wanted more. Then came Blake and Daniel and with them came runs at 4 runs an over for the last 10 overs. Bake batted aggressively hitting four 4s in short succession. Daniel batted aggressively and ran between the wickets at lightning speed. Blake was dismissed for 24 valuable runs and Brad, who only faced a ball or two, made sure we got at least one run (mostly 2) off every last ball bowled. Daniel repeatedly found the gaps in the closing over and at the end we had 138 runs. Less than we had hoped for but a defendable target, or so we thought.

At this point congratulations must go to Greystanes, who as a team bowled superbly and fielded very well.

Day two and it was time for Greystanes to mount their run chase. Having been in a bit of poor form with the bat of late, we were hoping this would continue and the wickets would come easily. They didn't.

The first wicket fell in the 5<sup>th</sup> over and they were 1 for 8. Great. We then had to wait 17 more overs before the 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket fell at 45. Hmm, things are getting a little close. Drinks were taken after 30 overs and Greystanes were now 2 for 60 and the 'Hmmm's' were mounting. They're really put up a good fight.

However, like always, our boys never give up and always believe that somehow, somewhere, someone will make it happen. Returning to our opening bowlers after the drinks break yielded two more wickets, both to Brad who by now had the enviable figures of 3/12 from 10 overs. Things were swinging our way but Greystanes still had two quite decent bats at the crease. The score was edging through the 80s and there were still enough overs left, if Greystanes were good enough. The tension mounted and then there was Daniel. A short ball to the hip was played to a vacant short square-leg and Greystanes were off for a tight run, or so their non-striker thought. A hesitation at the batsmen's end was enough to sparks Daniel's interest and off he tore to pick up the ball, rip off a glove and hurl it at the bowler's end stumps. One bounce and middle stump was out of the ground. A brilliant run out that crucified Greystanes in an instant. For them it was heart breaking. For us it was the turning point. Next ball Kapil removed middle stump with a terrific yorker and Greystanes' heads fell a little further. It was 6 for 87 in the 43<sup>rd</sup>

and batting stocks were thinning and we had two new batsmen at the crease. They tried valiantly to bring the game home but some excellent bowling by all boys just made the final overs too great a task. Once the run chase exceeded 5 runs an over we new the game was ours. Greystanes were all out for 110 in the 58<sup>th</sup> over. Victory was ours again.

For Greystanes, it can only be said that they played a fantastic game and showed a lot of spirit and determination. This is no doubt one of their best two performances against us in the past three years. We honestly say that we look forward to continuing the rivalry in coming seasons and hope that they continue to make us fight very hard each and every game.

For Baulko, the fun was all ours yet again. The boys batted sensibly and even when in some trouble went back to the basics of playing sensible cricket shots and valuing their wicket. No doubt, we needed to bat our full 60 overs to win this game. Likewise, our bowling was excellent, aggressive but controlled. There were very little sundries and our fielding was top notch. As in any game there are always the little moments that could be improved but this game was high calibre and close to faultless.

For both teams, this final was well played, with good spirit, and had maturity well above this age group. I can honestly say that I thought the quality of the cricket befitted Division 1. The effort from both teams was a pleasure to watch. Congratulations to all.

<b>16/2</b>	<b>10 for 91</b>	<b>Greystanes</b>	<b>10 for 265</b>	<b>First Innings Loss</b>
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No report submitted.

<b>16/1B</b>	<b>8 for 134</b>	<b>Pendle Hill Colts</b>	<b>10 for 133</b>	<b>First Innings Win</b>
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We were hoping to win the toss and have a bat but unfortunately Sam's record at the toss continued. As such Pendo chose to bat. We changed our opening bowling combination and had our plans worked out. It was now up to the boys to put them into action and they did. After 12 overs Matt Sibley and Josh Baz had conceded only 14 runs succeeding in piling the pressure on their openers, one of who had scored over 700 runs for the season. Antonio and Matt McKenna came on and kept the pressure on with Antonio picking up a wicket in his 1<sup>st</sup> over. The constant tight bowling was having the desired effect with Rahul, their best bat getting more and more frustrated which led to his dismissal being caught sensationally by Sambo. At 2/37 after 23 overs with Rahul out we had the perfect start. Pendo changed their batting order at Rahul's wicket and brought in a hitter to try and lift the run rate. He was bowled by James Benton 2 runs later and the pressure kept mounting, 3/39. It was a dream start but Pendo are a class team and our job was far from done. Sam Shiel, our usual opener, came on 4<sup>th</sup> change and bowled beautifully to keep the pressure on, bowling 4 maidens in his 1<sup>st</sup> spell. After 35 overs we had them 4/63 and they had to start pushing it along. Their 5<sup>th</sup> wicket put on 40 at about 4 an over and then Antonio struck again removing Marcel who was starting to look dangerous. The 6<sup>th</sup> wicket pair also started to build a partnership before Billy removed their captain and we had them 6/123 after 55 overs. We had 20 minutes left to get the last 4 wickets or bowl the last of our overs. Sam Shiel came back on for his 2<sup>nd</sup> spell and decided that he would finish them off himself taking 4/1 in 6 balls including a hat-trick. A sensational way to finish the day and had us in a great position. Sambo led the team very well with good bowling changes and excellent field settings. Everyone bowled to the plans we had in place, which enabled Sam to set a 7-2 field for the majority of the day. An excellent effort. Antonio finished with 3/16 from 12 overs and Sam Shiel with 5/12 from 8.3 including his hat-trick. Matt Sibley also chipped in with 4 catches.

This left us with 134 to win at 2 an over, which was very gettable but also a bit tricky. We changed our batting order a little bit with Josh Stevenson being pushed back up to open with Antonio and Billy coming in at 3. They have a very good bowling attack and we new they would come at us hard. At 3/19 some of the parents were getting a little bit edgy. When Sambo fell and we were 4/34 the game was on a knife-edge but we had a lot of depth in our batting, which Pendo might've underestimated a bit. In came James Senior who was very determined and played very positively and he hit one of the sweetest and biggest straight 6's I've seen. He and Stevo pushed the score to 64 before Stevo's very stubborn innings finally came to an end. The book says he only got 8 runs but he hung around and was a solid rock for James to start the rebuilding with. James was batting beautifully and in Trent found a willing partner. On Friday I received a call from Trent saying he had damaged his eye and mightn't be able to play. Thankfully it improved sufficiently enough for him to play. James and Trent pushed the score along to 101 and were looking like they were going to see us home when James was very nicely stumped. Another twist to this intriguing game. We lost another couple of quick wickets and were suddenly 8/116 and it was anyone's game again. At the fall of the 8<sup>th</sup> wicket Trent asked me what I wanted him to do and I said to just bat. And that he did,

playing some beautiful shots dispatching Rahul twice in 1 over and playing one of the nicest straight drives you could ever hope to play off Damien. All of a sudden it was down to 3 to win and 2 wkts in hand and a very nervous James Benton waiting to come in. Trent was rotating the strike beautifully but then went for a very tight run with a gentle push behind point to their captain who is a very good fielder. Matt took off and is pretty quick but he was never going to make it if Marks throw hit. Thankfully it missed and they had no one backing up and we got the 2 over throws that won us match. I'll never forget the cries of RUN, RUN that came from everyone, the team, parents, me and everyone supporting us. A truly unforgettable moment that will live with me forever. James finished with 32 which, in the context of which it was played, was arguably his best ever innings, whilst Trent finished with 48 no playing easily his best ever innings and finally showing everyone, including himself, his full potential.

This was a great game of cricket played between 2 teams who gave everything. I am extremely proud of the boys and the way they played. They really stood up in this game against a team who had only been defeated once all season prior to this, coincidentally by us, and they should be extremely proud of what they've achieved. To see the looks of utter happiness in their faces, those of their parents and all the supporters who came down to cheer us on was a great feeling and one I'll never forget. I would like to make special mention of all the supporters that came to cheer us on. Many of these people had no direct involvement in our side but you made a real difference and helped get us over the line. Thank you very much. This is what helps to make this club so great. Everyone in the team made a contribution to this win. I said to the boys before the game, who wants to make a real difference in this game? Who wants to be the one to do something special that they'll never forget? I didn't expect to have so many guys put their hands up. Sambo with his great catch to get rid of Rahul, Sam Shiel with a hat-trick and 5 for 12, Antonio with a trademark miserly 3/16, Sibs with 4 catches, James and Trent with match winning innings. This game was filled with special moments, including parents and the club president shedding tears of joy on my shoulder. As a coach and parent it just doesn't get much better than this.

Antonio Castellarin 3/16  
Sam Shiel 5/12 incl hat-trick

James Senior 32  
Trent Samuels 48 no

<b>B13</b>	10 for 31 & 10 for 36	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 81	Outright Loss
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No report submitted.

<b>B12</b>	10 for 50 & 7 for 19	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 160	Outright Loss
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No report submitted.

<b>B9</b>	10 for 60	Kings Langley	10 for 206	First Innings Loss
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No report submitted.

<b>B1</b>	10 for 115	Kings Langley	10 for 111	First Innings Win
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Premiers by 3 points..... And finally... champions. After losing the semi finals in the last 2 seasons to the eventual grade winners, the B1s finally broke through and won the GF. In a game where the weather was always going to play a factor, the cap had no problems taking the bat after winning the toss. Things didn't start well, loosing SK with the score on 1 and then Jas, Brommie and Billy in quick succession and in no time, we were 4/20. Enter Steven 'I bat with a railway sleeper' Sarlog, who proceeded to be dropped first ball to a simple 2<sup>nd</sup> slip catch. That was enough to call the big man into action and in a great display of what the Channel 9 commentary team refer to as 'Momentum swing' he attacked the Kings bowling and took us to 4/75 before he lost his wicket for 35. He was well backed up by Hush who played a very patient and controlled innings that he always seems to bring out during a finals series. Hush, Rowdy and Shears all batted well to get us to a respectable total and could have got us more runs had the tail suck around to back them up. Baulko all out 115.

With an hour still left on the Saturday we took the ball knowing that 1 or 2 quick wickets would give us the upper hand overnight. We dismissed their opener (and in my view the best bat in our grade) for 7 and had them 2 down overnight, but already with 48 runs on the board.

Sunday greeted us with spots of rain and overcast conditions, the kind of conditions a cricketer hates (you either

want it pouring with rain, or no rain at all). When we finally made it onto the park, the equation was simple, 8 wickets or Kings Win. Rowdy took the ball from the pavilion end and had issues straight away with his feet, as well as holding on to the cake of soap that was the ball. The conditions didn't help and in no time we were off again to give the pitch time to dry. When we did finally get back on Schicky and Sloggy got into tight bowling rhythm, giving the batsman nothing and bowling well with a wet and heavy ball. The 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket fell at 52 before an amazing session saw Kings lose 6/36 to be 9/88. Kings last pair would not lie down however and continued to chip away at the total. With Kings approaching the 100 mark and Sloggy and Schicky approaching their 20<sup>th</sup> over for the match each, the cap decided to change things up and took the ball himself. He bowled tight but with no luck. Throwing the ball to Sacha 'I'll mop up the tail' Hilbrink at Sloggy's end, the B1s were running out of runs to play with and the batsman were looking more and more confident. However in his 3<sup>rd</sup> over, Sach produced the bowl he his renowned around the club for bowling and a dipping inswinger took middle and leg out of the ground to end the game... Baulko wins... by 4 runs.

Some random acts of stupidity followed and the rest is history, but having come close the last few seasons it was fitting that this season we took the chocolates. On behalf of the team I would like to thank all the lads from A-Grade, B2s, B4s and B9s who came up to watch us over the weekend as well as players families, committee members and even a few players from other teams in our grade. Your support, input and assistance throughout this season have been invaluable and we thank you all. I'm going to end the GF report by also thanking my old man. As sure as Hush is going to save his best batting display for the GF, my old man seems to capture a pivotal point of a grand final on film. Call it skill, call it luck... call it what you will... but I'll leave you all to dwell on the grand final with this photo and say "Well Done Lads, Great Season"

