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Baulkham Hills Cricket Club Newsletter

Around The Grounds

Welcome back to a new season with Baulko.

The preseason was again very busy and after registrations were finalized, we submitted a total of 27 teams to PDCA for this season. We entered 12 senior teams & 15 junior teams, made up of 1 U16, 2 each in U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, & 4 in U10.

Welcome to all our returning players and supporters and a special welcome to new members of our club. We trust you enjoy your time with us.

Please ensure all players are playing in a Baulko shirt and hat/cap. You can also purchase a club shirt. Club clothing can be purchased from the canteen at Charles McLaughlin Oval, while the in2cricket clinic is on - Friday nights - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Your committee was very busy getting the teams organized and special thanks must go to the committee for all their work. The junior age co-ordinators, coaches and managers also put in a lot of time and effort to get our teams organized. Thanks to all those people. The senior grading committee also put in many hours to get the teams finalized. Well done guys.

The season rosters are complete for meat raffles and in2cricket and we ask all teams to ensure they meet these requirements.

We are holding our meat raffle every week, so get along to the Sports Club for a chance to win.

Our Baulko website has lots of information - have a look at www.baulkocricket.com.au. Our website also has a link to the MyCricket website, where results, tables and scoresheets can be viewed.

Our next monthly meeting is on Tuesday 7 October at 7:30pm at the Sports Club. Please make sure each team is represented.

If you have any news or gossip for the newsletter, let us know by email at owzatt@baulkocricket.com.au

Check out our web site

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

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

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

To all Captains, Coaches and Managers

Team Reports

Team reports for this newsletter can be emailed to owzatt@baulkocricket.com.au by Tuesday night after the game. Newsletters will be published during the week after a game.

Team Performances:

Winning teams this round - B1, B7, B8, B10, B12, B15, 16/1, 14/1G, 13/2, 12/1, 10B, 10C, 10R

Individual Achievements:

M Robertson	A Res	36	T Waddups	B12	3/39
S Hilbrink	A Res	4/23	J Balzarolo	B12	52*
O Fernando	A Res	3/22	A Wadhwa	B13	64
T Senior	B1	5/31 & 48	T Dharmadasa	B14	48
L Strangwick	B1	59	B Awkadawala	B14	2/43, 25
J Macrae	B1	34	T Thiruloganathan	B14	62
J Rich	B2	30	H Shah	B15	4/15 & 3/22
A Rainu	B2	6/38	D Patel	B15	4/24, 3/28, 53*
I Masud	B2	2/24, 2/29	P Patel	B15	48*
C Blinman	B2	2/26, 2/8	A Patel	B15	48
B Jones	B3	6/61	D Wijesena	16/1	5/9
R Jones	B3	2/58, 28	J Bartlett	16/1	3/6
J Smith	B7	56*, 3/35	P Sharma	15/1	30
M Yuvarajan	B7	33	A Maitra	15/1	28
R Deane	B8	5/40, 35	A Patwardhan	15/2	28
P Jackson	B8	4/34	C Edwards	14/1G	29*
M Ritchie	B8	111	L Perkin	14/1G	3/14
D Mason	B8	48	R Johnston	14/1G	2/8
N Dias	B10	38	R Johns	14/1M	35
R Wijesekara	B10	28, 37, 2/6, 4/16	J Zann	14/1M	3/18
C Lokuge	B10	2/15, 2/47	A Wagner	14/1M	3/34
J Bhosle	B11	84	K Pooni	13/2	2/16
S Darbhamulla	B11	70*, 2/63	R Jose	13/2	2/17
L Bertus	B12	116, 31, 3/25	S Zammit	12/1	6/7
S Hampstead	B12	5/46, 3/8	J Walker	12/2	3/5

The Duck Pond:

One of the most prestigious and anticipated awards at the Senior Presentation Dinner is the Duck Tie.

A big shout out must go to our Under 13/1 Manager Michael Mahinthan, who jumped into the duck pond with both feet – scoring a pair in his first game for Baulko!!

Others who splashed in to the pond this round are....

Alles, Malro	B14	Koski, Ward	B1
Bamforth, Murray	B3	Liyanage, Anthony	B10
Banks, David	B12	Lockhart, Tomas	B2
Barnett, Jonathan	B11	Martin, Stewart	B7
Bennetts, Samuel	B1	McLoughlin, Greg	B2
Burgin, Miles	B12	Newbury, Ben	B7
Fernando, Omal	A Res	Patel, Brijesh	B15
Fernando, Sumal	B11	Patel, Hiteshkumar	B15
Fonseka, Dilshan	B10	Ramsey, Tom	B12
Freeman, Josh	B2	Ruxton, Simon	B3
Freeman, Sam	B2	Shah, Pintu	B1
Gallard, Braith	B14	Sibley, Matthew	B1
Gersbach, Ben	B12	Touzel, Peter	B12
Hilbrink, Sacha	A Res	Walker, Grant	B13
Hush, Chris	A Res	Woods, Phillip	A Res

Team Rosters

Meat Raffle Roster – Saturday Night at the Sporto

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

Ticket sales are to start by 6:30pm.

DATE	TEAM	DATE	TEAM
Sep 20	A Res	Dec 27	n/a
Sep 27	n/a	Jan 03	n/a
Oct 04	B1	Jan 10	B14
Oct 11	U15/1	Jan 17	B15
Oct 18	B2	Jan 24	tba
Oct 25	U14/1	Jan 31	U16/1
Nov 01	B3	Feb 07	B10
Nov 08	U14/2	Feb 14	U15/2
Nov 15	B7	Feb 21	B11
Nov 22	U13/1	Feb 28	U11/1
Nov 29	B8	Mar 07	B13
Dec 06	U13/2	Mar 14	U11/2
Dec 13	B12	Mar 21	tba
Dec 20	U12/1	Mar 28	tba

MILO in2cricket Roster – Charles McLaughlin Oval

To help out with the MILO in2cricket clinic, senior teams have been rostered to provide 4 players to one of the sessions. Please make every effort to ensure your team helps out in this important junior development opportunity.

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

DATE	TEAM
Sep 12	B2
Sep 19	B3
Sep 26	n/a
Oct 03	n/a
Oct 10	B7
Oct 17	B10
Oct 24	B14
Oct 31	B12
Nov 07	B8
Nov 14	B13
Nov 21	B15
Nov 28	AR / B11
Dec 05	B1

Match Results and Reports

10B Greystanes 4 for 44

Def by Baulkham Hills 8 for 85

The under 10's blue team first official match was against Greystanes at Greystanes Sports Ground. We almost filled a full team with just one short (11 instead of 12), but the opposition were even worse with just 8 players. We finished on 85 runs with loss of 8 wickets (4 run outs, 3 bowled and 1 caught). Greystanes total was 44 runs for 4 wickets (2 bowled and 2 run out). Even without dropping of our 3 worst results we won on averages 9.49 to 8.8. Well done for our first win already for the season and a great start.

The following players made runs

Declan Reidy 12 runs one run out

Ravi Abayakoon Soni – 10 runs one run out

Stuart McLaren – 8 runs one bowled

Wade Lenton – 6 runs and no outs

Thevindu Hewagama – 2 runs no outs

Tyrin Barnett – 2 runs and one bowled

Ethan Ehamparam – 1 run and one run out

Jack Craik – 1 run and one run out.

Good luck Lachlan, Hanbi and Mayawen we will get on the board next match.

The bowling results were as follows:

Tyrin – 1 over 2 no balls – 1 run out and no runs

Mayawen – 2 overs 4 no balls – 4 runs and no wickets

Jack – 2 overs 2 no balls – 4 runs and 1 bowled and 1 run out

Stuart – 2 overs 5 no balls – no runs and no wickets

Declan – 2 overs 1 wide 5 runs and no wickets

Ravi – 2 overs 1 bowled and no runs

Thevindu – 1 over 1 no balls 1 run and no wickets

Ethan – 1 over 2 no balls no runs and no wickets

Hanbi – 1 over 6 no balls no runs and no wickets

Wade – 1 over 2 no balls 4 runs and no wickets

10C Kings Langley 8/46 (Avg 5.1)

Def by Baulkham Hills C 5/91 (Avg 15.1)

Round 1 - Baulkham Hills U10 White C 5/91 (Avg 15.16) defeated Kings Langley 8/46 (Avg 5.1)

What a glorious day for a game of cricket! Jesse was Captain for our first game of the season. He won the toss and elected to bat. The Baulko Boys batted really well, and runs were hard-earned today. Of the 39 runs made, only 6 were singles – the rest were 4's. Judd was our top scorer today, with 10 runs, followed closely by Vincent and Jesse (both on 8). Some beautiful shots were struck, as the boys took to the crease with confidence and smiles.

Then it was our turn to take to the field. Cohen and Judd shared the wicket-keeping duties today. Our bowling was impressively tight, with 7 maidens off our 22 overs. Daniel (2-1), James (1-6) and Cohen (2-1) all opened with wicket-maidens, and William was close behind with 1-1 – awesome! Vincent bowled two maidens, and Luke looked very fierce as he bowled a wicket maiden for his second over. Kye and Andrew both took great catches. Timothy and Bailey, who are new to cricket this year certainly held their own, and looked very comfortable on the field.

Well done, everyone! Looking forward to our next game against Rouse Hill Rams in a couple of weeks.

10D Baulkham Hills D

V

Wentworthville Leagues

No report submitted.

10R Winston Hills 5/46

Def by Baulkham Hills 1/114

Most of the kids in U 10 Red had their first ever game of real cricket and they all walked away with big smiles on their faces. We bowled first and it was great to see the encouragement and support of each other in the field. Everyone bowled really well, with all players showing great improvement, even in the short time since we started practicing. Aniketh, Plaabon and Ganak got a wicket each and Declan bowled 2 maidens. With a couple of run outs, we kept them to 5/46. Everyone batted really well with Aniketh top scoring with 7 and we finished at 1/114. Our

MOM was Plaabon who batted, bowled and fielded exceptionally well.

Coach Dave has given all the boys something to work on for the next game and hopefully they will be out practising in the holidays.

11/2 Kellyville 3/77

Def

Baulkham Hills 5/76(cc)

We had a good start to the season with 100% turn-out for the first game. All players and many parents brought energy and enthusiasm to the game.

Tom was the captain for the day. We lost the toss and got to bat first. The boys batted with caution; fortunately our score was helped (tremendously) by the gifts of extra runs from the opposition team. Whilst nobody reached the PDCA retirement cap of 25 runs, many of our players were retired once they had been on the crease for a certain time thus allowing everyone a chance to bat. At the end of the designated 26 overs, we reached a total of 76 runs for the loss of five wickets.

After a quick break, the boys took on to bowling with gusto. Jamie and Lahiru took turns at wicket keeping.

The opposition team was strong though on this occasion and they chased our total down with relative ease within 17.3 overs at the loss of 3 wickets.

Overall a good start with lots of areas of improvement identified.

11/1 Baulkham Hills 8/57

def by

Hills Barbarians 3/119(cc)

No report submitted.

12/2 Pendle Hill Colts 3/130(cc)

def

Baulkham Hills 52

J Walker 3/5

We welcome the new comers to the team and season 2014/2015 - Stuart, James, Dylan, Supreeth, Sanjam, Jarrod and Nick. Some of who, are playing comp cricket for the first time. Welcome boys and thanks also to the rest of the team for resigning again. We look forward to an enjoyable season.

It was a great day for cricket and the boys were itching to get started.

Winning the toss, Oscar elected to bowl first. The Baulko boys started well, with some really tidy overs. Only conceding 3 runs an over, we were looking good for the first 5 - 6 overs. Pendo's openers soon took charge, as they anchored their batting innings and began to play some nice strokes.

They got on top with a few boundaries but enter Jarrod. A young man from the hills, playing his first ever game. After a couple of loose ones, he soon found his rhythm and snared his first wicket for the team. In Jarrod's second over, he got through the Pendo's defence again, to grabbed his second wicket and then another, a third wicket for the team. All bowled!

The in-swingers were working a treat and Jarrod finished his spell with a very impressive 3/5 from 4 overs. Outstanding bowling from this young debutante. He was well supported by Sanjam with tidy figures of 0/11 from 4 overs. He was very unlucky not to take wickets. Oscar bowled well also, with figures of 0/13 from 4 overs. His leg spinners had the Pendo batters in all sorts as he generated lots of turn off the pitch. Our bowlers all did a tremendous job and our boys tried extremely hard on the field. Our wicket keeper, Adithya did a fantastic job behind the stumps and so too Supreeth helping out. No real catching opportunities coming our way in the field, with the Pendo opener scoring his half tonne. At the end of their innings he was unbeaten on 50 plus. They finished 3-130 after 31 overs.

A quick change and some handy tips given by Mark and Sam at the break.

Baulko were padded up and ready to chase down a challenging total, set by the home team. With Sanjam and Jarrod opening the bat, they did a good job at putting down their heads and getting on with the run chase.

Unfortunately for Baulko, a direct throw at the stumps, saw the unlucky Sanjam on his way. Out comes Supreeth swinging the willow. Some lovely stroke play and cherries on his bat for his reward. However, the Pendo opener who batted through their innings, followed up with some really aggressive bowling and took his first of four wickets for the innings.

Adithya next in at four and didn't he play well. A picture of concentration and some beautiful late cutting, saw him play a steady but delightful innings for his team. He deservedly top scored for Baulko with 15. Well done Adithya! Dylan is handy, looking as confident as Michael Clarke at the crease. Solid defence and a selection of shots. Nick made his debut and faced up to some real challenging deliveries from the Pendo opener, who had started his second spell. He copped a beauty which saw the bails fly. Oscar took the crease and showed great maturity to face up to the Pendo pace men.

With much anticipation, the captain played a skippers knock, but he too, was undone by a great ball. Blake and Stuart were tremendous. They put up a real fight with some impressive forward defence. They batted bravely and for some time, carving out a solid partnership, understanding and some valuable time in the middle. James and Timothy had a red hot go as well.

Some good stroke play and a real dig from the boys. Pendo finally wrapped up the match rolling Baulko for 52 from 28 overs. Baulko tried really hard and the boys had loads of fun. They are already looking forward to round 2. A big thank you to Alexander, who volunteered to sit out with the batting but did a great job with the ball with figures of 0/14 from 3 overs. It was a pretty fair effort with everyone contributing with the ball, on the field or with the bat. Well done Baulko. It was an enjoyable first match of cricket.

12/1 Hills Barbarians 66 **def by Baulkham Hills 1/67**
S Zammit 6/7

First match of the competition and we come up with a good win.

We played Hills Barbarians at Eric Mobbs no 3. We lost the toss and were asked to field/bowl first.

The boys gelled as a team and supported each bowler well. Barbarians were dismissed for 67 runs in the 29th over. Special mention to Steven Zammit who took 6 wickets for 7 runs and showed accurate straight bowling pays off.

Our team batted well and were only 1 wicket down for the runs. Sam and Will opened the batting and started off confidently until Will was trapped in front LBW. Pat strode to the crease and he and Sam finished the job in the 21st over. Sam scored 24 and Pat scored 23.

Our catching was good during the match but could improve, as always we should remember – "Catches win matches".

Good effort boys onto round 2.

13/2 Baulkham Hills 6/101(cc) **Def Hills Barbarians 7/99**
K Pooni 2/16, R Jose 2/17

No report submitted.

13/1 Baulkham Hills **v BYE**
Nothing to report.

14/1M Baulkham Hills 9/92(cc) **def by Pendle Hill Colts 7/154(cc)**
R Johns 35 J Zann 3/18, A Wagner 3/34

Baulkham Hills won the toss and elected to field.

Pendle Hill 7/154 (cc) off 31 overs
Baulkham Hills 9/92 (cc) of 31 overs

Pendle Hill won on first innings by 62 runs

The Baulkham Hills boys got to experience Division One cricket for the first time after their promotion from last season and it was a tough first up welcome.

Some sloppy fielding and wayward bowling in the opening spells allowed Pendle Hill to build a nice steady start to their innings. After the drinks break the boys knuckled down and things picked up in the field and our bowlers got back to line and length. Adam Wagner took the first wicket of the season and he finished with figures of 3/34 off 8 overs. Adam was very well supported from Josh Zann who also claimed 3 wickets for 18 off 4 overs. Jake

Whitehouse took an early candidate for catch of the season after running after a sky high hit and taking a clean catch centimetres from the ground. However, Pendle Hill maintained a run rate of five an over and closed their innings at 7/154.

Neelaabh and Aniruddh got the job of opening the innings and both boys got a start but just as they seemed to be settling in both boys were dismissed with Neelaabh bowled and Aniruddh run out when not backing up quick enough with Jake making the call for a single. Jake was later caught for 9 after again making a start and looking to settle in. We had two fill in players for this match in Ryan Johns and Michael Blinman from the 13/1's who had the bye and these two boys came to the crease and put on a 25 run partnership. Unfortunately both these boys were dismissed with the team on 65 with Ryan top scoring on 35. Well done Ryan and thanks to both boys for helping out. At 5/65 and with Pat Taylor and Adam Wagner at the crease there was still hope we could make it a closer contest but, as was the case with most of the boys batting, Pat and Adam got a start and were looking comfortable when the push for runs caused a rush of blood and the boys seemed to throw their wickets away. Pat stumped and Adam skying a simple catch. The goal now was to not be dismissed all out and the boys survived their 31 overs to finish at 9/92.

A tough first up game but there were promising signs that we will have a good solid season. Well done boys.

14/1G Baulkham Hills 6/97(cc)

C Edwards 29*

Def

Wentworthville Leagues 9/94(cc)

L Perkin 3/14, R Johnston 2/8

Performances

Cameron Edwards 29 n/o

Harrison King 20

Luke Perkin 3/14 off 7 overs

Rhys Johnston 2/8 off 3 overs

Wijith Wijeyasiri 1/7 off 7 overs

Wenty won the toss and sent in Baulkham Hills to bat. The grass was long and the field wet, but Baulko got off to a reasonable start. Luke was dismissed for 10 and Baulko were 1/14 off 5 overs. Harrison K and Wijith shared a 19 run partnership to move the score to 2/33 after 16. The bowling was good and difficult to get away. Harrison was caught for 20 after looking good in bat. Avi came and look promising before being stumped for 8. However it was Cameron Edwards who was able to move the run rate along. Baulko were 3/41 with 10 overs to go, and managed to put on 56 valuable runs. Cameron played an absolute gem of an innings. He was patient but also brutal, including hitting Wentys best bowler for 14 in one over. A fine innings by Cameron. The score of 97 was respectable, and gave us a chance.

Wijith and Luke bowled tight and restricted Wenty to just 1/13 off the 1st 10 overs. However Wenty started hitting boundaries and started to edge themselves in front. Wenty were 1/50 off 19, and Baulko needed a breakthrough. Harrison Bultitude came in and with his 1st ball got the hard hitting opener with a great Yorker. The X factor came on at the other end.. And Rhys 2 wickets in 2 overs. The second wicket was a big effort in the outfield by Luke who ran over 20 metres to take the catch. Baulko were back in the match. 2 run outs by Wij and Samet, great work in the outfield.

With 4 overs to go Wenty needed 12 runs to win, and their best batsmen still in it still looked a difficult task for the home team. But Wijith and Luke bowled tight and took crucial wickets. Luke pitched one up, Wentys best batter hit it to long off, and it was Samet who took a terrific catch.. and this proved to be the turning point of the match. 6 needed in the last over to win by Wenty and they scored 2... And Baulko celebrated a gutsy and nail biting win.

A really good win by the boys. They tougher it out brilliantly against a much improved team.

Well done boys!

15/2 Baulkham Hills 5/95(cc)

A Patwardhan 28

def by

Hills Barbarians 4/97

No report submitted.

15/1 Wentworthville Leagues 2/92

Def

Baulkham Hills 5/89(cc)

P Sharma 30, A Maitra 28

No report submitted.

16/1 Baulkham Hills 0/34

def

Rouse Hill Rams 32

D Wijesena 5/9, J Bartlett 3/6

Performances

Dilshan Wijesena 5/9

Josh Bartlett 3/6

We couldn't believe our luck when the opposition chose to bat when they won the toss. We were always going to bowl first against this opposition.

A brutal opening spell from Dilshan saw the opposition fall apart very quickly. His figures of 5/9 from 6 overs were absolutely devastating for the opponents. They could not handle the pace & swing from our big left armed bowler. Luke Jerome bowling a pacy spell at the other end, also equally as impressive & finished with 1 wicket for 2 runs from 6 overs. At 6/11, they were in all sorts of trouble. Josh Bartlett 3/6 from 3.1 overs & Stephen Burns 1/0 from 2 overs cleaned up the tail. To bowl them out in 19 overs was fantastic.

Our fielding was excellent for the first game into the season. Only one dropped catch. It was one of those ones that either stick or they don't. It just didn't happen to stick this time!

Our opening batsmen Stuart Henry & Luke Jerome made easy work of the run chase with some classy batting to chase the run total down in 5 overs.

A big thank you to the boys from the 14/1Gold for helping us out with a few fieldsmen. This was greatly appreciated & your fielding was top notch.

Well done boys, your commitment & camaraderie at pre-season has certainly shone through to give you a very big win in round one.

B15 Seven Hills-Toongabbie RSL 113

H Shah 4/15, D Patel 4/24

and 9/100

H Shah 3/22, D Patel 3/28

def by

Baulkham Hills 7/222(dec)

D Patel 53*, P Patel 48*, A Patel 48

No report submitted.

B14 Baulkham Hills 124

T Dharmadasa 48

and 6/163

T Thiruloganathan 62, B Awkadawala 25

def by

Greystanes 5/261(dec)

T Stewart 2/10, B Awkadawala 2/43

No report submitted.

B13 Rouse Hill Rams 7/195(dec)

S Bethamsetty 2/7, V Patel 2/22

Def

Baulkham Hills 127

A Khan 25

and 2/92

A Wadhwa 64

Ashwani Wadhwa - 64 runs and 1-19

Ajaz Khan - 25 runs and 1-40

Vishal Patel - 23 runs and 2-22

Ian Renton - 23 runs, 20 not out and two catches

B13 is a similar team from last year's premiership winning B13 side. There are a couple of losses and a couple of gains. Unavailability of several players meant we only had ten players both weeks and only fielded six players from the winning grand final X11. Nevertheless, with several net sessions in the winter, the B13s should have played better than we did so we started the season with a convincing loss just as we did in 2013. We looked rusty with most batsmen falling victim to poor shots rather than good bowling. There were two run-outs due to miscommunication and when we got our opportunity in the field, the bowling lacked penetration and accuracy. There were also dropped catches, lots of misfielding and we even missed a run-out despite having both batsmen at the one end.

The match started with Ajaz Khan (25 runs) winning the toss as he usually does and joining Ian Renton (23 runs) in a good opening partnership of 43 runs. From then on, we lost several wickets with five batsmen getting caught, hitting out against the legspinner. Vishal Patel added 23 runs at number 5 and Riushaad (10 not out) looked

untroubled before running out of partners. 127 runs was not enough and Rouse Hill Rams passed our score with the loss of just 3 wickets. We then played our best cricket when the match was over. Vishal Patel (2-22) reverted to offspin and had Rouse Hill Rams leading runscore caught at slip. Ashwani Wadhwa (64 runs) took advantage of a generous declaration by Rouse Hill Rams to hit a quick half century in an opening partnership of 83 with Ian Renton (20 not out).

B12 Baulkham Hills 188

L Bertus 116

and 2/108(dec)

J Balzarolo 52*, L Bertus 31

No report submitted.

Def**Kellyville 148**

S Hampstead 5/46, T Waddups 3/39

and 6/62

S Hampstead 3/8, L Bertus 3/25

B11 Kings Langley 6/268(cc)

V Desai 2/30, S Darbhamulla 2/63

No report submitted.

Def**Baulkham Hills 189**

J Bhosle 84, S Darbhamulla 70*

B10 Baulkham Hills 137

N Dias 38, R Wijesekara 28

and 5/67(dec)

R Wijesekara 37

Def**Kings Langley 73**

R Wijesekara 2/6, M Mahinthan 2/10, C Lokuge 2/15

and 145

R Wijesekara 4/16, P Karunarathna 2/11, C Lokuge 2/47

Kings won the toss and elected to bat but their innings never gained any momentum. A good all round bowling performance with Chani, Rajitha, and Michael each picking up 2 wickets. Baulko finished day 1 at 5 for 105 and a handy 32 run first innings lead. The key to this was an unbroken 38 run 5th wicket partnership between Neshan and Rajitha. This continued on day 2 before it was broken with the score on 118. The innings then fell away to be all out for 137, and a 64 run 1st innings lead. Neshan top scored with a typically solid and well compiled 38 while Rajitha's 28 was a typical hard hitting innings.

Kings fared better with the bat in its 2nd innings, being eventually all out for 145. The Baulko bowling was led by Rajitha with 4 for 16 off 10 overs. Chani and Prasanna each picked up 2 wickets. This left Baulko with around ½ hour to score 82 runs for an outright victory. Despite a spirited effort, led by Rajitha's 37 which included 3 6s, the team fell 15 runs short of the 82 run target.

A good encouraging start to the season.

B8 Parramatta Crusaders 103

R Deane 5/40, P Jackson 4/34

Baulkham Hills - 5/243 declared from 48 overs

Ritchie 111

Mason 48

Deane 35

Riddett 22

Parramatta - 103 all out from 37 overs

Deane 5/40

Jackson 4/34

Thomas 1/1

def by**Baulkham Hills 5/243(dec)**

M Ritchie 111, D Mason 48, R Deane 35

This victory was set up on day 1 with Mark Ritchie again making a century.

Solid contributions by our top order and a brisk scoring rate meant that we could declare just before stumps to take a couple of wickets into the second week.

Roger Deane was again the destroyer taking 5 wickets with our newest player Paul Jackson making a great start to his Baulko career taking 4 wickets.

A useful away victory and now on to next game at our fortress Nth Rocks Park.

B7 Baulkham Hills 6/191

J Smith 56*, M Yuvarajan 33, S Smith 29,
D Love 26*

No report submitted.

Def AKA Crusaders 183

M Yuvarajan 4/, J Smith 3/35, J Nash 2/15

B3 Parramatta City 158

B Jones 6/61, B McKenzie 2/19, R Jones
2/58

No report submitted.

Def Baulkham Hills 134

R Jones 28

B2 Baulkham Hills 106

J Rich 30
and 25

No report submitted.

def by Guildford Hotel 130

A Rainu 6/38, I Masud 2/24, C Blinman 2/26
and 5/153(dec)

C Blinman 2/8, I Masud 2/29

B1 Kings Langley 105

T Senior 5/31, P Shah 2/36

def by**Baulkham Hills 220**

L Strangwick 59, T Senior 48, J Macrae 34, C
Springall 28

Kings Langley sent us in to bat first day of the new season, and it was good to see that Ward was able to maintain his batting form from the finals last year, getting caught at square leg for a second ball duck, top start that. Chris joined skip in the middle and the two combined nicely. Tony started like a headless chook but then started hitting them really nicely, getting the score up to 1/80 at drinks. Dave however jinxed the situation saying "we are one for 80 now, but we will be 4 for 88 soon", and whilst he was wrong, 5/96 is not much better. Chris was trapped in front not long after drinks, and Tony then lost the ball in the trees out of the bowler's hand, and as a result, lost his middle stump on 48. Both Sam and new boy Pintu were considerate to the scorers and decided not to trouble them, both getting ducks, bowled and LBW respectively. Gav didn't last much longer, hitting an absolute dolly to mid-on, and Dave followed suit two runs later, looping one to point. 7/112 and looking in a spot of bother, this is when the magic happened. Two young'uns Joe and Luke combined well, with Luke clearing the fence on two occasions, both rivalling the size of his straight six at big Ted 2 years ago. The pair put on what we thought was a game saving 78 run partnership. Luke was eventually caught for 59, his highest score in senior's cricket, leaving us 8/200. We didn't last too much longer, Joe being the final wicket, caught behind for 34 with the team on 220. Honourable mention to Josh, outscoring his dad and getting 12 unbeaten, somewhat of a record for him. We thought we were a few runs short, and only batting 44 overs, they had a lot of time to chase us down. After 8 more overs in the day, KL were 0/30-odd and looking solid.

The following week got off to a poor start, our two opening bowlers and our main spinner were away, and we were reduced to just 9 in the field with a small score to defend. The openers continued to put runs on, but we knew the chance would come and we eventually broke the partnership with KL on 70-odd. After those two, the opposition didn't have much to offer in terms of batting depth, and we finished up knocking them over for just 105. A sterling effort from the boys in the field and with the ball. A few special mentions, one to big Steve filling in for us in the field, really needed and he did a top job. Pintu for redeeming his batting effort with figures of 2/36, a catch and a run out in his debut in baulko colours, but more importantly greatly contributing to the fine tin. Also, big mention to skipper Tony, leading from the front. 48 with the bat and 5/31 off 18 with the ball. However, opening the batting, and bowling all day from one end, it's nice to see he shares the workload around. Let's push on from this good start lads. Well done all, apart from Sam.

A Res Baulkham Hills 105

M Robertson 36, C Thomas 27*

No report submitted.

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S Hilbrink 4/23, O Fernando 3/22, P Woods 2/9