

The President's Roundup

In my previous report I said Adam Shearman was getting married. Oh well, another boo boo. He's been married for a while. Sorry Ads. Replace him with Sacha Hilbrink, also of the B4's. Congratulations Sacha.

Don't forget our next monthly meeting. It's coming up on Tuesday November 7, at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club, starting at 8pm. All teams MUST be represented

The juniors returned from week's break for the school holidays to play round 3. The U15/1's scored a good win, with Kieran Houlahan 75 & Sean Abbott 65 batting well. But the performance of the round was by the U14/1's. Chasing a formidable total of 7/322, a superb team performance saw them make 7/324 to get the points. The star was Nick Bertus who continued his magnificent early season form with 127 no. According to my maths, that gives him an average of 291! Wow. Nick was well supported by Daniel Chatman, who made 66. Must have been the haircut that helped Daniel!

Congratulations to the Baulkham Hills players who have been selected in the PDCA rep sides. Also congratulations to the coaches & managers. They are:

Watson Shield (Under 16): Luke McNaught, Alex Mihalyka, Chris Slaviero, Hari Raja, Jacob Astill & Tom Gurka (ex Baulko – now playing grade for Parramatta). Jeff Warland is the coach

EG Weblin (Under 15): Sean Abbott & Samira Kasthuriarachchi,

Harold Moore (Under 14): Ben Abbott, Daniel Chatman, Gabriel Joseph, Tom Ortiz & Nick Bertus. Nigel Bertus is coach & Ian Chatman is Manager.

WS Gee Shield (Under 13): Asad Rizvi

Arch Cawsey Shield (Under 12): Mitchell Webb, Joel Pienmunne, Taseen Rahman & James Dallaway

JH Creak Shield (under 11): Blake Newman.

The following players have also been selected for AW Green Shield (Under 16 teams for Sydney Grade clubs):

Parramatta: Sean Abbott, Jacob Astill, Nick Bertus, Luke McNaught, Hari Raja & Tom Gurka

Sydney University: Alex Mihalyka

All players are reminded of the PDCA's policy of Zero Tolerance in relation to player behaviour. Should you be reported by the umpires and the offence is proved, you will be suspended. Be warned!

Don't forget that this Sunday, 29 October, Baulkham Hills CC is playing the Vision Impaired cricket team in a limited overs match at Ted Horwood Reserve. Come along & watch this fascinating game, which starts around 10.30am.

Daylight saving commence this Sunday, so from round 5, seniors will now finish at 6.15pm

The club BBQ will be held on Saturday November 4, at Charles McLaughlin. All players, parents, coaches, managers and supporters are welcome. Come along & meet others who are involved with Baulkham Hills

The new covers have arrived for use on the turf pitch at Charles McLaughlin. These had to be bought (at a cost of over \$4,000), to replace the old ones which were vandalised at the end of last year. If you are around on Friday nights, keep an eye out if you are in the area.

Our present storage facility, kindly given to us by Arthur Scarf is to close in November. We will be moving our equipment to our container at Charles McLaughlin. BUT, we need to build shelves for storage. Do we have anyone who would be willing to build these shelves? Financial inducement is available! If you can assist, please contact me on 0413 495516 or 9639 2683.

Peter McLoughlin
President

Social and Other Stuff

Playing Fees

All players are advised that playing fees for the current season are now OVERDUE! If you have not paid your fees, please pay the money to your captain asap, or give it to any committee member at the Sporto on Saturday night.

Milo Have-A-Go Clinic – Registration

The club will again be running a Have-A-Go Clinic on Friday nights for our youngest and keenest participants. The clinic will be run after daylight saving has commenced, starting in November. We are looking for helpers to run the sessions. Last season we had several Under 16 and 15 players assisting. The session runs from about 6:00 to 7:30. If you are interested, talk to any committee member or drop us an email at committee@baulkocricicket.com.au

Registration day: Friday, October 27, from 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Charles McLaughlin Reserve, Cnr Crestwood Drive & Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills.

Cost \$40. Lots of freebies.

Season: Commences Friday November 3 at the above address. Season runs for approx 12 weeks, from November 2006 to March 2007, with a break over the December/January holidays.

More Information: Contact Peter McLoughlin on 0413 495516 or Jeff Warland on 0405 588 137

NSW Cricket Raffle

We are running the NSW Cricket Raffle this year. Tickets were given to each team at the first Monthly meeting. They cost just \$2 & there are some great prizes, including a corporate box at the Sydney Test on day one. Money must be returned by the November monthly meeting. Contact Karyn Springall or anyone on the social committee.

Krispy Kremes Partnership Cards

As part of the fund-raiser conducted on Registration Day, the club has some Krispy Kreme partnership Cards for sale. The cards get you a free dozen doughnuts, with any purchase of a dozen. The cards are valid until 2007 and can be used up to 10 times. They are \$15, and can be purchased back at the club on Saturday nights or from the social committee.

Other Events

Other events will include the Trivia Night in February. Full detail of the events will be given out at the next Captain's & Manager's meeting. Check the will site regularly as details will be available once they are finalised.

CRICKET CLUB NOTICE BOARD

We now have our own notice board at the Sports Club. It is on the door, opposite the main bar. It will contain the player of week winners as well as the draw. Have a look next time you are in the club.

Match Results and Reports

10 Blue	15 for 64	Hills Barbarians	8 for 77	Loss on averages
<p>Well, after two easy games, we came up against a team that was made of sterner stuff!! We batted first in the heat, faced some good bowling and posted a decent total of 64 runs. Even though we lost many wickets, it was good to see our lads enjoying being at the crease and having a great time.</p> <p>We had an easier time bowling on the second day in some wintry weather and our bowling is showing continued improvement each week – not many extras being given away! The opposition batted well in the cooler weather, too! Luke, Ramal and Saad had great bowling spells, but the all-round performance of the round goes to Troy who made 11 runs for no wicket and had the bowling figures of 4 wickets for 6 runs from 4 overs.</p> <p>Tom and Jason shared the duties behind the stumps and both did a commendable job.</p> <p>Well done, team.</p>				

10 Red	5 for 93	AKA Sports	9 for 131	Win on averages
<p>Our Captain this week was James and he made a fine decision when he won the toss and elected to bat in hot conditions. The boys batted well this week only losing 5 wickets. All boys got off the make except Tarush who importantly kept his wicket in tact. Michael was our top scorer with 12. He hit a magnificent 6 which was the highlight of the innings.</p> <p>Top Scorers:- Michael 12 (2), Nicholas 8 (0), James 5 (0), Brad 4 (0)</p> <p>During the week at training the boys practised their fielding and went into the game trying to back each other up and to get down to field the balls. All the boys did this throughout the game especially Jake who tried extra hard to do the right thing. Our improved technique in the field was rewarded with 3 run outs. We still need to work on our bowling as we bowled far too many no balls. Congratulations to Tarush who didn't concede a sundry off his 3 overs ending up with the figures of 0/6 including 2 maidens.</p> <p>Best Bowlers:- Michael 2/6, Brad 2/12, James 1/6, Brandon 1/14</p>				

10 White	11 for 108	Winston Hills	7 for 163	Loss on averages
<p>The Whites turned up for play on a very hot Saturday morning. Nicholas Andrews was Captain for the match. Unfortunately luck was not with the team and we lost the toss and were sent in to field. Malindu & Nicholas opened the bowling, Malindu grabbing 1 wicket for 7 runs and Nicholas bowling his 3 overs for a tidy 12 runs. A good opening spell.</p> <p>Tim and Chris came on next; Tim was unlucky not to snare a few wickets for 13 runs and Chris exhibiting a much improved effort 1 wicket for 14 runs. It seems Chris' dad Ray, bowling tuition is paying dividends.</p> <p>Ryan and Liam were next to bowl. At this stage Winston hills were scoring freely. Ryan and Liam tighten the screws. Ryan bowled a very tight spell of 3 overs for only 5 runs. An excellent effort. Liam collected 2 valuable wickets for 10 runs, very timely!</p> <p>Mark and Michael were next our next bowlers, Mark bowling a spell for 16 runs, unlucky not to snare a wicket as some shots off his bowling were through the air. Michael's first two overs went for 10 runs, but he fought back in the oppressive heat and bowled a final over for a single run – strong effort.</p> <p>Kieran and Arsh were next to bowl. Kieran backed upped his very strong fielding with a good spell, snaring 1 wicket for 16 runs. Arsh was unlucky, as the Winston Hill's batsmen adapted to his tricky bowling well and score 20 odd runs.</p> <p>Brandon & Viva closed the innings out, Brandon snaring a wicket for 14 runs and Viva also finished strongly with 1 wicket for 12 runs.</p> <p>Notable fielding mentions – Viva shown much resolve with his wicket keeping under trying conditions, including a run out. The ever reliable Liam steeped up for the last 18 overs and kept the batsmen in the crease and finished off some excellent fielding with a few run outs. Tim also took a catch and exhibited great commitment saving numerous boundaries.</p>				

One highlight that can not be left untold is a sensational catch by Kieran at square leg. Diving his full body length forward onto a field full of bindies, Kieran pulled in a blinder of a catch, Ricky Pointing would be proud of!

Winston Hills took toll of balls that were on the leg side, converting many of these balls into boundaries (4's). Considering the very hot conditions the boy's should be proud of their fielding effort.

How fickle is the weather. The teamed turned up on day 2 of the game to some quite cold conditions. This provided Winston Hills with some comfortable conditions to field.

Malindu and Nicholas opened the batting, Malindu batting with strong defensive shots and kept his wicket in tact for 0 runs. 6 sundries were scored during Malindu's time at the crease. Nicholas was unlucky to be bowled for 0 runs. Nicholas showed improvement in his defensive shots.

Tim came to the crease as first drop and played very well, compiling a well credential 13, consisting of 3 excellent boundaries and a single – sensational effort.

Chris showed a lot of determination at the crease, looking to dominate the Winston Hills bowlers. Unfortunately his efforts went unrewarded, scoring a valuable run, but was bowled on 2 occasions.

Arsh was next at the crease and was hit on the helmet early on in his innings with a short pitched ball. Arsh recovered and showed steely determination to score a super innings of 6 runs, including a sensational 4 runs. Arsh faced some very strong bowling keeping his wicket intact.

Ryan came to the crease at a crucial stage of the game. Ryan compiled a strong innings of 6 runs including a great 4, but was bowled facing his last delivery. Ryan threatened to score more runs but went unrewarded due to some strong fielding from Winston Hills.

Liam was the team's highest scorer again for a well compiled innings of 14 runs losing his wicket once. Unfortunately Liam was involved in a run out with Ryan. As a team we need to concentrate in this area, and reduce the number of run outs. On a positive note Liam did run six well called singles.

Mark came to the crease looking for runs. Mark put in the best batting effort to date scoring 5 runs, including a sensational leg side 4, only losing his wicket once.

The game was getting tight, as Michael arrived in the middle. Michael's defensive batting effort was exceptional as the Winston Hills bowlers were bowling strongly, keeping his wicket in tact and scoring a run.

Kieran recovered from an early run out and scored a supper innings of 11 runs, with 2 shots for four. This is Kieran's best innings to date, a great effort.

Brandon was next up and in his efforts to dominate the bowling, he threw everything he had at the attacked and was caught on 3 occasions. Brandon needs to pick which balls he needs to hit.

Viva was unlucky not to score more that his single and was out once offering a catch behind. Viva's innings did yield eight sundries.

Winston Hills were the eventual winners coring 163 and losing 13 wickets for an average of 12.5 runs. Their batting and fielding proved to be better than ours. Baulkham Hills Whites were not disgraced considering we fielded and bowled in oppressive heat, scoring 108 runs for the losses of 12 wickets for an average of 9 runs.

The Baulkham Hills Stockland man of the match award for his top score of 14 runs and 2 wickets for 10 runs is Liam Dunshea.

Considering we gave away some cheap wickets through run outs and catches we should have won the game.

We welcome a new member to the team Dishlan, taking our team to 13 members. Dishlan welcome aboard and we look forward to your contributions.

Thanks to Angela for bring along a large shade on day one. Continued thanks go to Ram for his efforts in scoring and to the other parent in helping the boys prepare for their innings.

11/3	10 for 167	AKA Sports	10 for 131	First innings win
<p>What an exciting finish to the game. Baulko won the toss and decided to bat. Varun got us off to a good start, playing some nice strokes to score 16 runs. Jayden did us proud and top scored on 37 runs (we were all hoping to see you score 50 Jayden). Next was Raad on 19 runs, then both Manmit and Tim on 9 runs and Jackson on 5 runs. Lucas you scored yourself 1 run – well done. I see improvement in your game each week so keep it up. We achieved a convincing total of 167 runs, batting all of the first day.</p> <p>We started off well in the field, having the opposition at 7/54 at the end of the 24th over. We believed we could take advantage of the follow on but were unable to get those few extra wickets in time. There was some great fielding by all players that stopped balls that were heading for the boundary at crucial times in the match. William and Jayden were particularly impressive and therefore took out the fielding and Stockland Sprit Award respectively. Also noted are Jackson, and Ben who stopped a boundary from a hard hit ball on very cold fingers! Our bowling figures were Raad - 8 overs, 1 wicket for 12 runs; Jayden - 6.2 overs, 3 wickets for 17 runs; Husam - 8 overs, 1 wicket for 15 runs; Jackson - 7 overs, 1 wicket for 24 runs; Varun - 8 overs, 2 wickets for 23 runs; Manmit - 8 overs, 2 wickets for 15 runs; Ben - 1 over, no wickets for 14 runs; William – 2 overs, no wickets for 6 runs. To those that didn't get a bowl this week, just remember that you are all valued members of the 'team' and that we would not have taken a win today without you. Blaine took a catch at wicket keeper and Jayden also took a catch off his own bowling.</p> <p>It got very close towards the end of the game with AKA able to take advantage of the 11 overs we did not use in the first week and the extra 30 minutes play, but to our credit we managed to get AKA all out for 131 in the 50th over, giving us a first innings win. That's two wins in a row boys. Keep up the good work, both in the games and at training.</p>				

11/2	10 for 36, 8 for 62	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 225	First innings loss
<p>Pendle Hills Colts won the toss and sent chose to bat.</p> <p>The toss proved to be a very important to win as the game was played over 2 contrasting week ends. It was extremely hot on the first Saturday and very cold on the 2nd Saturday. Unfortunately Baulko was given the task of fielding on the extremely hot Saturday.</p> <p>Pendle Hill batted very well with 2 of their batsmen retiring on reaching 50 runs. At the conclusion of their innings Pendle Hill had set Baulko a total of 225 to chase. Best bowlers for Baulkham Hills were Anupam (2 for 16) and Joshua (2 for 15). Other bowlers to take wickets were Mitchell (1 for 32), Michael (1 for 28), Ben (1 for 13). Good catches were taken by Joshua, Ben and Nathan while Siddhant made a very good run out. The boys learned how valuable it is to hold catches as the 2 batsmen who retired were both dropped twice each very early in their innings. All up this was a good effort given the way the boys stuck it out in the very hot conditions.</p> <p>Baulko's turn to bat and we were immediately in trouble when we lost one of the openers run out without facing a ball. We never recovered from this start and wickets fell at regular intervals and our first innings ended with 36 runs on the board. Best of the batsmen was Mitchell with a score of 12.</p> <p>Asked to bat a second time our batsmen put up a much better showing being 8 wickets down for 62 at the completion of play and denied Pendle Hills an outright victory. Best of the batsmen in the 2nd innings were Anupam with 16 and Luke with 12.</p> <p>Man of the match was awarded to Mitchell for a strong all round performance.</p> <p>Although this was a comprehensive victory to Pendle Hills, the boys should take heart in the knowledge that should they have held their catches, it could have been a very different result.</p>				

11/1	10 for 107	Norwest	10 for 88	First innings win
<p>This top of the table contest with Norwest was keenly awaited. However that hot Saturday was not a great one on which to lose our third toss in a row, and into the field we went. The opposition started well and after 26 overs had lost only one wicket, for 45 runs. In the next 8 overs we picked up 2 more wickets, one through a blinder of a catch at head level to Joe in slip, off Pavan - but at 3-72 and with their best batsman on 22 and cruising, we were struggling in the heat. Then a collapse, started by Tanveer combining with wicky Michael for our first 'caught behind' of the season. Then enter George J, who started with 3 maidens, caught & bowled the star batsman, then got 3 more wickets - all for 2 runs! Norwest lost 7-16 to be all out for 88 off 44 overs.</p> <p>We started batting the same day and managed 12 runs in 6 overs, but lost 2 early wickets.</p> <p>The following week was much milder for the fielding side - but steady batting eventually saw us through. Needing 89 to win, we seemed to be doing it easily at 5-78 after 32 overs. Then a mini-collapse put us at 8 down and still needing 5 runs to win, the parents were looking just a bit twitchy, but we made it, and batted on to make 107 off 47 overs. Highlights included George (18) staying at the crease for 2 ½ hours, Michael hitting 5 fours in his 29, and Joe in his first hit for the season scoring a brisk 14. Several boys failed to get off the mark, but its all experience - tough game this cricket.</p> <p>So, a good effort and now table leaders. This week's encouragement award winner: Joe M.</p>				

12/3	10 for 61, 8 for 76	Wenty Waratahs	5 for 311	First innings loss
<p>Saturday 14 October - this was a very hot day and we played a pretty hot side. We lost the toss and so we got to field. Jack O struck early, bowling their opener for 5. The fall of wickets tells the story 5, 107, 254, 295 and 295. Despite the tough opposition Cameron got a LBW decision, Jeremy got 2 wickets (one caught and bowled) and Owen took a catch off Luke's bowling. We had a big run chase off 43 overs they got a score of 311.</p> <p>Saturday 21 October - Jeremy and Owen opened our first innings. Owen was bowled after making 5 and Yardy came to the crease to partner Jeremy. Jeremy made 13 (including a 4) before being bowled. Yardy batted through the innings and was not out on 17 (including a 4). Others to get amongst the runs were Jack M (1) and Jack O (2). With 10 players we held out for 29 overs and scored 61.</p> <p>Wenty Waratahs sent us back in again with similar results. Jeremy top scored on 24, Owen got 4, Jack O – 1, Yardy – 14, Cameron – 1, Luke – 1 and Bill was not out on 1. Time prevented Harry getting a bat. At the end of play we were 8 for 76.</p> <p>The result was a 1st innings loss. Despite the tough opposition and a long hot day in the field, our boys maintained their enthusiasm and determination throughout the match.</p>				

12/2	10 for 56, 10 for 45	AKA Sports	8 for 147	Outright loss
<p>After a great win last game, we had a disappointing loss in this game. AKA Sports batted and bowled solidly whilst we gave away opportunities and lacked patience with the bat. We have a few things to work on this week at training.</p> <p>Greg Malyon was 15 not out in the first innings and batted well. Amar led with 13 in the second innings, whilst James Senior was looking good before he ran out of partners. Our fielding was better than our batting, but we still needed to put more pressure on the opposition. The wickets were spread across the team, with Josh Stevenson taking 2 and 2 catches. James Benton had good figures with 1-6 off 4 overs and Trent had 1-11 off 8 overs. Amar and Josh Balzarolo both took sensational catches! There was some good fielding and we look forward to an improved performance in the next game.</p>				

12/1	8 for 114	Wenty Leagues	4 for 195	First innings loss
Jonathan Barnitt 0/8 Nick McConnell 25 Blake Newman 19 no				
<p>Wenty won the toss and chose to bat. In the second over Ruben took a bullet caught and bowled, it was either catch it or lose his head. Blake then took a terrific catch in slips off Mitch and at 2/28 off 15 overs it was looking good. Wenty then put on a big partnership, before Joel and James chimed in with couple of wickets near the end. The boys kept at it in trying conditions. Once again sundries were probably a little to high with 15 no ball giving them, 2 1/2 free overs. The pick of the bowlers was Jonathan who bowled fast and accurate. His first spell of four overs went for only 1 run. Even in his second spell, when Wenty were scoring freely, he conceded just 7 runs from 4 overs, a great effort.</p> <p>Chasing 195 was always going to be tough. Joel and James started solidly before Joel was out to a good ball and then James was unlucky to be run out on the unlucky 13. A big score looks just around the corner for James who has looked very solid all year. Taylor and Nick frustrated Wenty and put on a good partnership. Nick's 25 against very good bowling was impressive. Tom had a good little cameo of 10 and Blake put on a blistering 19 at the end batting out the overs with Geoffrey who hit the ball very well and looked like he could have batted all day.</p> <p>In the end we fell short but they look beatable and we will get them next time. Without making excuses fielding on the first day in the heat was probably worth a good 20 runs to Wenty.</p> <p>Player of the Match- Jonathan Barnitt for two excellent spells of bowling. A bag full of wickets will come soon.</p>				

13/3	10 for 199	Pendle Hill Colts	7 dec 222	First innings loss
<p>After another lost toss we where asked to bowl in the heat and with only 9 boys at the game it was going to be tough. The runs flowed for Pendle Hill but we did manage to keep taking wickets and at 7 for 121 at drinks we thought we had doen pretty well. Then after the break their batting star smacked us all around the park in quick time for them to declare @ 7/222 and send us in to face 9 overs. The best of the bowlers were Myles 2/18 & Thibagar 2/29. Although we only bowled 33 overs we gave away another 10 overs in No Balls & Wides which is something we need to work on.</p> <p>The chase started slowly and with us at 3/22 it looked a long way off until Vivek (36) and Myles (37) put on a 76 run partnership to get us back on track. Kiveshin (21) then played some nice shots in an innings that showed he can concentrate and not try and hit every ball out of the park. This took us to 5/150 and at that stage we thought we might be a chance to pull off what would have been a remarkable run chase. However the loss of 3 quick wickets put an end to any of those thoughts. Some great batting at the end by Blake (19 Not Out) and Abhinav (10) who put together a 47 run partnership to get us to 199. The fact that we got almost 200 runs and batted for the whole 60 overs goes to show that the boys are improving each week. It was pleasing to see the boys gain a little bit of confidence from their performance with the bat however we need to show the same level of improvement with the ball in the coming games so that we don't have to chase so many runs. Well done boys.</p>				

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13/1	8 for 135	Pendle Hill Colts	6 for 142	First innings loss
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14/2	9 for 147	Rouse Hill	10 for 90	First innings win
<p>A tremendous 'team' effort to secure our second victory of the season. The first week in blistering 38 degree heat we batted with great concentration to hit up 148. Most players got started and played with discipline, but the opposition bowling side stuck to their guns also and provided a good contest. Taseen another good knock of 37, Hamish an excellent Captain's innings of 22 opening the innings, Vrushank a very good innings of 18 not out, and Jack with a disciplined 15 set up the victory for us. In the field the attitude was spot on and while we dropped some easy chances we also took some very good catches and had 2 great run outs. Jason's catch was superb and probably was the match defining moment of the game as it was at a crucial time. Most of the bowlers bowled well, but particularly the dual spin attack of Matt (0/11 off 7) and Robert (1/6 off 5). They had 6 catches dropped but tied the opposition in knots to reduce the scoring to a trickle. Of the quicks, Michael (1/6), Hamish (2/7), Jason (2/20), Taseen (1/4) and Vrushank (1/11) were all very good and even contributors.</p> <p>A special mention to Vrushank who had an excellent match with bat, ball and fielding. A much improved cricketer who's fielding has gone up quite a few notches and was involved with a good catch and 2 run outs. Well done Vrushank keep up the good work.</p> <p>The side is improving out of sight with every outing and the on field leadership is marvelous. We still have a lot of improvement to come in our fielding and when we get that right we will be up there with a big chance this season.</p> <p>Great effort fellas.</p>				

14/1	7 for 324	Kellyville	7 for 322	First innings win
<p>Not a good toss to lose as we were put in the field on a very hot day. Tom and Ajay opened the bowling but it was not until the 10th over that Ajay took our first wicket with a catch by Ben to have Kellyville 1/39. Gabriel and Ornob bowled next but were unable to take a wicket with the score 1/80 after 20 overs. Daniel and Ben came on next with Michael getting a breakthrough with some sharp fielding, firing the ball back to Daniel who whipped off the bails to catch the batsman well short of the crease. Daniel bowled very tight picking up the next wicket in his 5th over with a catch from Nick having conceded only 6 runs from his 5 overs. Omal in his first over drew the batsman from his crease and Nick finished the job with a good stumping. Unfortunately this brought Kane Milne to the crease who started to clobber our bowling all around the park. The openers Ajay and Tom came back on with Ajay picking up a wicket with a catch from Gabriel and that was the last wicket for the next 19 overs. Kellyville belted our bowlers for 132 runs at more than 7 an over reaching 289 before Michael took a great catch to have Kane out for 130 off Ornob's bowling. Two balls later Ornob knocked over the stumps with no addition to the score. By stumps Kellyville had scored a massive 322 runs from 58 overs. Well bowled Daniel 10-2-1-21 who made the batsmen work for every run. Tom 9-2-0-47, Ajay 9-0-2-42, Gabriel 10-2-0-51, Ornob 8-0-2-54, Ben 5-0-0-34, Omal 2-0-1-29 and Harman 5-0-0-30.</p> <p>Day two was only 18 degrees with the grass just a little longer. Daniel and Gabriel opened and looked like they were going to get the runs themselves when Gabriel (28) backed up a little too far and was run out with a direct hit before he could return to his crease. Omal joined Daniel and they put on a very good partnership of 74 runs when Omal (26) was bowled. At 2/117 in the 26th over we were on track but had to score at 6.44 runs an over. Nick joined Daniel and they played some great shots, scoring at nearly 7 runs an over until Daniel (66 from 64 balls) was caught. Well batted Daniel. Ben joined Nick at the crease and in the next 6 overs continued to take the bowling apart. Nick scored his 50 from just 38 balls but unfortunately their 49 run partnership ended when Ben (19 from 15 balls) miss-hit a ball and was caught. Michael played really well with he and Nick adding 39 to the score when Michael (15) was out LBW. Harman joined Nick at the crease at a very difficult stage of the game needing to score 83 runs to win at 6 runs an over. Well batted Harman (12) who was run out. Matheesha (6) needed to score from the time he reached the crease was caught and bowled by a very good catch. Tom, looking very confident, faced one dot ball and then scored from every ball faced. By the last over Tom and Nick had put us in a winning position, needing only 4 runs to win. Tom scored a single and Nick finished it off with a four, passing Kellyville's score with 4 balls to spare. Congratulations to Nick who scored 127 not out from just 82 balls. A great team effort. The boys believed they could win, supported each other and should be very proud of what they achieved. An exciting game where 646 runs were scored and the result hung in the balance until the second last over. Also a big thanks to a great bunch of parents who come and support the team each week.</p>				

15/2	10 for 93, 5 for 67	Norwest	10 for 70	First innings win
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15/1	6 for 248	Wenty Waratahs	10 for 138	First innings win
<p>Day one of this match was played under some really hot conditions and winning the toss was vital. With Samira as captain for the match, he got us off to a great start by winning the toss and sending Wenty into the field.</p> <p>Sean and Michael opened the innings and after a great start against Norwest, the boys continued their good work with a 77 run opening stand. Michael started to settle into the match well, playing some good shots before being caught at point for a solid 21 runs. Another great opening stand guys! Hiran was next to the crease but was bowled by a ball cutting back in. Aleem came to the crease while Sean was in full flight. Sean played some great shots to get to his second half century of the season and really looked like going on with it before being caught out on the boundary for 65. Another good knock mate. Kieran joined Aleem, but with another 4 runs added to the board, Aleem was bowled for 5 and we were 4 for 103. With Wenty thinking that they had got through our top order and our 4 wickets falling in the space of 26 runs, we needed to settle the innings. That's when the two whippets (being Kieran and Adam) got together and put on a fantastic 77 run partnership which really knocked the wind out of Wenty. After struggling a little to find his form, Adam played some great shots before being bowled for 27 runs. The highlight of this partnership was the boys running between wickets, turning singles into two's and three's. Kieran played some great cricket before being bowled for 75 runs and the score on 6 for 207. Well done Kieran. Teshan and Muditha continued on the good work really putting Wenty to the sword putting on a quick 41 run partnership to finish the innings at 6 for 248 after 59 overs.</p> <p>The test was on the team come day 2 to make sure that Wenty didn't get a sniff of victory in this match and Michael made sure of that taking two wickets in his first over to have Wenty on the back foot at 2 for 3. Then it become a real arm wrestle with Wenty digging in determined not to drop another quick wicket and our guys bowling very tight to make sure they didn't get any runs. Things edged along at around 2 runs per over when the Wenty batsman got frustrated and hit out at a ball off Samira, only to see Reece take a spectacular one handed catch right on the drinks break to have Wenty 3 for 56. The boys were determined to keep Wenty under pressure and Michael put on a great delivery to trap the Wenty opener plumb in front and four balls later another wicket with a good catch by Sean. This appeared to break Wenty's spirit, now 5 for 64. But our boys dropped off in the field and missed a couple of easy catches, before refocusing to pick up the last five wickets for 74 runs. Hiran, Reece and Muditha chimed in taking a wicket each. Kieran came back on and cleaned up the tail with two quick wickets to have Wenty all out for 138 runs. Fantastic bowling by Samira. Good effort guys. Our batting again gave us a good target to defend and our bowling was the best so far this season. Let's make sure that we keep up our concentration and not let the opposition into the game.</p> <p>Statistics: - Kieran 75, Sean 65, Adam 27, Teshan 28 not out, Michael 21 and Muditha 12 not out. With the ball Michael 9-3-4-21, Kieran 8-0-2-23, Samira 6-1-1-8, Muditha 2-2-1-0, Reece 3-1-1-6, Hiran 2-0-1-8, Teshan 6-2-0-16, Sean 8-2-0-25, Adam 1-0-0-3 and Aleem 1-0-0-9.</p>				

16/1	9 for 122	Kings Langley	8 for 129	First innings loss
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B14	7 dec 236	Rouse Hill Rams	10 for 173, 1 for 35	First innings win
<p>Adam Thomas 93 Sulaksha Koralege 75</p> <p>Loss the toss and Rouse Hill batted first. Some good tight bowling restricted them to 6/58, before their tail chipped around and got their score to a healthy 173. A good effort from the team overall considering it was a small ground and the outfield was lighting quick, meaning most scoring shots were 4's or 6's. Survived the 20 minute death session before stumps to be intact for the following week.</p> <p>The following Saturday was an absolute scorcher meaning the conditions were well suited for batsmen. We took full advantage of the weather and ground conditions and passed their score easily, only being 2 down. Some excellent batting from gilly (93) and sul (75), with gilly narrowly missing out on a deserved century. Well done lads, those hundreds are coming soon.</p> <p>Tried to be cheeky and push on for some quick runs to send them in again, but time ran out on us. Nevertheless a good result, leading up to next weeks game against Merrylands.</p>				

B13	10 for 201	Hills	3 dec 265	First innings loss
<p>Chani Lokuge 46 Rajiv Sethi 60 Raj Srikanth 41</p>				

B12	10 for 88, 5 for 207	The Bulls	10 for 166, 5 for 65	First innings loss
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B11	10 for 146, 0 for 21	Winston Hills	10 for 78, 10 for 87	Outright win
<p>A good all round bowling effort saw the team dismiss Winston Hills for 78. 3 wickets for Evan Platt and 2 each for Luke McNaught, Azaan Vhora, and Hari Raja. In reply, Baulkham Hills slumped to 7 for 58 before a hard hitting knock of 32 from Alex Mihalyka, plus 27 from Martin Ams and 19 from Tony Senior saw us comfortably past the Winston Hills total and establish a 68 run lead on the first innings. Earlier in our innings, Tim Littlejohns played well for 25.</p> <p>Winston Hills' 2nd innings reached 1 for 43 before a great catch from Hari Raja cost Winston Hills their second wicket. Some fine bowling and fielding saw Winston Hills slump to be all out for 87. Azaan Vhora took 4 for 34 off 6 overs, Luke McNaught's 6 overs yielded 3 for 25, while a very tidy spell of 6 overs from Tony Senior earned him 2 for 2, with 4 maidens. The 20 runs needed for outright victory were quickly achieved without loss of a wicket.</p> <p>Another good victory.</p>				

B10	10 for 49, 10 for 76	Norwest	4 dec 138	Outright loss
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B6	10 for 249	Kellyville	8 for 255	First innings loss
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B5	10 for 131	Erskine Park	10 for 89	First innings win
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B2	10 for 75	The Bulls	8 for 246	First innings loss
<p>A heavy loss to give us a wake up call for the rest of the season. Chris Marjoniemi continued his good form with 27, with Ben Atkins also showing some good touch with 18. Adam Tinley 2-46 from 19 overs and Andrew Hinton 2-29 from 8 overs finished with the best figures. All the bowlers worked hard in the heat and a multitude of dropped catches made the going even tougher than it should have been. We look forward to getting back on the winners list next round.</p>				

A Res	5 for 250	Wenty Leagues	10 for 246	First innings win
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A	10 for 184	Greystanes	8 for 243	First innings loss
David Byrne 5 for 66 off 20 overs				
Robert Simpson 61, Trent Hession 39*, Chris Springall 24, Summit Kalia 21				
Summers back! Maybe we should play in the winter instead.				
We came up against the Greystanes Guppies in our first game at the hallowed Charles McLaughlin. Why is it that we can never win at this ground?				
Cursing stand in skipper "Tim Baily" Springall for losing the toss, we were sent in to the field on a warm afternoon with three injured fast bowlers (one with a busted nose from a Friday night training incident). Once again we kept it tight without taking wickets on a flat pitch offering little assistance. It wasn't until we turned to the leg spin of "Busted Nose" Byrne (5 for 66 off 20) in the last hour that we started to see the wickets falling. Too little too late left us with a big chase of 243.				
Day two and the captain claimed a victory, not in the game but in the weather prediction. What turned out to be a great toss to lose left us with a hard flat pitch, quick outfield and 38 degrees of weather for the poor Guppies to field in.				
A great start to the day from our top three set us up for a strong victory. One down for 113 at the half way mark and staring down the barrel of a much needed win. "BS" Simpson led the way hitting a patient 61, sticking it out for two and a half hours in the heat.				
But in typical form, we turned the match around and found a way to lose the un-losable. In the space of 20 overs we lost nine wickets and in turn, the match. The worst part of this is that only one wicket all day fell to a good delivery. We know it and the Guppies bowlers know it. That game was ours and we blew it, let's not let that happen again.				