

## The Third Man's Report

### 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.baulkocricicket.com.au](http://www.baulkocricicket.com.au). 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 see your team's results, go to [www.baulkhamhills.nsw.cricket.com.au](http://www.baulkhamhills.nsw.cricket.com.au), select 'Team Results' then select your team (grade). For details of your team's draw select "Fixtures". For the progressive points ladder select "Ladders".

### To all Captains, Coaches and Managers

#### Match Results

All match results must be uploaded onto the [www.baulkhamhills.nsw.cricket.com.au](http://www.baulkhamhills.nsw.cricket.com.au) website by 12 noon Sunday **following the conclusion of each game**. A brief message stating the match result should also be emailed to [results@baulkocricicket.com.au](mailto:results@baulkocricicket.com.au), together with a short list of outstanding performances. If no results are submitted you get **NO POINTS and your team may be fined!** It is up to you to get the results in on time – the club will not chase you. Please ensure all details are entered correctly, as both teams must agree on the submitted match result.

#### Team Reports

Team reports for this newsletter can be put in the box at the Club or emailed to [owzatt@baulkocricicket.com.au](mailto:owzatt@baulkocricicket.com.au) by Tuesday night after the game. Newsletters will be published during the week after a game.

### Team Performances

A Res	10/253	14/1	5/230
B1	9/264	13/1	1/119 (dec)
B2	3/193		

### Individual Achievements

Trent Hession	A Res	112	R Marwah	15/1	50
Blake Newman	A Res	54	J Gardiner	14/1	128*
Keenan Galas	A Res	3/27	R Rajapakse	13/1	4/11
R Konstantopoulos	B2	103*	R O'Hare	13/1	3/5
R Khan	B7	3/82	M Chen	13/1	3/8 (hat-trick)
G Stanley	B9	79*	S Burns	13/1	3/8
S Sharma	B13	3/21	N Jones	12/1	3/35
Y Yoganathan	B14A	54	R Johns	11/2	52*
R Chelvarajah	15/1	66	H Wilson	11/2	3/13

## Team Rosters

### In2Cricket Roster – Charles McLaughlin Reserve

To help out with the in2CRICKET (formerly Have-A-Go) 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 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Date	Team
September 16, 2011	B2
September 23, 2011	B1
September 30, 2011	Not Held - School holidays
October 07, 2011	B13
October 14, 2011	B12, B14A
October 21, 2011	B9
October 28, 2011	B5
November 04, 2011	A Res
November 11, 2011	B11, B14B
November 18, 2011	B6
November 25, 2011	B7
December 02, 2011	B8

### Meat Raffle Roster – Baulkham Hills Sporting Club

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

This season the raffles are only being held on the first week of every senior game. Ticket sales are to start by 6:30 pm.

Date	Team
September 10, 2011	A Res
September 24, 2011	B5
October 08, 2011	B6
October 22, 2011	B1
November 05, 2011	B7
November 19, 2011	B9
December 03, 2011	B8
January 21, 2012	B13
February 04, 2012	B12
February 18, 2012	B2
March 03, 2012	B14A

## The President's Roundup

Welcome to cricket 2011/12. The committee has been working tirelessly over the last few months to ensure that the foundations are in place for an exciting and enjoyable season. Special thanks to our Junior Secretary Phil Waddups and Senior Registrar Greg McLoughlin for their hard work, long hours and many phone calls made in order to grade and finalise teams. Also thanks to the many new faces that have volunteered to Coach or Manage sides for the first time. Without volunteers this Club and Junior Cricket would cease to exist. That said please remember that we are not a Saturday morning child minding service. I encourage as many parents as possible to support their son's cricket activities.

The canteen is up and running at Ted Horwood; special thanks to Karyn for taking on the coordinators role. Please drop in and say hello to Jenn & Leigh who will be there each week selling an array of fresh pies, sausage rolls & sandwiches as well as coffee and muffins, cakes etc.

Team Managers, Coaches, Captains please make sure that results are sent through and scores sheets entered promptly at the conclusion of each game. If you are having difficulty, please contact Rick, Phil or Greg, as we have made a commitment to support the PDCA in achieving 100% coverage.

Congratulations to those that have performed well in the first round, as there have been some excellent results. To others that have not been as successful, remember that there is a long way to go.

There are a number of social activities planned for after the school holidays so please stay tuned and don't forget the KFC 20/Twenty Big Bash planned for Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2012.

Enjoy your cricket and I hope to get around to as many games/training sessions as possible throughout the season.

Chris Springall  
President

## Ted Horwood Canteen



The Canteen Crew at Ted Horwood.

Come along on Saturdays and enjoy a great cup of coffee, some cakes or freshly made sandwiches.

**Hot Food**

Toasted sandwich	\$4.00
Cheese	
Ham & Cheese	
Cheese, tomato & onion	
Single serve quiche	\$3.00
Pies	\$3.00
Sausage Rolls	\$2.50
Raisin Toast per slice	\$1.50
Toast with butter and vegemite	\$1.50

<b>Fresh sandwiches</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
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<b>Slice of Cake / Muffin</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
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**Confectionary:**

Mars Bars	\$2.00
Crunchie	\$2.00
Frogs	10c
Killer Python	\$1.00
Freddo	50c
Mixed lollies	\$1.00

**Specials**

Raisin toast and coffee	\$4.50
Cake/muffin and coffee	\$5.00

**Drinks:**

Water	\$2.00
375ml Cans	\$2.00
Powerade	\$3.50
Poppers	\$1.00
Coffee	\$3.50
Tea	\$2.00
Hot Chocolate	\$3.70

**Chips:**

Plain	\$2.00
C C's	\$2.00

**Ice Blocks:**

Paddlepops	\$1.70
Icy Twist	\$1.20
Magnum	\$3.70
Cornetto	\$3.00

## Match Results and Reports

<b>10 Red</b>	3 for 71 (Ave 17.75)	Kellyville	9 for 63 (Ave 6.3)	Win on averages
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Nuran was captain for the day and won the toss, choosing to bowl against the Rouse Hill Rams. Our bowlers did not let him down, with Lachlan steaming in and taking 3 quick wickets. Liam, Michael, Nuran and Rhys also took wickets in a great performance restricting Rouse Hill to 9 for 63. Michael also took a great catch.

When it was our turn to bat, all of our batsman valued their wickets and exhibited great running between the wickets. Michael topped the scoring with 9 runs, with the team reaching 71 runs for the loss of 3 wickets, and securing the win.

All players had a great day.

<b>10 White</b>	9 for 106 (Ave 10.6)	Kings Langley	5 for 88 (Ave 14.67)	Loss on averages
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The boys have been training hard at both sessions prior to the start of the season. We played away for the first game of the year with both teams eager to start. Our boys played very well but a bit of confusion in the middle cost us 5 run outs in the first batting innings, however a great improvement in the second innings with no run outs at all. We welcomed Josh to the side in the second innings and his experience from last year showed scoring 12 off the bat and only giving up 2 runs off 2 overs with the ball and no extras. Aiden, Blake and Matthew also did well with the ball getting 1 wicket each, bowling the batsman out.

Overall the team played hard and put in a great effort doing well to score 36 runs off the bat against King's Langley's 15 runs but unfortunately our run outs cost us with averages being 10.76 for BHCC and 14.67 for Kings Langley. Well done to all and keep up the hard work.

<b>11/3</b>	9 for 49	Rouse Hill Rams	0 for 58	First Innings Loss
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No Report submitted.

<b>11/2</b>	7 for 159	Kings Langley	10 for 147	First Innings Win
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Sam was captain for this game and BHCC won the toss and elected to bowl. Sam (0/19) and Will (1/8) opened up with some tight bowling before Maraan (2/18) took two quick wickets to have KL on the back foot. After 13 overs we had them 4/48 until Varun (2/14) broke through with a great catch thanks to Will. At drinks break KL were 6/88. The boys stayed focused before Hamish struck with 2 wickets in 2 overs. Eventually we had them all out for 147 after 53 overs. I was very proud of the way the boys handled themselves in the field. We focused on the basics such as walking in with the bowling, getting the ball back to the bowler around the ring, and providing support to the bowling. It was great to see the team talking even when there were slow periods. We had quite a few sundries against us (mainly no balls) so the boys need to work more on their bowling accuracy. There were some great highlights. Will took 3 catches, one of them very sharp. Hamish took 3/13 and he was well supported with Varun who took 2/14.

In week 2 we took to the run chase. Josh and Varun opened the batting and although we lost Josh early to a great ball, Varun (15) and Jayden (1) dug in and got us on our way. We lost Regan (9) at 4/57 and we lost another one straight away to be 5/57.

Sam and Ryan were building a great partnership (36) before Sam (3) was run out with a direct hit. Enter Will who hit 25 (with 4 fours in one over) and was well supported by Ryan at the other end. Both these boys put on a 68 run partnership to win us the game. Ryan ended up scoring 52 not out and it was great to see how patient he was waiting for the loose ball to hit. Ryan hit 10 fours during his innings. We had worked hard during the week at training on our running between the wickets so it was great to see the boys calling loudly for their runs and talking between overs.

A great win first up for the boys chasing a decent target. They all supported each other really well in the field and with the bat.

Match highlights

Hamish Wilson 3/13

Ryan Johns 52 not out

Will Abbott 25 and 3 catches

<b>11/1</b>	<b>4 for 141</b>	<b>Hills Barbarians</b>	<b>10 for 57</b>	<b>First Innings Win</b>
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Hills Baba's won the toss and sent Baulkham Hills into bat. Baulkham Hills batted very well, scoring 4 for 141 off their allotted 31 overs.

Batting Highlights included an unbeaten opening partnership of 54 in 9 overs by Harrison King and Luke Perkin. Great running between the wickets between the boys, with many extra byes. Harrison retired not out on 26 with a flawless display, then Luke soon followed retired not out on 28 with a well-compiled and chanceless innings.

Cameron Edwards scored 13, Cameron Noud scored 16 with powerful batting. Wijith showed his great technique with a stylish 16; and Michael Blinman an unselfish 9 late in the innings - being run out on the last ball.

A tough assignment for the Hills Baba's going in to chase a high score. Made all the more difficult after a great opening spell by Ryan and Blake, with the Baba's reeling on 2 for 4 after 4 overs. Ryan 1/4 and Blake 1/5.

The tight bowling continued, with Wijith 1/2 and Harrison King 1/4. Luke found the edge 5 times, with figures of 1/7, Harry Sutherland bowled a good line with 1/7, Jarrod bowled very well with 0/4, Harrison Bultitude a tight 1/4, Cameron Noud a tidy 0/8, Cameron Edwards very tight with 1/0. Michael Blinman received Man of the Match honours - with his 2/4 including a caught and bowled in his very 1st ball in his 1st division debut.

An amazing bowling effort - 9 of the boys getting a wicket!

A great team effort today by all of the boys, and a very pleasing start to the season. Well-done boys!

<b>12/2</b>	<b>5 for 134</b>	<b>AKA Crusaders</b>	<b>8 for 133</b>	<b>First Innings Win</b>
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No report submitted.

<b>12/1</b>	<b>10 for 94</b>	<b>Pendle Hill Colts</b>	<b>6 for 183</b>	<b>First Innings Loss</b>
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<b>13/2</b>	<b>10 for 136</b>	<b>Wenty Leagues</b>	<b>6 for 229</b>	<b>First Innings Loss</b>
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No report submitted.

<b>13/1</b>	<b>1 for 119</b>	<b>Winston Hills</b>	<b>10 for 80 &amp; 8 for 35</b>	<b>First Innings Win</b>
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A great day to win the toss & elect to field first against a side coming up from second division. We had them in all sorts of trouble at 7/23. We were unable to bust up their 8<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership of 40 runs (off 25 overs). We could not take the last wicket until the 60<sup>th</sup> over. Some brilliant bowling spells by Ramal 4/11, Ryan 3/5 & Moses 2/8. We showed some glimpses of our superb fielding from last year but also showed some poor fielding at times & we will be working hard in this area to clean it up! Luke & Aidan got us off to a great opening partnership of 68 off 20 overs. This was followed by Luke & Jimmy tearing them apart in the next 12 overs before our declaration giving us just over 90 mins to get them out. We got off to a brilliant start, having them at 8/16 after 18 overs but were unable to dismiss the last two batsmen. The opposition fought very well to hang on against a ruthless bowling attack.

Moses Chen proved to be an incredible new player to our side this year with 5 wickets on debut & a hat-trick as well. He was most unlucky not to pick up a double hat trick as the opposing batsman fended a well-bowled yorker. A good spell by Stephen helped us crumble their middle order. Our fielding was far better in the second innings with a lot more discipline. We put incredible pressure on their batsmen to keep the ball on the ground, as just trying to defend against us was proving more dangerous than trying to attack our bowlers. Ramal's second spell of four consecutive maidens also deserves special mention. A fantastic result boys. Although we missed out on the outright, having a batting average for the team of 119 & getting 18 wickets for 115 will be a massive advantage when quotient points are needed at semi final time.

<b>14/1</b>	<b>5 for 230</b>	<b>Kings Langley</b>	<b>6 for 227</b>	<b>First Innings Win</b>
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Here we go again. A new season has arrived at last. Gone are the winter blues!

Round 1 brought with it a match against Kings Langley, who has gone to extreme lengths to recruit during the off-season in search of a pennant. Admirable foes from the past three years have seen them progress to semi-finals each year but that is where it has ended. This season they are doubly serious about taking it all the way. They're player shopping list was big; they're purchases only slightly smaller and this season we must take them more seriously than before.

We lose the toss and they elect to bat on a warm-'ish' day. Our openers, Brad and Ikteeda bowled beautifully and

economically but without much luck. Ikteeda was rewarded with one wicket in the 10<sup>th</sup> over (bowled) and we were on our way; KL was 1/13. Shortly after our own new recruit Ewan was straight into the action with a 3<sup>rd</sup> ball wicket in his Division 1 debut, a stumping capably completed by Dan; KL was now 2/13. However, this is where we found a rather large speed-hump.

Through some magnificent batting and raw aggression one of KL's new players, James Elliott, compiled what is probably the 1<sup>st</sup> hundred of the season in this grade (perhaps all grades) hitting his way to 104 not out within just 27 overs. The ball travelled quickly to most corners of the ground and our bowling suffered. The length fell short on many occasions and our line wandered from side to side with considerable width. Our fielding was relatively solid but when you bowl to all corners of the pitch it is no surprise to see the ball travel to all corners of the ground, and there is only so much 11 fieldsmen can do. Although this was our first match of the season, our bowling wasn't that bad but given the batting and our own level of 'ordinary' with the ball, things weren't going so well.

Thankfully, a wild and woolly shot saw KL's centurion out and things started to level out once more. KL was now 3/169 but a wicket was all we needed to get to our tails up. KL continued to bat solidly but our bowling improved, the run rate slowed and we eventually pegged them back to a somewhat respectable 6/227 by the close of play at 58 overs. Wicket takers included Ikteeda (1/29 off 10 overs), Brad Ripps (1/24) off 10 overs), Kapil Chhatbar (1/20 off 10 overs), Ewan Cormack (1/20 of 3 overs), Michael Bellam (1/34 off 10 overs) and Adam Coy (1/32 off 7 overs). Although some of these figures are not that impressive, I was very pleased with the overall performance and the way we fought back, particularly in the last 10 overs or so.

At the start of Day 2 I marshalled the troops and said to them "this is a gettable total. We need one person to go on and score 100, or at least two people to get 50s, with the rest needing to contribute along the way". What followed was masterful and somewhat prophetic!

James and Michael opened the batting and in reliable style got us solidly through to an opening stand of 59 runs before the first wicket fell in the 23<sup>rd</sup> over. We were travelling a bit slowly but the foundation had been laid. Blake came in at three and formed a valuable partnership of 44 runs with James before being dismissed on 20; we were now 2/103 in the 36<sup>th</sup> over, still travelling well but slowly. Jake batted at four and looked the goods before missing a shot to a wide-'ish' mid-on. Although dismissed for 7, Jake provided another comfortable partnership of 32 runs with James to take the score to 3/135 in the 44<sup>th</sup>. This was then the routine. Chris followed Jake's dismissal and added 11 runs in a partnership of 14 'with James' (4/149 in the 48<sup>th</sup>), Kapil scored 9 runs in a partnership of 44 runs 'with James' (5/193 in the 53<sup>rd</sup>) and Adam brought it home in a final 37 run partnership 'with James' to see us close out the match at 5 for 230, passing our target with eight balls to spare.

What a win!

As coach, what followed was just as impressive as James' batting. Having scored and unbeaten 128 runs and securing the win for the team in chanceless fashion, I was pleased to see many an adult from both sides congratulate James on his innings and then go into great detail about why they were so impressed. The aggression, the timing, the range of shots, the no-chances, the maturity...it went on... and they were just as right as each other. For me, the finer point of the day was seeing one of the KL Dad's, who plays cricket at quite a high level, trouble himself to come over and honestly say that James' innings was probably the best junior cricket innings he has seen. Without doubt, I agree whole-heartedly. In years to come I think James will look back at this century (his first) and come to realise just how good an innings it was. This innings was the cornerstone of our game – our partnerships each worth 14 to 59 runs finished it off.

To be fair, KL was very disappointed with the result but both sides knew that this game had been one of the great ones! Slightly more enjoyable for us as winners.

Well done guys, one from one is the best way to start any season.

<b>15/2</b>	6 for 41 & 9 for 126	Greystanes	2 / 81(dec) & 0 / 92	First Innings Loss
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No report submitted.

<b>15/1</b>	8 for 184	Pendle Hill Colts	10 for 234	First Innings Loss
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J. Bugden – 2 for 16  
 G. Joseph – 2 for 21  
 R. Marwah – 2 for 31  
 R. Chelvarajah – 66  
 R. Marwah – 50  
 T. Waddups – 25

Pendle Hill won the toss and batted.

A tough draw first up coming up against the reigning premiers from last two seasons. Day one was sunny but a cold and windy affair, and we were down to 10 players due to Sumal's grand final soccer commitment. Two B&W umpires were an unexpected yet warmly welcomed sight. The boundary markers were put in close due to the soccer posts still being up, and the outfield was absolutely lightening fast. There would be plenty of runs scored here today.

Unfortunately we lost the toss, and Pendle Hill elected to make first use of the ideal conditions. We started quite well, and had Pendle Hill struggling at 4 for 24 after the first 12 overs. Two of their rep players then put on a 131-run stand for the 5th wicket with one retiring on 54 (had to leave for soccer commitments also) and the other progressing on to a well-made 104. Once we had eventually removed this pair our bowlers again cleaned up quick Pendle Hill wickets, but a lot of damage was done there in the middle overs. We bowled and fielded quite well given this was our first outing for the season. Taking a couple of dropped chances could have reduced their total by about 50, which would prove telling in the end. But overall our ground fielding was OK. In most parts our bowling was sharp, but as was predicted prior to the game, whenever we dropped short the Pendle Hill batsmen took their toll and dispatched these deliveries to (or over!) the boundary. This was the first game for a couple of boys in the team, so we took the opportunity to give most a bowl. None disappointed. In particular Ravi (2 for 31 off 9 overs), James (1 for 16 off 6) and Jamie (2 for 16 off 5) signalled that they would be fitting right in with this strong bowling team. We had to face one over at the end of the day and survived 0-7 at close.

Leading in to day two I was confident we could give this run chase a good shake given we got similar conditions and our guys put their head down. However, disaster struck before a ball was even bowled. Two boys would be unavailable due to illness and school commitments. Chasing a mammoth total with only 9 players was going to be a tough ask. Our openers saw off the new ball bowlers and put on 21 runs, however, we then lost wickets to be 4 for 55 after 17 overs. Similar to Pendle Hill's first innings, a 98 run 5th wicket partnership between Ravi Marwah (50) and Ryan Chelvarajah (66) looked like it was going to set the scene for a thrilling finale. Unfortunately it was not to be, despite our tail providing some stubborn resistance we fell 50 runs short being 8 out (and all out) for 184. I was really happy to see Ravi notch up his first half-century on his birthday, and Ryan's dominant performance (which included 5 sixes and 6 fours) signalled that he would be a big contributor in the season ahead. So despite a loss, some really positive signs to come out of the game.

We are on the lookout for additional players/reserves – so if you know any 14 or 15 year old boys looking for a game, please send them our way!

<b>16/1</b>	<b>8 for 220</b>	<b>Kellyville</b>	<b>9 for 216</b>	<b>First innings Win</b>
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<b>B14A</b>	<b>10 for 148</b>	<b>Kings Langley</b>	<b>6 for 217</b>	<b>First Innings Loss</b>
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No report submitted.

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No to report.

<b>B13</b>	<b>10 for 181</b>	<b>Greystanes</b>	<b>10 for 114 &amp; 8 for 104</b>	<b>First Innings Win</b>
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What a start to the season. Leading the new look team for the first time, what a fantastic bunch of guys. Well done.

Greystanes won the toss and elected to bat first meaning we had to field on a really cold windy day. The boys were pumped up, fielding was on the mark and everyone took their catches meaning we got them all out for 114. Standout performers were Rushi behind the stumps with exceptional glove work and me chipping in with 7 wickets.

Our turn to bat and the boys again did an exceptional job and again Rushi was extra special with the first century of the season. Well done on his 102!!!. The remaining boys provided ample support resulting in a win based on first innings.

With an overall lead of 67 runs we asked the opposition to bat again to get an outright win. We reduced them to 8/104, however their opener hung around for a bit ensuring time did not permit us to secure the outright win.

Overall, it was a good team effort and it was a pleasure leading the team. Well-done guys!!!! And keep up the good work.

<b>B12</b>	<b>8 for 50</b>	<b>Greystanes</b>	<b>1 for 51</b>	<b>First Innings Loss</b>
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This game was reduced to a one-dayer due to the soccer grand finals. Greystanes won the toss and sent Baulkham Hills into bat. The loss of wickets at regular intervals saw the team all out for 50. Only having 9 players did not help. Greystanes achieved the 51 run victory target in the 6<sup>th</sup> over with 9 wickets in hand. Here's hoping for a better result in round 2.

<b>B11</b>	<b>10 for 167 &amp; 10 for 51</b>	<b>VOT</b>	<b>9/119 &amp; 7/162 (dec)</b>	<b>First innings win Outright Loss</b>
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A bizarre game. Park cricket at its ultimate best.

The B11's assembled for the first time, shook hands and performed introductions as snow was about to fall at Kellyville for the first time ever. No one could recall a colder day for cricket. Our team, made up of both old and young, new and hardened veterans gelled from the get go and despite losing the toss (who ever calls tails?) and being sent into the field and searching for gloves, beanies, jackets, etc – all were in a high mood. A dropped catch off the opening ball was probably a signal of some of the bizarre things to come. The wicket – seemingly about a foot wide and covered with dirt – wasn't conducive to great bowling. However, we progressively took wickets without giving away too many runs despite VOT taking a very aggressive batting approach to the game from the outset. Then TWAAANGGG – 'what was that?' Allen Sibley's hamstring has a mental breakdown and without him bowling a ball or picking up a bat we look like losing him for a number of rounds. Our first 5 wickets cleaned up the stumps of the opposition batsmen, the next 2 were caught and bowled affairs, we got one sublime run out and then our old grey fox (K. Baz) trapped one of their the tailenders in front for LBW to finish them off. It was mid afternoon, we had them 9 out (and all out) for 199 of 35 overs, and it was time for a bat (and more blankets, jumpers, etc – and more ice on that hammy Allen).

Our batting form was inconsistent. A 51 run 4<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership between Skeet (49) and Myles (39) provided a platform for a 1<sup>st</sup> Innings lead by the end of day one, but other than that there wasn't a lot to write about. To be fair, I think the cold has erased all memory of the affair.

Day two and we were back to balmy temperatures and a willingness to build on our 1<sup>st</sup> innings lead and to push for an outright result. Our final wickets fell quickly and we finished all out for 167 – a handy lead of 48. Some quiche and sandwiches thanks to Jayne and then back in to the field. VOT came out for their second dig in the same aggressive manner. We were able to again take wickets consistently until they were 7 for 84. We were going in for the kill but we should know by now in park cricket to expect the unexpected. Their 8<sup>th</sup> wicket put on a punishing and very quick 78 runs, hammering our (until then) tight bowlers to all parts of the ground. Both batsmen having reached an unbeaten 50, VOT then declared there innings closed at 7 for 162. We needed 115 runs for an outright win, or to see out approx 80 mins to save the game.

I will spare all the gory details. Suffice to say, we were rolled for 51 in under 60 minutes. It was a combination of very good bowling and catching from VOT, poor batting from us, and a couple of LBW decisions that might have you scratching your head for a couple of weeks. But ... you've got to take your hat off to our opposition. The opposition played in a positive manner despite being behind for most of the game. This positive attitude built momentum and we didn't hold up well under the pressure. Plenty for us to ponder for the rounds ahead – and plenty of learnings (I hope) for us to build upon.

Some outstanding contributions. Matt Sibley's bowling was beautiful to watch. Straight from last year's U16 premiership winning team, he took 3 for 11 and 2 for 44 and will take a stack of wickets this year if he keeps the line, length and shape in displayed in game 1. Matt also contributed with 3 beautiful run outs and 2 catches. Skeet Gersbach took on the captaincy and despite not having played cricket for many years lead his charges well. Deft field placings, bowling changes backed by insight, and a (heart-breaking) 49 with the bat augurs well for a big season from the beast. Myles Burgin's 39 in the first dig (after a scratchy start) and his work with the gloves were both classy as well. I saw enough out of the other young guns and their stalwart companions to say that we will have a big season in 2011/2012 – one way or another.

<b>B9</b>	<b>6 for 183</b>	<b>Greystanes</b>	<b>10 for 177</b>	<b>First innings win</b>
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Glenn Stanley – 79 not out and 2/50  
Dylan Peters – 23 runs  
Dan McLean – 2/5  
Mark Gosling – 2/10  
Liam McCain – 2/44.

The B9 team is similar to last season's B10. Some old faces returned and others played their first game for Baulkham Hills. Liam McCain (2/44) bowled sharply with the new ball but was unable to break through and we were  
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soon in trouble when Greystanes reached 68 without loss. Then Gos pulled a rabbit out of the hat by throwing the ball to Dan McLean (2/5) who promptly took two wickets in one over to bring us back into the game. We were in trouble again when Greystanes raced to 2/129 until Ash Jolly initiated a run-out. Shortly after, Mally was rewarded for his lively ground fielding with a fine catch to dismiss their opener who just made 104 out of 136. That must be some sort of record.

From then on we encountered only minor resistance but 177 was still going to be a tough total to chase on Yattendon Oval. At stumps, we were not well placed at 2-27 but once the warm weather came on the second week, we looked a different team. Aided by some appalling wicket keeping, Ian Renton (19 runs) joined Glenn Stanley (79 not out) for a partnership of 69 runs. Dylan Peters (23 runs) then comfortably added a further 49 runs with Glenn to take us within 23 runs of victory. John Weatherall and Dan McLean each had one lusty hit each before promptly departing until Liam McCain (1 not out) combined with Glenn to see us home by four wickets.

Most players contributed in a fine team effort but Glenn's innings of 79 not out which included sound defence, many quick singles and boundaries to all corners of the ground certainly was the highlight.

Man of the Match – Glenn Stanley

<b>B8</b>	<b>BYE</b>		
Nothing to report.			

<b>B7</b>	10 for 140 & 6 for 102	NSW Tamils	6 for 231 (dec)	First Innings Loss
No report submitted.				

<b>B6</b>	10 for 64	Pacific Oceans XI	10 for 108	First Innings Loss
No report submitted.				

<b>B5</b>	<b>BYE</b>		
Nothing to report.			

<b>B2</b>	3 for 193	Greystanes	7 for 194	First Innings Loss
Welcome back for a new season. With some players stepping back to part time this season, we had changes to the squad. Welcome to Richard and Amit, new comers to the team, along with Evan Platt, joining us from A Grade.				

Due to soccer's stuff ups, or first game was reduced to a one-dayer. We lost the toss and were sent in. We had a solid start, with the first wicket falling at 50, in the 10th over. Keith did well to get his highest score since 2009/2010. Then we were 2/71, with Greg (3) dismissed to a terrible shot. Josh came in to join Rob and they proceeded to put on 90 odd at a run a ball, before Josh (33) was dismissed with 4 overs to go. We pushed the score up to 193/3 with Rob delivering as promised to the captain the night before, hitting a six off the last ball to finish unbeaten on 103. Tom finished off well with 11 not out and we batted well to post just over 6 an over.

We went into the field confident, and took a wicket in the first over, with Warwick dismissing their opener to a catch by Greg down leg side keeping up to the stumps. Wickets continued to fall, and we had the opposition 6/69 and the game seemed to be in the bag. After this, the wheels fell off and we dropped 3-4 catches, letting the opposition back into the game. Unfortunately, we were probably a bowler short and lost with 7 balls to go, a disappointing display in the field. Aaron 3/26 off 7 and Warwick 2/31 off 7 were the pick of the bowlers. A lot to work on next week.

<b>B1</b>	9 for 264	Guildford	8 for 261	First innings win
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The new season kicked off and the Premiers were back at the scene where it all happened back in March. And little did we know as we set off on the obligatory bottom slaps, man hugging and human fire blanketing that we were in for another nail-biter. Matrick started poorly by losing the toss (Shearman should really take this duty over as he has an uncanny ability to win coin tosses) and we found ourselves consigned to the field as Hoffy <Muller> was still making his way <Muller> to the ground. It might have been Teddy 2 in name, but in nature it was far removed from late last season. Gone were the lush grass cover and the humidity that inspires good swing. Gone also was Hoaxy's voice from the field and September is still too early in the season for the afternoon breeze known as "The Hilbrink Doctor" to blow its in-swinging ways across the hallowed ground.

And so the boys took to the ground and Pat "Marry Me Jessica Yates" Mamo and Steve "Let me look after your wife" Sarlog got the season started with the new cherry. The Guildford openers were staunch in their resistance and the ball was flying away off any edges and drives across the slick outfield to the boundary and it soon became clear that a big score might be in the offing. Looking to kick start things, Matrick brought on the Selfish Lover to

bowl his right arm somethings and Hush charged in to the bowling crease as keenly as he puts lampshades on his head at end of seasons. He bowled a marathon 1 over spell, slightly longer than many of Hoaxy's past new ball efforts...

Sloggy finally got us going with the first wicket of the season but the Guildford batters continued to frustrate with a combination of solid batting and streaky good luck. We were getting desperate and the skip was either contemplating an unthinkable second spell from Hush or getting Masso to go over and tell the batsmen that if they didn't throw their wicket they would turn up on the banks of a creek near Putney on Sunday morning... The only time Baulko were looking likely at making breakthroughs was when sub fielders from A Ressies helped out.

With Brommy, Phil and even a cameo from the Hoax all looking on, we continued to chip away at the Guildford batters like Hushy's old pickup line strategy (i.e. hit upon enough girls and eventually you will get lucky). So after bowling enough balls we finally made some breakthroughs. The score ticked along and the sexual tension between Hoffy and Matrick grew in proportion. Our new youngster Amar was thrown the ball and showed plenty of talent with his dropping off-spinners. JB hurled down a few and then Steve "stop distancing yourself" Sarlog chipped in with another couple. Billy was throwing himself around the field, Chesh was stopping anything that came near him and Shearman was surprisingly less irritating than usual. Day 1 finished with a flurry of runs (not helped by <Muller> Masso's generosity <Muller> in signalling 4 <Muller> despite the ball clearly <Muller> being in play) and the ringing sound of Guildford laughter in our ears that Sloggy demanded we remember for next week as motivation to help us chase down the big score of 263 we needed.

Mango and Matrick opened the innings on a beautiful Saturday afternoon at Teddy 2. Matrick's mind was obviously more focused on the upcoming NRL Grand Final Day fundraiser at Hoffy's than his batting as he didn't trouble the scorer. If only Manger' new little princess could have been on hand to see his solid start to the season as he set about creaming off drives, flicks through midwicket and pull shots. Billy was just warming to his work when he was bowled by an inswinger and Mangs was on the verge of 50 when he holed out. Amar once again demonstrated that he is a big talent with some lovely timing and a calm head. Looking forward to seeing him blossom into a fine young cricketer in the years before he turns 18 and is then corrupted by the B1s social scene. Up until this wicket we were making a good fist of the large chase but a series of middle order wickets put us well behind the eight ball.

Murph "blew another century", Hush came and went as quickly as he does with Jo, and Shearman promised something special but then his batting fell apart like his poker game and he was back on the sidelines and we were staring down the barrel of a big loss. Chesh dug in for a fight and was given a rough one and that brought together Sloggy and JB for what we hoped was some face-saving runs. They started brightly, counter-attacking and spurning running in favour of boundaries. JB's front foot still required a passport as it was often in another country to the rest of his body, but he was playing sensibly by keeping the ball mainly on the ground and reaping the rewards of the lightning fast outfield. A succession of smoked drives through extra cover reminded us all why he is known as the excitement machine. His "talk" out in the middle kept both batsmen focused on the job at hand. After the drinks break he was too busy texting Jess <Muller> about how well he was going and <Muller> had to rush back off to hand his phone <Muller> back.

The opening bowlers were brought back on and Sloggy immediately looked to dominate their strike bowler Preston, belligerently clubbing him back over his head for boundaries. Even with the field spread out he was still finding gaps for 4 and put three sixes over the fence that still managed to get there despite being of the toe of the bat. Guildford was starting to get nervous and well they might as the boys went past the 50 partnership and got within 70 of victory. The runs were flowing and the body language was bad from the fielders. Hoffy was waiting with the pads on and was doing his seventh nervous wee as the partnership went past 100. Sloggy brought the chase down to single figures with the second biggest 6 I've seen on that ground (the biggest being off my own bowling!) and the rest of the B1s started to dream the dream of a famous win!

But Steve "I love late drama" Sarlog added one final twist as he was bowled trying to finish the match with one more big six. Hoffy somehow got to the middle on trembling legs and watched as JB took us to 1 shy of the Guildford total with another booming drive for 4. And then the over finished and the No.11 was exposed. Their bowler hurtled in, Hilbrink (thinking about the 2 extras off the final ball of our fielding innings that without would have meant that we had already won) closed his eyes and somehow the ball took glove and looped over their despairing keeper and away to the boundary and Baulko had snatched it!

Great win lads. Let's keep the momentum going as we look to go back to back.

<b>A Reserve</b>	<b>10 for 253</b>	<b>Wenty Leagues</b>	<b>10 for 175</b>	<b>First Innings Win</b>
No report submitted.				