

Kings Kitbag
The Newsletter of Kings Langley Cricket Club
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Round 3 - 2007/08

Secretary's Scribbles

The Mayor, Mr.Kelly, and Councillor Robinson officially opened the new nets and park refurbishment on Friday 12th October. The park committee received some support in its quest to have a picket fence erected around the playing area at Pearce Reserve. Please help out by signing the petition, which is at the canteen.

Team Photographs

Will be taken at Pearce Reserve on Saturday 17th November. Coaches or Managers should have already received the information packages with an approximate time.

Club Barbecue

All players, supporters and families are invited on 27th October from 6.30pm at Pearce Reserve. Cost for the food is \$5.00 each or \$10.00 per family. Drinks available from the canteen at normal prices.

Cricket NSW T20 ~ Michael Clarke Twenty/20 competition

We have entered a team in each of the u16 and u14 divisions. Watch the website for more details. Matches will be very soon.

PDCA Representative matches

Our Club has three Coaches overseeing the Watson, Gee and Cawsey Shield teams. The Gee (u13) and Cawsey (u12) Shields will be using Pearce Reserve as home grounds. Please get along to support our teams.

Night game at Pearce Reserve

There will be a game under lights in December. More details soon.

Kookaburra Cup T/20 competition

The team won 3 of 5 games during the week in Canberra. There are photographs in the photo gallery section of the website, and some stats in the library. Many thanks to the supporters, who made their own way to Canberra, and to the 3 Dads who bunked in with the boys!

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Results Round 3

TEAM	OPPONENT	MATCH DETAILS	RESULT
A Grade	Barbarians	KL 186 v 8/309	KL lost on 1st
A Reserve		KL 158 v 9/285 D Badger 72	KL lost on 1st
B1	Baulkham Hills	KL 8/256 v 210 M.Townsend 99 J.Longhurst 52x S.Townsend 5/52	KL won on 1st

B2	Barbarians	KL 136 v 6/146 G West 62	KL lost on 1st
B3	Guildford Lges	KL 1/164 and 2/71 v 90 and 143 M.Gillard 106x, A.Tetley 5/38 and 5/20	KL won outright
B9	Rouse Hill	KL 230 v 229 A.O`Brien 93	KL won on 1st
B10	Wenty Leagues	KL 86 and 3/119 v 9/172 A.Turner 6/50	KL lost on 1st
B11	Merrylands	KL 43 v 201	KL lost on 1st
B13	Baulkham Hills	KL 7/300 dec v 181 and 1/73 J.Megarrity 87 B.Delaney 52 A.Crampton 50 D.Delaney 5/30	KL won on 1st
C	Winston Hills	KL 215 v 253	KL lost on 1st
16/1	Baulkham Hills	KL 7/180 v 179 C. Brown 53	KL won on 1st
16/2	Pendle Hill	KL 174 v 3/179	KL lost on 1st
15/1	Baulkham Hills	KL 131 and 4/70 v 102 T.Monaghan 57; T.McKenna 5/18	KL won on 1st
15/2	Wenty Leagues	KL 72 and 3/113 v 190 and 6/42 dec	KL lost on 1st
14/1	Baulkham Hills	KL 197 v 7/224	KL lost on 1st
14/2	Barbarians	KL 9/2324 dec v 132 A.Monaghan 112x	KL won on 1st
14/3	Guildford Lges	KL 106 v 99	KL won on 1st
13/1	Baulkham Hills	KL 6/271 v 114	KL won on 1st
13/2	Greystanes	KL 130 v 7/131	KL lost on 1st
13/3	Pendle Hill	KL 72 & 3/126 v 176	KL lost on 1st
12/1	Guildford Lges	KL 8/129 v 4/158	KL lost on 1st
12/2	Pendle Hill	KL 62 v 9/153	KL lost on 1st
11/1	Guildford Lges	KL 71 and 6/35 v 62 and 67 D.Beattie 5/14	KL won on 1st
11/2	Seven Hills	KL 101 v 4/171 & 2/46	KL lost on 1st
11/3	AKA	KL 95 v 5/140	KL lost on 1st

11/1	V's	Guildford Leagues	ROUND	3
RESULT:		Won by KL by 8 wickets		
<p>A great diving catch behind square by Will got us going after a very slow start where our bowling was off-line with a number of wides and no-balls in our opening spell. Will had returned on the "red-eye" from the Gold Coast in the morning so this was what we needed. Nicholas P continued his habit of knocking over wickets in quick succession when he got 2 in his second over. This got everyone excited and interested. Patrick followed up with an excellent and well flighted spell of leg spin bowling that the Guildford middle order had no answer for. His figures were 4 for 15 off 4.1 overs and included a sprint to mid on off his own bowling, a great flat throw to Daniel B who teamed up for a run out at the bowler's end. The Guildford tail wagged a bit to put on 21 runs for the last wicket to take the total to 62 runs. Will was promoted up the order to cover for an injury to Tim's leg. He and Nicholas P put on an excellent 32 runs for the first wicket before Nick was dismissed for 11. Another good partnership between Will and Varun took us to 1 for 60 at stumps on the first day only 3 runs short of first innings victory.</p> <p>The second day was a complete contrast to the first. With one of our overnight batsmen not getting to the ground in time for the start of play and losing a wicket first ball of the day we found a way to lose 2 wickets in one ball. I thought the double play was only allowed in baseball! The coach's optimistic plans to build up a lead and have a crack at the outright were shattered as our stumps were knocked over in quick succession. Going from 1 for 60 to all out 71 saw us achieve a lead of only 9 on the first innings.</p> <p>We went back out still hoping to bowl them out and chase the necessary runs. The first part of this was achieved through Daniel B's fantastic spell of bowling and some good caught and bowled by Varun and Daniel P. Daniel Beattie's figures were 5 for 14 and we bowled them out for 67 leaving us 59 to get in 45 minutes. Our run chase</p>				

ended when we shut up shop at 6 for 35 being unable to overcome some tight bowling from Guildford.

The overall official result was a first innings win by 8 wickets but Guildford definitely had the better of day 2 and should be congratulated for their fight back.

Key things to work on are (still) :

- Calling, backing up and running between wickets – one run out and many missed runs.
- Target bowling to reduce the wides and no balls - sundries were 50 out of 131 runs so there were plenty of freebies we are giving away.
- Batting defence and watching the ball onto the bat - 13 out of 16 dismissals were bowled. At this rate we will need a new set of stumps as these are definitely getting rattled.

Man of the Match points were Daniel B- 3 points for his 5 for 14, Patrick -2 points for his 4 for 15 and Will - 1 point for his 17 runs and his good fielding. Thanks to Mark Paton and Keith Bain for scoring this match.

HONOUR ROLL:	Daniel Beattie 5 for 14
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13/1	V's	Baulko Maroon	ROUND	3
RESULT:	Kings Langley won on 1st Inn			
<p>Winning the toss we elected to bat with Mitchell(13) and Jordan(28) getting us off to a good start with a 50 run opening partnership. Jack(13) steadied to ship with Sid(a well played 18) before Alex (an aggressive 40) cut loose. Ben was out for 1 before Luke and Daya punished the Baulko bowlers - scoring 90 runs in the last 10 overs. Both Luke (80) and Daya (55) were not out at the end of the days play with our total on 6/271.</p> <p>Day 2 saw us take the field looking for quick wickets. All bowlers contribute in the sharing of wickets as they tumbled at regular intervals. Baulko were all out for 114 giving us a well deserved 1st inn victory. The boys all fielded well - with a few difficult catches going to ground.</p> <p>Well played boys. Let's keep it up. We have a few hard games coming up so let's keep building our momentum.</p> <p>Man of Match :- Luke 80 not out</p>				
HONOUR ROLL:	Luke Da Sylve 80*, Daya Singh 55*			

14/1	V's	Baulkham Hills	ROUND	3
RESULT:	Lost by 27 runs			
<p>Baulkham Hills (BH) won the toss and opted to bat. Aaron and Matt Stafford opened the bowling. BH started slowly and built up to a run rate of approximately 2.4 per over in the 15th over (score: 1-36). Some very poor bowling and fielding resulted in BH piling up a huge total of 7-224 in 60 overs. Of these runs, 63 came of sundries (19 byes, 2 leg byes, 31 wides, 11 no balls). Aaron finished with 2-34; Matt Stafford 2-17; David Hawes 1-20; Dan McMaster 1-18.</p> <p>Vibhav & Shezad opened our innings with Vibhav starting off with a boundary off the second ball he faced. However we lost our first two wickets in quick succession in the 4th over, with Shezad caught in the slips for nought, and Uveshan given out LBW for zero. Our score: 2-12 looked disastrous. Vibhav and Aaron added another 6 before Aaron was given out LBW to a ball which seemed to be headed down the leg side. Disappointing! Score: 3-18 after 10 overs. Matt Stafford joined Vibhav and put on a superb 89 run partnership - a careful, measured innings by Vibhav (6 boundaries) before he was run out on 47 A good, carefully constructed innings by Vibhav; but continuing (from last season) his run of falling just short of the 50 mark. Score: 4-107. Dan joined Matt at the crease while Matt continued and reached his half-century. After that he took the bowling apart - hitting a total of 16 boundaries and 1</p>				

six! His innings came to an end, caught trying to keep the scoreboard ticking. Matt's contribution: 110. Worth noting and appreciating was Dan's innings of 11. He showed maturity in the way he held one end up while Matt took the bowling apart from the other end. Well done Dan, we would love to see more innings like these from you! Dan and Matt put on 87 runs together, taking the score to 5-184 at the fall of Matt's wicket. Sadly Dan followed soon - run out! Matthew Websters did not last very long and was out without scoring. David (9) put up a a fight - defending well, and scoring off the loose deliveries, until he was bowled trying the drive the ball. Score: 8-196 in 53 overs. At this point, there wasn't much hope of reaching our target in the remaining overs. Neither Kumar not Kartik put up much of a fight. Kumar (0) pushing one upwards, only to be caught in front of the wicket, and Kartik (1) was bowled - in the 56th over. We finished up with 10-197 in 56 overs.

HONOUR ROLL:	Matt Stafford 110
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14/2	V's	Hills Barbarians 14/2	ROUND	3
RESULT:	KL 9 dec 234 def Hills Barbarians 103			
<p>This is our first report for the season.</p> <p>ROUND 2: After starting the comp with a bye the boys came up with an outright win after losing on the 1st innings. Batting 1st Wenty Waratahs posted 114 (Jake 3/19, Tim 2/8, Martin 2/10 the best of the bowlers). They then bowled us out for 69 with only Marcus on 12 n.o and Alex 17 putting up a fight. The opposition batted again but made the mistake of declaring at 4 for 55 thinking a lead of 100 was too hard for us to get in an hour. Chris hit a quick 20 and Blake 18 including an almighty 6 then it was left to Martin 10n.o and the hero Marcus 22n.o to steer us to an outright win. Well done guys.</p> <p>ROUND 3: KL one the toss and batted. We were looking good on 1/59 when Martin (22) was run out. In 6 overs we went from 1/59 to 8/81, At this stage Alex was on 12 when Hayden came into bat. Hayden and Alex took the score to 124 before Hayden got caught. They had a very valuable partnership of 43 which allowed Alex to reach 47 finally in sight of his 1st 50. The score being 9/124. Enter Josh with everyone hoping (even the opposition coach) he could stay there so Alex could get his 50. Well we needn't have worried once Alex reached 50 both of them blasted away taking the score to 234 with a partnership of 110 finally declaring with Alex on 112n.o and Josh on 40n.o. Great batting guys you really turned the game around.</p> <p>The following week we started well getting the first wicket with the score on 7. The wickets slowly came but a combination of not bowling at the stumps and some average fielding nearly cost us the game. Luckily we picked up the last few wickets with the score on 131 and time running out thanks to Hayden who ended up with great figures of 2 overs 2/1. Well done H. We were hoping for an outright and probably would have come close with better bowling and fielding. The pick of the bowlers though was Jake who bowled 8 good overs for 3/20, Martin 9 overs 1/9 and Tim who was very unlucky not to get a wicket. Anyway well done boys on our 2nd win of the season and congratulations Alex on your maiden century and also setting a new club record for 14/2's.</p>				
HONOUR ROLL:	Alex Monaghan 112 n.o			

14/3	V's	Guildford Leagues	ROUND	3
RESULT:	Kings Langley 106 v Guildford Leagues 99			
<p>After losing the toss and being asked to bat, we lost our first wicket in the 7th over at 1/10. Justin and Siddharth then put on a 40 run partnership when the next wicket fell. Unfortunately no one else could stay in and continue and we were bowled out for 106. When 8 of our batsmen are bowled, obviously a case of poor shot selection by too many. With 40 minutes left to play on day one, Guildford got off to a good start and were 1/39 off 14 overs with a couple of dropped catches letting us down. With them only needing 67 runs and only one down, we knew that we had to field well and ensure we took all opportunities that came our way. The boys all trained hard and come Saturday morning we knew exactly what had to be done.</p>				

Four balls in on the second day we had our second wicket after a good catch by Matt off Ben's bowling. Further good catches by Jake, Justin and Adam had Guildford at 8/96 at drinks. Further commitment after drinks saw the last 2 wickets fall after just 7 overs. A good win for the boys who backed up the bowlers in the field. A good performance by all of the bowlers with only 2 wides and 2 no balls after 52 overs. Best of the bowlers was Matthew Underwood 8 overs, 4 maidens - 2/8, Benjamin Williams 10 overs, 4 maidens - 2/13, Josh Nicholas 7.4 overs, 4 maidens - 2/12, Justin Irving 10 overs, 3 maidens - 2/15 and Alex Barnett 3 overs, 1 maiden - 1/8.

Great effort boys and lets continue this form into our next game. If we can show this same commitment that we put in on the field on the second day into our batting, our scores will improve and hopefully we can string together a few more of these results. Man of the match was Justin Irving with 29 runs, a good catch at fine leg and 2 for 15 with the ball.

16/2	V's	Pendle Hill 15/1	ROUND	3
RESULT:	KL 174 lost to Pendle Hill 3/178 on 1st innings			
<p>Round 3 saw us playing a crossover game with a team from the Under 15 division 1 - Pendle Hill. It will be interesting for the boys to come up against division 1 players, who may well have a solid batting technique. Anyway, that would be for the second week, as we won the toss and batted first.</p> <p>Again, Ankit and Mitchell got us off to a solid start - an opening partnership of 26 before Ankit was caught behind for 11. Abhi came in then and after giving an early chance, flayed the bowling really well, With Mitchell also gaining in confidence, the run rate picked up and close to drinks we were looking very solid at 1/92. However, Abhi padded up to a straight ball from the spinner and was out for a fine 43. As often happens, a wicket sparked a collapse - Mitchell for 17 and Melvin unfortunately for a first baller. Drinks were taken at 4/92. Daniel survived the hat trick ball and then forged a great consolidating partnership with Tyler. The ground was fairly large and so, there was a lot of running of 3s. After a partnership of 45, Tyler was out for a good 19. Daniel finally succumbed for 22 and it was then left to Harmon to bat very sensibly and see us to 174 all out. Harmon made an excellent 20 - by blocking the good balls and then hitting cleanly the loose balls. There was no time left for Pendle Hill's innings and so, we were back the next week for our effort in the field.</p> <p>Never was the maxim "catches win matches" more true than today. In the second over, one of the openers skied a hook shot which was unfortunately spilt. After that, the Pendle Hill openers batted very solidly and really gave us nothing. Gradually, our bowlers became frustrated and the loose balls came which they dealt with effectively. Getting to drinks with no wickets down was a bit demoralising. I asked the boys to go back to basics and to at least make them fight to the end. The boys responded and picked up 3 wickets before they passed our score. Tyler, Abhi and Mark got one wicket each. Coming up against good batting techniques, we learnt that we need to bowl a tight line and length and build pressure by consistent bowling. Melvin led the way and deserves a special mention - 9 overs 0/13. Excellent!</p> <p>Oh well, next week back to a division 2 team. We'll see how we go at home.</p>				

A Grade	V's	Hills Barbarians	ROUND	3
RESULT:	Hills Barbarians 8/309 def KL 186			
<p>With the 2 Matts missing, one at the last moment being sick, there was no other option but to field the first week. Paul Harvey gladly filled-in in the field and we had our 11. So winning the toss we sent Barbars in. With Gareth back our bowling attack was strengthened. However, Barbars came out firing and with a definite caught behind being turned down, set about amassing a large total. Unfortunately our bowling was wayward, not putting them under enough pressure. It wasn't until Dobbo entered the attack was there any pressure put on them. He was the pick of the bowlers finishing with 3/52 off 18 overs (also being asked to bowl the last over with Barbars on top costing 11, so he was 3/41 off 17 overs). James Harvey also bowled well and restricting them at times as well. He finished with 1/46 off 11 overs, whilst Wes bowled his heart out taking 2 wickets, with Gareth and Terry both taking a wicket each.</p>				

Unfortunately Todd was injured and could only bowl 2 overs which weakened our attack as well. As a positive we took all our catches, including Terence Vogt's 3 catches, including 2 gems, in his first game in A Grade.

We were very determined and the return of the 2 Matts saw us at full batting strength. However, Barbars bowling was spot-on and tied us down. We were only on 11 when Matt K. edged one to first slip, and from that we never recovered. Dan took a nasty hit on the head trying to hook, and maybe put the ball out of shape because it seem to start swinging even more after that. He couldn't have been feeling 100%, and soon after smacked one straight to mid-on to be out for 9. We were 6/67 when Singers joined Matt Rice at the crease. A fantastic partnership of 68 followed with delightful shots reaching the boundary, some positive running between the wicket, and 2 awesome sixes by Matt Rice, adding some respectability to our score. When Matt was out for a well made 52, Brett and Wes then took attack putting on a quick 30. When Brett was out for another solid 41, Wes followed and this brought Terry out for his first innings. All that was left was to finish with some positive shots. Terry hit his first runs finishing 2 NO and Sean enjoyed hitting Crawford for 4 successive boundaries before holing out to deep mid on trying to put one on Joseph Banks Drive, and we were all out for 186. Other scores were made by Todd 20, James 19, Sean 17, and Wes 14.

We can take a lot from this game, but we have to stay focused and positive. I am sure we are only 1 win from turning it all around. Dobbo's form with ball, and Matt Rice and Brett's form with the bat are good signs. If we can maintain some pressure with the ball and start to bat a little more positively we will win more than we will lose. So, let's ride this out and stay positive. Thanks to Terence, Paul Harvey for fielding, and Darryl Sinclair for his Grade standard scoring.

HONOUR ROLL:	Matt Rice 52, Terence Vogt 3 catches
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B9	V's	Rouse Hill Rams	ROUND	3
RESULT:	KL 230 Rouse Hill Rams 229 KL won by 1 run			
<p>Winning the toss for the third time this year we decided to bat in good conditions. After a shaky start being 3/42, a good partnership from Alan O'Brien ("the old boy") and Stephen Freney (40) steadied the ship bringing the total to 4/164, contributions from Daniel Lee (24) and a brilliant 93 from Alan brought the the final score to 230. With Rouse Hill batting for 10 overs and being 0/27 overnight, we knew we were in for a game with both openers looking comfortable in the fading light.</p> <p>The following week the wickets came slowly after some indifferent bowling but slowly we got ourselves in the match through good fielding and pressure from our "off-spinners" Daniel Lee (3/53 off 12) and Chris Brown (0/12 off 7). With Rouse Hill needing only 7 runs to win and having 3 wickets in hand the boys dug deep to snatch an unlikely victory.</p> <p>Congratulations and well done on a great team effort to stay in the game right up to the end, a good lesson in never to give up until the last ball has been bowled. Special mentions to Stanley Veldsman who came down from the U/15's to play for us and Errol for his "rousing" speech before we went out, thanks.</p>				
HONOUR ROLL:	Alan O'Brien 93			

C	V's	Winston Hills	ROUND	3
RESULT:	Kings Langley 215 lost on 1st innings to Winston Hills 253			
<p>After two rounds of no cricket due to weather, pitch repairs and a bye, we were ready for it. Of course, the captain lost the toss, and we were asked to bowl on a hot and humid afternoon. Steve and Aaron opened and looked ok without being too threatening. Aaron pitched up and the opener sliced away to Luke at fly-slip who took a low catch. The other opener did not like the spin from Tim, so Brains came on as well, and bowled the opener first ball. Meanwhile the WH skipper was playing himself in. We pegged away at the other players, and the other wickets came for not many runs from each batsman. Unfortunately for us, the WH skipper got away to 159 before the Old Boy enticed a false (and tired) shot for Chris B to effect the stumping. The other wickets fell relatively easily, except for</p>				

some cowboy shots from one fellow. There was some good fielding from Jarrod, Quincy, Brains and Luke, but a combination of a very fast outfield and some un-penetrative bowling to a very good batsman allowed the WH total to climb to 253. Steve and Tim had a bat for 4 overs for 0/22 when bad light stopped play a little early. The hot weather had turned windy and chilly. Time to rug up.

Day 2 ~ Tim and Steve put on 95 runs before Steve top-edged for 48. Chris B joined Tim, and soon joined the crowd again, after waiting for a long time to bat. Luke (24) went in and hit some good shots, with Tim accumulating 47 runs before falling LBW. Brains was out in unlucky circumstances for a duck (ask him about it!) and Brad and Jarrod came and went for 2 each. Aaron scored 45 without middling anything really, and with Quincy (34) put on a 40 run partnership. Mark (5) joined Quincy for a fun time, but was run-out. The Old Boy joined Quincy, but Q holed out to mid-on for his highest score ever. Well done Q. We probably should have scored the runs, given the great start, but a little more application may have helped. Always good to chase a smaller total. Bowlers take note!