

Kings Kitbag 2007/08
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Rounds 1 & 2
Secretary's Scribbles

Welcome to the new season. This column aims to keep you in touch with what is happening within the Club, and inform you about team matters and upcoming events.

The start of any season is difficult because of the crossover of winter sports with our starting date. I have been informed that PDCA will consider moving the season back to start on the 3rd Saturday in September, if the winter codes guarantee to finish on the last weekend in August. The intervening three weeks will be use to convert the fields, and to carry out maintenance.

The stumbling block seems to be the fluidity of the last day of some winter sports. The desire to play 'catch-up' games pushes the season to a later finish, and the situation develops where players are expected to finish winter sports on the same day as the first cricket game. It is possible to play footy games under lights midweek of course, but the preferred situation seems to be Saturday and Sunday 'pick-ups'. This presents an issue for cricketers who cannot practice under the lights at most suburban grounds, but need daylight, and therefore grounds on which to practice.

The Club was fortunate to be able to use Paterson Reserve, as the cricket nets are set a long way from the soccer fields, and we were able to use our part of the ground at the same time as the soccer players. We are also lucky to once again use Pearce Reserve as our main ground. The 4 new nets have been moved to the side and back from the previous position, allowing us not to impinge on the playing area whilst practising. Blacktown Council and the Pearce Reserve Committee collaborated with the re-design of the ground, and our home base is looking good. We have invited two local councillors to officially open the nets on our first Minicricket night on 12th October.

Minicricket ~ from Friday 12th October

This is our version of *Milo* or 'Have-a-Go' cricket. It is organised for 5 to 8 year olds who then graduate to modified (under 10). The nights are held at Pearce Reserve from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, and consist of a series of activities related to throwing, catching and hitting a ball with a bat. The activities are then integrated into a game of cricket where the different teams (identified by coloured shirts) play each other.

Kookaburra Cup

The Club has entered a combined under 15/16 team consisting of 8 players, and accompanied by two brave adults. The team will play in a Twenty/20 competition in Canberra from 1st to 4th October, playing 6 games against teams from around the state.

Wet Weather Procedure

Because we play across various LGAs, a decision to postpone a game is not made from a central body. Blacktown Council (9839 6575) has a wet weather line, and this will tell you if **Blacktown** grounds are closed to all sports or just a particular sport. The decision to call off a game is generally made on the day, and at the ground. Only if you hear from your Coach, Club or Association Secretary or opposing Club Secretary are you **not** to present for the game. Even if there has been heavy rain, a game may still be played if the rain stops and the sun and a broom come out! Please remember that we cannot play 'catch-up' games (see above), and that other games in your draw may be

played. Whilst player safety is paramount, a game may still be started at any time within the normal hours of play. With cricket, patience is a virtue, and patience becomes more abundant when semi-final time approaches!

Michael Ashby

Round 1 Results

TEAM	OPPONENT	MATCH DETAILS	RESULT
A grade	BYE		
A Reserve	BYE		
B1	Sydney Tamils		KL lost on 1st
B2	AKA		
B3	Seven Hills	KL 2/209 v 9/136 M.Gillard 101	KL won on 1st
B9	Seven Hills	KL 7/179 v 136 M.Vella 58	KL won on 1st
B10	Xenium		
B11	Baulkham Hills	KL 9/125 v 7/131 C.Ashby 5/20	KL lost on 1st
B13	Seven Hills	KL 7/218 v 128 C.Manley 62; M.Cullen 95	KL won on 1st
C	PHC	Week 1 no play due to rain. Week 2 pitch under repair, no play possible.	DRAW
16/1	Waratahs	KL 4/62 v 9/60	KL won on 1st
16/2	Wenty Leagues	KL 49 v 5/179	KL lost on 1st
15/1	Wenty Leagues	KL 7/150 v 117 K.Milne 52	KL won on 1st
15/2	BYE		
14/1			
14/2	BYE		
14/3	Winston Hills	KL 120 v 154	KL lost on 1st
13/1	AKA	KL 8/143 v 7/73 D.Singh 61	KL won on 1st
13/2	Baulkham Hills	KL 4/81 v 6/76	KL won on 1st
13/3	Kellyville	KL 5/118 v 75 M.Apps 65x	KL won on 1st
12/1	Waratahs	KL 3/42 v 38	KL won on 1st
12/2	Baulkham Hills (Maroon)	KL 6/50 v 10/81	KL lost on 1st
11/1	Wenty Leagues	KL 8/89 v 6/88	KL won on 1st
11/2			
11/3	Baulkham Hills	KL 3/101 v 8/100	KL won on 1st

Round 1 - 11/1 V Wenty Leagues (KL 8/89 v WL 6/88 – KL won on 1st Innings)

Wenty Leagues won the toss and decided to bat in our one dayer following the wash out the previous week. After Varun had opened with the new ball and a tidy maiden, Nicholas Paton claimed a wicket with his first ball. This was a great left arm in-swinging yorker that shattered the stumps of the Wenty opener. Next over, Nicholas sent the other opener back with the same ball and same result. Our bowling was generally well directed and pitched up at the stumps but some good batting by the Wenty batsmen and some lapses in the field saw them get on top putting on 70 runs for the third wicket including two batsmen retired at 25 N.O. We dropped 5 catchable chances including a couple of easy ones and tunnel balled a couple of fours by not getting down and behind the ball in the field. Some of our soccer stars who played in soccer finals last week thought they still had their soccer boots on! We need to use our hands not our feet to stop the ball. Anyway our enthusiasm was pretty good and we got through our 31 overs in time. Wenty scored 6/88. Our best bowler was Nicholas P with 3 for 2 off his 3 overs. Wil Reardon and Nicholas Chymiak both bowled well in their first games of cricket. Wil took 1 for 4 and Nicholas C put a couple of out swingers past the bat at good pace. Daniel Beattie was our other wicket taker with 1 for 6. Liam was very accurate with 0 for 0, 3 maidens against their run scorers when they were on top.

Chasing Wenty's 6/88, Joshua Bain and Daniel Pasevento took up the challenge with Joshua stamping his authority on the run chase with 2 fours in the first over. Daniel defended strongly

and ran well between the wickets before a leading edge saw him caught at midwicket. Lachlan Dorahy and Joshua took the score to 49 in a good partnership before a slip and a mix up saw Lachlan run out. Wickets tumbled then as Wenty fought back to have us 6/68. Liam and Nicholas then batted extremely well against some good bowling to move us within reach of the target before two scorching boundaries by Nicholas got us over the line by 2 wickets. Our top score and best batsman was Joshua with 21. 3 points and Man of the Match to Nicholas "The General" Paton for his 3 for 2, 1 run out and 8 not out including the winning runs. 2 points to Joshua Bain for his 21 runs and 1 point to Liam Gillies for his 0 for 0 off 3 and steady batting at the end.

It was an exciting game with the boys and everyone pleased with the result. Some things to work on as you would expect. Wil and Nick C did well in their first games of cricket. Well done guys. Thanks to Keith Bain for undertaking the scoring duties.

Round 1 - 11/3 V Baulkham Hills (KL 3-101 v BH 8-100 – KL won on 1st Innings)

After the false start the week before after rain intervened (thankfully as we only had 8 players due to soccer grand finals) a full team turned up all keen to commence a new season. The nerves were evident as this was the first year of real cricket and the boys realised that this time if you're out then you are out, no second chances. Things didn't start well when captain Shaun McMaster lost the toss and the home side elected to bat (the boys were busting to have a bat). The opening overs saw some very nervous bowling with a few too many wides and no-balls but it wasn't too long before the wickets started to fall and the boys started to find their line and length. Excellent bowling from Haydn Gilchrist (with a name like that this kid cant fail) with 2-4 off 4 overs, Jared Wynton with 2-7 off 4 overs and Ryan Corby with 2-7 off 3 overs all showing the way with excellent quick bowling. Paul Scrimshaw and Frasier Bailey chipped in with a wicket each and Shaun Madden took a great catch and the rest of the team fielded well and Corey MacNamara doing a fine job behind the stumps. This saw Baulkham Hills finish their 31 overs on 8-100, which looked like a formidable target for the boys to chase. One of the things that came out of this innings was that there was only 35 runs from the bat with 64 runs coming from wides and no balls, so we know what we will be working on in practice this week, don't we!!!

We opened up the batting with Haydn and Ryan and the boys looked like they knew we had to make up time as the boys started the run chase with gusto scoring at more than 5 runs an over (even if this was heavily assisted by the bowling) and when Haydn was the first wicket to fall for 10 in the 5th over we already had 29 runs on the board. Ryan was joined by Shaun Mc and these boys continued to pile on the runs at a great rate with the partnership blossoming to 36 before Ryan was out for a very well made 9. Jared joined Shaun Mc and the runs continued to flow particularly from Shaun's bat with Jared providing great support and excellent running between the wickets, these two boys took our total up to where victory was in sight before Jared was out for a patient 3 but where 21 runs were scored for the third wicket. Frasier then joined Shaun Mc with the score on 86 with these two getting the total to where it was just 1 shot from victory, Shaun Mc who had played many fine leg side shots got a ball on leg and his eyes lit up as he knew he could kill 2 birds with 1 stone, scoring the winning runs and also getting past 25 without having to retire, unfortunately some excellent fielding cut the shot down to 1 run and the boys had to wait a couple more overs. In the end the boys knocked the 100 runs off in the 24th over with Frasier not out on 1 and Shaun Mc not out on 24, an excellent inning from Shaun Mc as he batted for more than 20 overs and didn't give a chance to the bowlers (I can tell you his father was very proud scoring every one of those runs as well).

What a great team effort from everyone the fielding was excellent, the batting fantastic and the bowling good in parts but we need to reduce the no balls (we will put that down to first game nerves) for a team of boys that are so young they certainly showed that they have plenty of ability and I am sure all the parents will agree it was a pleasure to watch. Also thanks to all the parents who did stay and watch and encourage the boys as this certainly helps them in the field when the concentration levels start to get tested. Also thanks for all the help with scoring, umpiring and getting the boys ready as it certainly makes things a lot easier and more enjoyable for everyone.

Round 1 - 13/1 V AKA (KL 152 v AKA 78 – KL won on 1st Innings)

Honour Roll: Daya Singh 61

After losing week 1 to rain we finally got the season away by winning the toss and electing to bat. Jack and Alex got us off to a steady start before Alex was caught for 4. Jack was next to go run out for 11. Jordan and Daya batted beautifully and added 92 runs before losing Daya (well played 61) and Jordan(31) in the space of a few overs. Luke(1) and Mark(4) were both run out - careless running between the wickets boys - before Sid(10) and Uphaar(1) steadied the innings. Akshay batted well for 11 not out with Cameron and Ben not getting to bat. We ended our innings after our 31 overs with a respectable total of 152.

Sid and Uphaar opened the bowling and wickets tumbled at a steady rate with AKA only managing 78 in their allotted overs. Best of our bowlers was Alex(2/4). Our bowling was good throughout the AKA innings but our fielding was a little under par. In general a good start to the season. Well done fellas - lets keep it up. Man of the Match: Daya

Round 1 – 14/1 v Hills Barbarians (KL lost on 1st Innings)

Another season, with 4 new team members, after having lost 4 of our last season's players! Welcome Matt Stafford, Shiv Kumar, Matt Smith and Kartik Vasan!

The match was reduced to a one-dayer, as a result of the rain last week. We reached Eric Mobbs 3 only to be met by a water-logged ground on a bright and sunny morning! Luckily for us, #2 was free, and in much better shape - save for a large repair job in the fabric of the pitch at one end of the pitch - right on the good-length spot too! We won the toss, and opted to bat. We started a little shakily, with the ball beating the outside edge of the bat on a number of occasions. Our top order seemed to start well, but some superb bowling and just as superb fielding by the Barbarians had us on the ropes trying to push the score along. Some promising performances by our lads, but only two made it into double-digits (Vibhav 18, Uvesh 15). Aaron started uncharacteristically with only singles marking his score sheet - thanks to some sharp fielding by the Barbarians. Uvesh looked very promising at one point when he smashed two consecutive deliveries to the boundary. Vibhav played and missed a few times, and looked uncomfortable on a few occasions, to the short, rising balls, but looked comfortable later in his innings. Others that looked promising were: Matt Stafford (7), Shezad (6). Although they didn't get big scores, David looked much improved with the bat, and promises to get some bigger scores as the season progresses; as did Brendan who remained not out on 1 and hit a couple of good firm shots with the straight bat. Dan (0), going for a lofted hit, paid the price. Matt Webster (0), didn't really get to settle in either. Matt Smith (4), one of our newcomers hits the ball hard, and will improve with time. Shiv needs some extra work on his batting, but seemed able to hold his ground for a while. Our first innings score: 73 all out in the final (31st) over.

Aaron started off the bowling in usual fiery fashion and before long had the stumps knocked back in the 3rd over with the score on 3. Matt Stafford supported Aaron from the other end, but did bowl a few wides in his second over, before steadying, and taking the second opener - bowled - score on 19 in the 6th over. Our fielding - both, in the air as well as on the ground left a lot to be desired and helped the Barbarians get to 70 before their third wicket fell to Aaron in the 17th over. With just another 4 required to win, there wasn't much we could do. With both our wicket keepers gone from last season, Uvesh did a relatively good job of keeping wickets, and will improve with time. We need to identify and work on a backup WK. Areas to work on: - Fitness, Batting (we need to play out the 50+ overs in a normal 2-day game), catching and fielding. Although we seemed a shadow of the team we were last season - it's just the start of the season, so don't lose heart. Let's work on it and show 'em what a Kings Langley team can do!

Round 1 – 16/1 v Wenty Waratahs (KL 4/62 v WW 60 – KL won on 1st Innings)

Waratahs seemed to forget it was a one-dayer and batted themselves into a hole that they were never able to get out of. With only 29 on the board after 10 the pressure built and by the 23rd over they succumbed for 60. BTS started with the ball taking 4-20. Great support from Scrooge (2-9), Brains (1-4), Anthony (1-1), Jack (0-12) and Rocket (0-10). Catching and fielding was reasonable for the 1st day of the season, with Jack, Steve, Brad, Sam and BTS taking chances.

The boys hiccupped along the way with Brad (1), Brownly (0), Anthony (0) back in the shed with just 15 on the board. Obviously Wenty weren't going to bowl them out so the boys decided to gift them 2 run outs just to make things interesting. Steve (24), Jack 20no and Brains (11no) got the points.

Welcome to Sam Lehmann who has joined us from Wenty Leagues this year.

Round 1 – 16/2 v Wenty Leagues (KL 49 v WL 179 – KL lost on 1st Innings)

First match of a new season and we had a tough one - this team were evidently in Division 1 last year - not sure why they are in Div 2 this year. Also, with a new coach who had not yet seen what the boys could do it was an experimental game.

With the first week washed out, the game reverted to a one dayer. Wenty won the toss and batted. Tyler Hodsell got us off to a great start with a wicket in the first over, the opener well caught by Abhi. Mark Grinham was also bowling with some express pace and in the 8th over of the innings a great bouncer resulted in a top edge down to Quincy at fine leg. 2/39 and not a bad start. The Wenty Leagues number 3 unfortunately had 3 lives at least - we will be hitting the fielding and catching drills this week guys! It was this partnership which really put Wenty on top. Daniel Pass eventually dismissed their top scorer by trapping him lbw. We tried Abhi, Quincy, Waseef and Ankit but all to no avail. Wenty piled on the runs and it was left to captain Tyler to come on at the end and make the breakthroughs. He was actually on a hat trick! Catches to Jacob (an excellent one at mid off) and Waseef saw Tyler finish with 3/28 off 8 overs. Mark had 1/27 (5) and Daniel 1/29 (5). Wenty totalled 179 from their 31 overs - a stiff target.

After keeping wickets for the whole innings, Mitchell Albert kept the pads on and opened with Ankit. They did well, resisting the opening bowlers. I think in coming matches when it is a 2 day match, they will be able to bat for a long time. Today they both tried to up the tempo, in keeping with the context of a limited overs game and perished, but well done guys! Our batting overall was disappointing, even though we were up against a strong bowling attack. As always, shot selection and running between the wickets cost us wickets. In the end, KL totalled only 49 - Mitchell got 12 as did Daniel lower down the order. However, we encouraged each other in the field. We will be better for the run and I can start focusing on specific skills so that we can aim to improve next week against Pendle Hill.

Round 1 – B9 v Seven Hills (KL 8-179 v SH 136 – KL won on 1st Innings)

Honour Roll: Michael Vella 58

With the first week washed out due to rain, the match was set down as a one dayer. After winning the toss we decided to bat in good conditions. The foundation of the innings was held together by our opening batsman Mick Vella who scored 58. Good support from all our batsmen raised our total to 8-179, special mention must go to Brendon Temple-Smith and Chris Brown for their sensible batting towards the end of the innings.

With the talented lineup of bowlers in the team, we half expected to easily run through their batsmen. At 1-66 after 10 overs, we'd taken their batting much too lightly and had paid the price with some bad bowling. Once we'd settled down to bowling a good line and length the rewards came with Brian Lee capturing 4-24 in a good spell of 8 overs. This was backed up by some wily spin bowling from his brother Daniel Lee(1-27). An impressive debut by Alan O'Brien cleaned up the tail with figures of 2-23, rolling them for 136. A "scratchy" first win but that's to be expected in our first game together as a team. Hopefully we can improve and string a few more better performances in the up coming weeks ahead.

Round 1 – A Grade – Bye

Welcome to season 2007/8. As many should know by now both A and A Reserve competitions are 7 team comps this season. So with this comes umpiring duties. Umpires for Round 1 were, Todd Swift, Brett Sinclair, Matt Klaczkiewicz and Sean Pracey. Thanks heaps guys, we fulfilled our requirements and obtained our 10 points. Note: we will need at least 3 others for the next

bye, so no 'ducking and weaving' guys. This year sees some new faces, some old faces, and some returning faces. We welcome Tood Swift, Daniel Rica and Gareth Spranger back to the club. Whilst newcomer, Terry Nicholas should terrorise a few batsmen this season. If indications are right A Grade are looking forward to a good season. Attendance at training and the mood of the guys has been good, keep it up. Let's turn it into wins now. The team has obtained the support of a major sponsor, 14 Degrees Pty Ltd, a business of long time KL man and father to A Grade's James, Paul Harvey. Thanks Paul and Shaun Martyn for your support. The team will look the part the first time we take the field.

Lastly, the team's home ground is back at Pearce Reserve, so we encourage support from anyone that doesn't have a relationship with another senior team. We will be doing our best to provide some great cricket to watch, and some wins for Kings Langley, so your support will be appreciated. It would be great to see people and junior cricketers down at least to Pearce Reserve, cheering us on, and hanging around for a chat afterwards. Unfortunately, our first game, Round 2, is away at Westmead Hospital, but for anyone that wants to support your A Grade side and wants to see a game on turf, please come along. So guys let's do it, and have some fun in the process. Cheers Sean

Round 2 Results

TEAM	OPPONENT	MATCH DETAILS	RESULT
A grade	Baulkham Hills	KL 162 v 5/166	KL lost on 1st
A Reserve	Wenty Leagues	KL 6/136 v 9/102 D.Jameson 3 catches	KL won on 1st
B1	Wenty Leagues	KL 3/87 v 85	KL won on 1st
B2	Seven Hills	KL 5/120 v 116	KL won on 1st
B3	Rouse Hill	KL 173 v 146 A.Tetley 7/12	KL won on 1st
B9	Greystanes	KL 3/305 v 150 and 127 T.Doonan 138x M.Beattie 76x	KL won outright
B10	BYE		BYE
B11	Xenium	KL 101 v 158	KL lost on 1st
B13			
C	BYE		BYE
16/1	PHC	KL 5/270 dec v 123 and 9/111 C Brown 109; J Bracey 60; J Vince 5/30 and 5/31, S Bristow 2 catches + 2 stumpings	KL won on 1st
16/2	PHC	KL 204 v 81 and 57 J.Lewis 5/7	KL won outright
15/1	PHC	KL 191 v 104 T.Doonan 81	KL won on 1st
15/2	AKA	KL 87 v 6/157	KL lost on 1st
14/1			
14/2	Waratahs	KL 69 and 6/103 v 114 and 4/55 dec	Waratahs won on 1 st KL won outright
14/3	PHC	KL 107 and 2/43 v 8/238	KL lost on 1st
13/1	PHC	KL 5/269 v 55 & 6/22 D.Singh 101x A.Ieroianni 89; A.Damle 3 catches; J.Mulder 2 catches + 1 stumping	KL won on 1st
13/2	Seven Hills	KL 5/154 dec v 108 and 7/79	KL won on 1st
13/3	BYE		
12/1	Wenty Leagues	KL 9/141 v 2/144	KL lost on 1st
12/2	AKA	KL 47 and 44 v 180	KL lost outright
11/1	Baulkham Hills	KL 78 and 64 v 7/170	KL lost outright
11/2			
11/3	Rouse Hill	KL 93 v 7/122	KL lost on 1st

Round 2 - 11/1 V Baulkham Hills (KL 78 & 64 v BH 7/170 – KL lost outright)

A great start on a freezing cold day at Harold West saw Liam clean bowl the BH opener in the second over. Our bowling was very good in this opening session and we had many near misses. However, the catches are not yet sticking and we are blowing run out opportunities that should be

made. The Baulko players applied themselves well, took their time to get their eye in and feet moving and generally played straight to the good balls. This way they gradually built their score and accelerated the rate assisted by some wayward bowling on our part. They were 1 for 11 off 10 overs, 1 for 50 off 17 and 1 for 100 off 31 overs showing how to build an innings. A middle order collapse saw them lose 3 wickets in one over with Nick Paton on a hatrick after a run out in the same over. With their score at 7 for 133 off 46 overs we had prospects of bowling them out. However, their tail wagged to 7 for 170 as we bowled untidily. A very tough day in the arctic conditions. Bowling honours went to Nick P with 2-18 off 6 overs. Other wicket takers were Liam (1-13), Daniel P (1-15), Blake (1-24) and Tim (1-15). Nick Chymiak was our straightest bowler and should be congratulated for NO WIDES or NO BALLS off his 6 overs. Well done Nick. Will also bowled straight from the difficult into the wind end and was our best fielder with some good stops. Varun took an excellent catch he never looked like missing in the gully. Daniel B's direct hit run out sparked a mini collapse. Over throws, misfields and missed run outs cost us but sundries was the big contributor to their score with 45 including 32 wides and no balls being their third highest scorer.

The second week unfortunately saw us dismissed twice for an outright loss. A middle order collapse in the first innings cost us 4 wickets for 2 runs. 10 ducks and 10 bowled tells the story over the two innings about failing to defend to the good balls and get set. Concentration needs to improve as there were too many rushes of blood when steely determination was required. In the first innings Nicholas Chymiak scored 16. Patrick was 16no. Both played some good attacking shots. Patrick had some luck in his innings and needs to be more selective when attempting the big shot. Same applies for everyone else! In the second innings the only batsman to dig in was Varun in scoring 28 before getting out to a loose shot. On the day 3 players made "pairs" (0 & 0) and others also did not trouble the scorers much. We had our backsides SMACKED in this game and went home with our tails well and truly between our legs. We must show more fight and determination and learn from this game. How we respond to this defeat will be critical to how our season goes. Special thanks to David Gillies for scoring this match particularly given the arctic conditions on the first day.

Round 2 - 11/3 V Rouse Hill Rams (KL 93 v RHR 7/122 – KL lost on 1st Innings)

This was our first home match played in good spirit against a strong Rouse Hill team. KLCC batted first and a strong opening attack from Rouse Hill led to a steady stream of early wickets which saw us in trouble at 4 for 8. Opener Shaun Madden (12) held his nerve and with the assistance of Paul Scrimshaw (3) and Dylan Pride (4), steadied the ship. Paul and Dylan applied themselves very well and showed a lot of courage and common sense against a strong bowling attack. Shaun's innings was very impressive and he displayed some excellent concentration in tough conditions. He was the 7th player dismissed in the 28th over. Shaun McMaster (8) and Hayden Gilchrist (6) held their nerve and took our tally to a respectable 93. Rouse Hill started the chase in a nervous fashion. A great catch from Ryan Corby and excellent bowling from Jared Wyton and Hayden had Rouse Hill in early trouble. An excellent 547 run 3rd wicket partnership swung the game in Rouse Hills favour. KLCC rallied with 4 quick wickets thanks to some excellent bowling from Corey McNamara (1-14), Ryan (1-13) and Frasier Bailey (1-13). However it wasn't enough and Rouse Hill finished the day at 7-122. Best of the bowlers were Hayden (1-3 off 4 overs), Jared (2-9) and Shaun McMaster (1-11 off 4 overs). Others to bowl well were Matthew G (0-5 off 3 overs) and Harrison Gough who had several close LBW appeals turned down. Another highlight of the day was some excellent fielding from Dylan, Jared, Ryan and Shaun Madden. We will continue to work on our bowling, which improved markedly from the first match and our running between wickets. We are already looking forward to our next match.

Round 2 – 13/1 V Pendle Hill (KL 5/269 v 55 & 6/22 – KL won on 1st Innings) Honour Roll: Daya Singh 101no, Alex Ieroianni 89 (198run 5th wicket partnership) A Damle 3 catches; Jordan Mulder 2 catches + 1 stumping

Winning the toss we elected to bat with Mark and Jack getting us off to a steady start before losing Mark for 2. Jordan joined Jack and was soon out for 1 with our total on 20. Luke was next in and played an aggressive innings scoring an attractive 39. Jack out stumped, and Luke lost their wickets in quick succession leaving us on 4/71 before Alex and Daya - both batting

beautifully - added 198 runs in good time taking our total to 5/269 when Alex was out for a well played personal best 89. Daya in the meantime scored his maiden century and was not out for 101. A great knock by Daya and Alex. We declared our innings closed leaving Pendle Hill 40 minutes to bat on Day 1. At close of play on Day 1 we had PH 3/5 after 14 overs - some good bowling by all bowlers used.

Day 2 saw some pretty ordinary bowling and Pendo's batsmen batted very slowly until just before tea before we managed to break the 4th wicket partnership. After a quiet "chat" at tea we got back to our best and dismissed Pendle Hill for 55. Asking them to follow on our lads stuck to their guns and had Pendo in deep trouble - 6/25 at stumps. Best of the bowling was Jordan 3/3 in 6 overs and Luke - 2/4 in 7 overs. Well played fellas - lets keep it up. Next game is Baulko Maroon. Man of the Match: Daya Singh

Round 2 – 15/2 V AKA (KL 87 v AKA 6/157 - KL lost on 1st Innings)

Day 1~ We found the Morgan Power pitch had been hosting yet another campfire overnight, and no play was possible here. Luckily, McCoy Park was available and off we set into the overcast, cold and windy morning. We lost the toss, and were asked to have a bat. Did AKA know something about our batting? We started well, but losing 3 wickets in the space of 6 balls to have us at 3 for 15 was not too flash. Good, full bowling too, and 3 other wickets lost bowled does not augur well for the season. The other four wickets went down to lack of judgement. We were all out for 87, and the Coach was not having a good day before this debacle. There were some small pockets of batting application, and Daniel, Jarrod, Prosha, JB and Stanley showed some mettle. We took 47 overs to fall over for this very low score, but the bowling was good in parts - we batted like the bedazzled animal in the headlights of the oncoming car! The AKA openers took the field for one over, and JB had them at 1 for 1 at stumps. We can learn from other teams in some areas. Appealing loudly and in unison is always good for morale. So is bowling a VERY FULL length!

Day 2 ~ The weather was great, but luck went the other way, and the team looked ragged, under prepared and disinterested. We were in with a chance with 3 down for not many, but the wherewithal to maintain the intensity disappeared as no other wicket dropped before the target was reached. After that, we fell apart and the sundries climbed to 52. The one bright light was the bowling of JB who took 3 for 20 from 9 overs of probing slow-medium wobblers.

Round 2 – 16/1 v Pendle Hill (KL 5/270dec v 123 & 9/111 – KL won on 1st Innings) Honour Roll: Chris Brown 109, Jack Bracey 60, Jake Vince 5/30 and 5/31, Steve Bristow 2 catches and 2 stumpings)

Day 1 was dominated by a fantastic opening stand of 177 between Brownie (109 his maiden ton with 14x4s from just 94 balls) and Jack (60 with 4x4), which they compiled from just 28 overs. Following this the search for quick runs saw Steve(12), BTS (8), Brad (21), Brains (25no) and Scrooge (17no) set us up for an early declaration at 5/270 with 25 minutes to play on Day 1. Rocket iced the cake with a neat chance snapped up at mid off by Scrooge to leave Pendo 1/13.

Day 2 was the Jake Vince show. Scrooge clean bowled their No3, 2nd ball of the morning and whilst they batted pretty solidly each change of bowling brought a wicket in the first over, with BTS, Jake and Brains all having the same success as Scrooge. By drinks Pendo were rolled for 123, with Jake's 5-30 leading the way. Rocket (1-27), Jack (0-3), Scrooge (1-13), BTS (1-22), Anthony (0-10), Brownie (0-10) and Brains (2-3) lending good support. The fielding was a little shabby however Pendo hit enough chances that saw Scrooge, Brad and BTS snare catches with Steve bagging 2 catches and 2 stumpings.

Pendo were asked to bat 2nd time and again they were in trouble losing wickets at regular intervals. Alas time saved them - 9 down at stumps. Jake followed his 1st innings feat with a 2nd 5 wicket haul. This time 5-31 that gave him match figures of 16-2-61-10. Support bowling was good from Steve(1-30), Jack(1-10), Snowy(1-6), Brad (yes well the jury is still out as to whether he actually bowls; 0-3) and Brains (0-29). Brownie took 2 with the gloves and Steve, BTS (2) Brains (2) took the other gifts on offer.

PS: Get well soon Dean – from all associated with the 16/1's.

**Round 2 – 16/2 V Pendle Hill (KL 204 v PHC 81 & 57 - KL won outright)
Honour Roll: Jacob Lewis 5/7**

Round 2 saw us up against Pendle Hill. Even though we lost the toss, we got to bat first, which I was pleased about - we needed to regroup after last week and put together some solid batting. Ankit and Mitchell did really well - solid and then gradually more aggressive batting saw an opening partnership of 62 before Ankit was run out by a direct hit from near the boundary, so he was a little unlucky. An excellent innings of 37 Ankit. Mitchell continued in fine style and was finally out for 31 and KL was a very solid at 2/98. Thereafter, we batted consistently - nearly everyone contributed double figure scores - Leo (12), Melvin (15), Jacob (11), Mark (10), Tyler (12) and then Abhi a quickfire 24 which included 20 off one over! 209 was a great score and it left us half an hour to have a crack at Pendle Hill. Tyler and Melvin opened the bowling and Tyler struck with his 3rd delivery. Pendle Hill batted very cautiously and ended the day 1/6 off 10 overs. A strong effort from KL.

The second week saw us certainly pushing for victory and maybe outright. Abhi got things off to a good start with a fine spell of fast bowling - he took 3/13 and at one stage was on a hat-trick!! He was well supported by Daniel (1/15). Waseef (1/8) and Tyler, returning for a second spell (3/14) Plus two good run outs reflecting our enthusiasm and focus in the field. Ankit got 2 catches also in the field. 81 all out by 10am meant we definitely had a chance for an outright and so, we sent Pendle Hill in again. Melvin this time was rewarded with two early wickets (2/4), Abhi and Daniel again picked up a wicket, but it was Jacob Lewis who proved the revelation. Jogging in and putting the ball on a good length with just a hint of away swing, Jacob bowled superbly and blitzed Pendle Hill with 5/7 off 5 overs. Well done Jacob - straight to the honour roll! We tried a few other bowlers also, and it was Leo who snared the final wicket to see us score a great outright victory. Well done guys – good team effort and everyone contributed in some way. You can enjoy your week off knowing that the coach feels we are heading in the right direction.

Round 2 – A v Baulkham Hills (KL 162 v BH 5/166 - KL lost on 1st Innings)

After winning our first toss we decided to bat, and after a steady start all looked good. Daniel was on 13 after hitting a massive six when he was given out LBW with the score on 26. Matt K. and Todd took the score to 52, before Matt was out for a tidy 28. A succession of wickets was probably the turning point of the game, as we were 6/79 when Brett Sinclair and Jeremy Bedford came together. Things were looking up with a 33 run partnership. Brett was out for a solid 17, and Jeremy followed scoring 13. This brought Wes and Chris Ashby together, and a flurry of boundaries had Baulko shaking their heads. Unfortunately Wes snicked one through to the keeper and the partnership of 38 was over. Wes finished with 24. Chris Ashby batted extremely confidently, and remained not out on 22, when a run out closed the innings.

With a small total on an even smaller field, we kept things tight, and although it took us until 46 runs into the innings to get the first wicket, it was in the 20th over. It was Todd Swift that made the first break through taking wickets with successive balls. He bowled well, finishing with 2/42 off 13 overs. Dobbo kept things tight and took 3/27 off 12 overs, and things looked good when we had them 5/96. Matt Rice's catch to take the 5th dismissal was inspiring and should have signaled the end for Baulko. James Harvey also bowled well keeping it tight, however that was the end of the wickets as dropped catches and some wayward bowling allowed them to pass us with plenty of wickets and overs in hand. Although it was a disappointing loss, there is plenty of good to come out of it, and we will be stronger for it. However, we have to be more positive in our batting and hold our catches if we want to be competitive. Chris and Wes showed what can happen with positive batting, Dobbo and Todd showed how to maintain pressure with the bowling. We are at home, where we all want to play, so let's lift and show what we are capable of. Barbars have lost 2 from 2 and are gonna be revved up, so we have to be ready to be at our best. The game sees Gareth back, which should bolster our bowling attack, however we must take all our chances. Lastly thanks to Chris Ashby, who will hopefully be seeing some more of, Jake Nicholas

for helping out in the field, and Darryl Sinclair for scoring. We ask for, and encourage all the support possible from the club, and supporters when A Grade return to Pearce Reserve this round, with the intent of showcasing some topnotch cricket. Cheers Sean

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Round 2 – A Res v Wenty Leagues (KL 7/136 v WL 9/102 - KL won on 1st Innings)
Honour Roll: Daniel Jameson 3 catches

Kings won the toss and elected to bat at Monty Bennett. Best score came from Matt McLaren with 43 runs, he was ably supported by Craig Emmerly 35. Mick Carraro and Daniel Jameson put on runs for a sixth wicket stand that saw the score reach 136 after 32 overs.

We managed to roll Wenty for 102. Best with the ball was Adam Clarke with 4/28. Good fielding all afternoon with Daniel Jameson taking 3 catches.