



# Kings Langley Cricket Club

## Senior Match Report – Round 11

<b>Team</b>	<b>A Grade</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>KL Lost 1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Kings Langley - 140 Seven Hills RSL - 152</b>

<b>Team</b>	<b>A Res</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>KL Won 1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Kings Langley - 2/188 Wenty Leagues - 180</b>
<b>Honour Roll</b>	<b>Matt Rice 89no</b>		

<b>Team</b>	<b>B 1</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>KL Won 1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Kings Langley - 251 Inca Warriors - 155</b>
<b>Honour Roll</b>	<b>Andrew Gilchrist 105</b>		

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<b>Team</b>	<b>B 2</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>KL Lost 1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Kings Langley – 198 Cumberland - 247</b>

### Match Report

On a very hot day bowling seemed to be not so bad when Brad made an early break through. His tight bowling yielded 2/15 off his first 6 overs and included a brilliant caught and bowled taken on his finger tips. When Sean P chipped in with a wicket, we had them 3/20. After this a blatant cheat on a run-out by the other team's square legged robbed us of another quick wicket when the score was not much more. And even though the black and white sent this player from the umpiring position, the decision could not be reversed. The batsman in question went on to make 91 and this made a huge difference to the outcome. In the conditions all bowlers bowled well, with Matt H taking 1/32 off 12 and bowling with good pace, Abhi 1/23, Jarrod Waterlow 1/21, and John Wright cleaning up finishing with 3/51. However we had unfortunately allowed them to amass 247, not ungettable, but a big total. With John Wright not there the second week, he opened and scored a quick 13 before being caught behind. Jeremy and Abhi saw the day off and we finished the first day 1/21, with plenty of batting to come.

On day 2 Jeremy and Abhi concentrated and batted the first session without us losing a wicket. The only possible issue is that runs were not flowing fast. The first over after drinks Jeremy was out for a well made 21 and we were 2/48. Phil F joined Abhi and started his scoring with 2 sixes, and the run rate picked up. On the dreaded 87 Abhi was out for a solid 35, and things were still looking good. When Phil was out for a quick 21 when the score was 95, things were starting to break down. The quick wickets of Andrew Arnold and Sean P saw us 6/109 and the momentum had definitely swung. Brad and Sean L and were in no mind to let it slip away and a 60 run partnership looked to sway things back. However a poor LBW decision, when Sean had definitely got bat to ball, was the nail in the coffin. Some fight from Brad, Jarrod and Matt H, saw us finish on 198. Brad finished top score with 48, whilst Kamal again stayed not out.

This probably wasn't our best game, even with the players missing and the umpiring decisions, we should have done better. However, we are still in with a chance and need to put our best foot forward for the last 2 games to give ourselves every chance.

Man Of The Match - Brad Smith 48 and 2/25

P.S. thanks to Jarrod Waterlow and Andrew Arnold for helping out, and Ray Smith for the water and ice.

<b>Captain</b>	<b>Sean Pracey</b>
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<b>Team</b>	<b>B 4</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>BYE</b>		

<b>Team</b>	<b>B 7A</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>KL Lost 1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Kings Langley – 187 Pendle Hill - 374</b>

<b>Team</b>	<b>B 7B</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>KL Won 1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Kings Langley – 202 Erskine Park - 136</b>

<b>Team</b>	<b>B 9</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>Result</b>	<b>KL Won 1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Kings Langley – 68&amp; 254 Seven Hills – 47 &amp; 82</b>
<b>Honour Roll</b>	<b>B.Arthur 5/21, J.Allison 92</b>		

<b>Team</b>	<b>B 11</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>KL Lost 1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Kings Langley – 82 &amp; 9/248 Rouse Hill - 224</b>
<b>Honour Roll</b>	<b>Mark Grinham 51, Jeremy Miller 76</b>		

<b>Team</b>	<b>B 12</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>KL Won Outright</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Kings Langley – 146 &amp; 1/56 Western Tigers – 57 &amp; 135</b>
<b>Honour Roll</b>	<b>Gavin Strangwick 7/2 including Hat Trick, Anthony Constantinidies 70</b>		

**Match Report**

KL won the toss and bowled first in very hot conditions. JC got a wicket in his first over to signal a welcome return to form. Pete and Hayden toiled away both bowling very tightly but without success. The Old bloke then came into the attack and had "just one of those days" when everything fell into place. 7 for 2 and a hat trick had the opposition skittled for only 57 runs. Our innings was steady, however as has been the case for most of the year we lost wickets at regular intervals. Ant racked up a quick fire 70 and received the "royal blessing from Flash" for his excellent efforts. Bowled out for 146 and with a lead of 89, we grabbed a quick late on the first day to complete the old bloke's hat trick and have Western Tigers on the back foot again. Day 2 didn't really go to plan and it took a lot of effort to roll WT again. Wickets were evenly shared amongst the bowlers, but clearly the most impressive was Shane who gained late outswing and took a very tidy 3/8 to bowl out WT for 135. Needing 47 for an outright win, Renny's frustrating season continued when he was out early, but Kenny Baker dug deep and finished 36no to get us over the line.

<b>Captain</b>	<b>Gavin Strangwick</b>
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<b>Team</b>	<b>B 13</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>Result</b>	<b>KL Won 1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Kings Langley – 146 Baulkham Hills - 107</b>
<b>Honour Roll</b>	<b>Phil Wallace 80 &amp; 3 Catches</b>		

### Match Report

Round 11 – B13 Kings Langley versus Baulkham Hills

Coming off a disappointing loss to Rouse Hill in which we handed them the minor premiership, Kings Langley enter this match trailing the second place Baulkham Hills by just 2 points. Knowing that either 1st innings points or an outright victory would secure our place in the finals, but also quite possibly settle second place on the ladder, it was imperative that our focus was squarely on turning our mid season batting form slump around to secure 1st innings points.

With temperatures on this afternoon tipped to reach well in to the mid 40's, this was definitely a coin toss neither team would want to lose, so in the face of mutiny captain Michael Megarrity stood firm and delivered what might well have been his finest call of the season in winning this important toss. Aside from being extremely hot in the field there was also a very gusty hot breeze that Baulkham Hills would now have to contend with, but the Ted Horwood Reserve 2 ground was in very good shape (as it was last time we met) with a soft outfield ensuring big hitting.

Having now not tasted the success of victory in well over a month and our batting struggling for consistency, it was time for Kings Langley to experiment, therefore Chris Manley and Stephen Wright were promoted to open the batting on this very hot afternoon.

Searching for a sturdy opening partnership Chris and Stephen settled in nicely seeing off the first bowling changes of Fahey and Jolly as well as combining for a total of 16 runs. But with the first bowling change momentum would soon fade and at the end of this first over of the new spell a controversial umpiring decision had Stephen unluckily judged LBW for 11.

Tony Rossi joined Chris in the middle and immediately made his intentions clear in trying to blast apart the Baulkham Hills bowling attack at every opportunity. At 1 for 20 in the 10th over and still looking to settle, Chris tried to follow Tony's lead but unfortunately holed out for 5. Chris's demise brought Mark Bartolillo to the crease but no sooner than Mark had arrived he too would be making his way back the next over for just 1, enter Phillip Wallace.

At 3 for 23 on an extremely hot day Kings Langley were not taking advantage of this situation and once again demonstrated that their dry form of runs and partnerships would be a very difficult trend to reverse. With Phil now partnering Tony in the middle and leading the team by way of runs scored and averages, it was fair to suggest that he now carried most expectations to rebuild this innings. Perhaps recognizing the situation Phil immediately set about by being uncharacteristically selective in every delivery.

Tony and Phil cruised through the next 7 overs seeing off multiple bowling changes and they had also combined to add a further 24 runs, predominantly through Phil's selective hitting.

At 3 for 47 and now in the 18th over the breakthrough finally came for Baulkham Hills picking up Tony for 6, this brought Peter Dunn to the crease and he wasted no time settling in, immediately taking to the bowling by smashing a quick 20 runs.

With our 2 biggest hitters now together in the middle and a quick 30 runs added, it wasn't long before tragedy would strike.

Tempted by the slow to medium pace at best, Peter went after a very wide delivery with an enormous swing, disastrously his knee had once again buckled under the pressure sending him to the ground and barely giving him the ability to walk. After a brief break and courageous stint to push on Peter was left with no option but to take a runner and so Mark Bartolillo came back out to assist, but with his knee troubling him it was just a couple more deliveries before Peter holed out finally finishing with a quick fire 22.

As the temperature had continued to soar and drinks were taken on the hour spending quality time in the middle was becoming a hard task. Now in the 22nd over and 5 wickets down for 72 runs Phil was again playing the lead in being the rock of this team, Joshua Megarrity now joined Phil and for the first time a genuine staying partnership was forming.

As Phil added yet another 50 to his collection this season, Joshua was taking his time in settling in, and this was much to the frustration of the Baulkham Hills team on this very hot afternoon. After several bowling changes and 11 overs later they finally had a breakthrough with Joshua being bowled for 7, but not before together they added 46 runs in what would ultimately be the highest partnership of this game.

With Phil standing tall and the Kings Langley team falling down around him it was up to the tail to produce another defiant stand and keep Baulkham Hills in the field for as long as possible. Michael Cullen now entered and at 6 for 118 in the 34th over and he too was looking to turn around the past few months and hit some good form coming in to the final rounds of the competition.

As Phil continued with his selective shots and pressed towards this teams first century of the season Michael live dangerously, he tried to hit himself out of trouble and in doing so was stacking up a couple of lives along the way, with a certain caught behind which everyone aside from the umpire had clearly heard and a catch put down early, but unfortunately for Michael he was not able to make any of the gifted chances pay and he was quickly dismissed for 8.

With Phil continuing his run of form Royce Percival joined him in the middle hopeful of carrying the momentum from last week, but without settling or scoring and just a couple of balls later he was caught behind chasing a wide delivery.

David East now joined Phil in the centre and with Phil fast running out of partners and 100 in his sight he stepped up the momentum, but with upping the ante chances would present and after two earlier escapes in the deep it took a lucky juggling catch to finally end his brilliant innings on 80. Last man standing captain Michael Megarrity quickly joined David at the crease but for the second week in a row he was quickly judged LBW this time without score.

Kings Langley was all out for 146 in the 39th over in a little over 3 & half hours of play. In these extremely hot conditions we had once again failed to take advantage of the situation by not posting a strong total and keeping Baulkham Hills in the field long enough.

Set 147 to take 1st innings points and in this extreme heat with 2 hours to play Baulkham Hills started positively (the way KL should have) by providing a stubborn opening partnership of I. Renton and D. Crawford who together exhausted what energy Kings Langley had by digging in and seeing off as many overs as possible.

As Baulkham Hills forced Kings Langley to make multiple bowling changes a relief in the weather had finally arrived but not without the severe damage being done in that Kings Langley had conceded 45 runs and 20 overs in 1 and half hours without a single wicket.

As the forecasted southerly arrived and immediately cooled things down, it also had appeared to bring with it a sudden change in fortune, as Kings Langley finally received a breakthrough dismissing D. Crawford for 35.

With several overs still remaining Baulkham Hills altered their line up and promoted I. Scoulay to join I. Renton at the crease to see of the afternoons play, together they combined for a further 14 runs to close out the day at 1 for 59 after 26 overs.

### **CLOSE OF PLAY DAY 1.**

With last weeks scorching mid 40 temperatures behind us and to some extent a cooler peak of 36 forecasted for this afternoon, it would still again be another tough afternoon in the outfield.

With Baulkham Hills having 9 wickets in hand and requiring just 88 runs to secure a first innings points win, Kings Langley could have been forgiven for arriving today thinking more about how to get points from an outright win rather than focusing on scuttling the remainder of the team.

Baulkham Hills resumed play at 1 for 59, with a stubborn I. Renton and I. Scoulay still at the crease. The outfield was again thick meaning that firm strokes would be required in order to reach boundaries but by the way Baulkham Hills had started off last week and commenced again today, they were a team who were not concerned about time and simply looked for casual runs whenever the opportunity would present.

Early in this hot afternoon things were probably not going the way Kings Langley would have liked, as many overs passed by and regular bowling changes were forced, but there remained one positive that being only limited runs had been conceded.

It would be a further 9 overs and the addition of 10 runs before the breakthrough came with I. Scoulay holing deep at long off for 17 caught by Phil Wallace.

At 2 for 69 in the 35th over we had well expected to see the 2 form players and danger men for Baulkham Hills padded up and arrive, that being A. Jolly and G. leeson, but for reasons unknown Baulkham Hills had opted for an order reshuffle and it would be a few wickets later that they would then appear.

P. Searson was the promoted batsmen to join the resilient I. Renton at the crease and no sooner than he had arrived he was heading back to the pavilion without troubling the scorers holing out to Phil Wallace

again in the deep.

Searson's demise brought C. Millgate to the centre and for a short while he along with Renton looked to continue with this casual style, but 3 overs later and for only an additional 4 runs Millgate was caught out for 4, and drinks were taken.

With the Baulkham Hills batting order experiment quickly failing and 2 quick wickets giving Kings Langley a big rise in confidence, A. Jolly arrived to the crease, the first of the 2 danger men.

At 4 for 76 and now just requiring 77 runs to claim 1st innings points the equation was simple for Baulkham Hills, continue being selective with their strokes and the runs will come and so too should a win. For Kings Langley to be a chance of taking a remarkable victory they would need to remove the form batsmen of A. Jolly and G. Leeson cheaply. I. Renton, who quite unbelievably had now been at the crease for a total of 48 overs for only 11 runs continued to provide very stubborn resistance, through being extremely selective in all strokes and with running. But a collision in running with A. Jolly soon changed all this as the two explained pleasantries and Renton immediately lost focus dragging the next delivery from Joshua Megarrity on to the stumps to be bowled for 11.

With Renton finally dismissed after 49 overs for just 12 runs and the score now at 5 for 83, a major shift in momentum was building as Kings Langley now had the dangerous pair of A. Jolly and G. Leeson together. Knowing that the next wicket of either of these two would be crucial towards victory, field placement became paramount as Kings Langley did everything to ensure no runs were conceded.

The next couple of overs went without score as both continued to settle in, but with bowling changes now being enforced as the Kings Langley juniors of Joshua, Mark & Stan had reached their 6 overs, it became time for captain Michael Megarrity to bamboozle them with his spin.

Taking inspiration from Shane Warne and sure to not disappoint Michael mixed up every delivery to G. Leeson, pressuring him at every point. A few balls later Michael's reward was swift and significant with a thick edge to keeper Michael Cullen, claiming the big hitting Leeson without score.

At 6 for 83 and a big wicket taken Baulkham Hills Captain A. Fahey joined A. Jolly at the crease. For Baulkham Hills the task was becoming much more of a challenge than they probably anticipated and with Kings Langley applying significant pressure in the field with every delivery it would be very soon that something further would give.

Fresh from a weekend eye injury Chris Manley defied doctor's orders to play and with team spirit high and the juniors to be replaced he decided it was time to immediately capitalise and enter the bowling attack.

Chris started with his usual good line and length in bowling a maiden over, but not to be outdone and on a high with the previous overs success Michael again took charge this time making it personal with a Captains challenge against A. Fahey.

With each captain facing each other A. Fahey wasted no time in trying to assert his dominance sending his first big stroke to the deep, but with Michael's perfect field placement Mark Bartolillo obliged and made great ground in getting around taking a very good catch.

Baulkham Hills had now lost the last 3 wickets without adding to the score and suddenly found themselves in deep trouble at 7 for 83. R. Howell had now joined A. Jolly in the middle but no sooner than he had arrived, Chris had him sent back caught out for 3.

With the required runs now 60 and with A. Jolly still remaining at the crease one did feel that Baulkham Hills were still a chance of stealing victory, however all momentum was clearly with Kings Langley.

With Chris holding the fort at one end and Michael's brilliant captains spell came to an end [2 for 5 off 4 overs] and Mark was reintroduced back in to the bowling attack.

A. Jolly was now starting to feel the pressure and quickly took to Mark hitting him for the only boundary of the day, 6 runs back over his head. But revenge for Mark would be sweet and 2 balls later A. Jolly skyed one straight over the top of the pitch and Phil Wallace made the early call running around 50 meters from long on to take his 3rd catch beside Mark on the pitch.

With A. Jolly dismissed for 13 and Baulkham Hills still 54 runs short of 1st innings points, Kings Langley somehow found themselves on the verge of a remarkable victory.

J. Attard joined M. Gall at the crease and together they survived a further 7 overs and added 14 runs before the final wicket of M. Gall fell for 9.

Given the heat and the timing of this innings finishing an outright result was unlikely so both teams agreed that stumps would be called.

In their run chase Baulkham Hills had managed to totally collapse losing 9 for just 48 runs today, posting an overall total of 107 from 59 overs in around 5 hours of play.

In what is testament to the outstanding fielding performance by Kings Langley in this match, Baulkham

Hills had managed to hit just 1 boundary for the entire afternoon and only 3 total for this entire innings. This was truly a brilliant all round display in the field that has been rewarded with the innings points, second spot on the ladder and ensured that Kings Langley B13's would be playing in this years finals.

**END OF GAME – FIRST INNINGS WIN FOR KINGS LANGLEY**

**MATCH STATISTICS:**

1st INNINGS-

Batting:

Kings Langley (146) – top scorers: Phillip Wallace (80), Peter Dunn (22), Stephen Wright (11).

Bowling:

Baulkham Hills (39 overs) – A. Fahey 11 overs (2md) 2-26, A. Jolly 7 overs (2md) 2-21, J. Scoulay 5 overs (0md) 2-14.

2<sup>nd</sup> INNINGS-

Batting:

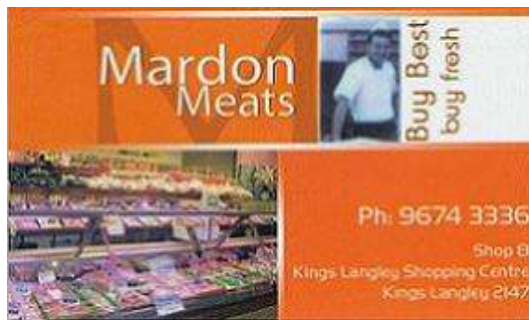
Baulkham Hills (107) – top scorers: D. Crawford (35), I. Scoulay (17), A. Jolly (13).

Bowling:

Kings Langley (59 overs) – Chris Manley 16 overs (8md) 1-21, Mark Bartolillo 16 overs (4md) 4-31, Joshua Megarrity 10 overs (4md) 2-8, Michael Megarrity 4 overs (2md) 2-5.

<b>Captain</b>	<b>Michael Megarrity</b>
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<b>Team</b>	<b>B 14</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>BYE</b>		



<b>Team</b>	<b>C G</b>
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<b>Result</b>	<b>KL Lost 1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Kings Langley – 138 Guildford Leagues – 7/219</b>
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**Match Report**

Match Report C Grade 17 Jan 09

Kings Langley (All out for 141) V Guildford Leagues ( 7 for 219)

Captain - Richard Clarke Vice Captain - Michael Turner

C Grade suffered their second loss in what has generally been an excellent season (only 2 losses) unfortunately failing to reach Guildfords score.

Kings won the toss and elected to bowl with Dean Walkerden (2 for 36 from 12) and Richard Clarke (1 for 25 from 8) opening the attack on a "stinking hot afternoon.

Tyler Hodsell (0 for 12 from 3) then joined in with again his customary burst of pace followed by Michael "Scrooge" Turner having a wicket maiden in his first over finishing with 1 for 4 off 6 before coming off with ankle problem.

Daniel Collins joined Michael in having a wicket maiden in his first over and finished with (2 for 13 from 9). Daniel joined us for the game and made valuable contributions with both bat and ball along with Aaron Khunawar (0 for 29 from 6).

Mitch Albert also chipped in by bowling a handy 1 for 20 from 7 and our other bowlers that toiled away in the heat were Jake Lewis 0 for 24 from 8, Stefan Szyzew 0 for 21 from 3 , Estaban Rodriegez 0 for 15 from 1 and Leo Nelson 1 for 11 from 4.

Backing up for batting the following weekend was not much fun either with another stinking hot afternoon in store.

Mitchell Albert, a real stayer opened and scored (26) with Daniel Collins (3) then Michael Turner came in at number 3 with a handy 19.

Malcolm Pass then took the crease but unfortunately fell for 1 and then Aaron Khunawar took to the ball scoring the high for the day of 27.

Dean and Richard then joined the struggle both falling for 20.

Our batting finished with our final batsmen Estaban 0, Leo 1, Tyler 2, and Stefan 2 not out.

As with all the other teams that played those 2 weekends we had a tough game in tough conditions.

**Captain**

**Malcolm Pass**

