



Kings Langley Cricket Club

Senior Match Report – Round 12

Team	A Grade	Round	12
Result	Draw washed out 2nd day	Score	Kings Langley – 187 Wenty Leagues – 2/60

Team	A Res	Round	12
Result	Draw washed out 2nd day	Score	Kings Langley – 7/251 NSW Tamils - DNB
Honour Roll	Mat Rice 102		

Team	B 1	Round	12
Result	Draw No Play Either Day		

Team	B 2	Round	12
Result	Draw No Play Either Day		

Team	B 4	Round	12
Result	Draw No Play Either Day		



Team	B 7A	Round	12
Result	Draw No Play Either Day		

Team	B 7B	Round	12
Result	BYE		

Team	B 9	Round	12
Result	KL Won 1st Innings	Score	Kings Langley – 8/201 Baulkham Hills - 117

Team	B 11	Round	12
Result	Draw washed out 2nd Day	Score	Kings Langley – 188 Baulkham Hills – 3/64
Honour Roll	Daniel Embleton 69, Jeremy Miller 68		

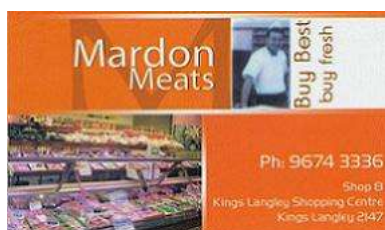
Team	B 12	Round	12
Result	Draw washed out 2nd Day	Score	Kings Langley – 6/277 Winston Hills - DNB
Honour Roll	A.Constantinides 105, G.Strangwick 102no		

Match Report

Thank God we won the toss and batted on what was clearly the hottest day of the season so far. Renny & Kenny got us underway and survived some good quality bowling from Winston Hills, unfortunately Renny got out in the 8th over after battling hard in tough conditions. The dreaded number 3 position claimed another scalp when Shane came and went with a 1st ball quacker that received the seal of approval from the incumbent JC. Ant strode to the crease to resume his running verbal battle with the Winny boys and politely played his best innings of the season. Batting all day without a hat in 43 degree heat, Ant smashed a fantastic 105 runs, and then graciously bowed to his Winston Hills nemesis. Whilst this was going on the Old Bloke was battling away at the other end enjoying Ant's heroics. So much so he lost concentration and got struck fair and square on the melon. After a short break, he then returned to the crease to complete the second century of the day to finish 102 not out.

Oh, I nearly forgot Flash joined Shane in the 1st ballers club, Phil got a shocker and Stork - well I will give you a break big fella, but you may want to avoid playing cover drives whilst standing at square leg. The game ended in a draw with a second week washout.

Captain	Gavin Strangwick
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Team	B 13	Round	12
Result	KL Won 1st Innings	Score	Kings Langley – 9/295 dec Pendle Hill – 215
Honour Roll	Mick Cullen 67, Royce Percival 4 Catches		

Match Report

Round 12 – B13 Kings Langley versus Pendle Hill

The last time Kings Langley played Pendle Hill it was an outright victory to Kings Langley, so this round 12 re-match could very well have been expected to have the same result, especially with Pendle Hill having recorded just the one victory all season.

However, recent results demonstrated that Kings Langley was a team who were somewhat still searching for consistent form and Pendle Hill had established themselves as a team who would always hang in there to the end with a recent history of very close finishes.

This match today would be played on Allen Robertson Reserve and last time we were in this vicinity drive by shootings were rampant, so it was wise to say this game as well as the journey to the ground had been approached with some reasonable caution.

Safety aside the significant factor in play today was the weather, with the mercury tipped to reach well in to the high 40's and nearly already there at 43, the curator advised that many games had already been cancelled both this morning and this afternoon.

There was some discussion on proceedings for the day but that was more about what to do if Kings Langley won the toss, this was because Captain Michael Megarrity had addressed the team after last weeks game and the decision at that time was to field first. This decision would give an opportunity for a number of players to return and bat the following week, in particular our leading batsmen Phil Wallace. With Michael again winning another coin toss on a day when the temperature was in the high 40's the decision was ultimately put to a vote and the pre-game plan was quickly ousted with Kings Langley to bat first.

With Kings Langley senior players Peter Dunn out injured (knee) and Phil Wallace absent this weekend, junior players Daniel Collins and Jarrod Waterlow came in to the squad and this forced another batting line up reshuffle.

Kings Langley looked to address the problems of consistency and time at the crease with the top order, and in yet another top order experiment captain Michael Megarrity made the decision to reverse the line up from previous games by partnering with Daniel Collins in opening the batting and moving David East to 1st drop.

With the outfield the quickest seen this season and boundaries very close it was expected that a score of around 250 to 300 would be just what we were looking for, so Michael and Daniel obliged ensuring they would make good use of the conditions guiding a quick few boundaries.

Having spent 5 overs at the crease and contributing 9 of the 17 runs, Michael looked in excellent touch! That was until he was again the victim of a very dubious umpiring decision that had him judged LBW for his 3rd consecutive match.

With David East promoted up the order he too quickly set about making the most of this outfield and the conditions, by uncharacteristically seeking out boundaries. Some big hitting and his 'nearly' first ever 6 (missed by a foot) had David fast approaching his highest score of the season (18), along with Daniel they had proceeded to take the total past 40 before Pendle Hill opted for a bowling change.

D. Webster was brought in to the attack and showed good instant pace and immediately he had David puzzled on the location of the ball, it would only take a couple of deliveries before Webster found the mark and with David struggling to adjust the goggles, he was bowled for 15.

As the intense temperatures progressively climbed even this young Pendle Hill team were quickly feeling the effects in becoming extremely exhausted, so as first drinks concluded the in form Stephen Wright joined Daniel in the middle and immediately made a big impact.

Stephen quickly took apart the Pendle Hill bowling blasting boundaries on the fast outfield at every opportunity, this meant that Daniel was again relegated to a role in which he would play support, but with the field in good shape it was a position he didn't mind relishing as he cruised towards the sight of his first B13 half century.

With the partnership swiftly passing 50 and Kings Langley now enjoying one of the best starts this season

at 2 for 98, this game was starting to open up. Stephen was again the chief looking very comfortable at the crease until once again the umpire would leave his mark with another dubious LBW decision.

For the second time this game and for Stephen his second consecutive match he was the victim of another doubtful umpiring decision having been adjudged LBW for 35.

As Daniel continued with his remarkable opening run Jarrod Waterlow this time joined him in the middle, but with the umpire feeling the urge to raise his hand at any shout it wasn't long before the umpire again made his 3rd unconvincing decision, this time robbing Daniel of his chance to make 50. In what looked to be another very high strike to the pads Daniel was adjudged LBW on 47.

4 wickets down and 123 runs on the scoreboard every Kings Langley batsman was indeed getting a good start, but unfortunate decisions were restricting them from moving on.

With Jarrod on 14 Michael Cullen now joined him also looking to capitalise on the conditions and turn his form around. As Michael settled in and a second (new) umpire thankfully arrived, Jarrod looked to quickly up the tempo in hitting a big boundary, but as quickly as he looked to get moving he immediately made mistakes lobbing a catch to the tight field to be caught out for 19.

At 5 for 127 things were beginning to look uneasy when Joshua Megarrity came to the crease. Michael was on 5 and surviving early appeals, Joshua would shortly follow suit with a number of appeals but all were turned down with the new umpire now in play.

Although taking his chances Joshua never looked comfortable at the crease and it wasn't long before Pendle Hill got their man when Joshua was finally dismissed for 5.

Enter Tony Rossi.

Just 26 overs had passed and Kings Langley now had 136 runs for the loss of 6 wickets and on a day when temperatures were blistering and the outfield was super quick, it was obvious that Kings Langley needed a solid partnership or they would again be in trouble and looking at defending another mediocre total.

Tony and Michael both conscious of what the situation required wasted no time in quickly constructing a formidable partnership. Michael found that form we had heard so much about and soon enough most deliveries were sent too or over the boundary.

As if not to be outdone Tony also made a significant stand ensuring that he would not just sit back and observe what Michael was achieving.

With the 50 run partnership quickly surpassed it wasn't long before these two had taken Kings Langley's total to over 200. Michael was in striking hot form and quickly passed his highest score of the season (37), on his way to an outstanding and well deserved half century.

With a Kings Langley season high 100 partnership not far away and the score at 223 a drinks break was taken and it was time for Captain Michael Megarrity to talk tactics.

The outcome was that we wanted to leave around an hours play for which to bowl at Pendle Hill and as it was now around 4:40pm that meant we would have around 20-30 minutes for which to score as many runs as possible, with the priority being for Tony to get his first 50 of the season and Michael to kick on to 100.

Orders in place Michael and Tony immediately started from where they left off, picking up the tempo and looking for the big hits. A few cracking shots later it was time to celebrate the first 100 partnership of the season and what was for Kings Langley a potential match winning performance.

As Tony was quickly closing in on his half century at 44 and with the total now 248, Michael continued with the slog approach and it finally brought about his undoing, with a shot caught out in the deep finally dismissing him for his highest total of the season 67.

With the 112 run partnership finally broken and Tony also on his highest score of the season now 44, Royce Percival was sent in to accompany Tony to his 50 before a possible declaration.

With the expectation that a declaration would arrive shortly Royce was in no mood to muck around, so he quickly set about scoring as many runs as possible before Tony reached his milestone.

Immediately on the offensive Royce took 17 runs from the first over he faced with Tony only adding a further 1. This trend continued for the next two overs as Royce quickly smashed boundaries to reach 35 and Tony guided his way to 49.

With this partnership now worth 41 runs from just 3 overs, it had well and truly broken any spirit that Pendle Hill might have had, so on 49 and requiring just 1 run for his first half century of the season Tony made an unfortunate mistake in looking to guide the ball away for that quick single, he had played on to be bowled out for 49.

With the time just coming up to 5:00pm and Royce on 35, the overall total was now 8 for 289. A declaration was expected, however with Chris Manley padded up and Royce looking dangerous Chris was quickly sent in to now accompany Royce to his potential half century.

Expectations were great and Royce tried to deliver quickly adding a further 5 runs, but with his intentions

not varying he persisted with the big strokes and was finally bowled next ball for 40. With Chris left standing not out on 1 the declaration was finally made and Kings Langley closed the innings in the 43rd over after 4 hours of play at 9 for 295.

Requiring 296 runs for 1st innings points and having fielded all afternoon in the extreme heat, Pendle Hill's opening batsmen of R. Gately and T. Graham certainly had the task in front of them for this last hours play.

Chris Manley and Stanley Veldsman were selected to opening the bowling for Kings Langley and it was not long before the first wicket fell, in fact it was the second ball of Stanley's first over which had T. Graham caught for 1.

In just the second over and already 1 for 5 B. Vile now joined R. Gately at the crease and together they did their best to dig in and see off as many deliveries as possible. After negating the opening bowlers of Chris and Stan, Jarrod Waterlow and Joshua Megarrity stepped up for the first Kings Langley bowling change.

With Jarrod posing big problems with his spin and Joshua unleashing a barrage of fast deliveries, it wasn't long before another breakthrough eventuated and Joshua had B. Vile caught out for 10.

At 2 for 20 and 10 overs now complete D. Antonioli joined R. Gately at the crease and if Pendle Hill were to be any chance they now needed significant partnerships or this game would slip away.

As R. Gately took his time in the middle he was swiftly playing himself in to form, with his shot selections rewarded for plenty of good runs. At the other end D. Antonioli was struggling against the combination of the young Kings Langley bowling assault; first from Stanley, then Jarrod and at the other end there was Joshua.

With this partnership now accelerating along predominantly with the assistance of the many sundries and R. Gately's batting, D. Antonioli was really beginning to feel the heat particularly as Joshua was now finding some incredible pace. But as Joshua looked for every bit of speed and Antonioli just looked for the ball, it wasn't long before something had to give and in Joshua's 4th over the 16th of the match, that telling moment would come.

With Joshua imitating every bit of Brett Lee – the hair, speed, walk down stares and wayward deliveries (including nasty head hunters) D. Antonioli had absolutely no idea how to play him. Fortunately for Antonioli, in looking for that something extra Joshua delivered one too many high balls, and, after having received a warning early in this over Joshua delivered a second delivery that had it been on target would have taken Antonioli's head clean off.

To the relief of D. Antonioli that delivery forced the umpire to end Joshua's exciting bowling for this innings, but there still did remain 2 deliveries in this over for which needed to be complete. In stepped Captain Michael Megarrity to take over from his son and bowl his unique brand of spin.

Like a script from a Bollywood cricketing feature Michael's first delivery was a ripper at probably a quarter of the pace of Joshua's missiles, but right on target, D. Antonioli was classically bowled middle stump for 8 on Michael's very first delivery.

16 overs bowled and now 3 for 61, Pendle Hill had around 15 minutes of play remaining before stumps would be called.

R. Flynn now joined R. Gately in the centre and with Kings Langley opting to keep both spinners (Jarrod & Michael) on, they would be looking to press for another quick wicket before the close of play.

As Gately attempted to keep momentum he was beginning to demonstrate a dislike for spin, particularly that of Michael with several near chances. Both new batsmen continued to look uneasy but they were now playing against the clock and winning, as Kings Langley entered the final over.

Desperate to finish off on a high and claim that final wicket Jarrod mixed every delivery and from his bag of tricks he got success with just 3 balls remaining the dangerous R. Gately edging one to Michael Cullen to be caught behind for 36.

CLOSE OF PLAY DAY 1.

A week can change allot and the weather today was from one extreme to the other.

Driving from the lower north shore to Allen Robertson Reserve it had not stopped raining, in fact there had been substantial showers increasing throughout the week which had now become steady rain throughout the past few days and again this morning.

The forecast was for the rain to continue not only all day today but well into next week, so after finally reaching my destination I was not surprised to see the pitch undertaking a thorough inspection by everyone who was there (including the umpire) in the persistent rain.

With nearly all matches already abandoned this morning and this afternoon, the umpire (not surprisingly) was unenthusiastic to commence play and with Pendle Hill requiring a further 219 runs to take 1st innings

points, this game could, and probably should, have been abandoned. But with wives and girlfriends at home on this rainy Valentines day waiting to be pampered, no player from either team was willing to sacrifice an afternoons play, especially on a drawn result.

With Kings Langley captain Michael Megarrity personally speaking to every player, he was becoming extremely successful in generating enthusiasm, and, soon enough we would all want this game to continue.

As the umpire was the only one who remained to be convinced, a quick consult of the rule book was enforced and with pressure now mounting from both teams to play, the umpire took a 30 minute delay to the start, to allow Mother Nature to provide a miracle and put a stop to the rain.

As the umpire walked back to his car in an attempt to quickly ride out time, the rain unexpectedly began to ease and rather than sit around letting 30 minutes pass by another (umpire) pressuring moment in the game was underway when 2 petrol blowers were brought out to the centre in an attempt to dry out the bowling ends of the pitch.

As 30 minutes passed by and luck would have it, the rain eased off to an intermediate drip, the pitch was still in remarkably good condition and so too was the outfield. The umpire returned and was out of excuses, so this game probably the only one in Sydney had the green light to get underway.

The earlier assessment of the ground and consideration of the weather meant that there would be no fast bowling today so David East and Jarred Waterlow were assigned the task to open the bowling. As the Kings Langley squad got suited up R. Flynn and D. Lovarini made their way out to the crease to resume for Pendle Hill.

Requiring 219 runs for 1st innings points in wet conditions this would not be easy for bowler, fielder or batsmen alike and as if to make the events of this day more interesting no sooner then we had taken the field the sprinkles of rain returned with no probable end in sight.

With just 6 wickets required for Kings Langley there was no way this game was going to be stopped and perhaps the umpire quickly realised this as just 3 balls in to play on David East's first over a half hearted appeal went up and the umpire wasted no time in his verdict giving another dubious LBW decision, removing R. Flynn for 4.

With the umpire making an early statement in his decision; that being he was looking for the days play to be accounted for promptly, Kings Langley would make certain to not let the situation pass, by ensuring that anything on the pads would be loudly appealed. As C. Mackie now joined D. Lovarini at the crease we obliged accordingly instantly appealing for everything on the pads, but Kings Langley would not have to wait long as next over the umpire would not be required when C. Mackie (on 1.) hit straight to Royce Percival for his second catch of this innings off the bowling of Jarrod Waterlow.

R. Brincat quickly came to the centre and like his arrival he looked to get things moving swiftly, but as the rain continued to fall so too would the wickets and this time David East would get his second quick wicket when R. Brincat also popped one up to Royce to be caught out for 6.

At 7 for 94 Pendle Hill were in trouble and while rain consistently drizzled they continued to gallantly play on, B. Averillo now joined D. Lovarini at the crease and together they set about building a partnership and chasing down the remaining 202 runs.

The longer these two batsmen were at the crease playing defensive and attacking strokes it was evident that the toll on the cricket ball was becoming increasingly favourable for the batting team. The now waterlogged cricket ball was not only hard to see in the field, it was doing absolutely nothing off the pitch for the bowlers and when hit it in the air it would drop sharply resulting in misjudged fielding and tough catching chances.

Through several bowling changes, steadily increasing rain and 13 overs, B Averillo and D. Lovarini continued to take their chances making the most of every opportunity together adding 53 runs. With the injection of the formidable Chris Manley in to the bowling attack it wasn't long before the breakthrough eventually came with B. Averillo finally being caught again by Royce for 23.

D. Lovarini was in good form but the lifeless ball and pitch is definitely assisting the batsmen and D. Webster wasted no time in continuing the momentum quickly playing his way around the field picking up easy runs.

The inability to bowl fast and the soaked cricket ball resulted in Kings Langley conceding more runs than they normally would, but as the weather progressively deteriorated the urgency was increasing, as again, the umpire was concerned about the state of play. Pendle Hill along with Kings Langley were keen to continue on, especially as Pendle Hill were now enjoying their highest total of the season this far.

As D. Lovarini closed in on his 50 and the overall total steadily climbed towards 200 the bowling changes were rife, 5 different bowlers had come and gone for Kings Langley before captain Michael Megarrity settled on himself and Toni Rossi.

It wasn't until the 48th over that finally the breakthrough came with Tony Rossi collecting his first wicket of the season ending D. Lovarini's solid innings on 45 after he hit a wide short delivery square to be caught by Joshua Megarrity.

Just 1 wicket now remained for Kings Langley as D. Mckeown now joined D. Webster in the middle and as it had been for all but the first 30 minutes of this afternoon, the steady rain continued and was progressively getting heavier. Both batsmen continued to make the most of the opportunity settling in quickly and scoring frequently, it wasn't long before the 200 was reached and suddenly only 96 runs were required for a very unlikely Pendle Hill victory.

With the umpire becoming very agitated due to the weather and the fact no one wanted to come off so too were the Kings Langley fielders with this last wicket stand as several near chances eventuated and went agonizingly unrewarded.

The first, was bad a mix up between the batsmen for which one of them should have been run out, only for a series of comical errors starting with a wayward throw from the deep letting either one off the hook. Then D. Webster was given 2 lives, first a good catch in the deep by Chris Manley off the bowling of Jarrod only for it to be incredibly ruled a No-Ball (ruled above the waist and yes Jarrod is a spinner). And second, to be caught on the boundary by Stanley Veldsman only for Stan to take a half a step back over the boundary line in front of the gallery making it a six and not out.

Amazingly we had passed through 34 overs of this afternoon with not only continuous rain but also no drinks break and with D. Mckeown looking for a big hit in the wet, the weather finally played it's hand when the cricket bat went flying out of his hands which prompted the umpire to walk off the field and request a review of the scorebook.

No sooner then he arrived under cover the umpire was greeted by the Pendle Hill faithful who advised him that there were 90 runs to go and this was the last wicket along with their best batting performance of the season, and as a team, they were united in their stance of being unwilling to walk off the field abandoning this match.

In steady rain just a few balls later the 44 run partnership of the last pair finally came to an end with Joshua taking his second catch in the deep to remove D. Webster for 40 off the bowling of Jarrod.

Appreciation must be given to Pendle Hill who through it all courageously fielded most of a scorching hot day and then batted on through constant rain, as well as ignoring consistent pleas from the umpire to abandon play.

In a remarkable game that could have easily had play abandoned in consecutive weeks for completely different reasons, it is quite astonishing that not only was there a result but it was good quality competitive cricket played in great spirit by everyone involved in this match.

Incredibly, these last 4 batsmen for Pendle Hill had managed to put on 121 runs and batted through 30 overs in steady rain. As a team Pendle Hill had made good work of a tough time finishing all out for 215 in the 55th over.

It was no great surprise that this game wouldn't progress any further with Kings Langley taking first innings points in what was a match to remember for so many reasons.

END OF GAME – FIRST INNINGS WIN FOR KINGS LANGLEY

MATCH STATS:

1st INNINGS

Batting:

Kings Langley (9 declared – 295) – top scorers M. Cullen (67), T. Rossi (49), D. Collins (47).

Bowling:

Pendle Hill (43 overs) – D. Lovarini 10 overs (2md) 2-60, R. Brinat 10 overs (1md) 1-64, D. Webster 7 overs (1md) 2-31.

Batting:

Pendle Hill (215) – top scorers D. Lovarini (45), D. Webster (40), R. Gately (36).

Bowling:

Kings Langley (55 overs) – J. Waterlow 14 overs (0md) 3-74, C. Manley 17 overs (6md)

Captain

Michael Megarrity

Team	B 14	Round	12
Result	Draw washed out 2nd Day	Score	Kings Langley - 158 Rouse Hill Rams - 9/125

Team	C Grade	Round	12
Result	BYE		

