



Kings Langley Cricket Club

Senior Match Report – Round 9

Team	A Grade	Round	9
Result	KL Won 1st Innings	Score	Kings Langley – 4/115 Wenty Waratahs -112
Honour Roll	Andrew Tetley 5/10		

Team	A Res	Round	9
Result	KL Won 1st Innings	Score	Kings Langley – 2/161 Wenty Waratahs – 9/158
Honour Roll	Daniel Rice 85no		

Team	B 1	Round	9
Result	KL Lost 1st Innings	Score	Kings Langley – 54 Hills Barbarians – 2/55

Team	B 2	Round	9
Result	KL Lost 1st Innings	Score	Kings Langley – 147 Hills Barbarians A – 5/225

Match Report

With a number of players still out after Xmas Matt Jordan, Michael Turner, and Stanley Veldsman joined the team, whilst Breandan Hutton returned from injury. Barbars batted first again we struggled to get the first wicket. They were on 60 before Jason Farrugia broke through. He was the pick of the bowlers and finished with 2/28. 'Hutto' also bowled extremely well in his return match finishing 1/39. Michael 'Scrooge' Turner was also difficult for Barbars to get away and finished with 1/22, including one important wicket. On a wet uncomfortable field our bowlers overall struggled and Barbars ended up with 5/225, a difficult total to chase.

With Phil and Jason Farrugia going into open we were hoping for some fireworks, and the first few overs confirmed this. Jason took 8 off the first over, and they took 10 from the next. But when Phil was out for 9 and then Jason shortly after for 19, we were never going to reach the total. On the upside, Brad scored an elegant 26, Matt Jordan 22 in his first innings for the season, 'Scrooge' 23, and the pick of the batsman was 'Hutto' scoring 28, including a huge six. We fell well short of the total, but with so many players missing we weren't disgraced.

Thanks again to Michael and Stanley, and welcome back to 'Hutto' and Matt.

Captain	Sean Pracey
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Team	B 4	Round	9
Result	KL Won 1st Innings	Score	Kings Langley – 213 Guildford Hotel - 187

Team	B 7A	Round	9
Result	KL Won 1st Innings	Score	Kings Langley – 7/138 Baulkham Hills - 129

Team	B 7B	Round	9
Result	KL Won 1st Innings	Score	Kings Langley – 5/201 Wenty Leagues – 7/199
Honour Roll	J Shan 55no		

Match Report

The break over the festive season clearly wiped the memory of lessons learnt. Winning the toss and with the opposition only having 6-7 players on hand we decided to bowl. We kept the run rate down with a few wickets during the first 12 overs, but the 4th wicket partnership accelerated the rate putting on 150 runs in 25 overs. After 40 overs the Wenty Leagues side had put on 199 runs. The surprise package from the bowling was Kartik who bowled 2 of last overs to snare 2 wickets for 9 runs.

We had to score at a rate of 5 per over to win the game. Gaj and Neeraj got us off to a good start until Gaj didn't concentrate on his own safety and was run out on 11. Neeraj also put on a quick fire 28 to keep our run rate over the target. Jenahan and Mehul combined for a 4th wicket partnership of 91 to get us within reach. Mehul fell on 43 and Jenahan went on to steer us to victory with an unbeaten 55 supported by Eric with 10 not out in the final overs. Wenty Leagues didn't help themselves with 32 wides. A good win with a couple of overs to spare.

The best aspect of this win was the way the guys conducted themselves in the face of some very unsportsmen like conduct by a couple of the Wenty Leagues side. Our players did not retaliate and stuck to the game plan to frustrate the opposition.



Team	B 9	Round	9
Result	BYE		

Team	B 11	Round	9
Result	KL Won 1st Innings	Score	Kings Langley – 8/163 Wenty Waratahs - 151

Team	B 12	Round	9
Result	BYE		

Team	B 13	Round	9
Result	KL Lost 1st Innings	Score	Kings Langley – 109 Hills Barbarians – 4/122

Match Report

When Hills Barbarians and Kings Langley last played in round 2, Kings Langley were very convincing winners posting their season highest total of 347 and bowling out Hills Barbarians for 97. Hills Barbarians currently sit a comfortable 4th on the ladder and in all results this season they were yet to record a victory against one of the 3 more fancied opponents above them, but recent form suggested they would be very competitive and this game was one that should not be taken lightly.

With just one game in the last 6-7 weeks due to our last round bye and the Christmas & New Year holiday period. This was our final hit out before a top of the table clash with leaders Rouse Hill the following week, so it was important we used this opportunity to build momentum heading in to next weeks clash. The past 2 months schedule had restricted the opportunities for match fitness and disrupted what rhythm was there, but it had allowed time for several players to return from injuries. There were also a number of regular juniors unavailable but Kings Langley did go into this match near a full strength senior team with the only hiccup being a registration blunder discovered the night before, eliminating Joshua Megarrity from the batting and bowling and effectively reducing us to 10 men.

It was a perfect afternoon for cricket with a refreshingly cool temperature and overcast day, this game was played at Eric Mobbs Reserve 2 which was a relatively small field from what we had been used to. The field looked to be playing very quickly as it was a firm surface, so it was no surprise that when captain Michael Megarrity won the toss he elected to bat sending Kings Langley in.

With all senior players now available a reshuffle of the batting line up was in order and this brought Michael Cullen and Stephen Wright to the crease to open the batting for Kings Langley. Looking to post a significant total Stephen started quickly and strongly facing off all of the first 3 overs and posting 13 runs before receiving a sharp bouncer from J. Fuller, unfortunately for Stephen he misread the delivery and it struck him sickeningly in the head. With Stephen now a spectator for a short time, in walked Peter Dunn to take over. Peter was looking to hit himself in to some form and came out swinging but a couple of deliveries later he was out caught in the deep at a somewhat fly slip position for 3. This brought Mark Bartolillo to the non-strikers crease and left Michael facing the next delivery and Michael immediately followed suit and holed out for 1, suddenly J. Fuller found himself on an unlikely hatrick. The site of this was too much for Stephen and after only a few minutes of a quick icing to the temple he decided it was time to rejoin the field.

With the hatrick prevented and the head knock not deterring him, Stephen quickly set about adding more runs but with a helmet still not on and a proven non-liking for the short deliveries Hills seized the opportunity and persisted to send everything down to Stephen as short as possible. At the other end Mark was looking to play himself in to form taking his time to get his eye in but a quick change of pace had him fooled and he scooped the ball back past the bowler to be caught out for 1. At 3

for 29 Royce Percival went in looking to also find some form but a few balls later he too was sent back bowled without score.

With Stephen now supporting a helmet after having been struck in the head for a second time and the score now at 4 for 38 Tony Rossi did his best to remain around and form a partnership. Together Stephen and Tony added a [Kings Langley] high 33 runs before Stephen edged one on to his pads and was controversially given out LBW at 47. With Kings Langley in trouble on a good batting wicket at 5 -67 Chris Manley joined Tony at the centre and a few balls later it was Tony this time who would be heading back caught out for 7, this brought the in-form Phil Wallace to the crease but a couple of balls later he too struggled to pick one up and was bowled for 2.

With only 10 batsmen this afternoon and at 7 for 70 with just 15 overs passed, David East joined Chris Manley at the crease and once again another batsman failed to start with Chris edging one to the slips and a sharp catch taken sending Chris back for 1. This brought the final batsman captain Michael Megarrity to the centre and at 8 for 78 with just 21 overs passing it became a real battle for survival to not only see out as many overs as possible but to try and at least post a total of something over 100. David and Michael were exceptional in seeing off 9 overs and adding 33 runs, with David going on to post his highest score of the season (18) before being bowled by a full toss from Harris, this left Michael unbeaten on 7.

In what was again another poor batting performance on a very good day and ground for batting Kings Langley had posted an ordinary total of 109 off 30 overs in around 2 hours of play. With only 2 batsmen reaching double figures and the Hills Barbarians bowling being the second highest contributor for runs in the innings [22 Sundries] this was definitely an afternoon that was fast becoming memorable for all the wrong reasons.

With Hills Barbarians set 110 for victory and given previous fielding displays Kings Langley were somewhat confident that this could be defended, especially having bowled them out for 97 in the two day game early in the season, but this was an ideal batting day and we would have to be at our best in the field to defend this.

K. Hoare and N. Wijesiri opened the batting for Hills Barbarians and K. Hoare made his intentions clear by looking to clear the rope on almost every delivery, a couple of boundaries later along with a quick fielding change his persistence was his downfall when he put one very high to the deep and was caught on the boundary for 8 off the bowling of Chris Manley.

With 17 runs scored and the opening partnership broken B. Iddles joined N. Wijesiri at the crease and a couple of overs later with just 1 further run added N. Wijesiri was trapped in front by Mark Bartolillo also for 8.

At 2 for 19 in the 8th over R. Lowe joined K. Hoare in the centre for what would ultimately be the match winning partnership adding 40 runs with selective hitting before R. Lowe was caught behind for 13. D. Bliss came and went quickly for 9 but not before he and R. Lowe had contributed another 28 run partnership to the total taking Hills Barbarians to 4 for 81 leaving just 29 runs for victory. B. Page joined K. Hoare in the middle and his unusual style was immediately effective swinging at everything and sending numerous edges for boundaries, but on a day when luck was all with Hills Barbarians, K. Hoare played a good role in being selective with most shots and ensured they would cruise on to a comfortable win.

In this match Hills Barbarians had ultimately made quick work of the 110 required for victory posting 122 in 30 overs for the loss of 4 wickets. K. Hoare was unbeaten on 54 and also unbeaten was B. Page on 19. Kings Langley had a few rare chances with a couple of dropped catches, but at the end of the day 109 runs was just not enough. To add to the misery of this loss Peter Dunn buckled over on his knee in the middle of the innings and left the ground, it did not look good for Peter and he could be out for some time.

END OF GAME – LOSS FOR KINGS LANGLEY

MATCH STATISTICS:

Batting:

Kings Langley (109) – top scorers: S. Wright (47), SUNDRIES (22), D. East (18).

Bowling:

Winston Hills (30 overs) – N. Wijesiri 8 overs (3md) 3-16, L. Harriss 7 overs (0md) 2-27, J. Fuller 3 overs (0md) 2-13.

Batting:

Winston Hills (4-122) – top scorers: B. Iddles (54 Not Out), B. Page (19 Not Out), R. Lowe (13).
 Bowling:
 Kings Langley (30 overs) – C. Manley 8 overs (1md) 2-25, M. Bartolillo 8 overs (2md) 1-22, M. Megarrity 5 overs (0md) 1-21.

Captain Michael Megarrity

Team	B 14	Round	9
Result	KL Lost 1st Innings	Score	Kings Langley – 107 Wenty Leagues – 6/108

Team	C Grade	Round	9
Result	KL Won 1st Innings	Score	Kings Langley – 7/115 Rouse Hill Rams – 8/111

Match Report

First game for the new year and we won the toss and sent Rouse Hill in to bat. I was tempted to bat first, but we'll see how we go. Daniel, as has been his habit recently, got a wicket in the 1st over. The second wicket partnership proved troublesome - Daniel and Dean kept it tight but then they got on top for a while and we went to the first drinks break at 2/59 when Richard finally got the breakthrough caught and bowled. First over after the break, Mal got the captain well caught by Esteban in the covers and then Leo produced a great interception and run out in the next over and momentum had swung back our way. We kept the pressure on really well throughout the rest of the innings and our young 15s - Scotty Madden and Matt Webster also bowled really well. Eventually, we restricted Rouse Hill to 111 from the 40 overs - Mal finished with 3/23 from 8 overs, Daniel took 2/11 from his 8, Dean took 0/12 from 8 tight overs. Matt W took 1/8 off 3 overs and Scotty Madden took 0/13 from 6 overs of crafty leg spin.

In the absence of Ankit, Stefan stepped up to open and he and Mitch did well, resisting the opening bowlers well. They saw them off but then they both perished soon after leaving us at 2/19 in the 13th over. Leo then stepped up and played his best innings of the season - an excellent 30, including a mighty six! Things were going along well until Mal was run out by a direct hit from the boundary. At drinks we were 2/58 from our 20 overs. About even. From then on, we batted steadily and it was a real team effort. Leo made 30, Richard and Dean each got 15 and it was left to Daniel and Jake to hit the winning runs with 3 wickets in hand. A tight, but enjoyable game. Well done guys - Mal and Daniel are away for the next 2 weeks, so we need to keep our momentum going. Thanks to Scotty and Matt for filling in and contributing well.

Captain Malcolm Pass

