



Kings Langley Cricket Club

Senior Match Report 2011/2012 – Round 4

Honour Roll

Name	Team	Achievement	Opponent	Round
Daniel Woods	A Grd	5/46	Guildford Leagues	4
John Longhurst	A Res	82	Wenty Leagues	4
Craig West	B2	54	Hills Barbarians	4
Tony Dimeck	B2	67	Hills Barbarians	4
Scott Freakley	B2	64	Hills Barbarians	4
Gavin Strangwick	B4	64	Seven Hills	4
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Blake Gilbert	B5	60	Seven Hills	4
Liam Lofts	B5	63	Seven Hills	4
Tim Mayfield	B5	52no	Seven Hills	4
Aaron Pratten	B6	65	NSW Tamils	4
Adam Blackman	B6	8/115	NSW Tamils	4
T.Kurumoorthy	B9	3 Catches	VOT	4
Andrew McCarthy	B10	5/36	Sydney Supersonics	4
Brendan Temple-Smith	B11	72	Baulkham Hills	4
Mark Scanlan	B12	77	Pendle Hill Colts	4
Ryan Findlayson	B12	5/43	Pendle Hill Colts	4



Match Report

Team	A Reserve	Round	4
Result	Won 1st Inns	Score	Wenty Leagues 187, KL 6/190

Round 4 brought the potential banana skin with a trip to the bottom club Wenty Leagues, who had gone winless for the first three rounds. The teams were greeted to a warm and sunny day and, after losing the toss, KL had to take the (mine) field. The outfield being a far cry from the pleasures of Pearce, but the same for both sides. Despite a positive, but ultimately slightly miss-directed intent from the KL opening bowlers, Wenty looked mostly assured at the wicket. It took a change of bowling in the form of left armer Matty Rice who started with his now customary opening wide down leg. Rumours are that the Wenty players wondered if Mitch Johnson was playing!!! However, after finding at least part of the pitch with the rest of his over, Matt soon got his name in the book yet again. Proving the saying "if the bowler doesn't know where it's going, the batsmen have no chance!", Matt snaffled the opening pair with a genius assortment of raw hostile and unplayable deliveries. The inspired plan from Captain Dags to bring on spin from both ends before drinks paid off with Dan Lee taking a good caught and bowled off his 4th delivery. However, the second session was arguably all Wenty's with KL unable to take a wicket. Continuing with the spin option from one end, and then bringing on Azza, the star bowler from the last game, Wenty dug in and showed some fight. However, although KL couldn't get a wicket, the runs were mainly contained on what is a small ground. Spin was left on for an over too many, and by now the Wenty batsmen had their eye in. They started to dispatch fours and sixes, some actually being tough chances, and the runs started flowing. It was the guile of Dobbo that broke the partnership, enticing one smash too many from the Wenty top scorer, Dags completing the catch. Simbo took the next one, courtesy of a nonchalant pluck out of the sky by El-Presidente. It was just reward for Simbo, who earlier endured the sight of three edges and two play-and-misses from the same over. After another Matt Rice wicket, Simbo had another, this time a perfect leg-stump Yorker of the highest calibre. Wenty were collapsing, and this was almost complete when Azza completed an unassisted run-out. However, the last wicket partnership lasted 13 long overs, KL unable to put the innings to bed. Indeed, it was courtesy of another unassisted run-out in the last over from Azza that ended the Wenty innings on 187.

Bizarrely, because KL had been so efficient in the field, we had to endure a dangerous 7 overs before the close. Well, if it was dangerous, someone forgot to tell John Longhurst! Starting with a six first ball, he went on to smash the Wenty attack, blitzing his way to 36 by the close. In contrast, Dags was more watchful at the other end, finishing the day unbeaten on 2. At the start of the second day, KL needed a further 139 runs to seal the victory. This time John was a bit more sedate, but scoring well nonetheless. Dags also started to find his form and the pair put on 107 for the first wicket. It was Dags to fall, just failing to get enough on a pull shot and being caught on the square leg fence. Attila, who took his turn to miss this match, blamed himself for the next wicket. Turning up to give the boys support, the wicket of Pete Longhurst fell just as his own foot touched terra-firma. Pete had played around a full straight one and Wenty had their second wicket. John was next to go, falling in a carbon copy wicket to that of Dags earlier. At this point KL weren't too worried, as at the wicket were the productive partnership of Matt Rice and Dobbo. However, both fell cheaply offering simple chances. Steve Freney immediately followed, offering another simple catch, a carbon copy of Dobbo's before him. 6 wickets had now fallen and KL still needed 55 runs. However, gutsy nerve from Azza and El-Presidente saw KL to the end, but not without a bit of controversy. Wenty had claimed a catch off Azza, the fielder in question tumbling to the floor in the process of attempting the catch before rising with a rather low-key appeal. Azza rightly stayed his ground, and the umpire eventually ruled not-out. It was maybe telling that there was very little protest after the decision from the Wenty players, but it came at a time when the match was all but lost for them.

Still, this didn't detract from what was another good victory for KL, and one that will hopefully build the resolve for similar situations in the future. Next is Baulkham hills at Pearce Reserve and KL are looking to capitalise their position at the top of the table.

Captain	Darryl Ebbett
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Team	B12	Round	4
Result	1st Ins Win/Outright Loss	Score	233 & 98
<p>Playing at Binalong Park No.2 the pitch and ground was terrible and the side boundaries too short. Anything past the fielders was a 4. We won the toss and elected to bat. After an early dismissal we started to put on some runs, with a fine knock of 77 by Scuz. Wickets slowly started to fall and we lost 3 wickets at 156, and things were not looking too good. A fine last wicket partnership of 77 by Daniel (33) and Reg (29 n.o.) saw us all out for 233. We bowled well, and with the exception of one player scoring 145 from 211 we had them on the ropes. Best bowling by far was Ryan with 5/43 of 21 overs.</p> <p>Second innings with a lead of 22 we were never in it. Playing all around the stumps we were losing wickets fast, 3 ducks and 3 scores under double figures we were never going to trouble Pendle Hills. A saving 9th wicket partnership of 55 with Ryan (46) and Scott (11) was the only highlight of the second innings. With an overall lead of 121, we knew it would be tough. The opposition managed to reach the total in 22 overs.</p> <p>Until we start valuing our wickets and not think about hitting every ball out of the park we will not be as competitive as we would like.</p>			
Captain	Mark Scanlon		



Team	B13	Round	4
Result	KL lost outright	Score	KL 111 & 115 v NSW Tamils 7 dec for 276
<p>It was like déjà vu, winning the toss, electing to bat and not being able to get a start. Alan tried to get things started with a six and a four from successive balls, only to get bowled next delivery. It wasn't until we were into the middle order that Shane and Jarad, who was playing from the Under 15's, were able to get into a groove and start building the score. They shared a 47 run partnership before they also fell in quick succession, each making 22 runs. Pat was last batter and tried to make most of his time with some big hitting to be third highest scorer on 15 not out.</p> <p>We got off to a great start with Eddie taking a wicket on his first delivery with a sharp catch by Jake at second slip. Eddie also had another dropped in the over. We then leaked 50 runs in the next 10 overs before the next wicket and another 50 runs in the following 10 overs before we had our third. After 21 overs and only 3 wickets down we were already behind on the first day. Alan came on late in the day and we all witnessed why Jarred has the nickname 'Hollywood' when he took a spectacular dive fully stretched forward in gully to scope a catch just centimetres from the ground.</p> <p>Into day 2 and we had lost Shane with a broken thumb nail and Jarad who had to make an emergency trip with his family to Melbourne. Luckily, we were able to get Tim and Larry from the Under 15's to help with the fielding. With our two top scorers out and the weather not looking too flash, we expected to be put back into bat to see what sort of a target we could set the opposition, however, they chose to bat on and set an even higher target. These Tamil sides only play one way and its either hit or miss. We took a couple more wickets, but they put on another 100 runs. They declared after Larry chased down a full blooded drive from close to the boundary to fire it in and run out the top scorer.</p> <p>We were 165 runs behind with about 3 hours to play. It was now like ground hog day, losing 3 early wickets. Craig and Jake were starting to get things moving with a 38 run partnership, but couldn't sustain the momentum. Nathan and Pat also showed some fight with a 37 run partnership, but also lost their way. Being a batter short didn't really cost us in the end as were bundled out for only 115.</p>			
Captains	Shane McCarthy, Craig Pickett & Alan O'Brien (plus anyone else voicing an opinion)		