

Blog from the Boundary, 1st XI v Boddington 31st May 08

Just a little word on our Division 3 cup exploits midweek. GP travelled to Preston Bissett, a thrilling game ended in almost complete darkness but saw GP triumph. Needing 4 to win from the final ball PB managed to scamper two. GP winning by one run, Cagney & Lacey (Stu and Lee) started the proceedings with gusto, although with a few wickets falling Jason and Mark managed to get the score up to a par score of 119. PB started steadily against some accurate bowling from the brothers Day, but lost wickets on a regular basis. Some lusty blows from the number 8 brought the game back in the balance, definatley squeaky bum time? With 2 over's to go and 15 runs to win Stu was asked to take Luke 'Skywalker' out of the attack due to dimishing light, he brought himself on a kept the runs down in good style, needing 9 to win Evo bowled the last over. The crucial ball came when there main hitter was run out by 'Lacey' with three balls left; the rest they say is history.

Anyhow enough of that back to the matter in hand.

After our record breaking exploits last week and our third league win in a row we welcomed Boddington to fortress Collingtree, (who just missed out on promotion last season finishing fourth)

Only one change from last week saw our define skipper wield the axe on Rob P (due to poor form!) and in stepped Jason Mc to fill his large boots!

Obviously last week's result had caused quite a stir around the league; you could sense our opponents were looking out for the 'beast of Wotton'. Losing the toss our opponents batted first. For the second game of the season our pre match chit chat only had 10 players, Linford making some feeble excuse about buying a present for his sons birthday had meant he turned up just as we were about to start.

Day & Day opened up with some tight bowling. Our visitor's didn't manage to open their account until the 4th over. Wickets were hard to find especially when some of our fielders couldn't catch a cold, today was excelled ourselves in this department. Josh and Ash had catches spilled at mid off by one complete buffoon, enter Everitt. When we say drop I think this is misleading, to drop the ball you must first get your hands to it. Not one of his finest moments.

The opening stand past 50 before the first wicket came, Ash having a skier caught by Bob 'safe hands', congrats to Bob who has now well and truly lost his reputation of a choker under a skier.

Halfway through the innings Boddington had managed to see there way to 56. The second half saw acceleration with some lusty blows but late wickets curtained the total, Mushy Porter taking 4 -30 with PB finishing on a creditable 144-6.

Chasing this modest total Stu & Lee started as they have all season, although not middling as they usually do they rattled along to reach 40 in 7 over's. However regular wickets were lost to a combination of some good catching a tight bowling, Lee had his first failure of the year, only amassing 40 for his lowest score of the season! Four wickets down and still 50 odd to get it could have gone pear shaped. No need to panic however, Jase with a useful 28 was followed up by Linford and Bobby sealing the win with 8 over's to spare. A quick note to say a frustrated Alan F was all padded up and no one to play with, again! An ugly win but 20 points none less. Leaving GP topping the table by a single point from MK Air.

Now for the real entertainment of the day, normally an evening at Ye Olde Grange Inn sees a bunch of sunburned Muppets talking about how unlucky they were to get out blah, blah, blah before stumbling home, this week saw an exception. During the night we learnt that Ish was a member of Nemesis, a bunch of street dancer type creatures who made the final of Britain's Got Talent, he turned his back on fame and fortune to play for GP, good work Ishy, (a demo in order and the end of season bash we think). To top that there was a strip o gram (police woman) for one of the locals. Little did we realise that we would see the real thing later on when some of the same crowd tried to kill each other!

Answers to (some) of last weeks quiz, not in any order, you work it out. Dot, Rob P, Stu, Rob K, Mark, Bobby and Dot.

Finally the mystic "Dot thought for the week"

Most ball games are lost, not won.- **Casey Stengel (whoever he is)**

More soon, Dot