

Blog from the Boundary, 1st XI v Preston Bissett 9th, Willoughby 16th and Crownhill 23rd August 08

Dot would like to apologise for the loss of service. After the Willoughby match I have just found my way out of a whiskey glass and realise it's only a game... what a load of hogwash!

PB was canned due to the usual summer weather. Not the worst thing in the world, so you would think.

Willoughby was a game I think we all would like to forget. Bloky who knocked 75 had at least 3 chances. Overall average bowling and average fielding gave them 50 more than the 188 they finished on. Our batting didn't really get going. All out for 143, which meant PB had overtaken us into 2nd place after their 1 run win over Finmere!

So our last home game saw Crownhill the visitors, middling in the league. Ash and Craig opened up steady enough; the breakthrough came in the 15th over, 46 for 1. This started a little collapse, Ash took 2 in an over, one a low down caught and bowled, Craig got a brace. So from 46/1 became 60/5 at drinks.

With the need to rebuild the innings the opening bat (S. Horspool) kept the innings ticking over. 8 over's and 24 runs later saw the 6th wicket fall, Stu (coming on to replace Tom Horbury) bowled full and got his rewards. A 45 runs partnership look to change the tide of the innings but a suicidal run out saw the opening bat fall for a fine 73. Mark took two quickies and Stu took his 2nd to leave Crownhill on 144 all out in the 38th over.

We replied with Stu and Lee starting steady enough. The opening bat that lasted 35 over's now opened the bowling, one man team or what. Anyhow a slow start (19 in 9 over's) made things a little twitchy in the bunker, especially when 3 wickets went in the next 4 over's. Stu, Lee and Artnell perished leaving GP tottering at 32 for 3.

Jase and Mark put on 40 in 11 over's, Jase hitting some blistering drives while Mark nudled one's. Jase went for 30, the 2nd top score in the innings, after the extras! (34). Ev and Craig put on another 20 odd before both went in quick succession. With 8 over's left we needed another 42 runs in a game we could not lose.

Take a bow Rich Green, Andy Litchfield, Tom Horbury and Ash Day, between them they knocked them off with 3 balls remaining. The game was right in the balance till the end. Only 2 runs were needed from the last over 0,1,0,1 saw the game won.

With PB drawing against Boddington it means we are still 3rd, 2 points behind. We need to beat Bodicote next week and hope PB lose to our best chums, MK Air (who we congratulate on being crowned Div 3 Champions) for us to snatch 2nd.

Cross your fingers peeps.

More soon, Dot