

## **Blog from the Boundary, Maids Moreton 3<sup>rd</sup> May 08**

After a few seasons watching your efforts I thought it was time to 'pen' a match summary. You may ask yourself who is this superhero. All will be revealed later.

So the first league game of the new season has arrived, I am reliably informed following a sparse turn out during the winter nets from the 1<sup>st</sup> team superstar's they surprised themselves with a good win last week in a friendly v's Gayton but now is the time to focus in and strive for a 3<sup>rd</sup> successive promotion.

With nervous optimism we welcomed Maids Moreton to Collingtree. (It has to be noted now it looks more like a cricket ground after some serious remedial work on the outfield, which at one stage resembled some scene from the battle of the Somme).

Winning the toss and asking the opposition to make first use Grange Park performed the usual huddle thing and listened in starry eyed awe at the skip's words of wisdom. The sharp eyed will have noticed only 10 took to the field, more on that later, 9 if you count that Ryan looked as if had just been dragged to the game from the night club after a heavy session.

Ash Day predictably taking the new ball from the 'top end' with the less obvious choice of Mark Everitt running up the hill from the other.

After 5 steady over's with little much happening Mr E took two quick wickets. Ash from the other end was unlucky and had two chances spilled; a difficult chance to Lee behind and a more easy chance from Arnell at 2<sup>nd</sup> slip.

There on things went 'all Pete Tong' for our opponents. Ash taking 3 wickets in an over followed by Mark taking 3 from the other, before you knew it the innings was wrapped up with Ish swooping in to leave the number 11 half way down the track run out. The opening bat carried his wicket through the innings for a grand total of 7 runs, Maids Moreton crawling to 23 all out from 15 over's, extras top scoring on 8! Ask bowling with good pace taking 4 for 15 from 8 over's and Mark trundling in for 5 for 6 from 7 over's, Lee looking as comfortable as ever taking 3 catches and Ian Peterson taking 2 smart first slippers.

You can imagine a fairly relaxed home dressing room was now more interested in the activities planned for the evening. Hope the tea's turn up quick? what time you out tonight? Shall we go and watch the 2<sup>nd</sup>s or just go down the boozier. You can guess the outcome.

Maverick & Ice Man took it on themselves to carry on last season's efforts & make light work of knocking off the runs, the 'vultures' in the pavilion were not so confident as Ian & Arnell were both padded up! Maverick did take one for the cause taking a riser on the chin which deflected onto his bod. Without a flinch he looked back in disdain.

It must be noted that although Maids Moreton had taken a bit of a 'doing' they took it all in great heart.

Now to resolve the questions, why only start with 10 and who is this superhero? Firstly Ish needs to be commended on his effort to get to the game (paying a mere £23 squid to a lucky taxi driver who must have thought this geezer must be loaded) but serious questions need to be asked on why the heck he left it until 12pm to ring up everyone asking for a lift as his car was in dock. Not the best forward planning I have ever heard of! No defence Ish I'm afraid.

Secondly the author, have you worked it out yet? I live locally and potter on over to have a good laugh at your efforts, call yourself athletes, there are some physiquers out there that would put make the Telly Tubbies envious.

So that was it, all wrapped up by 4.30pm, the first league game for the club in the dizzy heights of Division 3 and probably one the easiest we will have. Make sure you buckle down kids and treat this as a bonus and remember there's nowhere to hide, even though I cannot make the away games I have my spies posted.

Once the 'web team' has got their act together perhaps these can be posted on the club's website?

More soon, Dot