

Blog from the Boundary- Grange Park "A" V Helmdon 28th June 08

A big game for GP as they take on top of the table Helmdon, at their ground.

With Helmdon winning the toss and choosing to bat first, Dave Wells and Ish took the new ball.

Dave bowling tight and taking 2 quick wickets (both bowled) in his first 5 over's for only 7 runs.

Ish joins the party in the 10th, again bowling the batsman for a slow 1 run from 5 over's, (has he been watching captain slow?)

A period of stalemate ensued with little happening except for Rob and Simon Mc getting a telling off for holding a mothers meeting while the bowler is running in. An apology followed but that didn't end it their, the other ump having a dig at the end of the over wasn't really necessary!

Simon Mc replaced Ishy in the 16th over, more tight bowling from Si only brought them 10 runs from his first 6 over's.

Davey snaffled his 3rd wicket in the next over from his second wicket maiden.

Tone replaced Dave and quickly made another breakthrough, DW back in the action with a fine catch.

Next in was Rob Pinnington's long lost twin brother, (but not as successful) a few early hefty blows saw him try to recover a innings but Tone done him in the 27th over, a fine catch from Mark Couldrick, who showed everyone what is meant by getting your body behind the ball.

Si took his first in the next over, Chris Varygas bagging a catch. Obviously he had his pecker up and another skier (this time from Tone) meant he was on a mission, charging in from mid off to cover, OK you cant catch em' all but when you had one of your team mates under it, you ain't 'egg chasing' now and calling for the mark in your own 22 ☺

Not to be outdone Greeny dropped a dolly at leg slip, again from Tony, (sure it's not personal?)

To bring sense to proceedings Ishy came back in the 35th, immediately taking another. Simon chipped in with a c&b and rugby boy came on for the final over. Looking for the final rabbit to scalp, he didn't disappoint.

Helmdon all out in the last over for a hard fought 132.

Let's try and not dwell too long on our innings, shades of last year creeping back in.

Highlights (or lowlights) include

Kilsby and Couldrick highest partnership of 20 for the 6th wicket.

Mark Couldrick top scored with 22.

Said skip in for 8 over's without troubling the scorers but still involved in the highest partnership (sorry had to note it)

Too many ducks to mention. (except for the skip, sorry again). Nah hall of shame reads, Bob, Chris V, Dave W, is 4 a record for a league game for GP?

So GP fell short, all out for 68. Losing by 64 runs.

More soon Dot