

## Blog from the Boundary, 'A' XI v Thornborough A 24<sup>th</sup> May 08

This week saw the 'A' team on an away jaunt to Thornborough, a team who we shared the spoils with last season. Notably we rolled them over to 65 on their track in the corresponding fixture last time out. Could we top that?

With only 2 personnel changes from the previous week, Greeny and Jamie Webb missing out with Danny Gasson and after his first team exploits last week we welcomed back our overseas pro, Jason Mac. Skip Kilsby kept his team talk short, possibly worried his comments might find their way again back via my network of spies. Don't forget people, there's nowhere to hide. Mr K did mention he wanted the winning streak going (by the way can you have a winning streak if it is only one in a row?) and how he wants to do something that the previous skipper 'Evo' couldn't do - win 2 on the bounce, were banded about.

Both skips wandered into the middle, chatted for ages, swapped numbers and emails addresses\* and eventually tossed... (the coin!) The home side won and asked GP to set the target. (\*not really just added for a cheap laugh)

Don't change a winning formula was the mantra. Skip and Mr Ben opened the batting. The first wicket fell in the 6<sup>th</sup> over; Rob bowled for 11, Rich Murray came and went for 7, next up Jason Mc, who opened his account with a sweet boundary.

Ben looked in good touch with some solid blows, just when he was letting loose he fell, caught and bowled for a bright 27. Danny G fell early, run out for 4 which brought Ryan to the wicket and he quickly formed a nice partnership with J, smashing four fours in succession. Looking well set Ryan fell for a rapid 40 (his best for the club). Rich Dawkins and Viren added a valuable 15 and 16 respectively.

Jason kept things moving nicely with a well made 64 (including the only 6 of the game), Mark Hunt ending the innings on 2 not out. GP ended up with a sizable 208 for 7, this first time the A's had eclipsed 200.

One sour note came when one leg before appeal wasn't given and the dreaded c word was used against our ump. That dreaded word being 'cheat', not very nice. On a lighter note one of their fielders commented on how well the 'Aussie' played. Sorry Jason that must hurt.

Looking for a solid start GP opened the bowling attack with the little and large show, Ish and Ben (you work it out)

Benjamin 'oh my shoulder' Young struck in his first over, credit must go to Mark H behind for a smart take down leg side. Mark gave a solid display which now gives Rob a nice problem when picking his next side.

Ish followed suit, picking up the 2nd wicket in next over, Rob K taking a smart low catch, leaving the home side in trouble on 17-2.

Then came the fight back, some lusty blows gave the home side a whiff of a chance, quickly snuffed out when Ben strangled another, Rich Murray taking an easy catch.

Danny G and Ryan now took up the challenge, and took it with both hands, within 8 over's the game was over! Danny providing some tight bowling, but Ryan scalping six for a meagre 10 runs, all of them bowled! Good work young man.

All out for 107 in 21 over's, GP taking the spoils by 101 runs. One other figure worth noting is the number of extras given, 14 compared to 45 last week, a vast improvement by everyone.

Next week see's the 'A' team juggernaut travel to Brackley, a good side that turned us over twice last year.

Winning is a habit, once you have tasted it you want more. There is also the small matter of having the excuse to get lashed in the alternative Saturday night side or so I am told. At my age I am tucked up with a mug of Horlicks by 9pm!

Good work peeps. More soon Dot