

## Blog from the Boundary, 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Boddington 11<sup>th</sup> July 09

After last week's close call at Bodicote we welcomed Boddington to our shores. A classic village cricket team with 3 Post's and 4 Jones', talk about keeping it in the family. Good bunch of blokes who play fair and have a giggle whilst doing it, even if they cock up every so often. Perhaps we can learn a lesson or three.

We welcomed back Stu and with Andy P in the xl. A decidedly iffy forecast meant Lee's plan was to win the toss and insert, skittle out and then knock them off before the rain came. However Boddy won the toss and surprising opted to bat first. Confident move?

Son and Dad Post opened up in fine style, seeing off Ash and Craig without much to trouble whilst knocking runs at a good lick, 75 in the first 16 over's.

Josh and Mark started the slow down. J taking our first wicket in his 2<sup>nd</sup>, Post senior holing out to Ricky at deep cow. Post junior fell to Ev in over 22 but with the score already on 99 we were looking down the barrel on a big score.

Joshi took another, an identical to his first with Ricky racing in from deep cow to take a nice running clutch. With wicket no 4 coming in the next over perhaps the innings could have turned turtle? Not this time, a stand of 47 odd in the next 10 overs gave Boddington the upper hand. Josh brought himself off?! when going for a few and with Pinny and Ev getting some clog as well Lee turned to Ash and Craig to finish the innings. Still we got some tap, 223 for 7 at the close. The highest score made by the opposition at Collingtree all season. The lightening outfield didn't help things but with 32 fours in the innings there is food for thought as tougher opposition are playing here later on in the season.

Lee and Stuey started the fight back but Stu missed out, leaving one that took leg stump for a blob. Rob P steamed in then steamed out again in double time for a whirlwind 14. 19 for 2 and looking decidedly wobbly. Pinny junior and Lee took things steady, moving the score onto 27 in the 6<sup>th</sup> over before they decided to get things moving. 71 in the next 10 overs took our reply to 98 and you could sense the worm was turning.

The keeper missed a couple of smart chances off Lee but from then on they both ran riot putting on another 104 in the next 10 over's. OK some of the bowling was of a buffet variety (help yourself) but they still needing hitting, we all can tell a story about getting out to filth.

Both were on 80 odd and with only 24 needed umpire Ev let Lee know the score. "Looks like both of you will miss out on a ton", not so quick, Lee schemed and bullied the bowling to do his best but fell just short on 98 with Andy stranded on 83, only kidding? He will say that was the last things on his mind, errmmm? A massive 206 runs in a mere 27 over's, a new 1<sup>st</sup> team partnership record. Winning by 8 wickets with 9 over's left.

Our first game on the newly re-laid, rolled Collingtree wicket, would that make any difference? Just ask both sets of bowlers, all went for between 4.5 and 10 runs an over. 458 runs and only 9 wickets falling. Not one that will do the averages any good.

Dot's play of the game-  
Dot's other play of the game-  
Dot's did you know? -

Ricky's two catches at cow. Wickets were needed and he delivered, took some bottle.  
The two terrier dogs invading the pitch and taking a shining to Timmy's legs.  
We haven't a complaint from the league or anyone for at least 2 weeks!  
Let's put that right by stuffing everyone else in the league, winning the cup and running naked through Collingtree village.

More next week! Dot