

## Blog from the Boundary, 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Bodicote A 4<sup>th</sup> July 09

Away to Bodicote 'A' this week, a mixture of youth and experience against the juggernaut that is GP.

With Lee making his way to the ground Mark lost the toss and we were asked to bat. Danny G, Alan, Bob Khant and young Tom Manton coming in for Josh, Andrew P, Geoff and WG (who had a very important engagement he couldn't miss, more later)

Mark and Danny opened making a swift 20 odd before Dan missed one through the gate, Rob P went to a good delivery first up and with Mark (running like a girl) running himself out we were again looking down the barrel at 41 for 3.

Alan joined Jase and started the recovery but with Booth bowling his leg breaks to good effect he trapped J in no man's land for a score of 25, which was the top score of the innings!

Al miss hit one to mid off, Lee holing out to a juicy full bunger at deep midwicket (cow corner for the agriculturalists amongst you) and Bob kicking one away leg before we were now in deep doo doo, 98 for 7.

Things started to improve with Ricky (20), Craig (18\*) and Ash (16) all playing their part. With 11 over's left they put on another 48 runs between them. This worked out to be the difference between the two teams.

With only 146 to defend we were looking for accurate opening over's and early wickets. Ash and Craig rocked up and obliged with tight bowling but it took until the 9<sup>th</sup> over to get the first scalp. 5 more wickets in the next 9 over up until drinks put them on 74 for 6. Ash and Craig sharing the spoils which took the 'big C' to his own milestone of 100 league wickets.

One young lad caught the eye, hardly bigger than the bat he showed a good touch, cutting and driving to good effect until holing out at mid off.

They then started on their own fight back; with Pinny taking a sharp caught and bowled in his first over but then took some clog before bagging his 2<sup>nd</sup> and vital wicket. Harris hit 28 in boundaries in his total of 31 before losing his middle pole. 102 – 8, needing 44 in the last 14 overs. Now was the time to see who had the kahunas. Take a bow Craig who tipped up to take the last couple in his 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> overs. Done and dusted for 123. Too close for comfort but a win none the less.

Thanks for the replies of last week's little rouse; the eagle eyed of you would have found 15 Michael Jackson song titles.

I now know why the country is going to hell in a hand cart. The replies on Monday meant some of us were less than productive that day, how very dare you!

Well done to Simon Mc for spotting 14 of them, a beer is waiting for you at the bar. The wooden spoon goes to Stevie Cates with a pathetic 5.

Ten games in and only lost one. Is there any room for improvement? Well last year the batsman made thirteen 50's and one 100. So far we have only hit four 50's and three of these are from Pinny so come on batsman let's see your kahunas! Be positive but don't give your wicket away chaps.

Dot's play of the game- Between Timmy slapping valuable late runs and taking 3 wickets and C taking 5 (including his 100<sup>th</sup>) and making 18.

Dot's other play of the game- Bob shouting "wicket coming lads" and then next ball pouches the first one, truly mystical?

Dot's did you know? - As we know WG couldn't make the game. Was he on holiday? Was he ill? No, Take That tickets at Wembley Arena, good grief. Now he's got the biggest kahunas in town, not only owning up that he likes Take That but thinking he got away with it. Nothing escapes my spies.

More next week! Dot 'could it be magic' Dotty