

## Blog from the Boundary, 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Crowns 27<sup>th</sup> June 09

After last week's fine win we hosted Crown, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the table and looking for revenge after we whooped their touhes in the cup recently. You could sense there was that certain vibe around before kickoff, obviously nothing to do with their belly aching recently about our ground and why it just not fair blah blah. History tells us this was a must win to consolidate our position at the top of the tree.

We welcomed Andrew Pinny back into the fold and with Timmy Mallett keeping Ash out of the team after a decent trundle last week we had a strong team to call upon. Except for the fact the Ricky and Joshi looked as if they just tipped up from an all night bender.

Crown won the toss and bravely looked to set the target, a brave but dangerous tactic. I guess they had 2<sup>nd</sup> thoughts as early as the 4<sup>th</sup> over. 5 for 3 and reeling Craig bamboozled S.Horspool bowling him around his legs. He looked at the square leg umpire wondering what the hell had happened. Tim chipped in with one, caught behind.

With a repair job needed R. Horspool and Simon 'sledger' Jones took things carefully but didn't look in much trouble until the latter couldn't resist a thwack to long off where Everitt pouched, you had to smile as Craig had set the trap and he fell for it, hook, line and sinker. Just before half time drinks they lost their 5<sup>th</sup> wicket on 63 and a score under 100 was now a possibility. The fielding was decent with only the odd cock up, take a bow Josh. A top edge to square leg was spectacularly grassed in grand style. Maybe the end of school prom the night before and the odd shandy had something to do with it?

Things were going so well that Lee kept Craig and Tim on for their 12 overs. By that time they were 9 down, Timmy taking his first 5 fa' for the season and Craig only 4, taking his league tally for the club to 97, (bring your wallet next week just in case). Josh had a single over and with Ev wrapping up the innings in only the 26<sup>th</sup> over for a measly (even bad) 108 GP took guard for 10 over's prior to lunch.

Lee and Jase opened the batting with our glorious leader bowled off his pads for 3 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> over. Bomber joined the fun and with some pathetic efforts at sledging that only managed to make things worse. Their useful speed demon attack were going at 6 an over, by the time Rob departed in 7<sup>th</sup> over we had reached 45 and Robbie had made a bright and breezy 35 of them (with 32 coming from boundaries and 6's). At tea we were nicely placed on 59 for 2. Jam and scones tasted a little sweeter knowing they were munching on defeat sandwiches with extra cry baby sauce.

Andrew P and Jase moved things on nicely to 77 before Pinny junior lofted one too many for 19. Remember the time when scoring the 35 odd runs would have left colly wobbles in the hut but not anymore, W.G. joined Jase and hit the remaining runs by the 20<sup>th</sup> over, 82 runs coming in 4's and 6's. WG really pressed home the dominance by smacking the opening bowler over his head into the field. Game, set and match by 4.45pm. Lovely.

Most of us were expecting a thriller with a chance of blood on the dance floor but none of it. OK we caught one of the bowler's with spikes on (leaving Dot speechless) when Lee had asked really nicely for them not to. OK they whined about the short boundary and whether our scoreboard should be black or white but you know what, they got 4 points and we got 20. Beat it back to Milton Keynes and see you in a month for the return fixture. Dot says keep the faith, half way through the league and everything still to play for. 9 league matches left and the divisional cup final in July. I can't help it but think it would be great to send invites to all clubs in the division to our end of season jug fest.

Dot's play of the game-

WG's smashing the winning runs into the fields and then watching him shaking their hands. Classic.

Dot's other play of the game-

Timmy bringing the rest of the Vengaboys in the Vengamobile. Next stop Ibiza?

Dot's did you know? -

Can you spot the Michael Jacksons song titles in this report? Not saying how many but a little prize for the one that replies with most right answers. .

More next week! D