

## Blog from the Boundary, 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Finmere 18<sup>th</sup> July 09

A potential banana skin this week, away to Finmere. Lee had changes to make and brought in Richie (I work for Red Bull Formula 1 don't you know) Murray and Tony (lets have a bowl boss) Adams. We had plenty of ammo 'in the tank'.

All this "win the toss and put the opposition in" seems to be a load of old tosh. They won and batted first; it may have had something to do with them smacking 230 odd the previous week batting first (but still lost).

Coe and the elder statesman Padbury opened up. Coe looking to hit from the off, (after a ton last week) missed out, top edging one from Timmy to Lee.

Between over's 4 and 15 they put on a massive 16 runs. Ian Tipper looked all at sea before being smartly caught at point by Red Bull for 4 leaving our hosts on 32 after 15. The legend that is the Craigmyster was chipping away at the other end without any luck, especially when he decided to trap one nicely off his own bowling. That kept his bowling to minimum and he didn't even do his umpiring stint! But at least it saved him 4 runs for his precious averages. I will ask Mark to ring as normal to give yours and the rest of the bowlers averages, we all know the score.

At drinks they were on a meagre 40 for 2. Joshi and Ev turned their arm over and runs came more easily. J going to 48 in his 10 (taking 1 wicket) and Ev bowling tight as ever and going for 44 from his 12, taking 2 wickets, with some dubious wide calling but heck, it's only a game.

Finny had taken the score onto 111 for 4 with 7 over's left before the new rabbit catcher came to town. Timmy snapped up a quick 3 wickets in over's 37 and 39 to take a juicy 5 fa. He (and his wallet) was sadly missing down Ye Olde Grange that night. I am sure he had a good reason?

135 for 9 at the close, young Padbury making a steady 64 before being run out in the 38<sup>th</sup> over, no excuses for anyone thinking about throwing in the towel claiming to be 'past it'.

Fresh on the back of a 98 & 83 from Lee and Andy P we thought knocking the runs would be like shelling peas. Errm.

Jase (if you have predicative text on your mobile it comes up Lard) and Lee opened up. A wide long hop was only spooned to gully, Lee snuffed out for 5. Just shows how this game can kick you in the goolies.

Lard, sorry Jase was plumb leg before for a blob in the 7<sup>th</sup> over, Andy P joined his brother. Three balls later and still in the 7<sup>th</sup> over he was also triggered leg before for another blob from the dodgy umpire. Funny how no matter how 'out' people are there is always some reason why you made the completely wrong decision. From memory that's the first lbw's we have given all season. The bowler didn't even say thank you and asked for another one in the same over, I ask you.

15 for 3 and rocking, Rob being Rob opened his account with a straight 6 and 4 and looked in good touch. Anything short got pulled anything full got driven, until he yorked himself for 41, it just shows how much we rely on his quick scoring we were now on 53 for 4. At the other end Ian P kept things ticking over, Red Bull and Tony kept him company before getting out for 6 and 14 respectively. Tony missed out on hitting the glory shot by doing his impression of the Hokey Cokey, "you put your whole self in" and then got bowled. Joshi and Ev were left to finish things off in the 32<sup>nd</sup> over.

Dot's play of the game-

Dot's other play of the game-

Dot's did you know? -

Tony smashing three 4's which kept the nerves at bay.

Tony doing the hokey cokey at the wicket.

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