

Blog from the Boundary, 1st XI v Syresham A 6th June 09

What a difference a week makes. Warm and sultry it wasn't. Heaters and jumpers were the order of the day.

Lee had a strong side to call upon against Syresham. Their first XI not having a game in the Premier league this week meant they could have filled their A side with superstars, credit due to them as we were told they only had one (thanks to WG who did his pre match probing on the opposition, oh er)

Syresham batted first with Joshi and Craig taking the new ball. Both openers looked in good touch with Craig his usual frugal self and Josh struggling to get his length and line, credit to J who went around the wicket and looked a different bowler and took our 1st wicket with a smart caught behind 26-1.

Craig followed up with a brace in the next over, both bowled, Luke came on to from the road end and did his best to do a Bambi impression, OK it was damp but he made it look as if he was on skates, after his first ropey over his next ripped out chummy's of peg to leave them 72-4 but all this in only 15 over's. They still had plenty of time to set a tough score. Collins helped himself to 20 in 4 shots from Craig but tried one too many, skiing off to mid wicket. Bob and Ricky looked on collision course until the young chap shouted loudest to pouch, took some bottle good work young man.

At drinks the score was on 96- 5. Craig took his 4th with a simple slip catch to WG who for a change actually caught it.

Joshi came back on and his 7th over was at least a 9 if not a 10 ball over, 2 beauties didn't even hit pitch and to give 10 wides. Mark replaced Craig who strangled 2 in his first over, one in his 2nd and wrapped up the innings with his 4th in his 3rd over.

(Note to Lee, Craig ain't happy with Ev snapping up the rabbits at the death, "can you not bowl him for a game or two"), Looking at the averages Craig has taken 20 so far at 9.75 whilst Ev has taken 15 at 9.73, with Josh taking 10 at 15.2 each. Just for the record Ash hasn't got an average yet as he hasn't taken a wicket! Asher holds the record for wickets in any season, 37 last year. Come on Craig I feel that record will be broken this year?

Syresham ended up 149 all out in a mere 29 over's. Including a mind numbing 42 extras (top scorer in the innings). If they hadn't lost their way a score of over 200 would have been on the cards.

After a glorious tea of Crab, Lobster and Venison Lee and Ev started our reply. Both fell early and at 19-2 things looked a little shaky. Pinny and WG steadied things at took the score to 63 before Rob was unluckily run out backing up, the 2nd time in a dozen or so league matches. Jase entered the affray but with WG triggered leg before (inside edge?) we were now left needing 70 odd with 6 wickets left, did we have "enough in the hutch?" Ricky started promisingly hitting 3 fours in one over before trying one too many, skiing one to covers. Lukey made a couple before an inside edge, Bob Khant was bowled looking to pay a visit to cow corner leaving GP needing 35 with 3 wickets and from the remaining 11 over's.

Joshi looked in no trouble before getting bowled for 11, Jase at the other end nudged around to keep one end going. Tony came in at 10 and made a vital 9, one beauty through covers and one more lucky 4 overthrows when Syresham were looking for a run out. Tony lost it wicket with only 3 runs for victory. In stepped Jack Dee, a shaky single meant Craig kept strike, could they snatch victory? Nah, Craig hit the first ball of the 39th over for 2 through the covers for two. OK the bowler strangled the ball half way down the wicket but what the hell. GP win by 1 wicket. Jase not out on 27 and Craig on 3.

I think that's the closest game the 1st team have had so far and one that shouldn't be repeated for everyone's health.

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

Tony's 4 through covers with GP players having a bout of "squeaky bum" syndrome. .
Mark throwing his teddy in the outer whining about something or other.
Dot has put money in the 'beer pot' and will buy all the first team a beer next week, win lose or draw if we give away less than 20 extras!!! I think my money is as safe as my savings in Northern Rock!

More next week! D