

Blog from the Boundary, 1st XI v Evenley A 22nd May 2010

Phew what a scorcher, on three counts, the weather, Craig "Sir Garfield Sobers" Holmes' bowling and Gaush's batting.

Second away trip of the season took us to Evenley, probably the most picturesque ground in the league. Roads for boundaries, benches inside the ropes for the locals and trees masquerading as fieldsman in the outer. Lee kept up his 100% record of losing the toss and we were asked to bat first in the baking heat. A youthful looking Evenley took the field against a decidedly decrepit bunch of OAP's for GP. Ricky surfaced from a winter grazing and replaced Josh (who was getting spanked in the cup final, don't ask the score people).

You would think that Craig (60 last week) would have kept his opening birth, but no mercilessly relegated to no 8 and Ian (0 last week) was promoted to open, errmm.

Anyhow enough bitching, with 3 loses to their name perhaps we wondered what kind of opposition we faced, it didn't take long to work it out. 18 for 3 after 7 over's with Lee (blob), Ian (1) and Rob P (2) back in the shed. The air turned decidedly blue, a few bats got hurled, shame we couldn't middle the ball as well as kit bags. Ouchy. To be fair the opening bowlers were as good as we had faced all season so far, much belying their record. Staring down the barrel Kaushy and Jase looked to repair the damage. K's first 8 scoring shots were all boundaries and looked in great touch. Jase kept the score ticking over until lobbing a catch (11) leaving GP teetering on 50 for 4 after 12.

Scotty and Kaush continued the fight back, K reached his 2nd 50 in 3 matches and the pair nudged for another 40 odd before Scott fell for 16, 91 for 5 and 14 over's left. He came, he took guard, he spooned one to mid off, and he sauntered off for a blob, welcome back Ricky.

In steps 'the messiah', tight bowling from all the Evenley attack restricted both to 28 in 9 over's. Paterson had the Gaul to take a ripper caught and bowled to get rid of 'the chosen one' (8) leaving Ev to keep Kaush company and look to set a defendable total. 36 more runs came in good time. K smacking some big blows to finish on a superb 93 no and Ev 15. 155 (or was it 159) for 7 at the end of our 40. On a quick outfield and being at least 150C in the shade this looked a gettable total, did they have the minerals?

The two A's opened up the bowling, Ash with pace (thanks to studs in the boots) and Ady as accurate as ever. Asher blew Darby away for 1, 7 or 1 after 5 over's. Ady plugged away with no luck, Silver haired Harman had a slice through gully and an expansive mid on drive to his name but still effective none the less. Ash took his 2nd before being pulled off (oh err) 7 over's for 22 and with Ady having a blow (oh err x2) 7 over's for 20 left GP in good shape. A double change saw Sir Gazza coming back from early bowling retirement and fat boy from the other (not Peterson, Everitt)

The next 10 overs went for 19 before a double blow (oh err x3) for our opponents. Craig taking both, one plumb leg before and the other well caught from Lee standing up. Just when you thought we seem to be turning the game in our favour but a few lusty blows from Patterson and Scott brought them back into the game. Just as Lee gave Gaush the "get warmed up" sign Craig turned on the gas and his next 4 over's bought another 4 scalps, one stage a Gnats gonad away from taking a hat trick.

Mark bowled with little luck, Craig throwing one on the floor and one threw slips but as they say on telly, "bowl in partnerships" (means squat in the averages), he took the 9th wicket in his 9th over before getting the tug (oh err x4)

Evenley passed the 100 mark and with only 8 over's left and 56 (or was it 60) Lee tossed the ball the Kaush and 'Beam me up' to finish things off, who duly obliged in his 1st over.

Closer than it sounds but GP won by 50 runs. Without Kaush holding the innings together for his 93 and Craig takers his 2nd 6 fa for the club we probably would have ended up on the wrong side, but we didn't so we haven't. Can you tell crazy legs that he missed his moment. By the way if you have recorded Lost this morning they are all dead!! Sorry.

Dot's play of the game- K's various slaps for 4, one clipping a tree when in orbit for the longest boundary in history.

Dot's 'other' play of the game- Craig slide tackling a bench, a woman and anything else to stop a boundary, nearly killing him in the process.

Can I get any more 'Carry On' one liners in if I really tried? More next week! Dot