

## Blog from the Boundary, 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Gayton 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Thanks for all your kind words about last week's post mortem (none) regardless that doesn't put your number one fan off. With the weather decidedly Arctic like I had already arranged a visit to the Bingo but you guys thought it a good idea to give it a go.

We welcomed our neighbours from Gayton to pay homage to the Mecca of Div 2 cricket. You will have to remind me of the rules of cricket; I thought it was 11 v11. At one stage I counted 8 then a 9<sup>th</sup> 'away' player was press ganged then a 10<sup>th</sup> tipped up after a game of footy. Anyhow Lee named an unchanged side of 11.

With rain in the air and plenty of manky jumpers on show they asked us to bat first, no doubt hoping to keep the game going as long as possible so it would get rained off!

Lee fell early on caught behind off the youthful Bobsin (ledge to his mates, no doubt due to his 360 odd wickets for the club).

On 25 for 1 after 3 the drizzle started to become more persistent so the players retired the new portable pavilion before retreating further to the bar. It looked likely that's where you would stay and ruin my day trying to supplement my meagre pension at the other Mecca (bingo hall stupid) but you old soldiers are nothing if determined.

To be fair to our oppo's they didn't winge about hanging around seeing if the weather would change. Fortunately it did and now with the game reduced to a 20 over a-side match. With no restrictions on the bowlers maybe this would give the under strength Gayton a sniff?

Ian and Kaush took the score onto 75 after 12 over's before K looked to drive a full length delivery, missed it and was cleaned up. So the scene was set for Pinny to wield the axe and smash them around for the last few over's? Unfortunately Gayton didn't read the script as the Pinstar was cleaned up in similar fashion for a big fat golden Goose egg. Aye aye were we going down quicker than pint at the Grange? Fear not, a mere 95 was smashed from the remaining 8 over's, both Ian and the soon to be departing Jase both hit 50's. Jase 58 including 5 6's and Ian P 67 with no 6's. (If you ask nicely P we can make the boundary smaller)

After a sharpish tea we needed to get a wiggle on to make sure they had their 20 otherwise it would all have ended in vain.

With Jack doing a fine impression of Benny from Crossroads (ask your parents again folks) and having no intention of bowling in the bleak mid winter conditions Lee tossed the ball to LAdy boy and Timmy Mallet and it didn't take long to make inroads.

Ash kicked it off with a peach, taking the wicket of the dangerous Cameron (averaged 75 last season) for a dozen. After then it was could we finish off before 20 over's. Ady 'joined the party'; bowling full and straight cleaned up with a cheeky 5 for not many, clean bowling 4 of them. By now the gang of 8 or was it 9 or was it 10 were looking to try and get to a ton and secure a bonus batting point. Unfortunately not, Ash took another, taking his league wickets for the club to 85 and with Ev buying one at the death it was left to the newest signing for Gayton to end up 4 not out. You know who he is so I won't name him as to possible repercussions but I think there is a future quiz question in there somewhere. Two wins from two, now the hard work starts. Teams will now see GP as a force in the league and will want our scalps. Make sure we don't oblige.

Homework for this week. Anyone stole McMenamain's passport yet, seriously? Remember to check the dressing room before locking it (see below): keep Jake in the car (or the 2nds) until the game has started. Finally a prize for the first right answer to the acronym NBNBWYTM.

Dot's play of the game-

LAdy boy taking his 1<sup>st</sup> 5 wicket bag, hopefully many more to come.

Dot's 'other' play of the game-

Al 'Crazy Legs' Firmin locked in the changing room for 20 minutes when he went in to use the facilities and to get his pads on. Nice work Peterson.

Dot's did you know...-

The batsman have scored 5 50's in two league games. Last season we only made 9!



More next week! Dot