

Blog from the Boundary, 1st XI v MK Air 19th June 2010

OK let's say it. After Obama bunged Green to throw one in against the Yanks he now has all our squad in his pocket (Algeria debacle). He is getting pay back big style after the BP fiasco. Jase this is all your fault. Good job he hasn't 'paid off' our 1st XI. Top v third in the league and a must win after the defeat last week.

Lee brought in Jacko (he's a school games teacher don't you know) and 'Snaky' Jake for Ben the soon to be offski Jase (who is selfishly leaving before the season ends). But could still make amends by playing this Saturday?

The league saw it in their wisdom to send an umpire to keep order, a wise move after previous WWE style matches.

MK won the toss and asked GP to set the target. Lee and Craig opened and things could have got a little smelly if bloky at 1st slip hadn't grassed an edge from Lee from the 2nd ball of the innings, bet he didn't sleep well that night (89 runs later from the boss).

43 run partnership in the opening 11 over's got the innings off to a good start before Craig gloved one to the keeper (17).

Pinny (10) missed a straight one (72 for 2) Ian P and Lee cracked on at a good rate, doubling the score after 29 over's. P tickled one behind (24) bringing Jacko to the crease. Knowing they have knocked 200 on a regular basis we needed to push on, you sensed that they felt in control of things and would/ could knock off what we set them. Lee looked well set for his first ton before glancing a hook to the keeper for an innings gelling score of 89.

Mark came in at 6 and he and Jacko tickled things along without letting rip until the last over. Ev went for 12 but a vital 18 in the last over made things look a lot healthier, 3 monster 6's from the Jacksonmeister brought MK down a little, 207 for 6, a tough number to make.

Matt and Ady opened up to good effect, giving little away but bringing pressure. Matt got one to rise and bloky slashed uppishly right down the throat of Craig (short 3rd man).

MK rallied but was not scoring quick enough. 10 over's saw them on around 30 odd but crucially they had 9 wickets in hand to push on. Sathish clobbered Ady a bit so the ball was tossed to Mark to try and bring some luck. The magic over's around drinks swayed things in our favour. Matt took wickets in a clump taking another 3 in quick time. Two neat catches from Snaky Roberts (who seemed to be the calmest player in the house).

One of these (Sathish) was the only player to score over 30. Somehow Mark started to chip in with some of the jammiest wickets you could hope for. Ady taking an absolutely ripper at long off, stretching out a paw over his head and it sat there just like a ripened peach ready for the scoffing. Two inside edges onto the stumps and one more caught behind gave Ev a cheeky 4. Ash (replaced Matt after 12 straight for 31) bowled as well as he has all season, 6 over's for hardly any runs and taking 2 at the death. MK all out for 139 or 140 (depending which scorebook your read).

Now let's get onto the good stuff. Our fielding overall this season has been tip top and today was no exception, everyone throwing themselves around the outfield. The Roberts' clan taking 5 between them Lee took snaffled some good catches behind closely followed by Jakey then there was Ady's snorter.

For the sake of balance it would be rude of me not mention another piece of alternative fielding. I'll try and set the scene. Mark started to get some tap and one beastly drive to mid on saw the normally 'safe hands' (Craig) swooping around the boundary to cut off another boundary. Anyhow the sharp shooter on the grassy knoll had other ideas, he expertly knee capped Craig who took a dive that Ronaldo would have been proud. Even at a squeaky bum time of the innings everyone couldn't help to look at each other and laugh their c**k off. Even our rotund neutral umpire needed support from collapsing in a heap. Craig then had the shame of then trying to find the ball in the outer, no one bothered to help our fallen comrade, quite right to.

Dot's play of the game- Toss up between Jacko hitting 18 in the last over and Ady taking a monster catch.

Dot's 'other' play of the game- Craig taking a dive (come to think of it I wonder if Obama has made his move) and then begging Lee not to bowl "don't want to spoil my averages you know. I'm in the frame for the averages again". Class ☺.

More next week! Dot