

Blog from the Boundary, 1st XI v Middleton Cheney 12th June 2010

After a great run of results today is the day that things turned turtle. Oh and we lost as well. Let's try and forget the shambles of Robert Green taking a bung from Obama to chuck in the equaliser shall we and pick through the bones of what was a comprehensive doing.

Lee brought in Benjamin Young and Matt Rowe for their first turn out for the 1st this season.

Losing the toss and batting first we didn't really get the innings off the ground. Lee (4), Scott (1), Jase (1) and a brisk 24 from Rob P (looking in good touch) took us to 35 for 4 in only the 10th over.

So enter stage left the two chuckle brother's lookalikes (Ian and Ben) they nudged and nudled at lightening pace to start the recovery. Although not really brothers but you couldn't tell them apart from a distance (and both sporting delicate heads from the night before), perhaps starting a trend for our batsman?

Just as drinks were about to be taken P perished leaving GP on the brink at 62 for 5, 100 looking a long way off.

Josh knocked half a dozen before a much needed stand of 63 between Ben and Matt to make things a little easier to swallow, Matt went for a baker's dozen and with Jake (2) and Mark (4) came (and went) in the blink of an eye it was left to Asher and the big unit to add a valuable 20 odd at the death to leave GP on 162 for 9 at the end of our 40, a score we would have grabbed with both hands at half way but probably 30 short of a what we would have wanted at the start. Without Benny sticking around for a well crafted 60 not out it could and been done and dusted in quick time. Nadin took a cheeky 6 and with Ramsdale getting the other 3 they never really threw many pies down to GP to feed off.

Ash and Matt opened up tightly without much luck early on. First wicket came in the 7th over, bloky driving a full en from Ash only to see Ev pouch at mid off. 15-1, could we kick on? Not really, Brooker and Farmer played well and hit anything wide or full but some dropped chances didn't help the cause. Mark replaced Ash, again without much luck, either missing the edge or getting spanked over his head. Matt continued tightly at the other but still no wickets.

Again the curse of the 20th over (drinks) struck. Mark getting Brooker to nibble at one and Lee caught sweetly behind. Matt bowled young Markham all ends up in the next over leaving MC on 68 for 3, 95 needed from another 18 over's. Lefty Farmer was the glue that kept the innings ticking over. Mark took another (caught behind) but that's about as good as it got.

Stevens slapped in good style knocking a brisk 52 not out and with Lefty caught at the death for 62 from Pinny's bowling it was all over bar the shouting.

Josh turned his arm over for a few but it was all lost in the 36th over.

Not a lot more to say really. Bad day at the office but let's put that behind us and look forward to next week. Don't forget nets on a Wednesday down Foxfield from 7pm kids.

NB. This was the last game for Jase before scurrying back home to NZ. A great bloke and only wish he could hang around longer, you never know? Highlights of his time with us are. Winning (shared with Josh) the duck for 2009 season. Sharing a match wining stand with Ian of 140 odd against Bodicote to win when promotion was in our grasp and finally he keeps on telling us he is born and bred Kiwi when we all know is from Aussie. MK Air next week Jase, come on she won't mind. We can have a whip round and get her a nice bunch of flowers and chocs.

Dot's play of the game- Ben looking decidedly bleary eyed but still played out 30 odd over's for a well deserved 60

Dot's 'other' play of the game- Ash questioning the parentage of the MC umpire for a few dubious wides.

More next week! Dot