

Blog from the Boundary, 1st XI v Preston Bissett 15th May 2010

What a difference a week makes? Last week's Arctic conditions were a distant memory & the odd pair of shorts was on offer except that is for Craig who didn't take his jumper off all day, good to see care in the community is alive & thriving.

El Capitan called up our newest recruit Scott Eason for his first outing, welcome aboard Scott, with young Jake 'The Snake' in the XI this brought the average age of the side down to below 40.

First away trip of the season took us to Preston Bissett, probably the furthest trip we will make all season. Lee kept up his 100% record (of losing) the toss and PB chose to bat first.

Now doubt the Craigster (51 wickets last season at 11 each) would be gagging to grab the ball to open his account for the season but Lee (Cappello) Roberts had a different plan. More on this little beauty later. Ash (with his thick head and pathetic bowling boots) and Ady opened up.

Both bowled as tightly as Ian's wallet is kept shut, giving nothing away and offering nothing. The opening 8 overs went for 17 before the 1st wicket, Ady bowling bloky all ends up. Ash followed up quickly with Scott taking a neat gully catch leaving PB on 19 for 2. They never really pushed on and at the half way mark they were struggling at 52 for 2. Mark took a cheeky wicket which left D'Silva and skipper Flower to set a decent total. The former took a shine to some wayward full bangers from Ev which did make things look a little brighter but with Ash finishing his 12 over for a measly 23 runs and taking just one wicket (with Ev's borrowed boots) deserved better and Ady's 12 going for 33 and taking 3 (including missing out on a hat trick). "Kit Man" took a couple and Joshi one to leave our opponents on 144 for 7 at the end of their 40 overs. If Dot was to be critical they probably scored 20 more than they should but we only gave a handful of extras so you can't have it all.

You will have worked out that Craig "don't you know I took 50 odd wickets last season, won the bowling averages and players player" Holmes was never tossed the ball. Has Craig fallen out with the skip? Has the skip fallen out with Craig? Is LAdy boy the new puppy and pushed old faithful out in the cold? Or is this part of Lee's master plan? You'll never guess what happened next...

Post tea, Craig put on his pads? What's going on here then? Our best bowler in 08 and 09 was opening the batting! Last week Ian made 60 odd and was rewarded with being dropped to number 3! This skip is harsh, keep his glass topped up lads.

Lee and Craig stroked it around at a cracking rate, OK the bowling wasn't exactly Lille and Thompson but even so 50 came up in 9 and the partnership was only broken when Lee tried to hit one out of the ground and fell for 47 (with Ev's borrowed bat). 72 for 1 after 13 over's Ian looked to back his 67 n.o from last week and steer the side to victory. However feathering one to the keeper for a glorious blob wasn't part of the plan, number 7 next week Ian?

Rob P hit a quick fire 11 (and in the process making him the 3rd fella to hit 1,000 league runs for GP) before holing out on the long on boundary. Scott helped Craig get to his 50 in front of a rowdy dressing room and with joke bowler coming on at the death he helped himself to another 10 and knocked the winning runs. Craig not out on 60 with Scott on 2, all this coming from 29 over's. 3 games 3 wins. Beware my little cherubs everyone will be looking for our scalp now, don't even give them a sniff.

Homework for this week. Ring Ian and tell him how unlucky he was getting dropped to 3 and getting a blob. Make sure Ash gets a set of spikes and keep telling crazy legs he will definitely get a bat soon.

Answers to last week's quiz **No Batting No Bowling Where's Your Team Money.**

Dot's play of the game- Craig opening the batting and knocking his 1st 50 of his cricketing career.

Dot's 'other' play of the game- Has to go to 'leggy' who bowled the last over for PB.

More next week! Dot