

Blog from the Boundary, 1st XI v Silverstone 1st May 2010

Here's Dotty. Welcome to the 2010 season. Well done for your promotion last season. For those who have lived under a rock or newcomers to the great GPCC I have been asked to pen an 'alternative' match report's yet again. I maybe 110 years old but you number one fan from Collingtree is back & ready to applaud & mock in equal measure. I can't accept your tea this season as I have moved in to my sons pad over the road & stalking from my window, gun sights are great these days, if you see one of your opposition take an unexpected tumble or drop a sitter you know what's happened. To remind everyone the usual terms and conditions apply, namely **no court cases for slander, no bottom lips when you get slaughtered, Dot's word is final**

Firstly welcome to the new blood this year, Kaush and Ady. Always nice to see new eye candy for us OAP's.

Right then down to the main event. Having turned your back on my beloved cricket stadium at Collingtree & chosen Wootton as your new home (nice place but chav central). Lee had a strong side on paper but can it perform on the paddock?

We welcomed Silverstone for our first game & with a league umpire in tow it looks likely now dodgy umpiring decisions could be a thing of the past? With the weather suspect Lee's brilliant master plan of batting first, bowling them out cheaply and home in time for tea & Tiffin would have worked out brilliantly if Lee hadn't lost the toss & they asked us to bat first.

Somehow Ian has wormed his way into opening the batting with Lee, now known as the Peter's and Lee duo http://wapedia.mobi/en/Peters_and_Lee (ask your parents folks, I have all your albums.)

With tension in the air (or was it Ian on form again) they produced a fine opening stand, taking the score rapidly past 50 in only the 9th over, 40 of these came in 4's and 6's. OK the boundary may be a bit bijou but there were no chances offered.

First to fall was P, smartly caught for 22, newbie Kaush joined skip to take us past the 100 in only the 15th over before the latter spooned one too many for a well played 61. Rob P in at 4 looked to tee off early on sensing the bowling was a little creaky and not be the strongest he will face all season. His first 3 scoring shots were 6,4,6. Most of the bowling took some clog, only Green and the lady Williams going for less than 5 an over.

Rob was stumped going on a walkabout for 28 which brought Jase to the wicket who has selfishly decided to go back home to Middle Earth (NZ) with his family very soon (although we haven't accepted his resignation yet). 200 came and went in the 31st over, with neither looking in any particular difficulty against military medium trundling and the odd buffet stuff on offer.

With a ton on offer Kaush cut one to cover point, smartly pouched by bloky for a fine maiden innings of 72. Only 5 over's remained so Big Al & Joshi looked to get a wiggle on but both missed out, both going for 5 apiece. The last ball of the innings saw J needing 2 for 50; he must have bribed the opposition as due to a misfield he scrambled the two needed. He won't want me to say (but I will anyway) his first since the 2008 campaign. 266 for 6 was an excellent return & would be tough to chase?

As is customary Lurch & Jack Dee opened the attack, ominously Jack going for a boundary with his first 'pitch'. After a quick fire 50 Lee tossed the ball to Ev & the other newbie LADy boy (sorry blame Ian) to try and buy a wicket or two & stem the run fest, surprisingly they duly obliged, the old fat, balding one took a couple whilst the younger fitter bald one took the wicket of the dangerous Heath for 48. This seemed to put Silverstone into reverse as they realised at 87 for 3 our total looked too much of a task, although we did our best to help them with Josh going for plenty but then pitching in with two classy dismissals.

Ady bowled tightly on his debut for not much reward, Kaush came on & chipping in the 3 cheeky wickets for not many it was left to Ev to mop up the last two wickets in the final over to help his averages, they finished on 209 & secured maximum batting points which they seemed more than happy with. Good work my young Ork's, homework for this week. Steal McMenamin's passport; tell Joshi not to try & bowl the magic ball every time & text Ian with the number of Autoglass!

Dot's play of the game-

Dot's 'other' play of the game-

Dot's did you know...-

Jason's salmon impression clutching a ripper at long on.

Watching Lurch doing his best to avoid running to catch two skiers & then blaming the colour of the clouds, colour of roof tiles, piles, Haley's comet for not picking up the ball.

We gave away 22 extras, this time last year it was a mere 59!



More next week! Dot