

Blog from the Boundary, 1st XI v Silverstone 3rd July 2010

Thanks for all your concern but the doctors have released me from hospital, I was admitted Sat night with a severe bout of depression and suicidal tendencies, thankfully this has passed but I am still on 24 hour watch and no sharp implements are allowed near me.

This was due the fact that we lost by one run earlier in the day to Silverstone. My psychoanalyst has said not to reflect too deeply otherwise I might go into remission but here goes.

GP had a strong side on paper (but we don't play cricket on paper). Against a side that had won 2 matches in the first half of the season. SS batted first and could get Ady of Matt of the strip. Ady bowled his fix of 10 over's for 16 runs with 6 maidens so getting to 168 at the end was something of a victory in itself and probably 25 more than they should have got.

Matt, Ash, Mark and Josh all got some tap going between 4 and 7 an over. Some 'alternative' fielding didn't help our cause (except for the flying pig at 1st slip taking a stonker). But still a gettable target.

Lee and Craig started the reply in careful mode. First 10 over's going for 20 odd, early wickets started to fall, Lee (8), Rob P (3 ish) meant the afternoon was not going to a pleasant one watching the side knock the runs off.

We steadied the ship a little with Craig and Ian putting on 50 before Ian left a straight one (30). Crazy Legs Al helped chip away at the total and with Craig opening up the target looked on, although we were looking at around 6 or 7 and over. Rom here things kind of go blurry.

Al went for 24, Mark run out Craig for a well made 51, and now tings from very hazy but I'm sure Josh, Dan P and Mark came and went pretty much in quick fashion. Leaving 2 wickets in the hutch to get the 18 odd in the last 3 over's.

Matt went for a suicidal two and was duly run out leaving Ash and Ady to try and get the last 11 from 9 balls. A quick tree and a four to cow (with leg byes) meant we needed two to win, one to tie form the last 3 balls.

Bloky bowled one down the leg side for Ash to expertly deflect it onto his castle meaning we fell one short.

Must give credit to our opposition, I would hate to think what our chums down the M1 would have done in the same situation but Silverstone were very magnanimous in victory. Take note chaps. Humble in victory and gracious in defeat, that's until you have left the car park at least.

A sobering game which I think we all have played through in our minds again to realise we could have done better. Even if it was to stay in longer, don't miss a straight one. Don't bowl filth, catch the ball or even just say well played to the opposition even though we all wanted to go and cry like babies in the corner.

Get back on the bike lads and take it out on Gayton.

Just going back to my dark room to listen to whale music and listening to one of the Tony Robbins cd's. You know the bloke www.tonyrobbins.com/.

Dot's play of the game- The pig farmer Petersons catch at 1st slip. Everyone looked at each other thinking "did he really just do that"

Dot's 'other' play of the game- Too many to name and shame so we let's not rub the salt in any more.

More next week! Dot

P.S. Did you notice that Elvis was an England fan, then a Brazil fan. What next dare I say a smelly fat Spanish waiter.