

## Blog from the Boundary, 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Agro Caribbean 2nd July 2011

This is more like it. The league is now half way and every point to play for. We now know what we need to do and who to do it against. AG at the top of division no doubt turned up to Foxfield Park expecting full points after the last 2 or 3 weeks abomination.

Lee won the toss and batted first, we had 10 men but with Ben getting the 'call to arms we need you' he managed to sneak out during the day, I'm sure Claire didn't notice him gone, more later.

The game kicked off before the cricket match actually started. Ian P volunteered to stand as umpire (Catesy was playing his annual game for the A side). For some unknown reason AG took it on themselves to basically say 'we aint having it cause he is going to cheat' that went down well. The neutral umpire saw sense and told them to get a grip.

With openers at a premium Lee asked Ev to join him for the usual 5 over, 10 run partnership. Well wonders never cease. OK AG dropped at least 3 good chances but for a change we actually put a decent opening partnership together.

20 over's in and 81 for 0, the normally jovial AG were now not as happy go lucky. Taking forever to move the fielders and generally griping at anything, including themselves. Anyhoo 100 up and still no wickets. Mark hit his first 50 of the year and Lee (48) was just behind before skying a catch.

Ben strapped en on for a cameo before going back to the party, sadly getting bowled cheaply but still the team appreciated the effort put in.

The now dying Mark (60) tried to heave bloky over square leg for 6 but found the fielder with pin point accuracy.

Stuey was unlucky caught down the leg for a blob, Rob P chipped in with 20 odd and Josh made his usual blob.

The innings was starting to go a little wrong, 140 odd with about 8 over's left. We needn't have worried because Jonny and especially Imran made hay, Immy hitting 45 in no time, plenty of 4's and a couple of 6's. Debutant Paul Mason joining in at the death

We ended up with a seasons high 203-6 but with a lightening outfield against the top of table it was still 50/50. And so far no more kicking off with the blatant cheating home umpire. It should be noted that we offered their guy who likes to umpire the chance to do it and he said no.

Still buzzing but for different reason Imran and Josh opened the bowling, they started brightly going at a fair lick before the cheating umpire gave out chappy leg before, it was going at least 2 feet over, pitched outside leg and missing the lot, not.

Anyhow what followed consists of 'we knew this was going to happen' from boundary, chappy out plumb looked like he was going to slap someone and old bloky at the other end throwing his gloves down (which Ian kindly picked up for him). They were on 60 odd for 1 after about 12 over's, the next 10 over's would be crucial, and they were.

Things kind of settled down a bit as well. Imran bowling his 12 straight through and taking 3 beauties. Ash replaced Josh and bought another 3, with only 10 batting (1 hurt his hand batting) and with Ev taking the last one hobbling in from the school end they were all out for 124. A hard fought 20 points that will help the survival cause no end.

Next stop Stoneleigh.

Dots play of the game- Watching Immy slap bloky for 30 odd in 2 over's. Class, they nearly choked on their tea.

Dot's 'other' play of the game- Seeing GP cheat their way to 20 points, poor form lads!



More next week! Dot is back and ready for action.