

Blog from the Boundary, 1st XI v Afro Caribbean 30th April 2011

A game of 1sts.

1st game of the season, 1st even Div 1 game, 1st car turned over. Not a taste in the mouth we all wanted to celebrate losing our cheery in the heady heights in this division. Luke was the unlucky chap on the wrong side of some chavvy MK oiks. If only they had been rumbled I suspect 22 players armed with bats would have got their eye with some invaluable batting practice. Sorry 'catalogue man'. Back the other event.

Lee welcomed new additions to the GP side, Imran, Mark B, Amjad and Jonny R for the big one.

Winning the toss Lee tucked the plunge and batted 1st. Lee and Craig strapped em on, and the pads. Anderson and 'Melvin' took the new ball, both quick who must have read the newly released book '101 ways to stare down the batsman'. OK a few plays and misses but the early barrage was fended off ...then... Craig played back to a half tracker that kept horribly low hitting middle pole. 12/1. Marky B went in and 3 and looked in good nick before being yorked for 3, 19 for 2.

Pinny joined Lee at 4 and they steadied the ship. 10 over's and 43 on the board. Then the ship starting to take in a bit more water. Rob taking one off the glove (12), caught behind and Lee nicking off for a steady 22. 49/4 turned to 64 for 6 after 18 over's with Imran playing on (9) and Amjad bowled off his pads (3). During this time Ian P had been watching from the other end (who for all the pre season sucking up to the boss didn't get him in any higher than 5). Mark E was promoted up the order to 8 to try and nudge and nurdle a few.

Tweedledum and Tweedledee hung around for the next hour adding 62 in 16 over's, (with an all run 4 which nearly finished them both off in the heat).

126 for 6 with 6 over's to go turned into 151 all out after the 39th. Ev bowled (26) Ian went for a composed 31, Ish (3) left the brothers Rust to get us to 151 all out (elder 7, younger 5 not out). A lowish total but could have been a lot worse.

The two opening bowlers took 8 between them and 8 of our wickets were clean bowled, perhaps a message there we should not ignore.

After tea Luke (now hacked off post car damage) and Imran steamed in looking for an early breakthrough, one that didn't happen. They got off to a bit of a flier, 50 coming up after only 7 over's. Luke took the brunt of the scoring with Imran bowling well with no luck at all.

Craig come on 1st change and would you adam and believe it got Penney fishing at one for Tweedledum to snatch a smart catch, Luke fed on this and yorked new boy quickly after for 1. 70 odd for 2 with plenty of over's left, the only way for GP to get a result was to bowl then out so Lee kept alternated his 3 mainline bowlers. Craig accounted for 2 more (both caught, one easy from Rob and another snorter at 1st slip) you could sense a wobble was on, 100 odd for 4, that was about as good as it got from here, they heaved and slashed their way to the target, Luke taking another one with him (leg before) but they hit the winning runs with 11 over's to spare.

Sounds a comprehensive doing, losing by 5 wickets and to be fair it probably was but with another 30 odd runs and dislodging the other opener (42 no) who knows.

Onwards and upwards.

Dots play of the game-

Dare I say it the smart catch at 1st slip, you know who took it.

Dot's 'other' play of the game-

Close run thing and cannot split them. One from the new 2nd team captain to Mark saying "I've just set the alarm off at our new ground, not my fault guv" and the other the DJ with the boom box throwing out some spliff induced tunes at the death.

Dot's did you know...-

Thanks for the first snitch of the season, you know who you are, more are more than welcome.



More next week! Dot