

Blog from the Boundary, 1st XI v Castlethorpe 28th May 2011

5th game with the nose bleeds in Div1 saw GP rock up to Castlethorpe.

"Will probably keep a little low" said home skip to Lee, that's why we all had to wear helmets then.

5th game, 5th bat first. Looking for change of fortune Lee and Mark E opened up against the sharp Bell and Smith.

On the plus side we hit our best opening partnership, the bad news we only made 17, Mark nicking off for 7.

Lee continued his new tactic bringing Luke in at 3, the next 11 over's later and a very handy 56 were added. Lee taking on Finson 19 off his 2 over's.

Now there a few things in life that beggar belief

How did Prince Charles crack off with Di?

How did Man U beat Bayern Munich in the European Cup final?

Jedward, why?

But the one that caps it all how did the pie chucker get 5 wickets for next to nothing. Dot won't name names for fear of a injunction from Castlethorpe but this old buzzard has seldom witnessed the buffet served up get wickets at regular intervals. Even the opposition at the break didn't really know what happened.

His haul of shame includes Luke (30), Rob (6), Ian (7), Jake (10), Matt (2). From a comfortable 88 for 2 off 20 over's we capitulated to 126 all out after 32. Only 4 double figure scores (including extras) tell the tale of woe. Bet he got slaughtered that night.

The two quality bowlers of innings grabbed 1 between them, just shows you that serving up quality doesn't necessary bring your the rewards you deserve.

Surely a number that would not be enough?

Matt Rowe making his debut for the season and Josh opened up, the 1st 7 over's went by without much happening before Matt got Walding out leg before, 21/ 1 became 36 for 3, Josh getting a nick off to Lee and Matt bowling Bell for 2. Game on?

A partnership of 51 for the 4th wicket which Scott (Castlethorpe to Grange Park then back to Castlethorpe) made 4 of em. Matt bowled his 12 straight through with Ask and Mark coming on. Jake took a blinder to get rid of Elliott and Scott quickly followed, both took by Ash. 99 for 5 and still it looked too much for GP.

From here things kind of go a bit mad, Josh running out bloky (going on walkabout) after a leg before get turned down, Ash bowls another 2 which took us to 113 for 8, plenty of over's left but 14 runs to get. All of a sudden the wise cracking pavilion kind of went silent. OK we didn't do it but it was bloody close, they levelled the score before no spooned one up to Jonny, the next 15 balls or so they played and missed a few times, nearly chopped on etc.. before chappy chipped on over mid of to hit the winning run, Castlethorpe winning by 1 wicket. Will say again, every run counts reckon if we had another 30 on the board we should have beat this lot and probably Aggro Caribbean. On that subject...

We played AC yesterday (Thursday) in the Div 1 cup. 1st game we bowled first, 2nd win. Matt and Rob kept things tight, only a 50 from Cedric made things interesting, innings over 110. Mr Pinnington taking 3 wickets. Let's not mention the 7 ball over, shall we ump?

Rob P (40), Lee (7) and Luke (20) made good headway in reply, 68 for 1 after 10 over's. We kinda wobbled towards the end, 25 needed in the last 5 over's. Matt and Mark saw us over the line with 3 balls to go, happy days, next stop Castlethorpe in the semi's. See this stuff aint just thrown together.

Dots (Sat) play of the game- Jake's ripper at covers

Dot's 'other' play of the game- Mark to Ian "field this side of the cut (square)"
Ian to Mark "I will but no need for the language"
You work it out!



More next week! Dot