

Blog from the Boundary, 1st XI v Stoneleigh 7th May 2011

Another week of what if's.

Very similar to last week, we didnt score enough, they caught most things, we couldn't catch a beach ball, they nearly made a mess of it, we did and they spluttered over the line with two balls of the game to go.

With overnight and early morning rain the game was in doubt but with good drainage it was playable at the toss, one which was a must win and 'stick em in' wicket. But we didn't and they did.

As last week we didn't get off to the best of starts, 6 for 2 after 3 over's. Lee playing on and Mark B leg before. Mr Kilsby and Mr Pinnington started to turn things around until Pinny was caught by blinder and 1st slip, bloky was still beaming at tea and no doubt didn't have to buy many beers that night.

30 for 3 after 9 went to 89 for 8 after 30 with only 3 players making double figures. Rob K 13, Rob P 11 and the ever reliable Ian P 29. From here things picked up nicely Luke and Jonny Rust showed the top order how to do things putting on 34 in the next 8 over's. Luke 21 and Jonny 15 not out, Ash went in with Lukey caught behind. Jonny and Ash help steer GP to a score of 129 for 9 after the 40 over's, 2nd top scorer was extras with 26.

On a wet wicket Stoneleigh's medium pace trundlers 'put it in the right areas' and let GP commit Hari Kari, even though they give away 17 wides their bowling was fairly tight.

With the wicket drying out batting was expected to get easier as the day went on so early wickets was the order of the Day. Luke and Craig started things off. We had to wait until the 9th over to claim the 1st. Luke getting one to rise getting their skip to glove it behind, 33 for 1. The next 11 over's (up till drinks) only went for another 23 runs, and we managed to take another 2 wickets in the process, both going to Luke, one bowled and one caught in the gully. So what was a small target to get started to look hefty. 77 needed in the next 20 over's.

Things looked even better at the 30 over mark. Only another 20 runs were added and 4 wickets taken. Ash (1) and Mark E (3) meant they needed 57 from the last 10 then 41 from the last 6. From here I will brief, they knocked them off from the penultimate ball of the last over, we spilled 5 catches and they smashed 16 form the last over to take the win.

Special nod to our umpire. Mr Cates umpired like a seasoned pro, even with his league tie and league cap on.

So let's look on the bright side.

If we scored another 30 runs in both our opening games we would have probably won them. We can defend small totals well and make the opposition sweat for every run.

Luke looks dangerous with the ball and Ian P has settled in well being relegated down to 5!

Onwards and upwards gang, "May the force be with you".

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| Dots play of the game- | Have to give it to the Stoneleigh athlete at 1st slip taking his 'Worldy' catch. |
| Dot's 'other' play of the game- | Steve Day selling the Parish Councils beer by mistake. |
| Dot's did you know...- | If you add the combined ages of Luke and Jonny we had at least 3 players on show older. |



More next week! Dot