

Blog from the Boundary, Grange Park A V Braunston 25th June 2011

Where do I even begin? After last's week's humiliation I truly didn't think, they could do any worse. Turn's out I was wrong ..

It doesn't make pretty reading, so let's get it over and done with.

The skip won the toss and decided to put the visitors into bat. From here on, it goes down hill. Chiggy and Tiger opened the bowling and opening overs were ok. However Braunston soon went up a gear and Tiger served up some buffet bowling, which the visitors were happy to feast on. Chiggy took 2 early on and was unlucky not to take a 3rd when Braunston's top scorer of the day, skied an early one to point where Bionic (normally the safest hands in the club) spilled it. Tiger soon got the hint and in an attempt to protect what little bowling average he has, brought on Dave Formoy to try and change things. Unfortunately for Dave, he took the same clogg as Tiger and was only rewarded with 1 wicket from his 9 over spell. Chiggy made way for Ricky, who gave it his best by it's clear why Braunston are top of the league. A double change brought Tiger and new boy Shoker into the attack, with Tiger having a change of ends and now bowling from the top. This change paid off as he took 3 in his 2nd spell and Shoker bowled well and chipped in to take 2 as well. Chiggy came in at the death, to finish off his remaining overs and bagged his 3rd of the day, however Braunston's youth was able to see out what was left and got them to 205 (despite digging the biggest diverts into the wicket!). That's the highest score on this pitch this season and with our boys recent batting form, a decent innings was desperately needed.

Tea was taken, scoffed and quickly polished off and then it was time for our boys to begin the chase. However what was meant to be a chase, was more of a limp, a stumble and a complete collapse into a heap.

Chiggy got a nose bleed as he got an opportunity to go right up the order and open with Bionic and looked to be in good touch, playing some positive shots. However Braunston was desperate to ruin Bionic's birthday even further, when they dismissed him for a nice fat egg. A dropped catch and an egg? Happy birthday old boy! Loose Lips Litchfield aka Triple L (Ask Meat to explain that one) was in at 3, but Chiggy was soon dismissed on what would be GP's top score of the day with 7. Rob K was up next, however he too was soon sent packing after tonking a poor ball and his tracer was simply pulled out of the air with an excellent catch. Dave Formoy was next up and Triple L was next to tumble, having hung around for a few overs and this brought Tiger to the party. Tiger dodged the egg fest, however Dave called for a 2nd run which was never there and Tiger paid the price, watching as the wicket keeper took off the bails before he even made it half way!! A glare from the skipper and a few choice names in the dressing room, was soon put to rest when Dave departed with an egg for himself and apologised in the best way any team member can - A bottle of bud for the skipper. I suggest the rest of the team take note of that one! MBK and Meat were next in and MBK hit GP's second boundary of the day before departing to be replaced by Gilo. Gilo's second opportunity to score some runs this season, was rewarded with a nice golden egg. I could be wrong and would be happy to be corrected, but from memory I believe that's 4 ducks now in Gilo's last 4 appearances. It does seem he has the worst luck when batting. Ricky came and went and Shoker finished off GP's innings with his own golden egg. I can only assume Willy Wonker was feeling generous today..

So to sum up GP was all out for 30, which is 1 less than last week's 31!!

Can these boys get back to winning ways? Can anyone get into double figures? Can they score more runs than extras given away? You will need to tune into next week's thrilling instalment to find out!!

This week, see's Dot turn her spotlight on Bionic the Birthday boy and probes him like only she can..

Name "Bionic" Ben(jamin) Thomas St John Young – (the bionic is ironic given the various ops have only taken stuff away and not usefully replaced a thing....)

Debut – in the beginning there was a game with a one handed man.....

Favourite GPCC moment – Any game that we win.

Who would play you in GPCC "The Movie" – Ross Kemp – there aren't many big, bald, bad tempered, actors out there with the thousand yard stare.....

Most likely to be heard saying – "there's no hurry boys, let's make sure we bat into the third day..."

Least likely to be heard saying - "Go on son, you have my wicket, I don't mind...."

Favourite Song – "Groove is in the Heart" by Deee-lite; – it's on a loop in my head while batting, have you not seen the foot movement?..... "DJ Soul was on a roll, I've been told he can't be sold, he's not vicious or malicious, just de-lovely and delicious...."

Really, It's Louis Armstrong – "We have all the time in the world....."

Favourite film: The Alamo

Heroes: Chris Tavare, Cliff Thorburn. For the youth, please look these up – they gave nothing away.....

Funniest moment while playing for GPCC – Any time that McKay takes a wicket is hysterical.....

Person you should interview next: I'd like Andy Litch to be asked a combination of geography and national security questions as I suspect he's not actually a teacher, but really a CIA "Wetboy".

Dots player of the game-

Really.. Really?

Dot's thoughts of the day-

You can't make an omelette, without breaking some eggs!

More next week! Dot

