

## Blog from the Boundary, Grange Park "A" V Radway 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011

After 3 weeks of disappointment, this surely is the game where it all turns round? Or is it?

More personnel changes, sees Bionic make a much needed return and a big welcome to Mark Bury who makes his first (and hopefully not his last) appearance for the "A" team.

Keeping the record going, the skipper lost the toss but it was the away team who fancied a bat.

Chiggy and Tiger carried on from where they left off last week and opened the attack, with Tim standing behind the sticks to see how he fared on home (and sometimes unpredictable) turf. It was the skipper who was first to strike in the 6<sup>th</sup>, having bowled their opener. Chiggy then picked up his first of the day a few overs later, however Radway are one of the few teams who don't give away their wickets cheaply and dug in. By the 14<sup>th</sup>, the skip was looking for a change and turned to old reliable Dave F and Ryan. Within a few overs, Dave was up to his old tricks and narrowly missed out on a hatrick when he took 3 wickets in one over. Dave struck again a few overs later, however the visitors dug in again and to quote one of our juniors "had more blocks than Lego land". In fairness to Radway, they played some fine Cricket and picked off the bad balls well. Ryan's old war wounds flared up, so the skipper tossed the ball to young Ricky to have a few. For a youngster having his first spell in an adult league, he put on a good show with some good balls the away team couldn't get near. After 4 the skipper brought Chiggy back into the attack with Dave and the two of them saw out the majority of what was left, with Chiggy finally being awarded one along the way. Radway finished their 40 overs on 162 which isn't the highest of scores on our ground, but considering our boys haven't scored over 100 in their last 2 games it was a target that could be defended.

A quick spot of tea and our boys started the chase. Bionic and Webb kicked things off, it was Jamie who was the first to fall in the 12<sup>th</sup>, having missed a straight one for 12 and putting GP on 45 for 1. Mark B was next in and he and Ben put on a solid stand of 75 between them, before Ben clipped one up to be caught for a strong 75 and putting GP in a strong position with 120 for 2 by the 26<sup>th</sup> over. Rob K was up next and he carried on from where Ben left off. Despite having plenty of time, Mark wasn't prepared to take his foot off the pedal and soon had Rob on his toes pushing for extra runs and nearly lapping him in the process. Both lads played well and saw the game finished by the 36<sup>th</sup>, with Mark just 2 short of 50 and Rob finishing on 16.

A good and much needed win sees our boys off the bottom spot this week and with an away trip to mid table Dunchurch & Bilton next Saturday, another win will see our boys move away from the group at the bottom!!

Dots player's of the game-

Nods go to Ben for his 3<sup>rd</sup> back to back 50+ this season and Mark's debut 48 N.O. As well as Dave's 4 wickets in 12 overs for 48.

Dot's thought of the day-

With Webb away on England duty and MBK standing in and taking 3 catches and keeping superbly, the skipper has a tough call next week on who to have behind the stumps.

More next week! Dot

