

## Blog from the Boundary, Grange Park 2<sup>nd</sup> XI V Syresham 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Following the disappointment of not being able to raise a team for the previous week and being hit with a 10 point penalty, our boys found themselves going from 3<sup>rd</sup> from top to 3<sup>rd</sup> from bottom. A win to restart the team was greatly needed and playing visitors who have won their last 3 games convincingly, was always going to be a tall order.

Two new faces joined the team this week and our boys welcomed Toby and Ib to their first games. With the skipper losing his main run scorer in Ben, an all round team performance was much needed.

Keeping the tradition of losing the toss going, our boys were put into bat and out stepped Rob and Tim. Tim was the first to lose his wicket, after swinging across the line to a straight one and scoring 1 less than his last score of 3 leaving GP on 5 for 1. Out next stepped Jamie and he and Rob started to put on a partnership, before Rob was triggered on 11 for LBW. Jamie could only manage 12 before he skied one and in next was Andy and Darren. Andy reached 5 before being bowled and Darren looked to be in fine form, before he too swung and missed at a straight one for 12. Dave F and Ish were next up, with Dave top scoring for GP with 14 before being caught behind and Ish hitting a quick 7 before missing yet another straight one. Ryan came and went with 2 quick 4's before becoming the next statistic to be bowled. Toby and Ib were next in and Toby was quickly welcomed when he wore one on his chin! Ib knocked one backed to the bowler to be caught and finally the skipper was brought in. With a score of 90 on the board, the skipper was already thinking about batting points and was desperate to get to 100, however Toby quickly skied one and GP were all out for 90 in the 29<sup>th</sup> over.

Due to the early finish of the innings, both teams quickly turned round and Syresham began the chase. Ryan and the skip opened the bowling, however Syresham wasn't prepared to give their wickets away as cheaply as our boys and Tiger had to wait to the 11th before being rewarded. Ryan was replaced by Dave F, who picked up a maiden wicket in his first over. Tiger made way for Ryan to allow him an opportunity from the pavilion end, however Ryan simply wasn't feeling it and signalled for a break. Dave picked up another wicket in his 2<sup>nd</sup> over, following a tidy catch from MBK. Ish was then brought into attack, despite his dodgy knee and Syresham only needing 4 runs to win. Syresham quickly reached the target with some lofty blows and the game was finally finished. At least on the positive side, everyone would be home in time to see Man-U and Barcelona.

Dots player of the game-

Easily Dave F, who top scored and picked up 2 wickets in 2 over's.

Dot's thought of the day-

By far the worst fielding I have seen so far and some serious batting practice is needed!!

Dot's notes-

Just a quick shout out to Ish, who finally undergoes knee surgery in the coming weeks and will be out for the rest of the season. Good luck and hope to see you next year.

More next week! Dot

