

## Mayfield Saturdays vs Fives



23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011

Fives 235-6d, Mayfield 111-7

Match Drawn

### Colin

After last weeks mauling at the hands of Southgate Adelaide I don't know whether I was glad to be back at Hazelwood (the home of low scores) or disappointed I did not get the chance to bat there myself. PB left me in no doubt which he preferred after his introduction to the joys of skippering the previous week.

For the first Saturday home game of the season we were blessed with some fine weather and even the bowling contingent of our team were whispering to win the toss and bat!! Alas I lost the toss and fives elected to bat first on what I can only describe as an interesting wicket.

Glenn and Chaz open up and down the hill respectively, Glenn bowled his usual tight lines and was restricting the batsmen to ones and two's and picked up a well deserved wicket, unfortunately Chaz was a little more wayward and anything lose was being punished and he finished wicket less from his 7 over's. At this stage the runs weren't exactly flowing and as drinks were taken at 20 over's, Fives only had 80 runs on the board.

Sarjul replaced Charlie down the hill and immediately hit his line and length and was causing the batsmen problems with his bounce and left arm over line, Chattu was on for Glenn up the hill with his wrist leggies. Not long before the 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket fell to Sarjul, and at the 20 over stage the runs weren't exactly flowing and as drinks were taken with Fives having only 80 runs on the board.

A few over's after the drinks break Chattu was replaced by Dax (another of Sarjul's cousins) who apparently used to be captain, open the batting and the bowling for the Mumbai Indians or something along those lines. Dax started off right arm around which I was thought was strange, he initially struggled with his line.... A quick word from myself to Sarjul that he should come over and he did and bowled a much better line and length. That said the fives batsmen were punishing anything short or wide and the score was rattling along at one end with Sarjul keeping it tight at the other.

Sarj picked up another two wickets and finished a fine spell of bowling with 3-28 from 11 over's. Sunny replaced Sarj at the end for a couple of over's, Dax picked up a couple of wickets on début and Fives finished on a debatable 240 odd – which I've been told is some twenty runs out according to the book, should have been more like 220. Most Mayfield members will know that anything above 200 at this time of year is a mammoth total. We shouldn't have let them get that many, we bowled too many four balls and not enough wicket taking deliveries.

Tea was taken, courtesy of myself and yes I did do it myself....and no Glenn, still no egg sarnies.

Ray and PB opened up the Mayfield Innings and it wasn't long before ray was back in the hut for 2. GB (Lazza) joined PB at the crease and was soon into his stride with some trademark drives, however after getting in was undone by one that kept a little low bowled for 16. Next in was Mike Hussey, after his 70odd at Southgate the previous week big things were expected again unfortunately he did more or less the same as GB and was out for 11. I was in next for my first knock of the season and was seeing the ball well for my first game and temporarily the ship was steadied. Myself and PB (nudging one's at the other end) were ticking the board along nicely – a straight six by myself being particularly enjoyable. I was soon back in the hut though, guilty as GB and Mike before me of playing on shot too many, caught at long off trying for another big shot.

We were now 90 for 5 with some new boys to come too. In at 6 was Dax, he soon departed LBW for 1. Chattu was 7 and again was soon out for 4 and the story goes on, Charlie LBW for 1.

At 111 for 7 the thunderstorms came and that was an end to that. On the wrong end of a draw by some 130 runs but at least it wasn't a loss so an improvement on last week.

MOM – Sarjul Patel

*Having written this report post the game against Arkley it is clear that Mr Copus Jnr will be sorely missed by the Saturday team. Big shoes to fill indeed, we must all take on some responsibility for this myself included and improve individual performances if we are to have a successful and enjoyable season. Take away his runs from the Arkley game and we would have had only 70 runs to defend. I'm sure we would have been soundly beaten and back in the club by 6 with the*

*bowlers only getting a few overs each –hardly a fulfilling enjoyable game.*