

Saturdays vs Hampstead cc



2nd July 2011

Sunny

Here we go arriving at Hazelwood Ground around 13:05. Seeing a big group gathered around the Cricket Table...I started to wonder ... only 2 cars in the car park and there are that many players on the field!..HOW did all them peeps get to the Ground! To my amazement and Re-assurance I saw Starcky and Nick the Kid in-between the crowded area. There were 2.5 of us from the home team and around 9 players from Hampstead.... BLIMEY they were ready to PLAY as they were practising Bowling and fielding on the freshly prepared Pitch. My, did that send sparks to my head thinking that we're really up for a tough long day... (or be it a short one).... as from the 2 bowlers I saw practising they looked pretty good...

As always TOSS is taken and Captain Col yes has lost the Toss..... Lost count on how many times and can you believe it.... Mayfield CC is BATTING. Bring it on.....
(CA Paul has lost 8 out of 10 tosses - Statto)

Quick get together and Col has made his plan of batting order..... What's to follow is as good as being down at Bournemouth in a wet suit hitting the waves up and high and of course low for those that sunk.

Quick fire Hampstead's Bowling attack thought they were playing at Sabina Park in Jamaica..... and here goes the story...not a Sight screen in sight but tree's over looking builders bum.

Pete and Col open up Mayfield CC batting, (Do you remember my 2 over practising bowlers of Hampstead CC..... my goodness what has Rav got us into). Pete starts off well and has been bowled by Joel garner (Ben Bradley) for 1, leaving an open door for Lawrence to come to the crease to join Col.

Looking at both their outstanding batting performances we thought that they would get us off to a flyer and need I say more.... it was getting pretty hard out there with the two wicket to wicket bowlers leaving us no loose ones to charge. Lawrence was on his way to a fast straight bowl...Score **6 for 2**.....apparently sticking his bat

out..... I'm sure that he thought that he was riding that surf Board...The ever amazing Orange Lycra Body Suit still on his mind..... tut tut tut ... Here comes Sunny to the crease....as Rav says "his baseball style batting" has certainly done the rounds on the minds of the other team mates...My mind was buzzing with flies around my helmet and boy did that prove right.



After a decent defensive attitude, I thought yes I can support Col and get rid of these 2 opening bowlers ... but wham bham did I wake up as I got hit on my helmet and was out next ball to an impressive swinging bowl leaving Mayfield CC on **.8 for 3**. Col looking on from the other end must be thinkingbring on the Beers and let's get to the club house and watch the Hays Fight.(and his pathetic excuse of a broken baby toe)

Round 5.....Col departs on a hard working 13... Bowled to a slower delivery..... Yes to Joel Garner again that got me. Mayfield CC was **21 for 4**....soon it became **25 for 5** and it was looking bleak out there.

But ever progressing middle order batting, we had it all to do to put on a defensible total. Bringing David Tyme and Big Sarj... The Whispa Kid to he Block... and finally Hampstead CC decided to rest there opening 2 bowlers...this was only after Sarj was on the assault course taking on the Pace attack of Hampstead CC....Thanks!!! As that left us all sitting, watching and wondering what else is there to come with new bowling changes.

To our delight finally the Sun was out and shining bright through overcast clouds from our earlier top order collapse!

This is where Mayfield CC innings began to take form and we got to a start that was like snap crackle and pop.....sorry no Milk..... unless you saw any cow's on the field..... Batting was snappy... with crackling shots and few that popped and undone our tail Enders.....

Mayfield made a respectable but average score of 111 all out on pitch, as we all know it to be like lightning batting first and like thunder when batting second. Whispa Kids top scoring with 33 runs and well supported by Mikey and David.

Teas were taken and they certainly were a treat. Thanks Lazza! Opposition were very quick on teas and soon padded up and ready to go! I'm sure they were sniffing victory slurping on Teas. And a quick one too! Yeah Right

Hampstead innings begins and wakeup Boy's this is Mayfield Cricket club – playing on the grounds of Hazelwood Park! Not Sabina Park!

Chaz and Gleno open up the bowling! Chaz (Boom Boom) hoping to improve on his bowling averages (as his batting six's I was told were landing in the river) and some how ending up on the road up and above the fence! Very impressive opening we did have. Ball flying over Karl's Head whom by late stage had picked up the Batty Boy Name!

Karl was in the land of surfing missing a fantastic chance to impress the Boy's LOL! But Boom Boom after seeing the opening Hampstead, Batting was chipping the ball everywhere and finally got one that was caught by? (**Starcky -Statto**)

Hampstead CC on **6 for 1**! Come on Lad's accelerated in our huddle and on we continue as Hampstead CC steadily moved on. Now true or not but I'm sure it is there number 3 incoming batsmen that was in the first team that was dropped down to the fourth team...He certainly played well.. Chipping the ball in air (if only we had superman!)

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Nb	Wd
Glen Copus	7	0	30	0	0	0
Charlie Goodchild	7	1	21	1	0	0

Good opening bowling attack was replaced with Sarj and Karl as Hampstead CC were set to finish the game early resuming on **51 for 1** It was looking very bleak for us and an early shower could be seen in the Horizon. But hey Presto Karl (Batty Boy) was on a role and the next batsman was bowled by a beautiful delivery. That only upset Hampstead CC even more as we had top scoring Hampstead CC batsmen No 3 caught for 42 fantastically by Starcky who really did lift the team with his running catch (SuperMan Returns) running in from inside of the boundary score flashing **59 for 3**.

“Go starcky go starcky” batsmen was not happy and was extremely upset and angry at him-self for playing a bad shot which only got Jet li entering the Crease. We were now on a role as an attacking field was set by Col.

Spirits were on the up and we had to keep at it and work hard. Come on Mayfield CC! And this is the beginning of the Mayfield fielding/bowling onslaught that bought pressure to Hampstead CC – realising that we have dispatched their top 3 batsmen. (Back the to the showers it came down to last 7)

Score was nearing on the edge of it becoming a downer for us, and bang we have taken next 2 wickets after some hard work in the field. Hampstead CC on 81 for 6 (Wispa) Sarj and (BB)Karl continuing the bowling spell. (It was like watching Harry Potter with his Wand) as both were bowling with accuracy and panache, out whizzing the minds of Hampstead CC’s last 4 batsmen who were not looking so sure on what shot to play.

A formidable field was set and kept by Col and this bought pressure to the batsmen as last 3 wickets fall cheaply leaving Hampstead CC on **102 for 9** runs and that left the game on a knife edge with Hampstead CC just requiring 9 runs from 11 overs.

It was getting pretty tense out there as Hampstead CC captain and Joel Garner the last pair were at the crease. Both moved onto an ever winning target, requiring 3 runs to win of 11 over’s but (BB) Karl continuing his spell from Riverside End, balls a teaser to number 10 whose eyes brighten up and Yes he decides to go for a big straight down the ground hit, which we all look at tensely as the ball heads towards OLD Boy Starcky who fantastically without any pressure catches the ball leaving Hampstead CC demolished and shell shocked with 11 overs still to spare Mayfield CC have won!

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Sarjul Patel	10	3	19	3	0	0
Karl Cullen	10	1	24	6	0	0

This has been one of the most exciting and memorable games of 2011 so far. It was a nail biting finish and all credit goes to each Mayfield Cricket player in making this happen. Well done Starcky, taking 4 Catches in the match.



MOM : (BB) Karl Cullen for his fantastic bowling figures of 6-24 – am sure that the BB title helped him! Like them say .. Ride the Batty... Ride the Batty hahaha haha