

# Mayfield Saturdays vs Ickenham 4 XI



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### *Enfield Riot Q&A: What really happened? And, what happens next?*

Why did this happen?

The million-dollar question. Everyone has a theory. Chronologically it began on August 13 at 13.30, when Colin Paul a man in his 30's, who it's said, is a lecher of the female form and a man with a winning attitude, walked up the middle and confronted the opposition captain, spun the coin and when that captain called wrongly Colin Paul put them into bat.

Was the handling of that situation a calm decision or an intention of aggression?

Could it have been prevented?

It's hard to see how as Ickenham 4's turned up expecting an earlier start.

Why did it spread?

Factors include a combination of solidarity between the players, relentless encouragement, the reluctance of the spectators (Mike & Jesse Goodchild) to step in and the apparent ease with which the fielders rushed to the areas they were to defend. By 2pm play broke out at Hazelwood followed by games all over the UK, in all big cities and on the village greens.

How many people got involved?



**Not N.13**

It's hard to tell. The authorities are combing hours of CCTV footage and the total will be in the thousands, but we know that at Hazelwood, twenty two contributed to a good game.

Just how much damage was done?

The Association of Cricket Scorers has put the damage as manageable as ten batsmen were overrun by a rampaging Mayfield team fielding above their fitness levels which was initiated by the bowlers.

So who was rampaging?

The knee-jerk brigade were quick to condemn the young, predominately Enfield born underclass. The truth, as ever is rather more complicated. Perpetrators include Sri Lankan, Indian, Mauritian, South African and a rarely heard of Irish-Trinidadian. But the spotlight shone once again on the capt. Colin Paul an oft-forgotten section of British society, the tactician. For many, rampaging will have provided an adrenalin rush and sense of power lacking from their everyday lives. They did it because they realised they could.

Who attacked first?

Charlie Goodchild, opened the bowling down the hill with admirable shape to his swinging balls (stet), but with too many wides and a few no-balls. At the other end an experienced campaigner, Glenn 'Glenno' Copus, returning after a vacation and obviously up for the challenge bowled like he was a possessed being and broke through the Ickenham 4's defence clean bowling the opener and quickly dispatching the big lad in at three caught by Chatto. Ending the spell with 7-1-2-25



***Nothing to do with Mayfield***

Charlie had a couple of 'dollies' dropped but eventually got his reward by bowling the other opener. Ending his spell with 8-1-1-23.

The first change bowlers continued the looting of Ickenham 4's with Karl 'KY' Cullen uphill and Mike 'Mandy' Mandary down. It was Mandy first to strike and it was this change of batsmen that caused the forced change of a bowler, as both Karl and Mandy failed to return to the field as a call of nature gripped the both of them and into the breach to replace KY, stepped David 'Starky' Stark with his beguiling spin, both off and leg varieties and with only his second ball took a wicket. At the end of the over the returning players apologised, with Mandy stating 'Sorry umpire I needed an urgent dump '.

Starky continued uphill with another wicket but Mandy had to retire bowling with a slight shoulder injury, bringing back KY downhill. After these came Sunil 'Sunny' Patel and Phil 'Bandit' Connor, all potential but no penetration.

A continued onslaught from the bowlers had Ickenham chasing runs and resulted in four fine run-outs, three from Charlie the other from Mandy, who ran out the captain of the Ickenham Ladies team, batting at number eleven. Ickenham 4 XI 129 All Out.

Are Twitter and Blackberry Messenger to blame?

People who use technology to keep in touch everyday of their lives obviously did so during the match. Information could be passed quickly, and in the case of Mandy, who had phoned home, had his mother deliver a most wonderful tea of Mauritian chicken, fried rice, and the more usual items on the menu. After proving the positive side of communication, do we really want to share the social networking policy with Iran and china.

Could Mayfield have done more?

The captain insists not, but in certain stages of the game, eyewitnesses complained that players were reluctant to catch the ball, possibly a result of political correctness as some of the batsmen were only mid-teens.

What about Ickenham 4's response?



***It wasn't us.... honest Guv!***

The opposition's lauded reputation for spin seems to have eluded them at these big moments, with them often appearing behind the curve in the opening overs. That is until Pete 'Scamp' Basham decided to edge on to the slips for a solitary run, this spurred them on, but with more military medium the only reply, Mayfield scored more runs.

The ball and pitch were playing well and Colin and new batsmen Chato were playing good shots, but alas, and there is always an alas, Colin played and was caught at backward point for only 19, missing out on many more runs. Enter into the affray Laurence 'Lazza' Swann, newly married and fatigued from a glorious honeymoon. All that sightseeing! He and Chat seemed to play really well, so we were surprised when chat skied one making only 6 runs, bringing Starky to the crease and tentative start it was too all swish and miss. Still he stuck to the job and supported Lazza very well as 'GB' walloped everything in sight finishing on 68 no whilst Starky ended on 22 no

A fine win by 7 wickets for Mayfield Saturday XI.

Was there a race issue as a result?

Not initially. It was more about class, the game was ticking along nicely until the Ickenham wicketkeeper dislocated his finger, possibly in two places. This did created a frantic end to the game as they realised that getting home with fewer cars as he would need hospital treatment, would cause problems so that's when Mayfield cordially helped them out by knocking off the last runs quickly. More chaos followed as the rush to fill in the scorecards correctly ended with people losing concentration and the opposition leaving with our book.

What happens now?

Expect the editor to fill in some stats in the appropriate areas, the Captain to be tougher and look after the scorebook. It might not be fair, but it could recalibrate the fantasy league points and the end of season figures. Most of the facts and figures that guide the reports into a realistic image of the day are missing and to jog the memory you need the book. ***(Tell me about it...I'm crying as I write this!! - Statto)***

But the problem with deep-seated player problems is they are hard to solve for committees who like eye-catching easy wins around election time.

***Many thanks to Glenno for a topical and entertaining report and also for not only only getting it to me in the same week as the game was played (still waiting Mr Tebbutt) but the day after the game was actually played!! - Ed***