

Mayfield vs Monken Hadley



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Monken Hadley 170a/o, Mayfield 171-3
Mayfield win by 7 wickets

Steve

As dawn broke over Palmers Green the birds sang, the foxes went to bed and Colin Paul rolled over and broke wind. This woke Charlie Goodchild up who after taking a second to gather his thoughts exclaimed you “dirty swine”.

The great and the good of Mayfield Cricket club made their way to Hazelwood where they were to take part in a hastily arranged conference game against Monken Hadley (you know the ones that play at the ground where you try to hit the passing cars).

Our Captain feeling particularly frisky decided to have a bowl and the Hadley boys set off at a frantic pace. 50 runs rattled up in the first 10 overs. Charlie and Sarge gave it everything but every edge and lofted shot seemed to sail just out of reach. Even in the face of adversity they stuck to their task and the first three wickets fell. Enter the Hadley star player, he scored quickly and seemed to be taking the game away from us. Then KY took over. Using the old trick of bowling the widest ball ever to get the best batsman to have a senior moment was genius finished off with a wonderful stumping.

KY continued to take regular wickets until their secret weapon (Nick) strolled to the crease. With his bat twirling in the sunshine and a glint in his eye he proceeded to mock the efforts of his Dad saving his respect for the Demon working his magic from the other end. This brings me nicely back to KY. The first ball from Steve “WHICH WAY IS IT GOING” Hayden deceived the poor unsuspecting batsman, caught the top edge

and sailed limply and I must say most kindly into the waiting hands of KY. Unfortunately KY was at that time not in direct communication with his hands We could all see the full gambit of emotion cross his face as the ball sailed his way. Fear, terror, pant wetting sickness. As the ball fell to the ground the bowler could be heard calling “Don’t worry it could happen to anyone”, or something like that. It was only made worse when KY explained at the end of the over that “catching is not what I do”. Another drop by the keeper in the following over led to a sulk which the bowler is only now coming out the other end of.



“Catching is not what I do!” - K Cullen

So 170 to chase, and chase we did.

Realising that their bowling was quite weak Colin decided to open the batting and managed to milk the strike for the first 5 overs. When Mike finally got a chance he got the first ball to keep low and had to be given lbw. Lawrence scored a wonderful 50 with shots all around the ground. Then Harry and Dave finished things off with a great partnership. We did it with 10 overs to spare.

Tea’s were lovely and the opposition were a good bunch. A special thanks to our youngsters Nick and Joe who helped out the opposition.