

## Old Citizens vs Mayfield Saturdays



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### Lazza

Old Cit's away at Winchmore Hill. So an evenly matched contest on a good wicket in a great setting. You would wouldn't ya? Something for the batsmen and, as Luke proved last time we played there, plenty for the bowlers.

Colin, as is customary, lost the toss. He has only won four tosses all season. We'll have to have a nominated tosser at this rate. Anyway as they were missing their opener they put us into bat.

Seem to remember that it was around this time I realised I had forgotten my trousers and pants. Not the best feeling in the world but thanks to Glen and Sunny I could eventually pad up. Thanks chaps.

Anyway as the sun shone down Pete and Colin strode meaningfully to the crease. Pete got off the mark with a four which I'm pretty sure is a first. Colin looked comfortable enough but there wasn't much chance to get the ball away and after half an hour or so he was bowled for 6. I went in but like Col wasted the opportunity and after a flurry of fours was out in the same fashion, a soft catch to mid-off. Chat was the same only he was caught by the wicket keeper. Pete all the while was amassing runs and shock of shocks was outscoring anyone who joined him at the crease. He was hitting fours and the ball was coming off the bat as if it was being hit by an adult with an adults bat.

What we needed was a proper partnership and this was provided by Starcky who like Pete got off the mark with a four and just kept going. He made a quick 35 and was then followed by Mandy, who again belted a four to get off the mark, and went onto make a quick 20. This was the middle order recovery we so desperately needed. Pete was finally bowled for 81. A rock solid innings which included 14 4's.



***Were YOU there the day Pete thrashed Old Cit's around the park  
and outscored all his peers.... or was it just a lie?!***

We finished on 217 for nine. On a good wicket this was going to take some defending and to bowl them all out well...

So now let's see if, unlike our batsmen (bar Pete), our bowlers could turn up.

A bit of pressure from some good bowling gave us an early breakthrough forcing a run out.

There are some days when Glen feels he toils away for no return only for Karl to come on and collect presents. Today this was not going to happen. For one Karl was opening the bowling with him. He got the first two wickets. And Karl was out to prove he was not just collecting presents today by getting the next two. If only we could get the opener at the other end out who was now on 50 odd. Karl eventually bowled him with one that turned. I promise I'm not making this stuff up.

The last time we played over at Winchmore Luke had got a 5-for and one sensed that he was relishing being over there again itching to be thrown the ball. He was not disappointed and soon set about getting wickets two bowled and two caught. Karl had picked up a couple more and we were through them now. Luke finished them off at the end and got 4 for 34 off 9.2 overs. As we walked off he could be heard repeating "I love Winchmore Hill, I love

Winchmore Hill..." I'm sure he even kissed the ground. Old Cit's were all out for 143.



***Winchmore Hill's once feted batting track  
tamed twice in one season by Shaw to the tune of 9-66!!***

It was a lively night in the Winchmore clubhouse and we set about a good old knees up. I enjoyed a Masala Lounge Curry pared with Pete's Flying Scotsman jug.

Pete's Jug was for his fantastic 81 which earned him Man of The Match. There you go Pete I've written it out in full. Thought it might look even more impressive when you show the misses.

Pete Basham - little man Big runs.