

## Mayfield 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Old Fallopians



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***“Chaz n’ Dave reform!!”***

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Following last week's exceptional performance at Old Eastcotians, positive vibes were buzzing around the Mayfield Changing room with echoes of 'lets get this over quickly and get back to the club for a beer before the rain comes.' Having played cricket for Mayfield for sometime I was of a different opinion as underestimating the opposition can sometimes come back and bite you in the backside.

The wicket was pretty green and quite wet given the overnight rain and it was another of those tosses I was happy to lose (again), I think I've won one all season.....

Old Fallopians after some thought decided to have a bat. Glenno opened up the hill and Chazza down. Glenn started off a little rusty having missed the previous two weeks with injury but soon found his rhythm and was not giving anything away. Chaz at the other end was producing a bit of a mixed bag, with some good balls followed by some half trackers which on this wicket just sat up to be hit.

Old Fallopians progressed to 40 without much trouble until Glenno bowled their skipper attempting a big hit across the line. Smelling blood the skipper then had a moment of clarity and surrounded the new batsmen immediately with two short legs and two silly mid offs – Glenno bowls exactly what the skipper wanted - a length ball on off stump, the batsmen prods and Starcky Senior pounces at silly mid off. Two wickets in two balls and a great piece of cricketing from all involved. Alas the hat-trick was not to be as the next batsmen defended the next ball well.

Glenno's next over produced another wicket, the grey matter took over and Glenno came around the wicket to the left hander and produced a lovely yorker that clean bowled him. Old Fallopians now 44 for 3 and I must admit I was sensing an early finish.

Chaz finished his spell from the top end with no reward and was replaced by

Mandy, who, similar to Chaz bowled some corkers and some poor deliveries too often dropping short and being clubbed away to the boundary. Glenno was still bowling from the bottom end and keeping things tight although we were haemorrhaging runs from the other end. We tried to stem the flow by packing the off side field and protect the shortest boundary but again we were dropping too many balls short and the batsmen were finding the gaps.

KY replaced Glenno (who had bowled extremely well in a truly mammoth spell of 12 overs up the hill picking up 3-28) at the bottom end and almost had an instant reward, his first ball was pulled fiercely and PB was unable to cling on to at mid wicket the ball going through his hands for four, the next ball was stuck high towards Chicken at deepish mid off, I was walking towards the wicket ready to congratulate KY, unfortunately I soon turned round and trudged back to the slips as Chicken has spilled it. Could have been 2 in 2 and probably would have changed the game as this batsmen went on to get a well made 52, he was particularly brutal to KY coming down the wicket and attacking at every chance.

KY probably wont agree but I think there was a refusal for a caught a bowled in his spell, you're not gonna catch it with your foot mate.



***Old Fallopians were doing their best to ensure that Mayfield's chances were going down the tubes.....***

***(You can do the biology and work out where that leaves them!)***

Eventually we made the breakthrough when Mike Hussey (who had been having a torrid time in the outfield on the football pitch) returned an excellent throw from the point boundary to run out the half centurion. 99-4. Another wicket fell quickly as the other opener lobbed a catch up to mid-wicket where chicken this time hung on to give Mandy a deserved wicket.

KY must have been a naughty boy in the week cos he didn't get any presents in this spell, he was replaced by Starcky and the batsmen continued to rack up the runs, punishing every bad ball. Chat replaced Mandy at the top end and bowled okay without really troubling the batsmen.

Starcky clung on to a good return catch to pick up a caught and bowled and Old Fallopians eventually declared on 189. **(After 47 overs!!! Bloody Hell - Ed)**

Bowling figures:

	Overs	mdns	runs	wickets
Glenn	12	2	28	3
Chaz	9	1	26	0
Mandy	11	1	41	1
KY	8	0	47	0
Starcky	4	0	29	1
Chicken	3	0	17	0

At tea I must say I wasn't in the best of moods, I thought the opposition had scored 60 runs more than we should have let them. I can't recall a poorer bowling performance in recent years. It's our home wicket, we know where to bowl and how to bowl on it and yet we don't. Pitch it up and let the wicket do the work. Short and wide bowling is a free shot with hardly any risk to any batsmen of note on our wicket

A fine tea was consumed thanks to Pete of the Basham, as a reward I decided to let him open alongside myself this week even though we were devoid of people who know how to score. **(Book adds up perfectly thank you – Statto!)**

A steady start was made as always with PB and I was first to perish for 11, probably guilty of thinking I could continue were I left of the previous week smacking everything in sight. 15-1 quickly became 15 for 2 as PB was triggered by Mandy (he does like putting his finger up I've been told). I wasn't overly concerned at this stage as I thought we had a strong batting line up, although chasing 190 at Hazelwood is never easy. GB and Hussey were soon back in the hutch having only managed single figure scores and this brought Louis (who was in form following his 47no last week) and Chicken (who was also apparently 'in-form' following his 50 and 4 wickets last Sunday for another club, where have I heard that before??) to the crease, the score was moving along slowly until Chicken was bowled. Mayfield 46-5, soon became 46-6 as Mandy was out for 0.

Chazza joined Louis at the crease with some recent form following a quick fire 30 in last Sunday's game, it must be said that at this point I had pretty much

resigned myself to a heavy defeat and I'm sure the rest of the boys probably had too. How wrong was I? Slowly but surely both batsmen were accumulating runs at a steady pace. At drinks and 20 overs we were 50-6 and I'm sure you'll agree not many people would have given us a chance. Through the next 10 overs the score moved along nicely if not spectacularly at 4/5 an over, with 10 over to go we still didn't really believe we could win as we required 102 runs. Chaz n' Dave had different ideas and the boundaries started to flow with big lusty blows from Chaz and nice timing and placement from Dave.



***Chaz and Dave: a new record partnership of 145.... now that's a lot of rabbit!***

It is my opinion that Chaz changed the game and hitting three big sixes in the middle of his innings was particularly special. We were now going at approximately 10 an over and as spectators we knew we were viewing something quite special. As each over came and went the runs kept climbing nearer and nearer to our total and our belief that we might actually have a chance to win increased. Chaz N Dave both reached their half centuries and I was particularly pleased for Chaz as it's only his 2<sup>nd</sup> for the club and as a bonus we could look forward to two jugs back at the club – if only there was enough beer to fill them!!!

With 5 overs to go we still required 48 to win and with only 3 and 5 coming off the next two it left us needing 40 off three overs. 13 off the next over and 13 of the following over left us requiring 14 off the last over. The last over went 3, 1, big 6 from Chaz that ended up in the river 1, and a boundary to win the game with one ball remaining!! A truly monumental effort from both batsmen that included setting a new club record for the 7<sup>th</sup> wicket 145, this was previously held by Gadget and Dave Pockett. Chaz finished on 61no. his highest score for the club (Statto to confirm) (***Previous best 55 last year – Statto***) and Starcky on 69no.

3 wins on the bounce for the Saturdays, lets bowl better this coming weekend and make it 4.

MOM: Honourable mention to Glenno for a mammoth 12 over bowling stint picking up 3 wickets for 28 runs however, its impossible to separate, jointly awarded to Chaz n Dave, rabbit rabbit.....

Golden Moment: Chaz's six into the river.