

## **SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011**

### **SOUTHGATE ADELAIDE VS. MAYFIELD**

Before letting you get to the meat of this report a quick advert for the latest club gizmo to keep you informed: follow us on Twitter @ MayfieldCC for the latest announcements on teams, news, web updates etc.

Back to the real thing.

With an injured Colin it was over to Pete Basham to step up for his first ever game as Captain, and his first task was to win the toss and bat.....

.....he didn't and so we were in the field. Oh Dear!



**Pete Basham as part of the  
victorious 2008 Saturday XI**

With a team comprising a number of new or newish players, Pete elected to start the bowling with the tried and test Glenn Copus and Charlie 'Guns' Goodchild. Glenno started well, but with Chaz struggling with line, length and consequentially pace it wasn't long until the runs started to flow.

And flow, and flow and flow.

Next into the firing line was new player Michael 'Mandy' Mandaray – some swing, but not enough to stop the runs flowing....and flowing...and flowing....

Mike was partnered in the attack by Karl. Karl managed to stem the flow somewhat but things were getting embarrassing.

Next for some punishment was Chattu who got some good turn and beat the bat on a couple of occasions, but still got tonked by the batsmen who were well and truly in. Sarj came and went for a brief spell and then we were on Starcky.

Remember Dave Starck – chased Steve Copus all the way last year for best player; bats, bowls and fields?

Well we certainly won't forget him from Saturday. The two overs went something like this

6,4,6,6,2,1,6,6,4,6. Yep 2 overs naught for 47.

(Apologies for any inaccuracy but the end result are the same!)

Eventually we did get a breakthrough – I can't recall whether it was before or after the Adelaide opener, Chandler, retired for 160 – but Mike Hussey (no not that one) picked up the other opener, Inzani, for 'just' 81! The catcher was Chattu.

There then followed a veritable flurry of wickets. The return on Glenn Copus saw Chattu take a second, very good, catch to dismiss Irwin for 44. Then, in the dying overs of the game Glenn bowled Simper for 1 to wrap up his spell of 8 overs 2 for 32. In the context of the game an excellent return.

Tea was then taken (despite there being some confusion over the number of overs bowled – we and the umpire said 40, their scorer said 38). The score 329 for 4! Ouch.

A special mention at this point for young Nick Starck who once again played for us so that we didn't have to go out with 10 fielders. He spent the whole game moving from fine leg to fine leg, never stopped running or smiling, and saved a hell of a lot of runs. Well played and thanks Nick – an example of effort and commitment to some of our more experienced players.

Pete bravely took to the field with Mike Hussey intending to play a true Captain's Innings to rescue the day for us. 4 runs later he was back.

4 runs later so was Starcky (to crown a memorable day for him he ran himself out pushing Mike for a suicidal second run!), and a further 4 runs later so was Chattu (somewhat harshly adjudged LBW).

Meanwhile whilst everyone else was getting out Mike was going about continuing his net form into the real thing. Plenty of booming cover drives screaming to the boundary. To give you some idea the first wickets fell with 31, 45, 98 runs on the board and as noted above the other batsmen didn't contribute a lot!

Unfortunately for us Mike was next to go, caught down the leg side off a bizarre one handed swish, for 72 priceless runs. The score was 102 for 4.

This brought together Mandy and Sarjy, and once both were past the dreaded 4 runs they set about building a partnership. After half an hour, and 22 runs, big Sarj was undone by a slower ball (once again) and Mandy was left to carry on with Chaz before the start of our tail.

Mandy was next to perish, for 18, and was replaced for the briefest of periods by Glenno.

Last three to go now – KY pushed on for a quick 11, but after he went and then Charlie fell it was up to me and Nick to bat out 7 overs. Nick battled bravely, but despite some solid defence was undone by a bowler (probably 5 times his age!), leaving me stranded on yet another Naught Not Out (how many is that Luke?).

Mayfield all out for 187, N Watts 4 for 18.

In summary then, we were undone by a stronger team. We discovered that as Southgate had only one game their team contained 7 or so 'first teamers' and I think that under the circumstances, and given a very flat, slow early season pitch we did OK. At least everyone (bar Pete and Dave) enjoyed the day, and a good few jugs were sunk in the clubhouse after the game!



Pete Basham at the end of the game;  
somewhat dishevelled.

MOM: Honourable mentions to Glenn Copus for his bowling spell, but the winner is Mike Hussey with 72 runs and 1-26.

Golden Moment: Starcky's two overs; 6 after 6 after 6. Each one was over Sarjul's head and nearer and nearer to the barbeque on the next pitch. Collecting the ball was torment for poor, hungry Sarj!